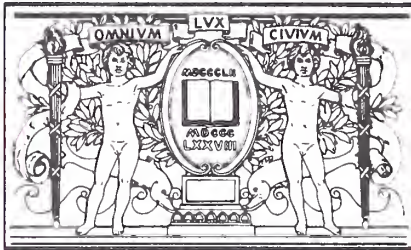


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FOR THE YEAR

COMMENCING FEBRUARY 5, 1917, AND ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 1918



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**salary of secretary:** order to fix rate of salary of Frank X. Chisholm, passed e 70

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**increase:** order that the mayor be requested to submit in the budget an increase of \$100 per year for every employee receiving less than \$1,800, referred to committee on appropriations e 32

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BLUMENTHAL, SAMUEL L.: petition, compensation to be reimbursed for expense incurred for medical treatment, etc., for his son who was injured by a city team c 29

BROOKLINE ELECTRIC COMPANY: petition, compensation for damages by water c 58

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CUMMINGS, JOHN M.: petition, compensation for damages to automobile by a cart of the street cleaning division c 58

CUNNINGHAM MOTOR RENTING COMPANY: petition, compensation for damage to automobile by a defect c 58

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DOLSON, ROSE C.: petition, compensation for injuries received from a fall c 58

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- RANDOLPH, HENRIETTA M.: petition, compensation for injuries received c 29
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- SANDLER, JACOB: petition, compensation for damages by a broken water main c 29
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- SLESSINGER, BERTHA: petition, compensation for injuries caused by a fall c 29
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- SOCIALIST PARTY *et al.*: petition, compensation for damages to property during riot July 1, 1917 c 153
- STAR WORSTED COMPANY: petition to be reimbursed \$164, being amount of tax paid on wool already taxed by the state c 59
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- STEUPEL, WILLIAM: petition, compensation for damages by a hose wagon c 29
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- WELCH, JAMES: petition, compensation for damages by break in a water pipe c 29
- WENBERG, ANNA: petition, compensation for loss of a bag when she was struck by a horse of Police Division 1 c 59
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- WILSON, MRS. PAULINA: petition, compensation for injuries caused by her being run into by an ambulance c 29
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- VENZIANO, FILIPPO: petition, compensation for damage to property by a flow of water in basement c 36
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- Charles E. Hunt, appointed c 19—confirmed c 30; William L. Hurst, appointed c 19—confirmed c 30; William G. Kelley, appointed c 52—confirmed c 59; Charles A. Barker, appointed c 52—confirmed c 59; F. C. Spruce, R. M. Drummond, H. J. Woodruff, Maynard F. Mosely, appointed c 45—confirmed c 55; H. R. Plimpton, Dennis Keating, J. Beggelman, appointed c 103—confirmed c 118; T. Earls, T. Green, appointed c 103—confirmed c 118; Patrick Gavin, appointed c 98—confirmed c 105; Fred M. Hall, appointed c 98—confirmed c 105; Arthur W. Hill, appointed c 113—confirmed c 133; John F. Bowman *et al.*, appointed c 124—confirmed c 143; Edward A. Hanly, appointed c 144—confirmed c 155; Ralph A. Hansen, Ada S. Dieks, appointed c 159; Daniel M. Hannafin, William O. Bullard, appointed c 149—confirmed c 165; E. J. Smith, S. Gross, J. F. Aldrich, D. Nawn, J. C. O'Donnell, appointed c 190—confirmed c 206; H. Baron, R. Woolf, appointed c 197; S. J. O'Connell, appointed c 192; L. A. Zuiek, Herbert V. Evans, appointed c 213; Barron & Wolf, granted c 216; John F. Mahoney *et al.*, appointed c 219—confirmed c 233; Charles M. McColgan, appointed c 229—confirmed c 246; John Evans *et al.*, appointed c 235—confirmed c 256; Mrs. E. Wright *et al.*, appointed c 249—confirmed c 264; Archelus Huskins, appointed c 258—confirmed c 268; W. H. Chick, L. N. Smith, F. E. Hannon, E. A. Kollen, appointed c 271—confirmed c 279; James Monahan, appointed c 280—confirmed c 289

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## Cohen, Isaac.

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## Collateral Loan Company.

- director: notice of appointment of Clarence W. Rowley c 30—appointed c 294

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## Collins, Walter L., Councilor.

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### Congregation Beth Hamedrash Hagodol.

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### Congreve Street.

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### Connolly, Rev. Arthur T.

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### Conry, John M.

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**bonds of:** Abram Herman, approved c 54; William A. Kelley, approved c 47; approved c 85, 86, 100, 105, 116, 131, 140, 146, 192, 201, 215, 272; Charles H. Mealey, approved c 260; Robert J. Dooley, approved c 222

AMOSS, CHARLES W.: appointed c 235-confirmed c 256

BONNEVIER, ERNEST C.: appointed c 78-confirmed c 97

BOUCHIE, WILLIAM F.: appointed c 249-confirmed c 269; bond approved c 282

BOULE, MAXWELL A.: appointed c 19-confirmed c 48

CANY, PAUL J.: appointed c 190-confirmed c 212; bond approved c 232

CHANDLER, WALDO H.: appointed c 249-confirmed c 264

CODY, JAMES J.: appointed c 78-confirmed c 97

COLPOYS, WILLIAM F.: appointed c 219-confirmed c 233; bond approved c 242

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GRANDONE, ARTHUR B.: appointed c 19-confirmed c 34; bond approved c 36

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KENNEDY, RICHARD J.: appointed c 271-confirmed c 279

KOZIEWICZ, ANTONI: appointed c 78-confirmed c 97

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MADDEN, JAMES F.: appointed c 190-confirmed c 212

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NOLAN, JAMES R.: appointed c 124-confirmed c 143

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OGASSIAN, ASADOOR G.: appointed c 19-assigned, taken up, refused c 34

PAGLIA, PASQUALE: appointed c 219-confirmed c 233

PALMER, CHARLES B.: removed c 113; appointed c 124-confirmed c 143

PIZZI, MICHAEL: appointed c 235-confirmed c 256; bond approved c 265

PURCELL, PATRICK H.: appointed c 190-confirmed c 212

RAFFERTY, JOHN H.: appointed c 19-confirmed c 34

REINHERS, DAVIS: appointed c 122-confirmed c 133

ROBB, WILLIAM A.: appointed c 278-confirmed c 285

ROLLINS, JOSEPH E.: appointed c 112-confirmed c 133

SULLIVAN, LEWIS R.: appointed c 137

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WHITING, FRANK T.: appointed c 103-confirmed c 118

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### Conway, Charles W., Late Fireman.

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### Cooks, Herman.

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### Coolidge, J. Templeman, Jr.

appointed art commissioner c 140-approved c 154

### Corbet Street.

**sidewalk:** order for construction, passed c 147

### Corcoran, Michael H.

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**Corcoran, William J.**

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**Corrigan, John.**

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**Cost of Ferryboat. (See Public Works Department.)****Cost of Lighting City Buildings. (See Edison Electric Illuminating Company.)****Couig, Bartholomew H.**

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**Coulthurst, John A.**

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**accommodations, East Boston Court:** order that the superintendent of public buildings be requested to submit estimate of cost of additional accommodations, passed c 25; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the justice of said court relative to additional accommodations c 13, 14-referred to committee on finance c 14; communication from the mayor and superintendent of public buildings, giving estimate of cost, placed on file c 65

**appropriation for social law library:** order to allow and pay \$1,000, referred to executive committee c 278

**appropriations:** jail, additional appropriations, county building, municipal courts, land court, penal institutions, police court, Chelsea, medical examiner, index commissioners c 64

**assistant clerk, East Boston Court:** order that chapter 154 of General Acts relative to, be accepted, referred to executive committee c 69

**budget of Superior Civil Court:** communication from the mayor transmitting the budget and requesting immediate disposition of same (schedule given) c 109, 110-referred to executive committee c 110-report, accepted, order passed c 111

**clerk hire, registry of deeds:** statement c 36; statement, referred to committee on county accounts c 50-report, approved c 60; statement, referred to committee on county accounts c 82-report, approved c 84; statement, referred to committee on county accounts c 141-report, accepted, pay roll approved c 142; statement, referred to committee on county accounts c 155-report, accepted, pay roll approved c 157; statement, April, ordered paid c 116; statement, approved and ordered paid c 187; statement September c 206, 207; statement December, referred to committee on county accounts c 260-report, accepted, approved c 263; statement of clerk hire, referred to committee on county accounts c 223-report, accepted, approved c 227; statement, referred to committee on county accounts c 246-report, accepted, approved and ordered paid c 247; statement December, referred to committee on county accounts c 282-report, accepted, approved c 284

**clerk hire, Superior Criminal Court:** petition from John P. Manning asking for extra clerical assistance c 130-report, no further action necessary c 165

**court salaries, Charlestown:** order that act to establish salaries be accepted, referred to executive committee c 117

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**hospital and house, Suffolk County Jail:** order for loan of \$150,000 for construction of hospital and sheriff's house, referred to committee on finance c 260; communication from the finance commission, referred to executive committee c 272-report, referred to committee on finance c 276-report, accepted, discussed c 276, 277-passed c 277; communication from the finance commission, referred to executive committee c 282-taken up, discussed c 291-293-passed c 293

**increased wages for scrub women:** order to accept act relative to wages of scrub women, referred to executive committee c 117-report, accepted, order passed c 121

**Juvenile Court, transfer for:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from F. P. Cabot, relative to appropriation, referred to executive committee c 215-report, accepted, order passed c 217

**medical examiner service:** communication from medical examiners and associate medical examiners asking that examiners be known as the medical examiner service, referred to committee on county accounts c 68-report, with order naming districts, accepted, passed c 101

**office hours, registry of deeds:** communication from the custodian asking that office hours be fixed at 4 o'clock week days and 12 o'clock Saturdays, referred to executive committee c 282-report, accepted, order passed c 285

**payment of bond premiums, court officers:** order that act relative to, be accepted, referred to executive committee c 142-report, accepted, order passed c 142

**pension:** order to allow and pay pension to Annie Doherty, passed, c 110

**probation officer, Boston Juvenile Court:** notice from Justice Frederick P. Cabot of Juvenile Court of leave of absence of Mr. Kingman and temporary appointment of Harry R. Lyon, referred to committee on county accounts c 115, 116-report, accepted, order passed c 120; report on communication, referred in 1916, with order determining salary of John O'Hare, accepted, passed c 101

**probation officer, Brighton:** report on order, referred January 15, recommending order establishing salary of Edward J. Drummond, accepted, passed c 120

**probation officer, East Boston:** report on order, referred 1916, relative to increase, with order in new draft, accepted, passed c 101

**probation officer, Roxbury Municipal Court:** report with order determining salary of Matthew M. Leary, accepted, passed c 101

**probation officer, West Roxbury:** report on communication, referred in 1916, relative to salary of Frank B. Skelton, accepted, passed c 101

**probation officers:** notice of appointment of Bessie G. Kaufman as assistant female probation officer, referred to committee on county accounts c 140-report, accepted, order passed c 165; communication from the chief justice of the Municipal Court, determining compensation of Albert J. Sargent, referred to committee on county accounts c 223-report, with order, accepted, order passed c 234; communication from Wilfred Bolster, chief justice, relative to, referred to committee on county accounts c 265, 266-report with order, accepted, laid on table c 279-taken from table, passed c 284, 285; communication from Chief Justice Bolster relative to, placed on file c 66; communication from Albert E. Hayden of Roxbury district, fixing salaries of probation officers, referred to executive committee c 294-report, accepted, order passed c 298

**retirement of probation officer:** communication from Chief Justice Bolster stating that it was voted to retire Mary A. Maynard, assistant probation officer, referred to executive committee c 79-report, accepted, preamble and order passed c 96

**salary of assistant clerk and clerk, Roxbury:** order that act establishing salary of assistant clerk be accepted, referred to executive committee c 142-report, accepted, order passed c 142; order that act establishing salary of clerk be accepted, referred to executive committee c 142

**salary of chief probation officer:** communication from the mayor with order for an appropriation for salary, referred to executive committee c 152-report, accepted, order passed c 156

**salary of Dorchester probation officer:** notice from Justice R. Churchill of the Municipal Court, Dorchester, of determination of salary of Reginald H. Mair, referred to committee on county accounts c 116-report, accepted, order passed c 120

**salary of Superior Court assistant clerks:** order to accept act establishing minimum salary, referred to executive committee c 118-report, accepted, order passed c 121

**salaries of court officers:** order accepting act establishing salaries, referred to executive committee c 118-report, accepted, order passed c 121; order that acts establishing salaries, South Boston, Dorchester, and Charlestown, be and hereby are accepted, referred to executive committee c 142-report, accepted, order passed c 142

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**salaries of jail officers:** ordinance relative to, referred to committee on ordinances c 56-report, accepted, ordinance passed c 121

**salaries of municipal court justices:** communication from the mayor with order for transfer to different salaries, referred to executive committee c 201-report, accepted, order passed c 207; order that act establishing salaries be accepted, referred to executive committee c 207-report with matter pertaining to c 207-212-accepted, passed c 212

**salaries of police, district and municipal court clerks:** order to accept portion of act relative to establishing salary, referred to executive committee c 118-report, accepted, order passed c 121

**Superior Civil Court, clerk:** communication from Francis A. Campbell relative to report of finance commission, ordered printed, placed on file c 69

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**vacancy in office of sheriff:** communication from the secretary of the Commonwealth giving notice, placed on file c 154

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**Crane, Frank B.**

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**Cronan, Patrick J.**

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**Crossen, Hugh.**

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**Cuddy, William H.**

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**Cummings, John M.**

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**Cummins, Joseph A.**

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**Cunniff, Timothy J.**

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**Cunningham Motor Renting Company.**

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**Curtis, William D. C.**

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**D Street.**

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**Daily, Edward B.**

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**Daly, Francis P.**

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**Dawson, Thomas J.**

appointed superintendent of supplies c 192-approved by civil service commission c 232

**Day Nursery, Establishment of.** (See Licenses.)

**Deaths from Asphyxiation.** (See Asphyxiation, Deaths from.)

**Dedham, Sale of City Land.** (See Public Land.)

**Deer Island.**

**heating plant:** see Penal Institutions Department

**lease of building:** communication from the mayor transmitting order authorizing lease of a portion of land and building at a certain rental, referred to executive committee c 270-report, accepted, order passed c 270

**DeGrand, Peter P. F.**

communication from the mayor transmitting order accepting bequest of \$25,000 for amusing picture books for infant schools, referred to executive committee c 104-report, accepted, order passed c 107

**Departmental Estimates.** (See Appropriations.)

**Departmental Reports.** (See Annual Reports.)

**DeSisto, Michele.**

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**Detailed Statement of Edison Electric Illuminating Company Relative to Lighting Public Buildings.**  
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**Municipal Building, City Square.**

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**Municipal Building, Roslindale.**

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**Municipal Building, Ward 5.**

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**Municipal Building, West End.**

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**Municipal Buildings, Roxbury Crossing, Wards 13, 14, 15.**

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**Murphy, John J.**

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**Murray, Francis J.**

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**Norfolk Avenue and Shirley Street.**

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**North Beacon Street.**

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**Northampton Street.**

release of restrictions: Patrick J. Cronan, petition c 68—report with order for release c 70, 71; order given first reading and passage c 71—taken up, given final reading and passage c 82

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**O'Brien, Philip.**

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**Ocean Street, Ward 20.**

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**O'Connell, James F.**

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**O'Connell, Joseph F.**

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**O'Connor, Henry H.**

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**O'Connor, Thomas D.**

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**O'Grady, Mary L.**

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**Old Colony Parkway.**

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**Oliver, Egbert A.**

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**Olney Street.**

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**O'Mealey, Michael.**

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**Orchid, Althea and Palm Streets.**

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**O'Rourke, Henry.**

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**O'Toole, Michael.**

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**Out-Patient Building, Consumptives' Hospital. (See Consumptives' Hospital Department.)****Overseeing of the Poor.**

organization: William P. Fowler, chairman; William H. Hardy, secretary c 105

overseers: John A. Cummins, appointed c 68—confirmed c 79; H. Staples Potter, Franklin P. Daly, Simon E. Hecht, John R. McVey, approved by civil service commissioners c 105; Mrs. H. N. Slater, appointed c 116, 131—approved c 140; notice of resignation of Mrs. H. N. Slater c 242; Charles F. Hale, appointed c 242—confirmed c 260

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**Paine, William A.**

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**Park and Recreation Department.**

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appropriation for maintenance work at Fens: communication from the mayor and park commissioner with order for \$44,582.83 appropriated from income of Parkman Fund, referred to committee on Parkman Fund c 258—report, accepted, order passed c 267

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**appropriation to be carried over:** communication from the mayor and park commissioner relative to, with order to carry over \$43,784.37 to year 1918-19, referred to executive committee c 281-report, accepted, order passed c 285

**appropriation transfer:** c 139

**Boston Common walks:** communication from the mayor transmitting order for transfer of \$2,000 from appropriation for Parkway, roadway improvements, referred to executive committee c 249-report, accepted, order passed c 256

**construction of Ripley Playground:** c 249 (*see, also,* Ripley Playground)

**convenience station, Boston Common:** communication from the mayor and park commissioners transmitting order for transfer of certain sum to be expended for, referred to executive committee c 104-report, accepted, order passed c 107

**day for picnic:** order to allow employees a day off to attend picnic, referred to executive committee c 156

**exchange of land, Fenway and Hemenway st.:** communication from the mayor and park commissioners relative to exchange of land in Roxbury with Old Colony Trust Company: preamble and orders for transfer, referred to committee on public lands c 235, 236-recalled, referred to executive committee c 272-report, order given first reading and passage c 276-taken up, given final reading and passage c 285

**improvements, Tenean Beach:** *see* Tenean Beach

**land, Washington st., Dorchester:** communication from the mayor transmitting letter of F. L. and H. L. Carter relative to payment of land c 137, 138; order for loan of \$3,000, referred to executive committee c 138-report, accepted, order passed c 142-taken up, given final reading and passage c 147

**loan for playgrounds:** *see* Playgrounds, Loans for

**loan for Winthrop Playground:** *see* Playground, John Winthrop

**park regulation:** report with order relative to ordinance relative to Commonwealth ave., accepted, passed c 143

**park, Rosindale:** communication from the mayor with order for loan of \$50,000 to be expended for land and buildings c 151, 152-referred to committee on finance c 152; report, accepted, referred to executive committee c 193-report, accepted, order rejected c 193; order for loan of \$50,000 referred to committee on finance c 193; report with order in new draft, accepted, order given first reading and passage c 227-taken up, given final reading and passage c 234; order that the board of assessors be requested to furnish assessed valuation of land by years for the last ten years, passed c 172; communication from the mayor transmitting assessed value of property, placed on file c 199

**playground, Castle, Washington, Dover and Tremont sts:** order for loan of \$125,000, referred to committee on finance c 16

**playground, Ceylon st.:** *see* Playground, Ceylon Street

**playground, Eagle Hill:** order for loan of \$80,000 to be expended to convert unused reservoir to playground, referred to committee on finance c 17-report, no further action necessary c 100

**shower baths, Franklin Park:** order that the park commissioners be requested to submit an estimate of cost of installing a sufficient number of shower baths in the overlook building, passed c 96; communication from the mayor giving estimate of cost, placed on file c 189

**tennis court and shower baths, Marine Park:** *see* Marine Park

**topics in mayor's address:** c 5

**transfer of city land, Brighton sq.:** *see* Municipal Building, Brighton

**Park Street, Ward 20.**

**sidewalk:** report with order, accepted, passed c 121

**Parker Hill Hospital Site.**

communication from the mayor with order authorizing transfer of land, etc., to Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, for hospital purposes: referred to executive committee c 259-report, accepted, order given first reading and passage c 263-taken up, given final reading and passage c 276; communication from the mayor and Mr. Nicholson of the Elks War Relief Commission, relative to sale of property for hospital purposes; order authorizing sale, referred to executive committee c 229-report, accepted, order given first reading and passage c 234-taken up, given final reading and passage c 246-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 247

**Parkland Street.**

**changing name of Peaceable to:** notice of change, placed on file c 30

**Parkman Fund.**

**committee:** appointed c 19

**appropriation:** *see* Park and Recreation Department

**appropriation from Parkman Fund:** communication from the mayor and park commissioners with order for loan of \$53,000, referred to committee on Parkman Fund c 52

**appropriation, transfers within:** c 64

**improvement of fens:** *see* Park Department

**income funds available:** communication from the mayor and park commissioners relative to appropriating same for work (list given) c 197, 198-referred to committee on Parkman Fund c 198

**Passenger Transportation Problem.**

**topics in mayor's address:** c 8, 9

**Patterson, Joseph J.**

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**Payment of Monthly Salaries. (See City Employees.)****Peaceable Street, Brighton.**

**changing name:** *see* Parkland Street

**Pearce Field Playground.**

**improvements:** order refused, 1916, report, no further action necessary c 100

**Pearl Street.**

**sidewalk:** order for construction, passed c 156

**Pembroke Street.**

**changing name of portion of Berwick pk. to:** orders to change between Columbus ave. and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, placed on file c 47

**Penal Institutions Department.**

**heating plant, Deer Island:** communication from the mayor and commissioner, transmitting order for loan of \$50,000 for erection and completion of plant, referred to committee on finance c 27-report, accepted, order rejected c 70; communication from the mayor and penal institutions commissioner relative to order for loan of \$75,000, referred to committee on finance c 145

**sale of city vegetables:** communication from the mayor with order authorizing sale, referred to executive committee c 281-report, accepted, order passed c 285; order that commissioner report price obtained, discussed c 290, 291-referred to executive committee c 291-report, no further action necessary c 291

**transfer within appropriation:** communication from the mayor transmitting order for transfers within appropriation (given) c 237, 238, referred to executive committee c 238-report, accepted, order passed c 256

**Pension of Police Signal Men. (See Police Signal Service Men, Pension.)****Pensions.**

**BALL, PETER:** petition to be retired c 222-granted c 227

**BIRMINGHAM, MICHAEL:** order that special act relative to pension be accepted, referred to executive committee c 69-report, accepted, order passed c 84

**BRAGAN, THOMAS:** petition to be retired c 140-granted c 143

**BRESLIN, THOMAS J.:** petition for retirement c 130-granted c 132

**CROSSEN, HUGH:** petition c 68-granted c 70

**CUNIFF, TIMOTHY J.:** petition c 278-report with order in new draft, accepted, passed c 279



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 DRISCOLL, JOHN: petition to be retired c 250—granted c 255  
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 GALLIN, THOMAS: petition for retirement c 68—granted c 70  
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 ZELINGER, LOUIS A., MRS.: order accepting act to pay pension, passed c 121; order to allow pension of \$500, etc., passed c 121

**Peters, Andrew J., Mayor.**

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**Philips Street Fund.**

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**Phipps, Charles E., Cemetery Trustee.**

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**Picture Books for Infant Schools. (See DeGrand, Peter P. F., Bequest of.)****Pike's Alley.**

laying out: order that the street commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way, passed c 32

**Plain Street.**

sidewalk: order for construction, passed c 147

**Playground, Castle, Washington, Dover and Tremont Streets. (See Park and Recreation Department.)****Playground, Ceylon Street, Dorchester.**

communication from the mayor and park and recreation department relative to, referred to committee on finance c 280

**Playground, Dorchester, Ripley Playground. (See Ripley Playground.)****Playground, Eagle Hill. (See Park and Recreation Department.)****Playground, Jamaica Plain.**

communication from the mayor transmitting petition for, and order for loan of \$13,700 for purchase of land for playground purposes, referred to committee on finance c 113—report, accepted, given first reading and passage c 148—given final reading and passage c 156

**Playground, John Winthrop.**

order that loan of \$4,000 be appropriated for necessary repairs, referred to committee on finance c 61—report, no further action necessary c 100; communication from the mayor and park commissioners, requesting an appropriation and giving estimate of cost; order for an appropriation of \$3,000, referred to committee on finance c 67—report, accepted, order given first reading and passage c 93—taken up, given final reading and passage c 106

**Playground, Ward 19.**

improvements: communication from the mayor with order for loan of \$4,000 c 112, 113—referred to committee on finance c 113—report, accepted, order given first reading and passage c 148—taken up, given final reading and passage c 156; communication from the finance commission relative to c 154, 155—placed on file c 155

**Playground and Beach, Savin Hill. (See Savin Hill Playground and Beach.)****Playground and Rest, East Boston. (See East Boston.)****Playgrounds.**

loan for: communication from the mayor transmitting order for loan of \$297,000 for playground purposes as designated (list given), referred to committee on finance c 28—report, accepted, substitute order for \$297,000, referred to committee on finance c 70—report, accepted, order given first reading and passage c 92, 93—taken up, given final reading and passage c 106

**Pleasant Street.**

street railway service: report and order in matter of establishment, placed on file c 154

tracks: resolution favoring laying of tracks, with order requesting appointment of committee relative to, passed, committee appointed c 96

**Police Department.**

annuity to Eleanor G. Reagan: *see* Reagan, Eleanor G.

annuity to widow of J. C. Reiser: *see* Reiser, Joseph C.

condition of station houses: communication from the police commissioner, referred to committee on finance c 48

condition of stations No. 4 and No. 5, etc.: order that the police commissioner report as to conditions of said station, and as to what stations are in need of repairs, amended by inserting station 10, passed c 16

delegation of power to police commissioner: communication from the fire prevention commissioner, placed on file c 68

headquarters: taken up, given final reading and passage c 116; communication from the mayor relative to, with order for loan of \$200,000, referred to committee on finance c 104—report, accepted, order given final reading and passage c 107

loan for police station, Hyde Park: communication from the mayor with order for loan of \$125,000 c 280, 281—referred to committee on finance c 281—report, accepted, order rejected c 291; order that \$125,000 be appropriated by loan, referred to committee on finance c 291

new police station, Division 5: order that \$5,000 be appropriated for plans and specifications, referred to committee on finance c 60

plans for Division 17 police station: order for loan of \$5,000 for plans and specification for buildings for new station, referred to committee on finance c 225—taken up, order given final reading and passage c 247

police headquarters, Pemberton sq.: transfer to Broadway bridge, *see* Public Works Department

**Police Department, *continued.***

**police station, Roslindale:** communication from the mayor recommending adoption of order for loan of \$10,000, referred to committee on finance c 28; order that mayor report as to what steps have been taken to secure site, passed c 16-report, accepted, order rejected c 70

**probationary and reserve officers:** order that sufficient sum be provided in budget to allow \$3 per day, passed c 263; communication from the mayor and police commissioner relative to, placed on file c 271, 272

**salaries of matrons:** order that the mayor be requested to confer with the commissioner relative to increase and to report conference, passed c 32

**site for police station 2:** communication from the mayor, municipal real estate expert and police commissioner with order for loan of \$150,000, referred to committee on finance c 46-report, accepted, order rejected c 93; communication from the mayor with order for loan of \$160,000 to be expended for purchase of location 85-87 Franklin st., referred to committee on finance c 113-report (letter of real estate broker and appraiser), accepted, order refused passage c 157; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from real estate expert relative to site Arch and Hawley sts., also communication from police commissioner approving and Bankers' Realty Company, order for transfer of \$145,000, referred to committee on finance c 199-taken up, given final reading and passage c 246

**site for station 17:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the real estate broker and appraiser, superintendent of public buildings and police commissioner; order for transfer of property in custody of public buildings department located at Washington st. and Metropolitan ave. to custody of police department, referred to executive committee c 214-report, accepted, order passed c 217; order for loan of \$125,000 for new station, Metropolitan ave. and Washington st., West Roxbury, referred to committee on finance c 291; communication from the mayor with order for loan of \$125,000 for, referred to committee on finance c 278-report, accepted, order rejected c 291

**Police Signal Service.**

communication from the mayor and acting corporation counsel relative to, placed on file c 258; order to accept act authorizing pension, passed c 263

**Police Signal Service, Pensions.**

order that the corporation counsel be requested to report whether or not it is possible to make effective act relating to pensioning of members, passed c 256

**Police Station 2. (See Police Department.)****Police Station 6, Public Bath. (See Public Buildings.)****Police Station, Roslindale. (See Police Department.)****Police Stations. (See Police Department.)****Police Stations 4, 5, 10.**

repairs: *see* Police Department

**Potter, Charles L., Colonel, Corps of Engineers. (See, also, Great Brewster Island.)**

communication relative to sale of Great Brewster Island to Federal Government, placed on file c 144

**Potter, H. Staples.**

approved by civil service commissioners c 105

**Power Plant, Deer Island. (See Deer Island.)****Powers, Patrick.**

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**Prayers Offered at Inauguration of City Council.**

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**Preparedness. (See, also, War with Germany.)**

communication from the mayor relative to, placed on file c 45; order for appointment of committee to act in advisory capacity in conjunction with commission appointed by the governor, referred to executive committee c 38-report, accepted, order passed c 40

**President of the City Council.**

James J. Storrow elected c 12

**President of the United States.**

resolution indorsing action concerning crisis now pending, reports from Boston *Globe* read c 17, 18-adopted c 18

**Printing Department.**

**committee:** appointed c 19

**superintendent:** John J. Toomey, appointed acting c 215

**mayor's address:** *see* Mayor's Address

**Printing of Mayor's Address. (See Mayor, The.)****Probation Officer, Boston Juvenile Court. (See County of Suffolk, County Accounts.)****Probation Officer, East Boston. (See County of Suffolk, County Accounts.)****Probation Officer, Roxbury. (See County of Suffolk, County Accounts.)****Probation Officer, West Roxbury. (See County of Suffolk, County Accounts.)****Probation Officers. (See County of Suffolk, County Accounts.)****Probationary and Reserve Officers, Increase of Pay. (See Police Department.)****Probationary Firemen, Increase of Pay. (See Fire Department.)****Proclamation of Governor.**

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**Prisons, Inspection of.**

**committee:** report of, accepted, ordered printed as a city document c 298

**Progressive Women of Massachusetts.**

petition that one of their members be allowed to attend executive meetings of city council, referred to executive committee c 20



**Prospect Avenue, West Roxbury.**

sidewalks: order to construct, passed c 69

**Public Buildings Department.**

**all-the-year bath, South Boston:** order that the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated to be expended for alteration of former police station 6, referred to committee on finance c 39

**appropriation for lockers, Bulfinch Street Armory:** communication from the mayor and superintendent of public buildings, with order for transfer of \$475 from the Reserve Fund, referred to executive committee c 66, 67—report, accepted, order passed c 70

**building, B and Athens sts.:** communication from the mayor and fire commissioner with order for transfer of building to said department, referred to executive committee c 271—report, accepted, order passed c 276

**fireproofing Faneuil Hall and historic buildings:** report, accepted, order rejected; order for loan of \$120,000, referred to committee on finance c 107—report, no further action necessary, accepted c 120; report of committee on finance c 118-120—report, accepted, order passed c 120—taken up, given final reading and passage c 131; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of public buildings inclosing list of bills for work done; order for transfer of \$15,000 from the Reserve Fund to special appropriation, referred to executive committee c 137—report, accepted, order passed c 142

**health units:** appropriations: *see* Health Department

**lighting:** *see* Edison Electric Illuminating Company

**new police station, Division 5:** *see* Police Department

**power station, Metropolitan ave.:** transfer to police department: *see* Police Department

**protection of historic buildings:** communication from the mayor transmitting order for loan of \$120,000 for fireproofing Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market and Old State House, referred to committee on finance c 53; order for loan of \$50,000 for fireproofing and architectural restoration, referred to committee on finance c 22

**pumping station, Metropolitan ave.:** communication from the mayor, with order for transfer to said department, referred to executive committee c 113—report, accepted, order passed c 121

**transfer of land, Brighton sq.:** *see* Municipal Building, Brighton

**Public Celebrations, Expenses of. (See Mayor, Public Celebrations.)****Public Health.**

**committee:** appointed c 19

**topics in mayor's address:** c 1, 2

**Public Lands.**

**city land, Dedham:** communication from the mayor transmitting order authorizing sale of land on River and Milton sts. and Mother brook, referred to committee on public lands c 220

**estate, Washington st.:** release of conditions: *see* Brooker, Harry T.

**exchange of land, park department and Old Colony Trust:** *see* Park Department

**land, Chestnut Hill ave., sale of:** *see* Public Works Department

**land near Columbus ave.:** petition of trustees of grammar school for execution of a deed of land to them c 130; communication from the commissioner of public works relative to, placed on file c 147—report, accepted, given first reading and passage c 148—taken up, given final reading and passage c 155

**land, Shirley st.:** *see* Shirley Street

**land, South and Roberts sts.:** Elizabeth P. Devens, petition that city disclaim rights in land c 115—report, with order, accepted, given final reading and passage c 132—taken up, given final reading and passage c 142

**release of land, Carnes place:** *see* Carnes Place

**release of land, Northampton st.:** *see* Northampton Street

**release of restrictions, Washington st.:** report with order, accepted, given first reading and passage c 248—taken up, given second reading and passage c 255

**rights in land, Orchard and other streets:** George N. Douse, petition c 201—report with order, given first reading and passage c 224—taken up, given final reading and passage c 234

**Public Lands, continued.**

**sale of city land, Norway st.:** communication from the mayor and street commissioners with order for release of land, referred to committee on public lands c 288

**sale of Hyde Park reservoir lot:** *see* Public Works Department

**sale of land, Squantum Head:** *see* Squantum Head

**sale of land, Sturtevant st.:** report on message of mayor, communication and order (referred 1916), with order in new draft, accepted, passed c 57—taken up, given final reading and passage c 69

**sale of products:** order for sale of city's portion of farm products raised, etc., referred to executive committee c 266—report, accepted, order passed c 267

**Public Markets.**

communication from the mayor with order establishing places (list given), passed c 187

**Public Safety, Committee on.**

**expenses:** communication from the mayor transmitting order for appropriation of \$10,000 to be charged to the Reserve Fund, referred to executive committee c 66—report, accepted, order passed c 70; \$25,000, report, accepted, order passed c 76; communication from the mayor transmitting an order for an appropriation of \$10,000 from appropriation for mayor, conventions, etc., to the appropriation for Reserve Fund, to be expended by committee for necessary expenses, referred to executive committee c 138—report, accepted, order passed c 147

**report:** order calling for report, accepted, passed c 248—referred to executive committee c 258

**state guard officers' outfit, South Boston:** *see* State Guard Officers

**Public Service Commission.**

**additional tracks, Commonwealth ave.:** notice of hearing c 86

**alterations of bridges, South Boston:** *see* New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad

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**loan for highways:** order for loan of \$500,000 for making of highways, etc., new small streets in suburbs, referred to committee on finance c 17—taken up, given final reading and passage c 70—(referred February 25), report, no action necessary c 100; communication from the mayor vetoing order, placed on file c 112

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**United States Government.**

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**Vorenberg, Felix.**

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## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 5, 1917.

First meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10.30 o'clock a. m., all the members present.

At 11.06 a. m. Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, called to order.

On motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE it was voted that a committee of two be appointed by the Chair to escort his Honor the Mayor to the Council Chamber, and the Chair appointed Coun. Attridge and Collins as said committee.

The committee retired at 11.07 a. m., and returned at 11.12 a. m., escorting his Honor the Mayor James M. Curley, with his secretaries and heads of departments, and ex-Mayor Honorable Thomas N. Hart into the chamber.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Monsignor M. J. Splaine, as follows:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. Direct, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all our actions by thy holy inspiration and carry them on with thy gracious assistance, that every word and deed of ours may begin from Thee and by Thee be happily ended. We ask this through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who taught us thus to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Mayor CURLEY presided.

By direction of the Mayor, City Clerk Donovan read certificates from the Election Commissioners of the election to office, for the term ending February, 1918, of Alfred E. Wellington and for the term ending February, 1920, of Francis J. W. Ford, Daniel J. McDonald and James A. Watson.

The notice was placed on file. Councilors-elect Francis J. W. Ford, Daniel J. McDonald, James A. Watson and Alfred E. Wellington took their places in front of the City Clerk's desk and were severally given the oath of office by Mayor Curley.

Mayor CURLEY then, beginning at 11.18 a. m., addressed the City Council as follows:

*To the City Council:*

Gentlemen,—Today marks the beginning of my fourth year of service as Mayor of this, our beloved city, and I pray Almighty God that the same divine blessings of peace, happiness and constructive progress which have been in evidence during the past three years will continue to be our lot in the present year and for all time.

I am an optimist as regards the future of our common country—America—which under the able leadership of that courageous advocate of human rights—Woodrow Wilson—is furnishing the world an example of toleration and forbearance such as has not been witnessed since the day of the Emancipator—Abraham Lincoln.

The duty of the hour is to prepare for the advent either of war or peace with its resultant economic adjustments, and, unless this problem is anticipated through wise preparation and overcome by courageous execution, hardship rather than happiness may be the common lot of many citizens.

Fortunately for Boston there has seldom been a time when we were better prepared to confront a great emergency than now, and I invite your hearty cooperation in the consummation of a program of constructive achievement which, in the event of industrial depression, will result in providing honest labor rather than bread lines to those in need.

The year 1914-15, despite extraordinary efforts upon my part, terminated with a deficit of \$69,664.79, while the year 1915-16 ended with a surplus unexpended of \$273,708.41. The fiscal year 1916-17 terminated, despite increased cost of substantially every commodity, including wages, with an unexpended balance available for use during the present year of \$1,182,721.64. The

adoption of the pay-as-you-go policy on school lands and buildings during the year that has ended and the application of the revenue received from the sale of land or buildings to the extinguishment of outstanding indebtedness represent long delayed reforms whose beneficial effect in the reduction of the net debt should shortly be in evidence.

It is gratifying to know that, despite a more generous policy along the lines of economic justice in the matter of mothers' aid than in any other city of the Commonwealth, our tax rate is lower than any other city of 50,000 inhabitants and that indications are excellent for a further reduction this year.

Expenditures under the Mothers' Aid Law have increased from \$50,000 in 1913 to \$354,441.97 in 1916.

When we consider that this most humane law results in keeping the family intact and guarantees the supervision of children by their mothers rather than by institutional attendants, the liberal policy now in operation should not only be maintained but extended to the end that no child be deprived of sustenance and no mother denied the means with which it shall be provided.

The City of Boston in 1916 appropriated \$200,000 ostensibly for the purpose of establishing a park in the territory bounded by Morton, Stillman and Cross streets but in reality for the wiping out of an unhealthful slum section. Problems of health and housing are largely economic and are best solved through the payment of a living wage. It has been my observation that the necessity created by low wages is responsible for the occupancy by the families of working men of the so-called slum tenements and that they remain there only until such time as their income will permit of their changing to more healthful and pleasing surroundings. If employers generally would recognize this truth, the slum tenements for lack of occupants, would be replaced by more sanitary and healthful places of habitation.

Recognizing the value of labor and realizing that every advance made in the earnings of the lowest paid workers aids in the upward march of humanity, it is my purpose to recommend in the budget, and I trust the Council will approve, an increase in the minimum wage paid laborers to \$2.75 per day, mechanics to \$4 per day, and the women who clean the municipal buildings to \$10 per week, with a sliding scale and an equitable minimum and maximum for all other employees.

Service is in a large measure rendered in proportion to wages and hours, and that there may be no impairment in that rendered by the guardians of life and property, a reasonable increase in the minimum for policemen and firemen will be included in the budget.

That an opportunity may be afforded the guardians of life and property, policemen and firemen, to become better acquainted with their families, I have recommended the adoption of one day leave of absence in each eight days for policemen, and the Fire Commissioner is now conducting an investigation with a view to granting a twelve-hour leave of absence during the night-time once each week to men in the Fire Department.

The necessity for the establishment of a free maternity hospital in connection with the Boston City Hospital has long been recognized and should not longer be delayed. The mothers of our city should be our first consideration and every means within our power should be employed to the end that they receive the best possible medical and surgical treatment during the most trying and important period of their lives.

The present inhuman custom of treating persons afflicted with delirium tremens as criminals is in conflict with sound medical judgment and accommodations should be provided at an early date where medical treatment and cures may replace lack of treatment and deaths.

The automobile service of the city has reached the stage where a central garage, with a call system, is most economical and I commend to your consideration its establishment.

The present system of collecting ashes and garbage by contract neither meets nor merits public approval, and, while the contract system may be continued on ashes and combustible waste, public health requires a more frequent and less uncertain removal of garbage, and I accordingly recommend for your consideration the substitution of day labor for contract removal of garbage.

The present system of removing ashes and combustible waste under yearly contract is beneficial neither to the public nor the contractor. The sub-

stitution of a five-year for the present one-year contract system should result not only in lower prices but in improved service through the centralization of responsibility and the desire upon the part of the contractor to safeguard his large investment.

One year ago I submitted to the City Council the annual appropriation bill in complete segregated form, and, in order that it might have a full and fair trial, detailed estimates were furnished by all departments, covering some 3,600 items, the major portion of which was for pay rolls.

Budget experts claim that the greatest results in segregated appropriations come from the control over numbers and rates of employees, and this I believe to be true. The City Council is of a different opinion, however, and voted "lump sum" appropriations for personal service.

It is my purpose again to submit the budget in full segregation and I urge upon you the consideration which its importance demands.

Notwithstanding the abnormal cost of all materials and supplies used by the city, the benefits derived from our first year's experience in segregation are many, and, for the results accomplished, I desire to compliment the heads of departments, practically all of whom have lived within their total appropriations.

The purchase of equipment, materials and supplies for the various departments of the city is a problem that has not been solved to my satisfaction. While important results have been accomplished, the purchasing has not been centralized and the purchase of food and other supplies for institutions is still regarded as an individual right of the departments concerned, with the result that the benefit of quantity buying for all institutions is lost.

I am of the opinion that the great bulk of materials and supplies used by the city can be standardized so that quality and economy may be obtained through a central purchasing agent.

As an aid to better price quotations, I believe that the city should pay its invoices more promptly and take advantage of cash discounts for ten-day payments when offered. This would necessitate the payment to merchants by check to be mailed instead of the present method which requires each creditor to call in person or to send an agent to City Hall to collect the amounts due.

I have notified the Superintendent of Printing to establish within his department a Division of Office Supplies and to adopt definite standards therein, the entire charge of the sale and distribution of supplies to be under his direction; and, hereafter, all department heads shall be required to purchase through the Printing Department direct. The City Auditor has been notified that in future no bills for office supplies will be honored unless such supplies are purchased direct through the Printing Department, and it is my opinion that, by this method, a considerable saving will be effected.

Boston is rapidly becoming the mecca for tourists during the summer season and this in large measure is due to the extraordinary health conditions which obtain, the historical treasures for which she is justly famous, her educational and park system, as well as her institutions of medical and surgical research which today are the equal, if not the superior, of any to be found on this continent.

During the present year some 150 conventions are scheduled, the more important among which are those of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the American Foundrymen's Association, which, while they represent an expenditure of public money, are a benefit to every line of industry sufficient to justify reasonable and proper expenditures for their entertainment.

The assembling of the Grand Army of the Republic at Boston this year is tremendously important for the reason that, in all probability, it will mark the last assemblage in a New England city of the men who remain of that great body of patriotic Americans who, in response to the call of country, stood ready to make the supreme sacrifice from 1861 to 1865 in defence of union and the extension of the privilege of equality. Consequently, I urge your hearty cooperation in the work of making their stay with us a visit so pleasing as to be remembered for all time.

The commission recently appointed by his Excellency the Governor to consider ways and means of reducing the excessive cost of living has reported in favor of a belt line system of freight transportation, and this proposal which I have advocated

during the past three years is of vital importance to the industrial development of our city and deserving of aid and study by every individual interested in the city's prosperity.

The possibility of an early declaration of peace abroad presents a splendid opportunity for the industrial, commercial and social development of our Commonwealth, provided an international exposition is held at Boston in connection with the Pilgrim Tercentenary. In view of the fact that Boston will be required to defray a greater portion of the expenditure incidental to an international exposition than any other city in the Commonwealth, it is fitting that it should be held here, and I invite your aid in furthering this movement.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH.

Despite the fact that, during 1916, there were outbreaks of influenza and anterior poliomyelitis, both of which carried off hundreds of lives, the year from a health standpoint has been one of the best in the history of the city. The death rate from typhoid fever is recognized as the best index of efficiency in a health department and the total number of deaths from typhoid fever in 1916 was the lowest ever attained by any large American city.

During the past year a sickness survey was made in this city and, while the report showed that the number of people receiving hospital treatment was greater in proportion than in any other large city, it also proved that, through the excellent hospital facilities obtained here, the sickness rate was the lowest to be found in any city which had been surveyed.

During 1916 the first health unit in the city was established and is today utilized as a civic center clearing house, not only by the physicians of the Health Department but by medical and sanitary inspectors and nurses, in addition to representatives of the Consumptives' Hospital Department, the Instructive District Nursing Association, the Boston Dispensary, the Associated Charities, the Milk and Baby Hygiene Association, the Women's Municipal League, the Federated Jewish Charities and the Mothers' Club of the West End, all working in harmony for the benefit of both infant and adult in the most congested section of the city.

During the year 1916, 24,000 visits were made to homes in the West End section of Boston by representatives of the various organizations located at the health unit. Mothers were instructed as to the best method of caring for infants, particularly during the first year of the child's life, and, as a result of concentrated rather than divided effort, the sick and death rate from contagious diseases was less in 1916 than at any time during the past quarter of a century.

The Health Department during 1916 compelled the discontinuance, as places of habitation, of 350 basement rooms below the street level, and this excellent work should be continued.

The constant and rigid inspection of food supply has resulted in ridding the city of dealers in rotten eggs and unwholesome fish, fruit and fowl, and, as a result of the assistance rendered by the courts in the matter of dealing severely with those engaged in this unwholesome traffic, the food supply of Boston is today the best in the history of the city.

With a view to the further protection of our milk supply, the dairy inspectors during 1916 have been receiving instructions in bacteriological work at the health laboratory and, during the present year, will be required to make bacteriological examinations at the places of shipment.

The extremely high death and disability rate resulting from infantile paralysis is such as to justify the most lavish expenditures to combat this dread disease. The splendid results achieved at the West End Health Unit warrant a recommendation, which I shall submit to your honorable body, for the establishment of similar health units at East Boston, South Boston, Hyde Park, and at such other points as, in the opinion of the Health Department, may be necessary to properly safeguard both child and adult.

It is equally important that the exceptional record made by the city in the matter of establishing the lowest death rate from typhoid fever of any city in the world be maintained, and since typhoid is, in a large measure, due either to water or sewerage, or both, it is my purpose to recommend in the budget a sum sufficient to provide for the cleaning of every catch-basin in the city in addition to the flushing of every sewer.



## HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The three greatest evils of modern times are disease, poverty and crime, and how closely the two latter are associated with and dependent upon the former must be apparent when we realize that, on an average, all men, women and children engaged in industry in the United States are ill nine days each year and the total expenditure for medical and surgical attendance is in excess of \$1,000,000,000.

The opening of the West Department of the Boston City Hospital will make possible the concentration of all contagious diseases there that are common to children, and, in addition, make available for use in connection with the general hospital the buildings now occupied by children in what is known as the South Department.

It is clearly the duty of the city to furnish medical and surgical treatment to every person in need of the same, and since the average individual is dependent for existence solely upon bodily health and strength, it is important that he continue to receive medical and surgical care and supervision until such time as he is able to assume his customary duties. In the past and at present this has been impossible as a result of inadequate accommodations, and men and women have been discharged when their condition has improved in order to leave available the ward beds occupied by them for some other sufferers, with the result that, left to their own resources and the cold charity of friends, through medical or surgical neglect after discharge from the hospital, physical disability has resulted in making them public charges permanently.

The extension of the general hospital and the construction of a convalescent hospital either at West Roxbury or Dorchester for the care of convalescent patients should prove of great value in materially reducing the average sick period of workers.

The stamina of future womanhood and manhood of America is dependent in large measure upon the health and care received by the mothers. Under present conditions an increase in the family of the laboring man means an indebtedness to the physician or surgeon that usually requires not less than six months to discharge, and failure to employ a competent physician or surgeon invariably results in some form of disability that tortures the victim through life.

It is as important that the mothers should receive both advice and care prior to, as that they should have medical and surgical service at the time of maternity, and, for this reason, I commend to your consideration the appropriation at an early date of a sum sufficient for the establishment of an obstetrical department of not less than one hundred beds. During the past year a new obstetrical ward of eighteen beds has been established, fully equipped with the most modern instruments and appliances for obstetrical cases at the City Hospital and is today taxed beyond capacity.

The completion of the West Department within the next thirty days will witness the establishment of the first whooping cough ward in America, which should prove of immeasurable benefit to those too poor to provide isolation against the ravages of this dread disease.

I am firmly convinced that disease is largely the result of lack of preventive measures and am of the opinion that if one of the hospital buildings were equipped with all modern appliances for diagnosis and a competent man placed in charge, the saving to the city as represented by the improved health of the people would be more than sufficient to offset the cost. Under present conditions the payment of a fee for examination to a private physician causes the average individual to withhold having examination made as to his physical condition until such time as disease prevents him from following his usual pursuits, whereas if he could apply at the City Hospital and have his case diagnosed serious illness would unquestionably be prevented.

During the year 1916 the X-ray department at the City Hospital has been enlarged and new equipment purchased, so that today it is possible to render double the amount of service with less difficulty and better results, and, in addition, an X-ray department has been established at the Haymarket Square Relief Station.

The liberal policy in the matter of appropriations for the City Hospital should be maintained, as contented and well-paid employees are necessary to the successful handling of the sick. The fact that, during the past twelve months, not one complaint

against the City Hospital has been received and that bed sores are no longer the bane of the patient is the highest possible testimonial of service.

## CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The mortality from tuberculosis as yet exceeds that from any other disease despite extraordinary efforts and generous expenditures. Nevertheless, the same lavish scale which has marked the past must be maintained for the promotion of strong womanhood and virile manhood. The past year has been notable in that three new buildings, containing 146 beds for the treatment of persons afflicted with this dread scourge, have been added to the group at Mattapan.

Spiritual aid has long been recognized as a necessary adjunct to medical treatment of persons suffering with tuberculosis, yet it is only within the past year that the necessity has received recognition in the appointment of a Catholic priest, a rabbi and a Protestant minister, through whose labors the sick are comforted and the dying are soled.

It will be necessary during the present year to establish a new out-patient department, the present quarters having long since been outgrown, where persons supposedly afflicted with tuberculosis may be afforded opportunity for thorough examination and advice as to bodily care.

The question of additional accommodations for the treatment of children afflicted with tuberculosis is important and the necessity for the establishment of additional hospital wards for their care and treatment is imperative.

## INFIRMARY DEPARTMENT.

The desire to do that which appeared politically expedient in response to the clamor of local organizations has, in large measure, been responsible for the failure to consider more important matters that were both necessary and just. As a consequence of this custom a condition has obtained during the past twenty years at the infirmary at Long Island not only disgraceful but actually criminal. Women and men, whose only offense has been that they have grown old without growing wealthy, have been housed for years in the worst possible character of fire traps and compelled to sleep in double-deck beds, and only the charity of Almighty God has prevented a holocaust that would disgrace for all time the fair name of our city. This condition has made necessary during the past three years an expenditure of nearly a half a million dollars, and on the completion of the work the institution at Long Island will be the best of its kind to be found in the United States.

During the past year the erection of four ward buildings has made possible the removal of all men from the present hospital building, thereby providing separate accommodations for women and men who are hospital patients in a building so situated and constructed as to make possible in the event of fire the removal of all beds in less than two minutes.

In addition to a nurses' home, with accommodations for 80 nurses, a survey of the fire conditions has been conducted during the year and \$108,000 has been made available for the installation of fire alarm system and equipment, including new submarine cable and a heating plant.

## OVERSEEING OF THE POOR DEPARTMENT.

For 129 years it has been the custom for society in our city to discharge its obligations to dependent widows with flowers and platitudes, and, until 1913, the barbarous custom obtained, upon the death of the head of a household left destitute, to place the children in a foundling asylum. From the foundling asylum it was customary to farm out the children, and in order that those persons adopting the child might not be disturbed, or, as they termed it, "pestered," by visits from the mother of the child, the inhuman practice has been common of refusing to permit the mother to visit her children, and as a result boys and girls grew to manhood and womanhood with never an opportunity of relieving the heat-aches of sorrow-laden mothers. Protests from those persons best able to bear the burden entailed by the adoption of the Mothers' Aid Act were general, but despite the protests the bill became law. In 1913 the sum of \$50,000, in 1914 the sum of \$280,000, and in 1916 the sum of \$354,441.97 was expended under this act by the city.

To the casual observer this appears a tremendous sum, but to the thoughtful and observant citizen who realizes that, through this expenditure, poverty is robbed of its terrors, homes are preserved intact



mothers are comforted with the companionship of their children, and children are reared under the watchful eye of their mother, who is there in this or in any other community so shortsighted and unmanly as to maintain that this expenditure is not justifiable? The ideal of Boston from the day of the Pilgrims to our day has been service, and through this service the long line of widows wending their way before sunrise and after the sun has set to office buildings and other establishments, there to eke out an existence for their children by the hardest character of manual labor, on their knees scrubbing, constituted an indictment of our social system now happily ended.

Consideration of the needs of those injured in industrial pursuits has made necessary a large increase in the amount of dependent aid, which has risen from \$144,180.80 in 1914 to \$226,850.76 in 1916, and in all probability this will materially increase from year to year, yet, with the comforting knowledge that through our generosity misery is lessened, we should face the solution of the problem both with courage and Christian spirit.

**SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT.**

The patriotism of Boston's citizenship has been an inspiration in every crisis to entire America, and this patriotism has in no small degree been based upon economic justice.

The reputation of our city demands its continuance, and our love of the city is strengthened by the knowledge that we have never refused to any soldier or the dependents of soldiers sufficient aid to provide actual comfort and preserve them from the ignominy of pauperism.

During 1916, 1,950 soldiers and their dependents were aided by the city, and the adoption by the Legislature, on the recommendation of the Mayor, of the bill to provide for the payment of \$10.50 each week to the dependents of members of the state militia who have been mustered into the Federal service should do much for the promotion of patriotism and the relief of the families of patriotic men who, in every crisis, have stood ready to make the supreme sacrifice for flag and country.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

The success of the Fire Department in reducing loss of life and property by fire is only possible through the coöperation of the entire people, and unless all aid it is impossible to secure beneficial and satisfactory results.

It has long been common rumor that a so-called Arson Trust has been operating successfully for many years in Boston, and, upon receipt of definite information as to its existence, a conference was arranged in March, 1916, between the Mayor, the Police Commissioner and the Fire Commissioner, with the result that Inspector Thomas H. Lynch of Police Headquarters was assigned to work in conjunction with District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier with a view to destroying the arson brigade and punishing its members.

The prosecutions under the direction of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier and Assistant District Attorney Daniel V. Melsaen have resulted in the indictment of ninety-one persons for arson, a number of whom have already been sentenced to terms ranging from two and one half years to six years, with the result that there have been 1,003 less fire alarms in 1916 than in 1914. The figures are indeed illuminating.

1914.....	5,534 alarms
1915.....	5,437 alarms
1916.....	4,531 alarms

The splendid work performed under the direction of the Police Department and the District Attorney has been in large measure supplemented by the inspection and fire prevention work of the Fire and the Building Departments.

During the year a department school for officers has been established, with daily sessions, and a lecture course in matters pertaining to the Fire Department conducted, as a result of which a better opportunity is afforded for securing more intimate knowledge as to the best methods of fighting fires.

The high pressure system, the installment of which has been a subject of discussion for twenty years, and upon which work has been performed during the past five years, should be completed at the earliest possible date, and it is my sincere desire that the mains already laid be connected and the high pressure fire station be constructed during the present year.

The pulmotors and Draeger smoke helmets which have been added to the equipment of the department are rapidly proving their worth in the reduction of loss of life and property.

During 1916, 7,800 feet of duet was laid, and approximately 50,000 feet of lead cable purchased, which is now being installed and which has resulted in the removal of many miles of overhead wires.

The year 1916 has been notable for the substitution of motor-driven vehicles for those formerly drawn by horses, the following changes having been made:

Engine 28, Centre street, Jamaica Plain, was equipped with a two-wheel motor-driven tractor.

A triple combination chemical engine, hose wagon and gasoline pumping engine was placed in service with Engine Company 14, Centre street, Roxbury, replacing a steam fire engine and a hose wagon and doing away with the services of five horses.

A steam fire engine was equipped with a two-wheel motor-driven tractor, to be used as a relief engine.

A two-wheel motor-driven tractor was attached to Ladder 9, the same to be used as a relief truck.

A 3½-ton motor-driven wrecking and emergency truck has been placed in service and located at the Headquarters Building, Bristol street. This machine is fitted with a power winch capable of lifting 5 tons. The truck is fitted with jacks, blocks and tools, such as are required in emergency work, and has already proven its worth.

A two-wheel motor-driven tractor has been installed on a spare water tower, and this tower will be located at East Boston to serve that isolated section of the city in case the services of a water tower are required. Owing to their size, this department has experienced in the past a great amount of difficulty in sending water towers to East Boston, and the installation of this tower will overcome the delays experienced in the past due to ferry service, and should prove a valuable addition to the fire-fighting machinery in the island section.

One motor-driven combination chemical engine and hose wagon and four motor-driven hose wagons, with chemical tanks, have been ordered, and part of the shipment has already arrived and upon acceptance will be assigned for service in companies which have already been partially motorized.

A tractor-driven steam fire engine and a motor-driven combination hose wagon and chemical engine have been installed in the remodeled quarters of Engine Company 33, Boylston and Hereford streets, serving the Back Bay and the Fenway sections of the city.

A two-wheel motor-driven tractor is being attached to Ladder 6, and it will be installed within a very short time at River and Temple streets, Dorechester Lower Mills.

A triple combination chemical engine, hose wagon and pumping engine has been ordered for Engine 19, Norfolk street, Dorechester, and the delivery of this engine will add greatly to the fire protection of Mattapan, Wellington Hill and Hyde Park.

Motor-driven fire apparatus is no longer an experiment and is today a recognized necessity, and, if we are to keep abreast of American cities in the matter of fire fighting, a more liberal policy is essential. The complete motorization of the Fire Department means greater efficiency, less loss and less expense, and while the progress made in the last three years has been commendable it has nevertheless been extremely tardy. Our fire conditions warrant a more courageous and aggressive policy with reference to motor fire apparatus, while a compliance with the building laws will render necessary extensive and expensive alterations in many fire houses.

Engine House 14, Centre street, Roxbury, has been rebuilt, thoroughly remodeled and equipped with the latest motor apparatus, so that today it is practically a new fire station. It is equipped with the most modern fire-fighting apparatus, and gives to this section of the city everything to be desired in up-to-date fire protection, in addition to quarters that are conducive to the health and comfort of the men.

Ladder 4, Dudley street, Roxbury, has also been rebuilt and thoroughly remodeled for the installation of motor apparatus, and every detail carried out in Engine House 14 has been adopted at Ladder 4, and the station equipped with an aerial ladder truck and motor-driven combination

chemical and hose wagon. The installation of the latter piece of apparatus in the house of Ladder 4 and the transfer of Chemical Company 10 from Eustis street to Dudley street will result in a great saving in overhead expense and permit of the Eustis street fire station, which is assessed for \$8,000, being disposed of or utilized for municipal purposes.

Engine House 8, Salem street, city, is being rebuilt and thoroughly remodeled for the installation of motor apparatus along the lines already carried out at Engine 14 and Ladder 4, and the work will be completed within a short time. Motor apparatus will be installed, replacing the horse-drawn apparatus at present attached to the company, and give to this section of the city improved and most efficient fire protection.

Engine 1 and Ladder 5, Dorchester and Fourth streets, South Boston, and the municipal building adjoining it, are being rebuilt and remodeled to provide a first-class and up-to-date fire station for this section of the city; thus Engine 1 and Ladder 5 will be motorized and installed in the one house, instead of being in separate houses, as at present. The old ladder house can then be used as a coal station, and the present coal station, in Dorchester street, assessed for \$3,100, can be sold, and the placing of these two companies under one roof will also reduce the overhead expenses.

The building on Wareham street, formerly occupied by the Wire Department, is being thoroughly remodeled to be used as a shop by the Fire Alarm Branch, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy this month. The present shop is located on Bristol street, but does not answer the needs of this branch, and by this change the city will save an annual rental of \$1,844.75.

Engine House 33, Boylston and Hereford streets, is undergoing considerable alteration at the present time, and the work will be completed at a very early date. Granolithic floors and driveways are being constructed and tile walls are being installed on the first floor, with modern plumbing throughout.

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

The growth of the city requires that all breathing spaces be developed to the highest possible degree of efficiency and that if possible a park be established for the health and recreation of the people in every section.

With this object in mind, large appropriations have been made available during the past year for the completion and improvement of existing playgrounds and for the establishment of additional ones and, in view of the fact that a dual purpose is served by these expenditures, namely, the promotion of public health and the affording of increased opportunities for recreation, it should be continued.

Contracts have been awarded for construction of the Strandway park and sewerage works at an estimated cost of \$800,000, as a result of which Dorchester bay will be freed from sewerage overflow and an area of more than 2,000,000 square feet made available for park purposes which upon completion will be the finest salt water park in America.

Unquestionably the most attractive thoroughfare in America is Commonwealth avenue, and the wisdom of the expenditure of some \$72,000 for permanent and sanitary paving is as apparent as is the necessity for its extension and improvement between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate East.

The necessity for substituting permanent paving for macadam roadways throughout the park system presents a problem the solution of which should not long be delayed. It has been estimated by the Park and Recreation Department that permanent paving from the Newton line to Charlesgate East would cost approximately \$200,000, but in view of the fact that this would result in the completion of an important radial highway connecting two important centers in addition to the discontinuance of a ruinous overhead charge for maintenance of the present roadways, I commend it to your consideration.

During the year 1916 the Forsyth Dental Infirmary Park, representing an expenditure of about \$160,000, has been completed, while an appropriation of \$200,000 has been made available for the establishment of a public park within the area bounded by Salem, Stillman, Cross and Endicott streets.

The Ward 19, Roxbury, Playground, representing a total investment of \$300,000, is rapidly approaching completion, while the Ronan Park Playground at Dorchester, representing a total

expenditure of approximately \$200,000, will be completed early in June.

The contract has been awarded and work is now in progress upon the Savin Hill Playground, for which an appropriation of \$149,000 has been made, while the Brighton-Allston Playground, for which an appropriation of \$82,750 was made, will be completed within the present year.

The Federal Government, through the trustees of the Robert B. Brigham Hospital, have requested, and I have approved, the laying out of Parker Hill reservoir property as a playground for mothers and children in order that in the event of war it may be used as an orthopedic base hospital. This work will represent an expenditure of \$25,000 and the specifications are now drawn and will shortly be advertised.

Necessary improvements at the Carolina Avenue Playground, Jamaica Plain, for which an appropriation of \$12,000 has been made, are now rapidly approaching completion, while the concrete grandstand and sea wall at the North End Park, for which \$25,000 has been appropriated, will in all probability be completed in the early summer.

In response to the demand of the Hyde Park section, draining and grading are now in progress at the Smith's Pond Playground, which should be completed this year, while the Street Commissioners are now engaged in making takings for the Dorchester Center Playground at a cost of \$20,000 additional.

The establishment of a convenience station on Boston Common, and a park at the Aquarium grounds, South Boston, with a roadway connecting the Strandway and Farragut road, and the rebuilding of a wall at Charlestown Heights, represent in part the activities of this department during the year that has closed.

It is my earnest desire that the broad and generous policy with reference to park improvements now in operation be continued, and I commend to your consideration the completion of the Ripley Playground at Dorchester, at a cost of \$20,000, the completion of the "Greeting" at Franklin Park, and the improvement of the following playgrounds:

Tenean Beach Playground . . . . .	\$88,600 00
Eagle Hill reservoir, East Boston . . . . .	80,000 00
Roshindale Playground . . . . .	20,000 00
Billings Field . . . . .	20,000 00
Smith's Pond Playground . . . . .	20,000 00
Rogers Park Playground . . . . .	26,025 00
Norfolk Street Playground, Dorchester, . . . . .	14,265 00
Mystic Playground, Charlestown . . . . .	12,550 00
Cottage Street Playground, East Boston . . . . .	5,700 00
Tyler Street Playground, city proper . . . . .	3,450 00
Marella Street Playground . . . . .	4,500 00
William Eustis Playground . . . . .	1,850 00

I believe it but proper to state that in many cases sites have been procured for playgrounds and either a limited attempt or no attempt at all has been made to develop them in such manner as to fully serve public requirements.

STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

During the past year the Street Laying-Out Department has undertaken street improvements of lasting benefit to the city and while much of this work was local in character, yet several street improvements were authorized which, when completed, will be of general public benefit.

From the standpoint of money expenditure the largest single undertaking of the Board was the widening of Hyde Park avenue, in Hyde Park, this avenue being the main artery of travel to and from that district.

Long before Hyde Park became a part of the municipal corporation of Boston, the widening of this avenue was a subject of vigorous and industrious agitation both in the town and in the Legislature. Every effort failed then, presumably because the cost was thought to be too great for the financial resources of the town. With annexation to prosperous and progressive Boston the agitation was even more vigorous than before. The citizens of Hyde Park are now enjoying a much reduced tax rate, better all-round municipal service, and the burden of this highway improvement will now be borne by the entire city.

A better development of Hyde Park is promised with the construction of this avenue, particularly if a double line of car tracks is laid in the avenue, which the people of the district are now seeking.



It is by such development that the city may hope to get back the expenditure of from \$175,000 to \$200,000 which this improvement will cost.

West Roxbury, or the remotest portion of that district, will receive a distinct advantage when the extension of Belgrade avenue and the widening of Beech street is completed. This improvement was authorized during the past year at an estimated cost of about \$125,000, and was urged in the interest of a large territory that shows promise of rapid and substantial growth.

The people who have been urging this improvement realize that, to get the most benefit from it, they will have to secure better street car service, and it is promised to them as soon as this work is completed next summer.

A large section of Dorchester has for years been asking for the completion of the widening of Norfolk street. This improvement has been ordered at an estimated cost of \$125,000, and when completed this portion of the district will have one of the best highways in the city, extending from Blue Hill avenue to Codman square, which should prove highly beneficial from the standpoint of transportation and real estate development.

Perhaps the most beneficial general public improvement ordered during the year was the widening of Chelsea street, Charlestown, between City square and Bunker Hill street, at an estimated cost of \$450,000. A loan of \$100,000 was authorized during the past year to start this improvement, and an order to widen the street, between City square and Foss street, which was all that could be done with the appropriation available, has been approved.

This is an improvement in the interest of business and of waterfront development which might well have been made at any time during the past twenty-five years, since it has been urged from time to time during this period, but for one reason or another it was laid aside until Charlestown people almost gave it up as a useless effort.

There has been considerable development recently along the waterfront of Medford street, which means more trucking and a greater use of Chelsea street, and there is no doubt but that a wider thoroughfare will help in the further development of this waterfront. In addition it will be of benefit to a large number of people who use the street cars, as it will remove the cause of the vexatious delays which they now suffer.

The removal of buildings at the corner of Washington and Dover streets presented an opportunity to improve traffic conditions at that point without great cost to the city. Since the erection of the elevated railway station at this corner, pedestrian traffic was greatly impeded because of the stairways leading to the station being placed in the sidewalks. On Washington street, at the north-easterly corner of Dover street, the sidewalk between the elevated stairway and the buildings was but four feet wide. It is a busy corner, and the pedestrians are many, so that upon receipt of information that the old buildings on two corners were to be demolished a taking of a strip of land about five feet wide was authorized, thus giving ample sidewalk room, and this improvement was made at a cost of less than \$35,000, which would probably have cost double this amount if building damages had to be paid for in addition to what was paid for the land.

An improvement of a like nature was made on Kneeland street, advantage being taken of the removal of buildings to make the street 50 feet wide, between Harrison avenue and Tyler street, where it was but 40 feet wide. This territory is rapidly changing from dwellings to wholesale business buildings, and a street 40 feet wide is too narrow for the increasing traffic, and in addition this widening helps to make the street of a uniform width, it being 50 feet for the greater part.

This, you will appreciate, is piece-meal development, which is subject to criticism, but it would, however, have been official shortsightedness to allow new buildings to be erected on the old lines of these streets, thus retarding for an indefinite period the making of these very necessary improvements.

For the next year, the Board of Street Commissioners could very well suggest street improvements which would cost many millions of dollars; it recognizes, however, the financial limitations of the city, and the need of improvements other than street widenings and extensions. The Board has before it now, in one form or another, suggestions for street improvements which will cost not less than twenty million dollars, some of which would doubtless help greatly in real estate development

and in the extension of the retail shopping district, while others would give relief to teaming and general traffic, but many of these suggested improvements are of so costly a nature that they will hardly ever be made within the city's debt limit.

Having in mind, however, what may be allowed in the form of a loan within the debt limit, the Board is of the opinion that the balance needed for the completion of the widening of Chelsea street, Charlestown, namely, \$350,000, might be provided, in part, at least.

The completion of the widening of Chauncey street should be undertaken this year as the Board knows of no street improvement which will give quicker returns in increased taxable values. At Summer and Bedford streets, Chauncey street is 50 feet wide, while midway between these points the street is but 40 feet wide, and with the cutting off of the projecting buildings and the making of the street of a uniform width of 50 feet, between Summer and Bedford streets, a new retail district is bound to develop. This desirable end will be aided greatly by the fact that the Summer street-Andrew square subway will have a station in Chauncey street. The completion of this improvement, it is estimated, would cost about \$150,000.

North Beacon street, Brighton, has been widened from Cambridge to Market street, and the remainder should be completed as soon as possible. The necessity, however, for a new railroad bridge in connection with this improvement will make the cost of this widening considerable—about \$250,000.

Another suggested Brighton improvement, one which would give satisfaction to a considerable number of people, and which would aid in the development of a large territory, adapted to residential purposes, is the widening of Faneuil street. Some land for this widening has already been pledged without cost to the city. The section of Brighton through which this street passes is in need of better transportation facilities, which can only be obtained by the widening of this street, the estimated cost of which is \$250,000.

A considerable section of Dorchester is demanding the extension of Morton street to Pierce square, and this improvement would greatly help traffic to and from the South Shore, especially the summer traffic, transferring it from the small residential streets where it is an annoyance and danger to children, and this extension would, it is believed, give an impetus to real estate development in a section now hemmed in. This improvement, however, would cost about \$150,000.

The total estimated cost of these improvements is \$1,250,000. During the past three years this department has had \$800,000 a year for highway improvements—the most liberal allowance, within the debt limit, in many years. If a similar amount is allowed this year, Chauncey street could be completed, a further widening of Chelsea and North Beacon streets could be made, and a beginning might be made on other streets; again, this is piecemeal development, for which we may be open to criticism, but in view of the city's financial limitations it seems the only course possible.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Despite the opinion prevailing in many circles that the building laws have been too rigidly enforced, the fact remains that applications for permits to construct and alter first, second and third class buildings are in excess of any year in the history of the city, and the total amount of building operations during the past year is in excess of \$34,000,000.

The year that has closed has been notable in that there has been no cessation in activity in the matter of enforcement of regulations with reference to the removal of structures constituting a menace to public safety, and during the year 633 of these structures have been razed, or a total since September, 1914, of 1,800 buildings. The removal of these structures, unsightly and an injury to adjoining realty as well as a health and fire menace, cannot be measured in dollars, yet the estimated value, even in their dilapidated condition, was in excess of \$211,000, and all have been removed at an expense to the city of less than \$500.

In the opinion of the Building Commissioner, the most necessary work confronting the city at the present time is the enactment of a bill, at present pending before the Legislature, creating an area within which no building shall be erected or alterations made in excess of 25 per cent, unless the building be of first-class construction. The



importance of this law is best appreciated when we realize that no first-class construction area at present exists in Boston, and that the possibility of conflagration must continue, because of the excessive number of second-class construction buildings in the business district, until such time as a first-class construction area has been established.

The increase in the number of accidents and deaths in connection with elevator operation and use has been such as to render necessary a larger elevator inspection force, and I have requested the Building Commissioner to include in the budget for his department a sum sufficient to provide such additional elevator inspectors as may be required.

The value of a rigid system of examination in connection with building construction is proven by the fact that, during 1916, not one building collapsed while in the course of erection throughout the city.

The installation of automatic sprinklers has progressed during the year, considering the extreme advance in the price of material, in a most satisfactory manner, the installations in 1916 being 150 per cent greater than in 1915, the total number of buildings equipped being 261, and the estimated cost of the work performed being \$540,000.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The most important work accomplished during 1916 in the Public Works Department has unquestionably been the adoption of definite types of paving in highway construction. It appears incredible, but it is nevertheless true, that until 1916 a definite program on street construction had never been determined upon, with the result that public confidence in the capacity of the Paving Division of the Public Works Department had been so shattered as to render it impossible to secure the necessary appropriations with which to make the streets suitable for public travel.

A conference of experts, consisting of the leading authorities of Massachusetts in the matter of street construction, met and determined on various types of permanent paving and the program as recommended by them has been pursued with the result that plans have been formulated which, if adhered to, will ultimately result in making the streets of our city as attractive as those to be found in any of the older cities of America.

It will be necessary, however, to reduce the unit quantities of work so that they shall not exceed \$100,000, stipulating in the contracts completion within sixty days; otherwise, we shall be confronted with a condition in future years similar to that which has obtained in the last year, in which the amount of unfinished work at the end of the season exceeded the amount that had been finished during the season.

The trucking of railroad and steamship freight represents about 85 per cent of the total teaming traffic, and it is reasonable to assume that, until such time as a belt line terminal has been established between the two railroad lines, this will continue. Under the circumstances, as pointed out above, it is important that all thoroughfares between the two railroad stations, North and South, be constructed with a durable, sanitary surface, with concrete base, and that permanent construction continue from the center established in 1916.

The importance of consolidating the at present divided activities of the Public Works Department, with a view to the reduction of overhead charges in supervision and maintenance, has received earnest consideration during the past year and the recommendations now under consideration, as a result of the investigations of the engineering force, when adopted, should represent a considerable saving to the city.

The extent and area of macadam and telford roadways is so great, being approximately 393 miles, as to make it extremely desirable to adopt the least expensive of durable, sanitary paving, and, with this object in view, during the year 1916, extensive experimental work has been conducted in the construction of concrete roadways with such satisfactory results as to justify a continuance.

The importance of an adequate water supply is so vital as to justify a report of work accomplished during the past year in providing added protection to all sections of the city.

The extension of the water mains in the various districts due to street development and building operations called for the laying of:

6,800 feet of 8 to 16 inch pipe, inclusive, city proper.  
 5,600 feet of 8 to 12 inch pipe, inclusive, Roxbury.  
 21,800 feet of 8 to 12 inch pipe, inclusive, Dorchester.  
 20,700 feet of 8 to 12 inch pipe, inclusive, West Roxbury.  
 5,700 feet of 8 to 12 inch pipe, inclusive, Hyde Park.  
 7,000 feet of 8 to 12 inch pipe, inclusive, Brighton.  
 1,400 feet of 8 to 12 inch pipe, inclusive, South Boston.  
 1,150 feet of 8 to 12 inch pipe, inclusive, East Boston.  
 70,150 feet or 13.3 miles of pipe extension.

The 6,800 linear feet of pipe laid in the city proper was occasioned by the necessity of supplying the fire pipes now being generally installed with a high service supply wherever possible in order to furnish adequate protection. On the 13.3 miles of pipe laid there have been installed 168 hydrants for fire protection. To improve and strengthen the fire protection in various districts 5,000 feet of 6-inch pipe have been replaced with 10-inch and 12-inch sizes in West Roxbury; 2,300 feet of 6-inch pipe have been replaced with 8-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch pipes in Roxbury; 1,000 feet of 6-inch pipe have been replaced with 10-inch and 12-inch pipe in the city proper, and 1,000 feet of 6-inch pipe have been replaced with 8-inch and 10-inch pipe in Dorchester. To improve the supply in the Jeffries Point section of East Boston, 3,660 linear feet of 24-inch pipe were laid from the end of the existing 24-inch pipe in Chelsea at Brooks street, through Chelsea street, Porter street and Cottage street to a point connecting with the present 12-inch pipe in Maverick street. It is the intention to continue this pipe line to Marginal street in order to furnish an adequate fire protection to the valuable property along the waterfront, namely, the Boston & Albany terminal docks, Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad property, dry docks, etc.

The most dangerous situation as to the number of supply mains is the high service territory in the business district which is practically dependent upon one 42-inch high service main in Huntington avenue and Boston Common. While it is true that there is a 20-inch high service main in Huntington avenue in addition to the 42-inch high service main and one 20-inch high service main in Columbus avenue, the combined capacity of both at the present time is not sufficient to properly supply and maintain the pressure in the high service district in case the 42-inch high service main is out of service. To remedy this condition and furnish a second adequate supply to the high service system in the business district, during the year 1914-15 a 30-inch high service main was laid from the 36-inch high service main in Heath street, through Columbus avenue, Worcester street, Washington street, Perry street and Harrison avenue to Dover street. A contract was awarded during the year to continue this 30-inch pipe line through Harrison avenue, Curve street, Hudson and Kneeland streets to the South Station. At date, 2,600 linear feet of 30-inch pipe have been laid and the remaining 1,000 feet on Harrison avenue, between Broadway and Dover street, to complete this pipe line will be finished early in the year 1917.

In the laying of the two high service pipe lines, branches have been set in same at various locations to furnish an adequate high service fire protection to the lumber district in the South End and the City Hospital.

In addition to this work the department force has relocated and regulated practically 5,000 feet of pipe from 6-inch to 30-inch in diameter in South Boston, due to subway operations.

During the year the endeavor has been to care for all applications for main pipe laying immediately upon receipt of same, and by handling the main pipe petitions in thirty-five contracts, awarded at various times during the past year, every applicant for a service pipe that required a main pipe extension has been taken care of.

The number of service pipes laid during the year was 1,639, of which 255 4-inch pipes were for sprinkler protection.

The completion of the 30-inch pipe line in Harrison avenue in the spring will finish all the more important main pipe work contemplated with the exception of connecting the 20-inch high service pipe in Codman street, between Dorchester avenue and Adams street, and the laying of a 30-inch high service main through Roxbury, connecting the 48-

inch metropolitan high service main in Perkins street with the 42-inch high service main in Huntington avenue.

During the year 1917, in addition to the pipe extension, it is intended to relay at least five miles of 6-inch pipe with 10-inch and 12-inch sizes to improve the fire protection. Owing to the great number of wooden frame houses in various sections of Roxbury and Dorchester, there are places where the water supply should be improved. To keep step with the fire protection demands due to building operations, five miles of relaying with enlarged sizes is the minimum length yearly that should be done.

The development of suburban property will call for the installation of 200 hydrants on existing mains where, at the present time, hydrants are spaced more than 300 feet apart. The installation of these hydrants will allow the Fire Department to work to greater advantage due to the larger number of hydrants and shorter lines of hose.

The rebuilding of the Neponset River Bridge during the year by the Metropolitan Park Commission will necessitate the laying of a 16-inch main on this bridge crossing the channels by means of a siphon pipe under the channel.

Boston has long enjoyed the reputation of being the best lighted city in America and, with a desire that this record be maintained, boulevard lamps have been installed on Canal street and at City square, Charlestown, during the year.

During 1917 provision has been made for the location of 43 boulevard lamps on Meridian street, East Boston; 47 boulevard lamps on Columbia road, and 35 boulevard lamps on Hanover street, which, in addition to providing increased illumination on these thoroughfares, should prove a material aid to business.

During the year 1916 the Street Cleaning Division has successfully adopted the flushing of streets with a view to the more complete removal of accumulations, and the results have proven so satisfactory as to warrant general adoption during the year 1917.

The thanks of the city are due the Clean-up Committee of Boston and the Press for the splendid cooperation extended in the work of keeping free from litter all public thoroughfares. It will be necessary, however, to adopt a more stringent policy during the present year in order that the public may be induced to exercise greater care in the matter of littering the highways and, with a view to enforcing reasonable consideration for the appearance of the city, a bill has been introduced making it a criminal offence to distribute newspapers or rubbish upon public thoroughfares.

The abandonment of the Chelsea Ferry will, in all probability, result in increased use by vehicles of the East Boston Ferry, and I commend to your consideration, at an early date, the advisability of an appropriation sufficient to provide a ferry-boat to replace the "D. D. Kelley," which has been in use for thirty-eight years and is today unsuitable for the heavy traffic it is obliged to accommodate.

The Summer Street Bridge disaster has rendered necessary increased expenditures in the Bridge and Ferry Service for public protection, and fortunately these have largely been met from existing appropriations.

The health of the city is best protected through an adequate sewerage system and the work of the Sewer Division has been conducted on such an extensive scale during 1916 as to justify a statement covering the same:

#### South Boston.

Preparations of plans for awarding the contract for sewer overflows in connection with the Strandway improvement.

New system of sanitary and storm sewers in Dorchester avenue, from Broadway to Andrew square, in connection with the Dorchester Tunnel.

Extension of the D street overflow and the B and Seventh streets overflow into Fort Point channel on account of improvements contemplated by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

#### Roxbury.

New sewers in Amory street, Tremont entrance, Alley 914 and Gainsborough street, Brookline avenue, from Jersey street to Audubon road, and Burlington avenue, built for the rapid development of the automobile business in this vicinity.

New tide-gate chamber on Muddy river conduit in Deerfield street for the protection and rectification of the sewerage system in this part of the Back Bay.

#### City Proper.

New system of sewers to replace the old wooden sewers have been built in Albany street, from Kneeland street to Northampton street, Canal street, Sudbury street, Cross street, Fulton street, Barrett street, Clinton street and Harrison avenue.

New tide-gate chamber with overflow at Albany and East Dedham streets for the protection of the South End district.

#### West Roxbury.

The main channel of Stony brook has been completed to a point about 100 feet beyond Washington street, near Franklin place.

Surface drainage system completed in the Perham street, Dent street and Temple street districts.

A start has also been made on the main channel of the Rosindale brook, from Anawan avenue to Centre street.

#### Brighton.

Telford street outlet completed and plans made for the awarding of contract in North Beacon street.

#### East Boston.

Frankfort street and Neptune road laid out and completed.

#### Dorchester.

Main channel of Davenport brook completed from Codman street to Washington street to relieve the flooding conditions from Dorchester avenue to Morton street.

Main channel of Dorchester brook sewer rebuilt and extended from Brookfield street to Quincy street.

Coleman street brook built through Bowdoin street, Hendry street and Coleman street, from Hancock to Quincy street, to abate the floodings frequent in this territory.

New England avenue and Bernard street, from Talbot avenue to Norfolk street, main line surface drain built to relieve flooding under the railroad bridge at Woodrow avenue.

#### Hyde Park.

New sewers built in Water street and Glenwood avenue, and plans prepared for the rebuilding of the Business street and Barry street surface drain, from Mother brook to Cleveland street, to relieve the extensive flooding in this territory.

#### Calf Pasture Pumping Station.

Extensive improvements have been made, inside and outside, at this station, with the object of bringing it up to the highest point of efficiency, the principal improvements being the cleaning out of the deposit sewers, the design of new valves for the reciprocating pumps, a thorough overhauling of all the auxiliaries in the steam plant, and a consistent effort made to reduce the coal consumption.

During the coming year, it is the purpose of this service to clean out nearly every one of the 14,500 catch-basins in the entire city and flush them with fresh water as soon as this cleaning is done. It is also the intention to clean every sewer in the older part of the city and by additional flushing place these sewers in a proper sanitary condition. It is also the intention to build sanitary sewers in every street in which petitioners have requested the same, and, if possible, to have every house connected with a sanitary sewerage system.

An effort is to be made to rebuild many of the old wooden sewers in the older part of the city and replace them with modern reinforced concrete sewers. A start will also be made on the covering in of several of the important brook channels, such as the Rosindale main brook, Shepard brook in Brighton, Business and Barry streets, Hyde Park, and Oakland brook, Dorchester.

#### Passenger Transportation Problem.

The passenger transportation problem which has been the subject for discussion and the quality of which has been subject to criticism and condemnation for many years despite new and capable management does not improve to the extent that the public desires.

If the present financial condition in which the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Com-



pany, the Bay State Street Railway Company and the Boston Elevated Railway Company find themselves, represented isolated rather than general cases, it might be reasonable to assume that their condition was the result of corruption and inefficiency, but it is impossible to make this direct charge against these three systems without indicting the officials of nearly every steam and street railroad corporation in the United States. The railroads, street and steam, to a large degree have consciously or otherwise become vast owners of real estate, a majority of which does not net sufficient return to pay the taxes levied thereon by the cities and towns where the roads operate, and this condition calls for immediate remedy. However, to compel a sacrifice sale would prove disastrous, yet nevertheless, the gradual disposal — and that as speedily as possible — of this excess realty should be demanded by the Public Service Commission.

The increase in the cost of all materials required in railroading, including wages and taxation, during the past twenty years has been tremendous, while freight and passenger charges have not changed materially.

The problem of better street railway passenger transportation has become so acute, owing to the overcrowding of cars to the point of immorality, that a special commission appointed by his Excellency the Governor has been considering the subject during the past year. I appeared as Mayor of the city before that special commission in opposition to special taxation, namely, a 6-cent fare. Rapid transit, in which the City of Boston today has an investment of \$33,750,700, of which \$9,037,000 has been made available during my three years of service as Mayor, has been as beneficial to those who do not use the street railway cars as it has been to those who do use them, and it would be eminently unfair to require that the entire burden of relief be borne by the car riders alone. At the hearing before the special commission considering the transportation question, I made the following statements:

"The community cannot, without blinding itself to its own interests in progressive community effort, accept the present stage of tunnel and subway construction as the final one. We cannot stand still; either in justice to ourselves or to posterity. We must go forward in the execution of any well conceived plan which will bring more quickly the laborer to his factory, the business man to his store, the professional man to his office, and bring them back more quickly to their homes than is possible now under existing means of transportation. By such efforts we can improve our business, develop our waste spaces, increase our taxable values, augment the public revenues, add to the comfort of the people, and knit the various parts of this community into a more compact social and industrial organization.

"If you find that the company must be helped in order to execute a program of such benefit to the public, you must determine the way in which aid shall be given. If it is granted through legislative action, it is the public which must in the last analysis furnish it. The company can give the public nothing except what the public pays for. It has not inherited wealth and no endowment. The public must furnish the money for the stock and bonds issued by the company and the public must furnish the operating revenue of the company through the fares for transportation. Whether the public shall hereafter give more revenue to the company in the form of increased fares or the public permits the company to increase its net operating revenue by retaining a larger portion of such revenue through the medium of reduced taxes, the gain to the company in either case must be at the expense of the public."

I appreciate that considerable time may elapse before the recommendations of the special commission are accepted and adopted, and pending their acceptance and adoption it is my purpose to submit to your honorable body a resolution which I trust you will support which may furnish some small measure of relief to a long-suffering public.

The resolution I propose is addressed to the Public Service Commission demanding that the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company be required to establish at once fifteen-minute passenger service on the Shawmut Branch and

Midland Division, in order that the great Dorchester section, which suffers most and has endured longest, receive relief; also that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be required to provide additional car service on all surface lines.

I realize that the adoption of these recommendations, palliatives as they are, does not meet the situation, but I nevertheless believe that the answer may be from the railroads that they cannot be complied with because of lack of funds. In that alternative, there remains apparently but one course open: The street and steam railroad companies operating through Boston derive their right to conduct business from a charter granted to them by the state, and either the roads must supply adequate passenger transportation themselves, or it becomes the duty of the state to take over the ownership and operation of the street and steam railroads in the state.

FINANCES.

During the past three years large sums have been expended for municipal improvements, and loans authorized but not issued represent today \$1,189,000 as against loans authorized but not issued January 31, 1914, of \$3,774,500, yet, despite this extraordinary reduction in authorized loans, the net city debt during the past year shows an actual decrease of \$803,467.71.

The net debt, namely, city debt, county debt and water debt, discloses a more extraordinary condition when we consider the abnormal state of public affairs during the past three years. Despite increased demands for charities, hospitals and correctional institutions during the three years I have served as Mayor, the net city debt has been reduced \$1,496,553.50; the net county debt has been reduced \$375,227, and the net water debt has been reduced \$148,186.58, or a total reduction in the net debt of the city of \$2,019,967.08 during the past three years.

In considering the net debt situation from the per capita standpoint as of January 31, 1907, and January 31, 1917, and the population as set forth in the census of 1905 and 1915, respectively, our financial progress is sound and in the right direction.

	1907.	1917.
Net City Debt.....	\$91 89	\$71 38
Net debt of all kinds, exclusive of Rapid Transit Debt.	97 33	74 28

One of the most notable reforms adopted during the financial year that has terminated was the enactment of a bill requiring the discontinuance of the practice of borrowing large sums annually for the purchase of land and the erection of school buildings.

This expenditure was never justifiable and should have been provided for from the tax levy and not from bonds, the principal and interest charges on which succeeding generations would be required to pay. This departure in the financing of our educational system marks a new epoch in the history of sound city finance, the result of which must prove a blessing to posterity.

The tax rate in 1916 was reduced from \$18 to \$17.80 per thousand, or a rate lower than that of any large city in the state, with the exception of Springfield, whose rate is equal, an accomplishment which, in view of public demands for larger and more extended municipal service, is most gratifying; and despite the decrease in the tax rate, the estimated debt incurring power for the present year is \$3,447,401.49.

The last, and, to every citizen interested in the welfare of the municipality, the most pleasing and important announcement of this somewhat lengthy document is the fact that the unappropriated cash in the treasury on January 31, 1917, was \$1,182,721.61, notwithstanding the fact that my first year of service, despite extraordinary efforts, terminated with a deficit of \$69,664.79.

Following are appendices to the address:



## APPENDICES.

## DEBT INCURRING POWER IN 1917.

Total debt incurring power within the debt limit (2½ per cent of \$1,568,290,365, the average assessed valuation for three years, less abatements).....		\$39,207,259 12
Less by chapter 267, Special Acts 1916.....		500,000 00
		<u>\$38,707,259 12</u>
Debts incurred:		
Total funded debt, city and county.....	\$128,438,881 02	
Funded debts outside the debt limit (debts exempted from the operation of the law limiting municipal indebtedness):		
City debt.....	\$38,270,800 00	
Water debt.....	2,147,450 00	
County debt.....	3,363,000 02	
Rapid Transit debt.....	33,708,700 00	
	<u>77,489,950 02</u>	
Funded debt within the debt limit.....	\$50,948,931 00	
Offsets to funded debt:		
Sinking funds.....	\$42,143,837 16	
Less sinking funds for debts outside the debt limit:		
City sinking funds.....	\$19,560,714 95	
Water sinking fund.....	1,763,450 00	
County sinking fund.....	1,952,055 91	
Rapid Transit sinking funds.....	4,539,466 23	
	<u>27,815,687 09</u>	
Sinking funds for debt within the debt limit.....	\$14,328,150 07	
Premium on loans within the debt limit.....	24,779 30	
	<u>14,352,929 37</u>	
Offsets to funded debt within the debt limit.....		14,352,929 37
Net indebtedness within the debt limit, January 31, 1917.....	\$36,596,001 63	
Loans authorized but not issued (within the debt limit).....	963,000 00	
	<u>37,559,001 63</u>	
Used debt incurring power within the debt limit.....		37,559,001 63
Unused debt incurring power within the debt limit.....		\$1,148,257 49
Estimated increase during year by:		
Interest on sinking fund investments.....	\$489,613 00	
Appropriations for sinking funds for debt within the debt limit.....	748,981 00	
Serial bonds redeemable from taxes.....	1,060,550 00	
	<u>2,299,144 00</u>	
Estimated amount of indebtedness that may legally be incurred within the debt limit during the municipal year.....		<u>\$3,447,401 49</u>

## CITY AND COUNTY FUNDED DEBT.

Gross funded debt January 31, 1916.....		\$127,394,697 68
Add funded debt issued in 1916-17:		
City debt.....	\$3,958,250 00	
County debt.....	41,500 00	
Rapid Transit debt.....	1,808,000 00	
	<u>5,807,750 00</u>	
		\$133,202,447 68
Deduct funded debt paid in 1916-17:		
City debt.....	\$4,548,850 00	
Hyde Park debt.....	23,550 00	
County debt.....	37,666 66	
Coehituate water debt.....	131,500 00	
Hyde Park water debt.....	16,000 00	
Rapid Transit debt.....	6,000 00	
	<u>4,763,566 66</u>	
Gross funded debt January 31, 1917.....		*\$128,438,881 02
Sinking funds January 31, 1916.....	\$41,773,295 36	
Receipts during 1916-17.....	4,050,625 65	
	<u>\$45,823,921 01</u>	
Payments during 1916-17.....	3,680,083 85	
	<u>\$42,143,837 16</u>	
Betterments, etc., the payments of which are pledged to the payment of debt:		
Betterments, etc.....	\$1,074,096 84	
Blue Hill and other avenues, assessments.....	65,607 93	
Highways, Making of, assessments.....	587,365 65	
	<u>\$1,727,070 42</u>	
Premium on loans.....	24,779 30	
	<u>1,751,849 72</u>	
Total redemption means January 31, 1917.....		43,895,686 88
Net funded debt, January 31, 1917.....		<u>\$84,543,194 14</u>

\* Includes \$442,000.02 issued by the Commonwealth under chapter 534 of the Acts of 1906.

	Gross Debt.	Sinking Funds, etc.	Net Debt.
City debt.....	\$88,855,231 00	\$35,640,714 74	\$53,214,516 26
County debt.....	* 3,727,500 02	1,952,055 91	1,775,444 11
Water debt.....	2,147,450 00	1,763,450 00	384,000 00
	\$94,730,181 02	\$39,356,220 65	\$55,373,960 37
Rapid Transit debt.....	33,708,700 00	4,539,466 23	29,169,233 77
	<u>\$128,438,881 02</u>	<u>\$43,895,686 88</u>	<u>\$84,543,194 14</u>

GROSS FUNDED DEBT.

	City Debt.	County Debt.	Water Debt.	Rapid Transit Debt.	Total.
January 31, 1917.....	\$88,855,231 00	\$3,727,500 02	\$2,147,450 00	\$33,708,700 00	\$128,438,881 02
January 31, 1916.....	89,469,381 00	3,723,666 68	2,294,950 00	31,906,700 00	127,394,697 68
Increase.....	* \$614,150 00	\$3,833 34	* \$147,500 00	\$1,802,000 00	\$1,044,183 34

\* Decrease.

NET FUNDED DEBT.

	City Debt.	County Debt.	Water Debt.	Rapid Transit Debt.	Total.
January 31, 1917.....	\$53,214,516 26	\$1,775,444 11	\$384,000 00	\$29,169,233 77	\$84,543,194 14
January 31, 1916.....	54,017,983 97	1,876,780 83	400,000 00	28,127,713 83	84,422,478 63
Increase.....	* \$803,467 71	* \$101,336 72	* \$16,000 00	\$1,041,519 94	\$120,715 51

\* Decrease.

GROSS FUNDED DEBT.

January 31, 1917, Compared with January 31, 1914.

	City Debt.	County Debt.	Water Debt.	Rapid Transit Debt.	Total.
January 31, 1917.....	\$88,855,231 00	\$3,727,500 02	\$2,147,450 00	\$33,708,700 00	\$128,438,881 02
January 31, 1914.....	89,553,431 00	3,799,000 01	2,486,450 00	24,686,700 00	120,525,581 01
Increase.....	* \$698,200 00	* \$71,499 99	* \$339,000 00	\$9,022,000 00	\$7,913,300 01

\* Decrease.

NET FUNDED DEBT.

January 31, 1917, Compared with January 31, 1914.

	City Debt.	County Debt.	Water Debt.	Rapid Transit Debt.	Total.
January 31, 1917.....	\$53,214,516 26	\$1,775,444 11	\$384,000 00	\$29,169,233 77	\$84,543,194 14
January 31, 1914.....	54,711,069 76	2,150,671 11	532,186 58	21,567,442 76	78,961,370 21
Increase.....	* \$1,496,553 50	* \$375,227 00	* \$148,186 58	\$7,601,791 01	\$5,581,823 93

\* Decrease.

LOANS AUTHORIZED, BUT NOT ISSUED.

January 31, 1914.....	\$3,774,500 00
January 31, 1917.....	1,189,000 00
Decrease.....	<u>\$2,585,500 00</u>

## LOANS AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED.

January 31, 1905.....	\$1,840,300 00
January 31, 1906.....	2,122,000 00
January 31, 1907.....	1,618,000 00
January 31, 1908.....	2,154,500 00
January 31, 1909.....	2,405,000 00
January 31, 1910.....	1,924,000 00
January 31, 1911.....	1,076,000 00
January 31, 1912.....	2,431,500 00
January 31, 1913.....	2,926,000 00
January 31, 1914.....	3,774,500 00
January 31, 1915.....	2,232,500 00
January 31, 1916.....	2,054,500 00
January 31, 1917.....	1,189,000 00

The reading of the address, which terminated at 12.39 p. m., was greeted with applause, after which Mayor Curley and suite retired from the chamber.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, again assumed the chair.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—The Council of 1917 will come to order and the Clerk will call the roll to ascertain the attendance of a quorum.

The Clerk called the roll, and all the members were found to be present, as follows:

For term ending February, 1918, Walter Ballantyne, Henry E. Hagan, Alfred E. Wellington.

For term ending February, 1919, John J. Attridge, Walter L. Collins, James J. Storrow.

For term ending February, 1920, Francis J. W. Ford, Daniel J. McDonald, James A. Watson.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the Council proceed to the election of a president for the ensuing year, according to law.

Passed.

The Clerk called the roll and each member announced aloud his choice for president of the ensuing year, with the following result:

For James J. Storrow—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, Collins, Ford, Hagan and Wellington—6.

For James A. Watson—Coun. McDonald—1.

For Walter Ballantyne—Coun. Watson—1.

Coun. James J. Storrow was declared elected President of the Council for the year 1917, and Chairman Ballantyne appointed as a committee to escort the President-elect to the chair Coun. Collins and Hagan. The councilors performed the duty assigned, and upon the presentation of the President-elect Chairman BALLANTYNE said:

Mr. President, I present you with the emblem of your authority, and I wish for you a very pleasant and happy year in your administration (handing to President Storrow the gavel).

President STORROW—The Council will please come to order. May I ask your indulgence for a moment to thank you for the very high honor which has just been accorded me. I shall do my best to serve you faithfully.

## ELECTION OF CITY CLERK.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Council proceed to the election, according to law, of a city clerk to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is duly chosen and qualified.

The order was passed, the roll was called, and the members voted unanimously for James Donovan for City Clerk for the term of three years, and Mr. Donovan was declared elected City Clerk for the period of three years.

## QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

President STORROW—Coun. Watson.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, my question of personal privilege is that a certain Boston newspaper has, by insinuation to say the least, referred to me in a manner that I cannot and will not allow to pass without personally commenting upon it. It is my desire and intention to pass my term of office here in this body pleasantly, if possible. I shall try not to bring down upon me the wrath of my fellow members, the Press or any person unless my manhood and self-respect demands it, and then I shall invite attack from whatever quarter it may come and will defend

myself. It has been my desire and intention to do as I have just suggested, but I will frankly admit that it has been somewhat shaken by events of recent date because of reference that has been made to me by the sheriff of this county in the public Press. I may comment upon this matter at a later date provided it turns out that the reference I have in mind was correct. Even then I may pass it by in view of the opinion that seems to be universal that the man is not responsible for his acts. My chief complaint today is against certain notices that have appeared in the Boston Journal and other papers, particularly the issue of the Boston Journal of February 2, 1917, an editorial. I shall not use the name of any man but there will be no doubt as to who I mean, I assure you. I shall be very specific. I appreciate that this method of starting the fiscal year is unusual, but I have a habit of doing things as I see them or at a time and in a way that will best suit my purpose. The article that I refer to appeared in the Boston Journal on the editorial page on February 2, 1917, and is as follows:

"The City Council suffers a severe loss today through the voluntary retirement from office of three men of a type that no municipal government can spare.

"Thomas J. Kenny and George W. Coleman are well known figures in public life, and no hint of a discreditable action has ever been circulated, even by their enemies, in their years of civic service and sacrifice. The third man, Geoffrey H. Lehy, is little known to the electorate, having been chosen to fill temporarily the seat left vacant by the death of Councilman John A. Coughlurst. Lehy is the type of reformer who works for economic results for the community rather than for his own political aggrandizement as a mortal destined by fate to rescue an oppressed public from the grafting gang.

"Why are these three men, one third of the entire City Council, returning to private life at this crisis in municipal finance? Their retirement was voluntary and against the pleas of their reform associates, who appreciated the death of really big men willing to undergo a political campaign. Why are all three so insistent upon getting out of the Council and terminating their valuable services? Their explanations are diverse, almost as diverse as the explanations of their friends and enemies. Ambitions to be mayor, fear of defeat in a council campaign, dislike of the mud that the gang element frequently hurls on the eve of an election, desire to return to business and intention of taking a much needed vacation—these are but a few of the reasons offered.

"Our personal opinion is that the cause is much more simple. There has been too much talk, too much wasted time, too much extraneous debate, and too much endeavor to settle problems that are not meant by the charter for councilmanic deliberation.

"And, much as we dislike to say it, we fear that the fiscal year starting next Monday will be even worse than the talky year that has passed, as the chief offenders are still in the Council and at least one that will be worse is to add his strong voice and feeble ideas."

I have no desire to criticize the entire editorial as the first part of it does not concern me, but I do take exception to the last paragraph. The writer may have had Mr. Ford, Mr. McDonald or Mr. Wellington in mind. It may be said that it does not refer to me. It is true it does not name me. Having this in mind I shall refer to this man who wrote, and admitted to me as well as to others that he wrote the article, and shall endeavor to give him a little of his own medicine. This man and some of his associates here representing the Press love to attack and vent their spite on those they do not like and who will not pay the price, and who get the price from others to blacken the character of anyone, no matter who he is or whether



the news printed by them is truthful or not. I have repeatedly demanded of the reporters that they accord to me the same treatment that they accord to others, that they accord to those who sit in this body and in other bodies in which I have sat in the past. The fact that I am not a college graduate and that I am not of the wealthy class is not a good reason why I should not be treated the same as any other public servant. I made this statement recently, and I again make the demand more strongly. This treatment I expect and nothing more will I accept. The man who wrote the article I am now talking about writes under the nom de plume of "A City Hall Reporter to his Predecessor." This man has written much about me and I have passed it by without comment of import, although it has grieved those who are as dear to me as are those who make up the household of this man are dear to him. I would pass this article by if it was not because of the feeling that exists among my immediate family and close friends and who demand that I publicly reply to this particular article. This individual writes both editorially and news page items. It comes with mighty poor grace from this man to refer to me in the manner he has, when it is a fact that the limit of his civic interest in his home city has been to pay a poll tax perhaps. He has not, according to his own statement made to me and others, voted for many years and, unless he did so this year, has never thought enough about his civic duties to have his name placed upon the voting list. He is a fine character to criticize public officials and comment unfavorably on the honest endeavors of others. I cannot help at this time commenting upon the publisher of this paper for which this civic virgin works. The manager of the Boston Journal recently signed a report (I think he was chairman of the commission) that has for its purpose practically placing under the charge of the state the Boston Police Department, which has for many years been ably managed by Commissioner Stephen O'Meara. This is the element plus the Good Government Association and rich grafters that wants to manage the city government of Boston by proxy. Now, Mr. President, I have had my say. I suggest that from now on the harping critics who are continually crying "stop thief" when they are discussing public men and questions first remove the mote from their own eyes. When this is done the city and its inhabitants will be better off. I was selected as a member of this body by the votes of 35,343 freemen of this city, Republicans, Democrats, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant. I was not supported by the bosses, either reform or otherwise. I was opposed by the united Press. I shall do my duty as I see it. I shall be responsible to the voters at all times. I shall pray God to guide me in my efforts. I shall be the servant of all the people, independent of the fact whether they voted for me or not. Mr. President, I thank you and the members of this body for your indulgence at this time. (Applause.)

ADOPTION OF RULES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the Rules of the City Council of 1916 be hereby adopted as the Rules of the City Council of 1917, with the amendment that the time of meeting as set forth in Rule 1 be fixed at two o'clock p. m. instead of three o'clock p. m.  
Passed.

EAST BOSTON TUNNEL PAYMENTS.

The following was received:  
City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, February 5, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I beg to inclose communication and order which under the law must be acted upon today in order that the system adopted last year of discontinuing the collection of tolls in connection with the East Boston Tunnel be maintained. I beg to direct your attention to the fact that unless this order is adopted today it will be necessary to resume the collection of tolls.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds,  
February 1, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Sir,—Inclosed you will please find copy of vote passed by this Board, December 27, 1916, stating that it will be necessary to appropriate \$68,464 from the tax levy in the year 1917 to meet the amount of the interest and Sinking Fund requirements on the East Boston Tunnel Debt not provided for by the rental received for use of the tunnel.

This sum is arrived at as follows:

Sinking Fund requirement.....	\$24,867
Interest:	
3% bonds, \$450,000.....	\$13,500
3½% bonds, \$2,743,000.....	96,005
4% bonds, \$75,000.....	3,000
	112,505
	\$137,372
Less amount of rental for 1916.....	68,908
Amount to be appropriated from taxes....	\$68,464

Very truly,  
J. ALFRED MITCHELL,  
Secretary.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds,  
December 27, 1916.

Voted, To notify his Honor the Mayor that, in accordance with chapter 184 of the Special Acts of 1915 as amended by chapter 324 of the Special Acts of 1915, the sum necessary to be appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1917, which, together with the rental received from the Boston Elevated Railroad Company for the lease of the East Boston Tunnel, will be sufficient to meet the annual interest and sinking fund requirements of the bonds issued to pay for the construction of said tunnel, is \$68,464.

A true copy.  
Attest:  
J. ALFRED MITCHELL,  
Secretary.

Ordered, That to meet in part the expenses during the financial year beginning February 1, 1917, for interest and Sinking Fund requirements on the East Boston Tunnel Debt issued under authority of chapter 548, Acts of 1914, chapter 500, Acts of 1917, chapter 190, Acts of 1903, and chapter 187, Acts of 1905, the sum of \$68,464 be and hereby is appropriated and that said amount be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, this order is very plain. Inasmuch as the Mayor has said it must go on its passage today in order to do away with the payment of the tolls to East Boston during this year, I move a suspension of the rule so that that action may be taken.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed, yeas 9, nays 0.

EAST BOSTON COURT ACCOMMODATIONS.

The following was received:  
City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, February 5, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In response to a recent order of your honorable body, I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the justice of the East Boston District Court relative to additional accommodation needed by said court, which I forward for your consideration.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
East Boston District Court,  
January 17, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of the City of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In response to your communication requesting me to state what additional accommodations are needed in the East Boston District Court and my opinion as to the means of providing the same, I submit the following:

1. The main staircase should be enlarged and made straighter than it now is.

2. There should be a consultation room for attorneys at law.

3. More corridor or other room should be provided for witnesses and parties to cases.

4. The waiting room in the clerk's office should be larger.

5. The offices of the probation officers should be larger.

6. Additional toilet facilities are needed.

7. A separate detention room should be provided for female prisoners.

In my opinion all the foregoing improvements can be provided for by enlarging the building on the easterly side thereof on land already owned by the City of Boston.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH H. BARNES,  
Justice East Boston District Court.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

#### LOAN FOR ENGINE HOUSE 15.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 5, 1917.

To the City Council,

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Fire Commissioner requesting an appropriation in the sum of \$9,500 for the reconstruction of Engine House No. 15, located at Broadway and Dorchester avenue, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Headquarters Fire Department,  
January 13, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I respectfully request that the amount of nine thousand five hundred (9,500) dollars be appropriated by the City Council to complete the alterations at Engine House No. 15, Broadway and Dorchester avenue, South Boston. In connection with this request I desire to present the conditions existing at this house.

In the course of the construction of the new Dorchester Tunnel the Boston Transit Commission, under its authority, took 1,090 square feet of the basement of Engine House No. 15. This taking by the Transit Commission necessitates a rearrangement of the entire building. In the basement are the shower baths, house heating apparatus, engine heater, hose racks, coal bins, etc. Such an important change in the features of a fire station require immediate attention, and through the Law Department the matter was taken up with the Transit Commission relative to reimbursement to the City of Boston. Since last June the matter has been receiving the attention of the three departments, and all this time this department has been greatly inconvenienced owing to the conditions existing at this fire station.

I have just received a letter from the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mr. George A. Flynn, stating that the Law Department has agreed with the Transit Commission to accept the sum of \$7,500 in full settlement for damages. In addition to this the Transit Commission has constructed, at a cost of about \$1,500, a gasoline tank and coal bin under the sidewalk adjoining the premises. I believe this is a particularly advantageous settlement for the city.

The extensive changes mentioned earlier in this letter are such that they should be made at the earliest possible moment, and a great saving to the city would result if an arrangement could be made whereby the entire building might be remodeled under one contract and made fireproof so that motor-driven apparatus could be installed. The Boston Transit Commission has agreed to let a contract for all repairs and alterations desired as shown on plans drawn by Joseph McGinniss, architect, and to pay the entire cost thereof with the understanding that the city will reimburse the commission for all expenditures in excess of \$7,500, the contract to be advertised and let to the lowest bidder. The architect estimates that the amount of \$17,000 is necessary to make the changes as outlined, and I request, therefore, that \$9,500 be appropriated in order to provide the necessary funds to reimburse the Transit Commission.

I respectfully request that action in this matter be pushed forward as rapidly as possible as the changes are most urgent and necessary.

Yours very truly,

JOHN GRADY,  
Fire Commissioner.

Ordered, That the sum of \$9,500 be appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Fire Commissioner for the reconstruction of Engine House No. 15, Broadway and Dorchester avenue, South Boston, and that to meet said expenditure the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for such purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

#### TRANSFERS FOR HEALTH UNITS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 15, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication relative to the approximate cost of making such necessary changes as would be required in order to establish public health units in the building formerly occupied by Police Station 6, South Boston, and also Police Station 7, East Boston, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Public Buildings Department,  
January 6, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In reply to a communication received from Dr. F. X. Mahoney, Commissioner of Health, which was referred to me by you, having reference to the question of establishing a health unit in the old police station, East Boston, and also the old Police Station 6 in South Boston, I beg leave to say that in company with the doctor and Mr. William T. Brady, inspector in this department, I visited both buildings, and take pleasure in submitting a detailed report prepared by Inspector Brady in each instance.

You will observe that the cost in the case of the East Boston proposition is \$4,301, as estimated, and the South Boston building, \$3,982.

If this work is to be carried through to completion, an appropriation covering the above-mentioned amounts, respectively, must be provided.

Yours respectfully,

FRED J. KNEELAND,  
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

City of Boston,

Public Buildings Department,  
January 2, 1917.

Mr. Fred J. Kneeland,

Superintendent Public Buildings:

Dear Sir,—I beg to report that, pursuant to the inspection of the old police station house made by you, Doctor Mahoney and myself, I made a more careful investigation the following day (Saturday, December 29) and I find that, in order to remove the old brick walls in basement, it will require the installation of some iron beams and one iron column. I find that the partitions supporting the three floors above the basement depend entirely for their support upon those walls. As the supporting partitions are made of a truss in themselves, the loads are carried to the heels of the trusses and the reactions of the loads are met on those basement cross walls.

The removal of those walls and the placing of irons and columns to take their place can be done, but good judgment and care must be exercised in doing it. Also, the ceilings of the cells are formed of North River flagging 4 inches in thickness, built into the cell walls with a space above, and it is safe to say that there is no plastering on the ceiling where the cells occur. In view of this and the poor condition of the remaining portion of the ceilings, I have included in the estimate a sum equal to meet a new ceiling throughout the basement.

The plumbing fixtures in basement will be entirely removed and some new work installed.



The plumbing on the floors above will need some changes and overhauling.

The present heater can be used by making some repairs on it, but the piping in the basement will need some changes.

The remainder of the building is not in very bad condition, and could be renovated and repaired. The window sashes are gone in some places, and would have to be replaced by new ones, as would also some of the window cords. The front entrance doors would have to be replaced by new ones, and in a few cases some new interior doors would be necessary. The old range in the kitchen has outlived its usefulness and can be removed and an up-to-date gas heater attached to the present hot water boiler.

One chimney on the roof will have to be taken down and rebuilt.

As the changes in the building will be subject to the building laws of the Building Department, and in order to have a permit for the work granted, it will be necessary that plans be drawn showing the proposed changes.

I have included a fee for the architect's services of a sum equal to ten (10) per cent of the cost, but the fee will be so small for the amount of service to be rendered that probably you may have some difficulty in employing one, and I cannot place any prices on professional services.

The following list will show the amount of work to be done and the estimated cost of the same:

Removing brick walls, shoring and installing iron beams and columns...	\$550 00
Removing old and installing new plumbing.....	375 00
Installation of new fire escape.....	380 00
Plastering new ceiling in basement and patching throughout.....	350 00
Installing two outside and four interior doors.....	115 00
General carpentry throughout building.....	225 00
Painting basement and all floors above.....	810 00
Repairs on heater and changing pipes.....	200 00
Approximate cost of electrical work.....	200 00
Rebuilding top on one chimney.....	80 00
Changes in gas piping.....	50 00
Repairing sash, resetting glass and new window cords.....	85 00
New gas heater, attached to old boiler.....	50 00
Patch paving in yard.....	50 00
Cleaning out and carting off rubbish.....	90 00
Emergency and incidentals.....	300 00
Architect's fee, based on 10 per cent of cost.....	391 00
	<u>\$4,301 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM T. BRADY,  
Inspector.

City of Boston,  
Public Buildings Department,  
January 4, 1917.

Mr. Fred J. Kneeland,  
Superintendent of Public Buildings:

Dear Sir,—In compliance with your order I have made an inspection of the old Police Station No. 6 on Broadway, South Boston, and studied the construction of the building, preparatory to the removal of certain portions, to ascertain whether it could be done without impairing the strength of the building.

I find that the width of the building is 22 feet between the walls, and the floor beams are continuous, and that the floor timbers carry all the loads of the present partitions. The removal of the portions as contemplated would improve the strength of the floors.

As the object of the changes is to give more space and larger rooms I am well satisfied that there will be no difficulty in making them.

The sanitary condition of the building at present is not good but it could be improved by removing all of the present plumbing fixtures and installing all the plumbing in the new. The house drains, also the venting system, would need to be examined and tested out before any new plumbing could be put in.

The present boiler that serves for heating the building would need to be inspected and if it is found to be in good condition it could be put into service, but some changes in the piping system would be necessary, also a hot water boiler.

A fire escape would have to be erected on the side of the building toward the schoolhouse, as the

Building Department requires two separate exits and this building has but one.

The basement ceiling and walls would require plastering and the floor must be covered with granolithic.

The first and second stories would require some carpentry and plastering repairs to make good the ceilings, walls and floors where the partitions are to be removed.

The interior and exterior of the building would need renovating and painting. There would also be some broken glass to reset and new window cords put in.

These changes would have to meet the approval of the Building Department, which would require that plans showing the proposed changes be made before a permit could be issued for doing the work. This would require the services of an architect, and for this I have included a sum equal to 10 per cent of the cost in the estimate.

The following list shows the amount of work to be done and the estimated cost of the same:

Removal of partitions in basement and two floors, also lockers on first floor.....	\$90 00
Plumbing — installing in basement three water-closets, one lavatory sink and one clinic sink with slate partitions.....	415 00
Installing on first floor two water-closets and one lavatory sink with slate partitions.....	260 00
Installing new fire escape.....	325 00
Repairs on boiler and piping.....	200 00
Installing new copper hot water boiler.....	125 00
Electrical work.....	200 00
Repairs and changes in gas piping.....	150 00
Carpentry.....	400 00
Plastering.....	375 00
Metal ceiling in basement.....	250 00
Granolithic floor in basement.....	130 00
Painting interior and exterior of building.....	425 00
Removal of dirt and rubbish.....	75 00
Emergency and incidentals.....	200 00
Architect's fee.....	362 00
	<u>\$3,982 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM T. BRADY,  
Inspector.

Ordered, That there be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for the Public Buildings Department the sum of \$4,000 to be expended for the remodeling and reconstruction of the building formerly occupied by Police Station 6, South Boston, for the purpose of establishing a health unit therein.

Ordered, That there be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for the Public Buildings Department the sum of \$4,500 to be expended for the remodeling and reconstruction of the building formerly occupied by Police Station 7, East Boston, for the purpose of establishing a health unit therein.

Referred to the Executive Committee, when appointed.

LOAN FOR RADIAL HIGHWAYS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$500,000 be and hereby is appropriated for Highways, Making of, under the provisions of chapter 661 of the Acts of 1912, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Street Commissioners, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the following-named streets be and hereby are designated for improvement or construction as hereinafter specified, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 661, Acts of 1912, viz.:

North Beacon street.....	\$100,000 00
Faneuil street.....	125,000 00
Chelsea street.....	150,000 00
Morton street, Dorchester.....	125,000 00

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I might say in relation to that order and the previous order that



the first, order is the regular highway order for the appropriation of half a million dollars, and that the streets which are listed in the second order are the streets which the Mayor spoke about today in his address to the City Council—North Beacon street, Faneuil street, Chelsea street and Morton street.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

#### PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$125,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Commission for a neighborhood playground for small children in the district, bounded by Castle, Washington, Dover and Tremont streets, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be hereby 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 Finance.

#### COST OF LIGHTING.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the City Auditor be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with a detailed statement of the price paid by the city to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for the lighting of city buildings, with the length of term of the contract.

Passed.

#### BUILDING FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the trustees of the Consumptives' Hospital Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council as to what steps have been taken and what progress has been made to secure a site for a new out-patient building, and also when, in their opinion, a site will be selected, and when the project will be sent to the City Council.

Passed.

#### POLICE STATION, ROSLINDALE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to inform the City Council as to what steps have been taken and as to what progress has been made to secure a site for a new police station in the Roslindale district, and also when a site will be selected and when, in his opinion, an order sufficient in amount to cover the cost of purchase of site and for plans will be sent to the City Council.

Passed.

#### CONDITIONS OF POLICE STATIONS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested to inform the City Council as to the conditions of stations No. 4 and No. 5, and also to inform the City Council as to what station houses in the city are in need of repair and improvement.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to move to amend the order by inserting Station 10, Roxbury Crossing.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I have no objection to the amendment.

The amendment was adopted and the order as amended was passed.

#### MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BRIGHTON.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans for a new municipal building in the Brighton district, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to offer a substitute order.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to send to the City Council an appropriation order for a sum sufficient to provide for plans for a municipal building in Brighton, Wards 25 and 26.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, my purpose in introducing the substitute order is merely to keep faith with the people of Brighton, whom I promised that at the first meeting I would introduce an order for plans for a municipal building for that district. Therefore, having that in view, I offer this substitute order.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I trust that the substitute order will not prevail, and simply for this reason, that under the city charter the City Council has a right to appropriate by loan a sum sufficient for plans for such a building. In Brighton, for instance, the city has the land, and the City Council itself can originate this order. That is the reason why I have introduced the order, so that it may go to the Finance Committee, and then I am sure Coun. Watson will work, probably harder than anyone else, to get the order passed. It would then probably have the approval of the Mayor, so that plans could be drawn, and a start could be made toward the erection of the building. In a matter where we have concurrent jurisdiction with the Mayor, have the same right to originate a loan order as the Mayor, I think we ourselves can save time by passing an order of this sort. I trust that my order will be referred to the Finance Committee, that the chairman of the committee when appointed will call a meeting promptly, and that speedy action will be taken upon this matter. I simply repeat that it is within the power of the Council to pass such an order as I have introduced today.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I do not wish in any way to interfere with the councilor who has just spoken upon this matter, but I do trust, in view of the fact that I and many others here will not be candidates for election to this body, and the burden for increasing the taxes of the city will be placed on the shoulders of the Mayor, who in all probability will be running again, that my order will be adopted instead of the order introduced by the councilor.

It seems to me that my plan is the proper one. Let us ask the Mayor to send in here an order for a sufficient sum to draw plans, and then, if he denies our request, perhaps we may if we see fit do something else. But, in view of the fact that the Mayor of Boston will be held responsible for the increased taxation, I think we ought to show him the courtesy of introducing such an order as I suggest, instead of the one which the councilor has offered, even if we do have the power to pass such an order as he has introduced.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I would simply say that if the Council passes the order I have introduced, providing \$5,000 for this purpose, and the Mayor signs it, he will be assuming the responsibility with the Council when he signs the order.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I know that this is a mighty small thing to talk about, but, nevertheless, if we pass an order today for \$5,000 for plans and it goes to the Mayor and in his wisdom he sees fit to veto it, turn it down, to use the slang phrase, he is put in the position of denying to the people of Brighton a municipal building. He is the Chief Executive. If this were a big proposition, involving \$200,000, \$300,000 or \$500,000, I doubt if the gentleman would introduce the order and take the responsibility for increasing the taxes. Let us play fair with the Chief Executive. I hold no brief for him, but let us play fair with him. I want to see a public building in Brighton, and would vote for it under almost any consideration, but I say, let the order for the money for plans come from the Mayor, as suggested in my request. As far as that is concerned I am perfectly willing to withdraw my order as coming from me and to let the gentleman introduce it, or an order in substantially the same words. It is not the credit for the thing I want; it is the deed, the fact.

Coun. Watson's motion to substitute was lost, and the order as introduced by Coun. Attridge was referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

#### LAYING OUT OF WESTERN AVENUE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the State Highway Commission be requested, through

his Honor the Mayor, to lay out Western avenue, between Cambridge and Watertown.  
Passed.

LOAN FOR HIGHWAYS.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the sum of \$500,000 be and hereby is appropriated for Highways, Making of, under the provisions of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, just a word in connection with this order. It is the ordinary street construction order under the Acts of 1906, as the order offered by Coun. Attridge was for an expenditure of \$500,000 for radial highways under the Acts of 1912. This is an order devoting \$500,000 to the construction and building of new small streets in the suburbs of Boston.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That a special committee of three members be appointed to consider such matters relating to the rules as may be referred to said committee from time to time.

Passed.

RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That all matters referred as unfinished business from the City Council of 1916 be referred to the appropriate committees of the City Council of 1917.

Passed.

PLAYGROUND, EAGLE HILL.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the sum of \$80,000 be appropriated to be expended to convert the unused reservoir in East Boston, on Eagle Hill, for a playground and recreation park, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be hereby 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 Finance, when appointed.

INDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT.

Coun. WATSON submitted the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston unwaveringly indorses the action of the President of these United States in his negotiations and dealings with the belligerent countries; and be it further

Resolved, That any steps he may deem necessary to take concerning the crisis now pending is emphatically indorsed by the City Council.

Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President and to the Congress of the United States.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I do not desire to bore the members of the body with any lengthy remarks of mine, but, if permitted, I would like to present newspaper reports of an address delivered yesterday by the Right Reverend Monsignor Splaine, together with a sermon delivered by the Rev. G. A. Gordon of the Old South Church, and ask permission that they be printed in the proceedings without my reading them.

President STORROW—If there is no objection, the newspaper statements will be printed.

The reports referred to, from today's Boston *Globe*, were as follows:

As One Behind the President.

Pledge by Delegates of the Catholic Federation.

Monsignor Splaine Voices Devotion in the Pending Crisis.

The annual convention of the Suffolk County branch of the Catholic Federation of the Archdiocese of Boston yesterday, at the Cathedral

School Hall, unanimously adopted a resolution offered by Rt. Rev. Dr. M. J. Splaine of Roxbury, pledging the loyalty and devotion of the 200,000 members to the President in defence of the country, the flag and in promoting national honor and integrity. Monsignor Splaine made an eloquent address to the 250 delegates representing 40 parishes and 125 Catholic organizations.

"At this very hour," said Monsignor Splaine, "our country is facing one of the most momentous crises in our history, and the greatest war the world has ever known is opening wider its yawning chasms to engulf, if possible, even these our beloved United States. The President of our republic, invoking the sacred name of God, has spoken calmly, sincerely and firmly, and behind him, in this hour of trial, stands a united and resolute American people.

"It is a moment that calls for a manifestation of the very highest patriotism on the part of every man who glories in the name of his American citizenship. It is a moment that calls for the realization of all those lofty ideals and principles that are the conspicuous virtues of a self-governed people—devotion to our country, loyalty to our rulers and love for our flag.

"At this moment in convention as delegates of the Federation of American Catholic Societies of this city we pledge anew our loyalty and devotion to our President, our country and our flag, and should occasion demand it, we know that our members will allow no one to go before us in the full measure of patriotic duty that we are always prepared to render to our country in our country's need.

"Catholic tradition in the upbuilding of our country and in the preservation of her honor and integrity is sacred and secure. Within a few weeks will occur the anniversary of the birth of the Father of our Country, whose memory at this hour hovers over us as a strengthening benediction.

"In his public letter of gratitude to the Roman Catholics of the United States of America we find these words: 'And I presume that we fellow citizens will not forget the patriotic part which you (the Roman Catholics of the United States) took in the accomplishment of their Revolution and the establishment of their government—or the important assistance which they received from a nation in which the Roman Catholic faith is professed.'

"On the occasion of his visit to Boston in the autumn of 1775 Washington issued the following orders: 'Instead of offering the most remote insult, it is our duty to address public thanks to our Catholic brethren, as to them we are indebted for our success against the common enemy.'

"Such is the testimony of the Father of our Country to the patriotism of our Catholic forefathers in the services of our country. In every crisis the nation has faced since the Roman Catholic citizens have done their full duty in the cause of liberty and national honor.

"Today our American Catholic manhood stands united, brave and strong, as in the days of Washington, behind our own President in upholding our national honor and in the defence of our own liberty."

Copies of the resolution adopted were ordered to be sent to President Wilson and to both branches of Congress.

Strains Most Sacred of Ties.

Plea to Teutonic Citizens by Rev. G. A. Gordon.

Present Test of Patriotism Not Like That in the Revolution.

Declaring that despite the presence in the United States of many citizens of Teutonic descent and sympathies, there is nothing like so tragic a situation today in America as existed at the outbreak of the Revolution, Rev. George A. Gordon of the Old South Church gave a solemn warning in his sermon yesterday, "That all ties of the most sacred character must be like toy in the fire when it comes to the question whether it is America or the country of descent or birth."

He spoke on "Christian Freedom" and in its development tracing the history of all great struggles for freedom, religious and political, and showed their bearing upon the present situation.

"The American state," he concluded, "is not a nurse, it is not a hospital, it is not a syndicate of capitalists, it is not a union of laborers, it is not a paternalism of any kind. It is a majestic empire



in the free development of all American talent. It is the great guarantor of fair play for all individuals and, in the third place, it is the benevolent friend of the defeated and the unfortunate.

"This system is not without defects. It has this immortal merit, however: It has bred a race fit to found, fit to maintain, fit to defend, fit to perpetuate the institutions of free men.

"Today is a solemn day in the life of this nation. We are on the verge of war, and our population is made up largely of the kindred of those who are fighting one another in the continent of Europe: Scot, English, Irish, Italian, French, Belgian on the one side, and of the nations fighting on the other side, all but one are generously represented in the American republic.

"I would be the last to speak a bitter word or a word to hurt the sensibilities of any man whose blood was derived from any one of the Central Powers. We have on our hands a problem, and now shall we meet it as a united America? Just as our forefathers met the Revolution.

"Here is the great, impressive lesson for the composite American of today. Who did the Colonists fight? Their kindred, their fathers, their brothers, those bone of their bone and flesh of their flesh. It was Englishman against Englishman, Scot against Scot, and Irishman against Irishman.

"It was a war between kindred and between kinsmen who twenty years before had been profound and happy friends. Kinsmen, with the same language, the same religion, the same literature, the same traditions of freedom and power and manhood went forth to meet each other in battle.

"There is nothing like so tragic a situation today in America as we confront the possibilities of the future as there was when Washington took command of the Continental Army. What was their argument, conclusion, motive? It was that every tie must be like tow in the fire when it comes to the existence of freedom among men born for freedom.

"I commend that to my fellow-adopted citizens of other blood than my own and I know if the case were reversed I should take the lesson to myself. What did I mean when I took the oath of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and foreswore specially and specifically all allegiance to the Queen of Great Britain? Preparation for any emergency and to count freedom, American freedom, first, last and all the time.

"Let our Teutonic citizens, who are among the most substantial and the ablest and the worthiest of the adopted sons of America—let them draw the distinction which your fathers drew in the day of their distress; let them draw the distinction between the Teutonic peoples and the Teutonic government.

"Remember that if he were free to speak the true Teuton would say that no nation has a right to limit the just freedom of the United States or subject it to any indignity, or to murder its women and children on the high seas, or to confine its industry and character within its own bounds.

"We are one, one in our belief in free institutions; one in our sense of obligation to the American Republic.

"The President of the United States has been patient to the utmost limit, so patient that many of us (myself included) have been exasperated with him. Let us thank God for his patience today, for his clearness and for his decision and for his hope that war may yet be averted.

"Let us be ready, with our faith and our prayer and our manhood and all our resources to stand behind the government that guards the heritage of the American people."

The resolutions and order were adopted.

#### SALE OF ICE AND COAL BY CITIES.

Coun. WATSON submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the passage of an amendment to the State Constitution which will permit cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to manufacture and sell ice, and to purchase and sell coal to the inhabitants of the state.

Ordered, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the presiding officer of the Constitutional Convention.

Referred to the Executive Committee, when appointed.

#### MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ROXBURY.

Coun. WATSON offered the following—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to send to the City Council an order appropriating sufficient money for the drawing of plans, etc., for a municipal building at Roxbury Crossing, Wards 13, 14 and 15.

Referred to the Executive Committee, when appointed.

#### COMMITTEE ON UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That a special committee be appointed, to consist of two members of the Council, to whom shall be referred all petitions for leave to sell unclaimed baggage, and said committee is hereby authorized to make in each case the examination required by law.

Passed.

#### PRINTING OF MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to print and mail to each registered voter in the City of Boston a copy of the Mayor's address delivered before the City Council on February 5, 1917, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for city documents.

Referred to the Executive Committee, when appointed.

#### PERMIT FOR CHILDREN.

Coun. ATTRIDGE presented the petition of Rebecca G. Herman for permit for children under fifteen years of age to appear at North Bennet Street Hall, February 15.

The Council voted, on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to suspend the rule, and the permit was granted on the usual conditions.

#### MINORS' LICENSES.

President STORROW presented petitions for minors' licenses for eighteen newsboys and three vendors, and under suspension of the rule the permits were granted on the usual conditions.

#### PRINTING OF MUNICIPAL REGISTER.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That the Statistics Department be authorized, under the direction of the Committee on Rules, to prepare and have printed the Municipal Register for 1917, and that the Clerk of Committees be authorized to prepare and have printed a pocket edition of the organization of the city government and heads of departments, the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for city documents.

Passed.

#### PRINTING DOCUMENTS.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That the expense of printing documents ordered printed by the City Council during the present financial year be charged to the appropriation for city documents.

Passed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. COLLINS moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 1.33 p. m., on motion of Coun. BALLANTYNE, to meet on Monday, February 12, at two o'clock p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 12, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair. Absent—Coun. Ballantyne and McDonald.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

President STORROW announced the appointments of the following committees:

## STANDING COMMITTEES OF CITY COUNCIL.

## Appropriations.

All the members, Coun. Hagan, Chairman.

## Executive.

All the members, Coun. Collins, Chairman.

## Finance.

All the members, Coun. Attridge, Chairman.

## Ordinances.

All the members, Coun. Ford, Chairman.

On the following committees the first-named member is chairman:

## Branch Libraries.

Coun. Wellington, Hagan, Attridge, McDonald, Watson.

## Claims.

Coun. Ballantyne, Attridge, Ford, Wellington and McDonald.

## County Accounts.

Coun. Collins, Ford, Hagan, Attridge and McDonald.

## Fire Hazard.

Coun. Hagan, Ford, Ballantyne, Collins and Watson.

## Inspection of Prisons.

Coun. Ballantyne, Ford, McDonald, Attridge and Wellington.

## Legislative Matters.

Coun. McDonald, Collins, Hagan, Attridge and Wellington.

## Parkman Fund.

Coun. Wellington, Collins, Ballantyne, Watson and Hagan.

## Printing.

Coun. McDonald, Collins, Ford, Hagan and Watson.

## Public Lands.

Coun. Attridge, McDonald, Hagan, Ford and Wellington.

## Soldiers' Relief.

Coun. Ballantyne, Ford, Collins, Wellington and Watson.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

## Unclaimed Baggage.

Coun. Watson and McDonald.

## Rules.

Coun. Attridge, Collins and Ballantyne.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1917, viz.:

1. Arthur B. Gradone, 101 Chelsea street, East Boston, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston.

2. Maxwell A. Boule, 1A Lewis place, Roxbury, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston.

3. John H. Rafferty, 17 Richmond street, Dorchester, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston.

4. Asadoor G. Ogassian, 3 Main street, Charlestown, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston.

5. William I. Hurst, 45 Edith street, Everett, a Weigher of Coal.

6. Charles E. Hunt, 54 Lonsdale street, Dorchester, a Weigher of Coal and Measurer of Wood and Bark.

7. David Warnock, 62 Vale street, South Boston, a Measurer of Leather.

8. Joseph A. Martell, 55 Freeman street, Wollaston, a Measurer of Leather.

Severally laid over under the law.

## REPAIR AND CLEANING OF ART WORKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 12, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Art Commission requesting an appropriation of \$3,000 for the repair and cleaning of art works located throughout the city, the total value of which is estimated at \$750,000, and the further neglect of which, in view of the extremely large number of visitors anticipated this year, is in my opinion unpardonable. I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Art Commission, February 3, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Mr. Curley,—Knowing your interest in the proper upkeep of the works of art belonging to the city, especially such statues and monuments as are placed out of doors and so made subject to accumulations of city dirt, the Art Commission begs that you will recommend a special appropriation of \$3,000 be made this year in order that a beginning may be made in restoring such statues and monuments to a proper condition and their further deterioration prevented.

The chairman of the Art Commission has asked the Council year after year for such an appropriation, but without avail. The Park and Recreation Department has investigated this matter recently and finds that the city has an investment of about three fourths of a million of dollars in works of art and that no city department bears the responsibility of their care. It seems hardly necessary for us to remind you that unless such possessions are suitably looked after and cared for they lose much of their intrinsic as well as æsthetic value. We have never been indifferent to this condition but are powerless to act. We have no authority and we have no funds. The Art Commission would undertake this work gladly if given the authority and provided with funds.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS ALLEN, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand dollars be transferred from the Reserve Fund, when created, to the Art Commission, the same to be expended in the repair and cleaning of works of art located in public parks and squares throughout the city.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 12, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith data received from the Commissioner of Public Works, in reply to the order passed by your honorable body on January 22, 1917, requesting information as to the number of men employed at the beginning of each fiscal year since the establishment of the Public Works Department in the Sanitary, Street Cleaning, Watering and Oiling and Water Divisions; also the number of men who have died, who have been pensioned or who have been transferred in each of these divisions during each year.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department,  
February 3, 1917.

To the Mayor of Boston:

I submit herewith certain information regarding the Sanitary, Street Cleaning, Watering and Oiling and Water Services, as requested by the City Council in their order dated January 22, 1917.

Yours respectfully,

E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.  
Water Service.

	Number of Men.	Died.	Pensioned.	TRANSFERRED.	
				In.	Out.
Feb. 1, 1911...	566	11	None	27	5
Feb. 1, 1912...	563	19	24	22	12
Feb. 1, 1913...	538	18	13	8	9
Feb. 1, 1914...	519	11	31	39	20
Feb. 1, 1915...	514	8	20	34	7
Feb. 1, 1916...	510	10	33	50	15
Feb. 1, 1917...	512				
Totals.....		77	121	180	68

Street Cleaning Service.

	Number of Men.	Died.	Pensioned.	TRANSFERRED.	
				In.	Out.
Feb. 1, 1911...	455	8	None	10	13
Feb. 1, 1912...	472	14	19	39	40
Feb. 1, 1913...	496	11	8	38	59
Feb. 1, 1914...	515	16	16	41	48
Feb. 1, 1915...	478	13	9	12	50
Feb. 1, 1916...	477	16	6	18	41
Feb. 1, 1917...	461				
Totals.....		78	58	158	251

Sanitary Service.

	Number of Men.	Died.	Pensioned.	TRANSFERRED.	
				In.	Out.
Feb. 1, 1911...	665	25	None	9	28
Feb. 1, 1912...	596	14	26	27	56
Feb. 1, 1913...	596	14	11	31	45
Feb. 1, 1914...	558	20	11	22	19
Feb. 1, 1915...	592	21	7	18	20
Feb. 1, 1916...	561	16	13	16	40
Feb. 1, 1917...	525				
Totals.....		110	68	123	208

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Michele DeSisto, for compensation for damages at 132 George street by the backing up of sewage.  
Michael Garaghty, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Bartlett street.

James S. Hanlon, for compensation for injuries received on the premises of the William E. Endicott School.

J. F. Lynch & Co., for compensation for damages at 59 Hanover street by the bursting of a water main.

John J. Murphy, for compensation for injury to a horse.

Jennie Sargente, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on the East Boston side of the South Ferry.

Jacob L. Stein, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at Wall and Cottling streets.

Vogel & Co., for compensation for damages at 55-57 Hanover street by leak in water main.

Georgia A. Woodman, for a hearing on her claim on account of injuries received from a defect in North street.

Executive.

Michael O'Toole, to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914.

Petitions for children under 15 years of age to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

F. Lyman Clark, Elizabeth Peabody Hall, on the evening of February 16.

Mrs. R. D. Crowell, Dudley Street, Opera Hall, evening of February 16.

Rebecca G. Heiman, Winsor School, afternoon of February 17.

Thomas W. Halliday, Waverly Hall, evening of February 16.

Eleanor G. Reagan, to be paid annuity for death of her husband, Dennis L. Reagan, formerly member of the Police Department.

RINGING OF BELLS.

Coun. WATSON presented a petition from members of the Sextons' Club of Boston asking that the old time custom of ringing bells on public holidays be restored.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

A communication was received from the secretary of the Progressive Women of Massachusetts asking that one of their members be allowed to attend the executive meetings of the City Council.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

WIDENING OF RAILROAD APPROACH,  
SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:

Boston Chamber of Commerce,

February 9, 1917.

Mr. James J. Storrow, Chairman,

Boston City Council:

Dear Sir,—The Directors of the Chamber, upon receipt of the order of the City Council asking the Chamber to look into the plan proposed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for widening the approach through South Boston to its main freight terminal in South Boston, requested the Chamber's Committee on Transportation to look into the matter and to submit a report. The committee did so, and I inclose herewith a copy of the report submitted by the committee, which report was presented to the directors of the Chamber at their meeting yesterday afternoon and approved by them.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES A. MCKIBBEN,

Secretary.

January 24, 1917.

To the Executive Committee and Board of Directors:

As directed by the Executive Committee under date of December 26, the Committee on Trans-

portation has investigated the plans of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for widening its approach through South Boston to its South Boston terminal, and reports as follows:

The petition of the railroad asks for permission to reconstruct a cut through South Boston, extending from West Seventh street to West First street, between A street and B street, so as to accommodate four tracks capable of use by trains carrying the largest size freight cars. The cut at present contains two tracks which are so close to each other and so close to the embankment walls that trains carrying the largest size cars are not able to pass each other without what is known in railroad parlance as "side-swiping" each other; and when large cars are carried through the cut they come dangerously near the side walls, thereby endangering the lives of workmen employed in the cut. The New Haven Railroad also requests permission to close West First street where the tracks cross the street. The closing of this street would require traffic to make a detour of about 360 feet from First street (at B street) to Second street, at a grade of less than 1 per cent; and after reaching Second street the grade to the bridge across the new tracks is estimated at about 2 per cent.

Your committee has gone over that section of the city which would be affected by this change, and believes that in the future it will be more largely used for manufacturing purposes and will steadily lose attractiveness for residential purposes. The class of houses along B street is anything but modern, and in many cases present a most dilapidated appearance, and many seem to be in very poor repair.

Your committee has been furnished with plans of the proposed improvement and a copy of the proposed contract by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, with whose officials it has conferred. The committee has also invited the representatives of property owners and property owners themselves to state their objections to the proposed change. After hearing both sides it has come to the conclusion that, all interests considered, the petition of the railroad should be granted on the following grounds:

The improvements suggested by the New Haven Railroad are quite necessary if that road is to give satisfactory freight service to the people of Boston. The cut was built more than half a century ago, at a time when freight trains were much lighter and freight cars were much smaller than at present.

The foundation on which the tracks are laid is the same as when the cut was first built, and is such as might be expected in railroad construction during the period in which built. No drainage system was installed and it is not surprising that structures built along the railroad right of way should be shaken by passing trains. From statistics available it is found that trains move on an average through the cut about every three minutes during the day of twenty-four hours. One objection urged by property owners along B street was that the enlargement in this cut would greatly increase the annoyance arising from earth tremors caused by trains passing through the cut. It seems that in that section of South Boston through which the cut is constructed the underlying strata is clay and the operation of trains therein no doubt does cause some vibration of the earth. This, in the opinion of your committee, could be materially reduced if the road, when reconstructing the cut, would put in a proper foundation with some shock-absorbing material between the clay and the rails and provide proper drainage. With four tracks operating on such a foundation, it is believed by your committee that the vibration would be no greater than at present, and would probably be somewhat less.

The closing of West First street would eliminate a dangerous grade crossing, and, in the opinion of your committee, is in the interest of the public, notwithstanding the fact that it will require a slight detour of teams with a somewhat harder pull for a short distance in order to get from the level of First street to the level of Second street, over which teams would cross the depressed tracks. The crossing at West First street is a dangerous one, and, both in the interest of public safety and of economical operation of the road, should be closed if four tracks are to be installed by the New Haven Road. The closing of West First street, however, should be under conditions that will permit the city to reopen this street either by bridge over the tracks or roadway under the tracks or in any other manner that may hereafter be found desirable under changed conditions.

If permission to close First street is granted, it seems to this committee that the New Haven Railroad should assume the entire expense of changing bridges and approaches thereto, and should be required to keep such bridges, including wearing surfaces, in repair. It is understood by the committee that such an offer has been made by the New Haven Road, but this should be embodied in the contract so as not to leave any point in dispute. If the railroad will agree to construct a foundation in the cut, such as has been suggested, and will agree to assume the expense of maintenance of the bridges as outlined above, it is the opinion of the committee that permission to enlarge this cut ought to be granted by the city in the interest of the community as a whole, notwithstanding the fact that there may be still some local opposition.

The chief objection on the part of adjacent property owners to granting the petition was that the smoke would be more objectionable than at present, and they suggested that the cut be covered. This could be done only at a very great expense and it is not at all clear that even this would have the desired result, as the smoke would have to escape somewhere and at the points of escape would doubtless be more objectionable than at present. The covering would also increase the danger of operation, particularly to workmen, so long as coal is used as a fuel, and the expense of covering the cut and maintenance of any smoke-expelling device would result in a cost of operation out of all proportion to the results obtained. Eventually it is expected that the whole terminal system of the city will be electrified and when electrification takes place the covering of the cut would be more of a detriment than an advantage; it does not seem to your committee that it is wise to require the New Haven Railroad to spend any money on this work that will not result in a permanent improvement to its property.

Your committee believes that the smoke nuisance can be greatly mitigated by proper firing of locomotives while passing through the cut, and the New Haven Railroad should be required to avoid unnecessary smoke by issuing instructions to trainmen that will insure proper firing of the locomotives while in or passing through the cut. The plan of the railroad officials for improving its terminal facilities is the best that can be devised under the circumstances, and it seems to us that the interests of the city require that it should be approved on the conditions as outlined above.

The committee, in arriving at this conclusion, is guided by the knowledge that a railroad's ability promptly to handle freight and efficiently to serve the public is limited largely by its terminal facilities. Anything that can be done to improve these is in the direct interest of the community as a whole, and ought not to be retarded unless the actual damages caused by such improvements greatly outweigh the advantages to the public. The terminal facilities of Boston have been the subject of much criticism in the past, and your committee feels that this effort on the part of the New Haven is a step in the direction of improvement which is greatly needed.

Respectfully submitted,

\* CHARLES J. HUBBARD, Chairman,  
JOHN ADAMS,  
\* WILLIAM P. F. AYER,  
JAMES RICHARD CARTER,  
AMOS L. HATHEWAY,  
GEORGE C. MORTON,  
WALTER E. SMITH,  
GEORGE W. WHEELWRIGHT, JR.,  
Committee on Transportation.

\* Messrs. Hubbard and Ayer are away and have not had an opportunity to pass upon this report.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of hearing on February 20, at 10.30 a. m., on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company for extension of time for construction of Everett extension.

Placed on file.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:



Boston & Albany Railroad Company, keeping of hydrocarbon oil, as follows:

West of stone pier of Albany Street Bridge.

West of Beacon Park yardmaster's office.

West of Brookline Junction Signal Tower No. 8.

East of Signal Tower No. 9, near Charles river, at Cottage Farm.

Vacant lot between Ferdinand and Berkeley streets.

Huntington avenue freight yard, near Dalton street.

Mutual Film Corporation, keeping and renting reels of film at 1106-1108 Boylston street.

Thorvald S. Ross, keeping of gasolene, 146 Forest Hills street, Jamaica Plain.

E. A. Patch Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 17 Ipswich street.

E. A. Patch Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 2A St. Botolph street.

Cairns Brothers, keeping and sale of gasolene, 1 Jackson street, Hyde Park.

Frank J. Gethro, keeping and sale of gasolene at Marine Park, boat landing.

William A. Paine, keeping of gasolene, 352 Newbury street.

Nicholas L. Burke, keeping and sale of gasolene, 186 North Harvard street.

Emil C. Wieher, keeping of gasolene, 30 Schiller road, West Roxbury.

The Texas Company, keeping of petroleum and its products at 258 Southampton street.

John J. Shea, keeping of gasolene, 331 Washington street, Brighton.

Holtzer-Cabot Electric Company, keeping and storage of gasolene, 125-135 Amory street.

Placed on file.

#### MINORS' LICENSES.

President STORROW submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for fifteen newboys and two vendors—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST YEAR.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, viz.:

Action on the following matters referred from last year's City Council, viz.:

1. Order to accept chapter 235 of the Special Acts of 1916 authorizing a payment to Grant Gately *et al*.

2. Message of the Mayor and order authorizing alterations in bridges, etc., in connection with the proposed widening of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad location in South Boston.

3. Report of the Finance Commission on proposed widening of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad location in South Boston.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

#### WHITE WAY, GREEN AND OTHER STREETS.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the advisability of making a so-called "White Way" on Green street, Cambridge street and Court street, to and including Bowdoin square, and that he be requested to inform the City Council as to his views on proposed "White Way."

Passed.

#### REDUCED FARE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:

Resolved—That the Boston City Council favors the passage of a bill now pending before the Legislature which provides for reduced fare for school children on the Boston Elevated Road, as contained in petition of Edward E. Keevin.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### BINDING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to cause a sufficient number of the City Council Minutes for 1916 to

be bound in the usual manner, and to supply one copy to each member of the City Councils of 1916 and 1917, each of the heads of the several city departments and the usual number of copies to the Boston Public Library, the expense incurred by said binding to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Proceedings B-1.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SUPPLY OF CITY DOCUMENTS.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to supply each member of the City Councils of 1916 and 1917 and each of the heads of the several city departments with one set and the Boston Public Library with the usual number of sets of the city documents of 1916 when completed and bound, the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Documents B-1.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF ACT AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That chapter 69 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pay a Sum of Money to the Daughter of John A. Coulthurst" be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PAYMENT TO DAUGHTER OF JOHN A. COULTHURST.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That under the provisions of chapter 69 of the Special Acts of 1917, there be allowed and paid to Jean Gasson Coulthurst, daughter of John A. Coulthurst, late a member of the City Council, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold said office until February 1, 1917.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### FIREPROOFING OF FANEUIL HALL.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$50,000 be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the fireproofing and architectural restoration of Faneuil Hall, and that to meet 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 Finance.

#### REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION FOR STREET RESURFACING.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be urgently requested to submit in the budget for the fiscal year an appropriation for street resurfacing of at least \$750,000, or preferably \$1,000,000.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I desire to speak to this order, which I hope will not be referred to a committee for the reason that I believe if it is it will be debated in committee and then possibly debated here again. Therefore, I think it is probably better to consider the proposition here in open Council. The Council of last year had a conference with the Mayor, as did the Council of this year, and the Mayor has asked for co-operation. Members of this Council have assured the Mayor that they will be very glad indeed to cooperate with him, but some of them have told him plainly and frankly that, in their opinion, cooperation does not mean abject subservency to his views, but, being men of independent mind and thought, they propose to be with the Mayor when they believe the Mayor is right and not necessarily with the Mayor at all times, whether right or wrong. I want to cooperate with the Mayor, because I believe such cooperation is in the best interests of the citizens at large. This

order preaches that sort of cooperation. It informs the Mayor what will be the attitude of the men of this Council when the budget comes before us. The controversy which existed last year between the Council and the Mayor was very largely because of the inadequate sum that was provided in the first appropriation bill or budget that came to the Council, for street resurfacing. We know, the Mayor and the citizens at large know, that our streets are in a deplorable condition. We all agree upon that thought, and we know the reason is that the streets have been starved for a period of years, and that the time has arrived when a certain amount of money must be spent upon those streets every year, and a large sum attached, to put them back into the condition that we as city officials want to see them in and that we believe the people at large want to find them in. In the budget of last year the Mayor submitted a meager \$100,000, a very small and entirely inadequate sum. If an inadequate sum is presented in the budget this year, the members of this Council will find themselves in the same position as did the Council of last year. We will have to find that money somewhere; we will have to cut and slash here and there. If the Mayor will submit an appropriation in the budget along the lines noted in the order, a great part of the work of this Council will be performed before the budget reaches us. I hope the Mayor will do that. He knows the need and the necessity for it. It is pleasing to those who have been interested in the segregated form of budget to find that, while department heads came before the Council last year with wailings and lamentations that they were not going to receive money enough to perform the functions of their departments, those functions have been performed with at least the same degree of efficiency as in other years, and I believe with a greater degree of efficiency than in past years; and it also develops—which is pleasing, because it proves the value of the segregated budget—that all the department heads except one are turning over a balance to the city treasury of, I believe, \$239,000, if my memory serves me right. I have read recently in the Press an interview that evidently was inspired from the Mayor's office, in which the Mayor, with his usual modesty, proposes to take all the credit for that segregated budget and its value to the city during the past year. I, for one, am perfectly willing to give him that credit, although my memory goes back to the days when the segregated budget idea was first introduced into the Council of 1915, when our late lamented colleague, John Coulthurst, the lionhearted, was here and fought and strove to have that segregated form of budget instituted in the city government. I believe the credit should belong there. It is, nevertheless, pleasing to note that the budget has been successful, that the Mayor is pleased, and I presume that the taxpayers will be pleased, as will be those members of the Council who fought so valiantly for that budget during the year 1915 and who tried so hard in the Council of 1916 to see that it got a fair, just and generous trial. In submitting this order, Mr. President, I want the Mayor to know what will be the views of the majority members, of perhaps the entire membership of this Council upon the most important task we will have this year, of finding a sufficient sum of money to appropriate for street service, an amount which should be three quarters of a million, or preferably a million dollars. I hope I will find my colleagues in agreement with me in this thought, as I anticipate that I will.

COUN. WATSON—Mr. President, I intend to try to cooperate with his Honor the Mayor and with the entire membership of this legislative body of the city government, but I think we ought to go slow in requesting the Mayor, the Chief Executive, to do something that we probably will find out, if we sit down and consider the matter and discuss it as it should be discussed, man to man, cannot be done. His Honor the Mayor has signified his intention of including in the budget an increase of 25 cents per day for all employees of the city not receiving that amount of money, which will, I believe, call for an increase of \$300,000 in salaries alone for the laborers. I was present at the closing meeting of this body for the past year, and heard the gentleman who preceded me, and who has today introduced this order, and who asks for a suspension of the rules that the order may pass at once, support an order increasing the pay not from \$2.50 to \$2.75 a day, but to \$3 a day flat for all men not receiving that amount, which

would mean an additional \$300,000 increase, providing his Honor the Mayor will grant the request made by this body. That makes an increase for the Public Works Department alone of \$600,000 more than it had last year. On top of that, Mr. President, we have had the matter called to our attention that the increased amount to be spent under the Mothers' Aid Act for dependent children and widows, as a means towards educating the children and feeding them and allowing the mother to stay home and watch them as they should be watched, will mean an increase of at least \$200,000 more, making \$800,000 increase over last year. On top of that we are going to be confronted with an act of the Legislature, in all probability, that will give for the relief of soldiers' families outside of what is done by our city, a sum of \$75,000 to \$100,000 more than last year. There we have an increase of \$900,000. On top of that, the high cost of living has increased the necessities of life so that the Overseers of the Poor Department will be obliged to have an increase over the amount expended last year of \$50,000, \$75,000 or \$100,000. So there we have a million dollars more to provide for than last year. Where is that coming from? Nobody in this body or in the entire city will say that I am not over-charitable in the matter of appropriating the city's money for deserving purposes. I am just as big-hearted as any member of this body, and I am just as careful as any other member of the body, and intend to be so this year. I had no intention of opening my mouth here today, but when the gentleman introduced this order, reading that his Honor the Mayor be urgently requested to submit in the budget for the fiscal year an appropriation for resurfacing amounting to at least \$750,000, or preferably a million dollars, and then asked for a suspension of the rule, I thought there should at least be first an inquiry as to the possibility or probability of our being able to do it. If we are going to start in cooperating with his Honor the Mayor, let us make the first step in good faith. Why start in right off the reel by attempting to embarrass him? I say, even though the gentleman may not intend to be unfair, from my point of view his attitude on this matter is absolutely unfair. He has spoken about segregation. Why, the gentleman knows that we did not have segregation last year. I don't care who gets the credit for what is called segregation. I was not here last year, and therefore you cannot accuse me of being for or against it. But you didn't have segregation, because item A, the matter of salaries, you ducked, as far as segregation was concerned, and you know it. So you didn't have segregation. Now, let us play fair with the Mayor. I trust that you will, sir, and that every other member will, and I sincerely trust that you will consider seriously before passing this order, making a request which, in my opinion, the Mayor cannot grant and which he will not grant, because he will not have the funds with which to do it. He will have to come back and say, "I cannot do it," and refuse to do it. You are starting right off the reel making a political issue on the eve of his candidacy for re-election. I don't claim that that is the purpose, but it might be construed by those who don't know the gentleman who introduced the order as well as I. I am going to ask the gentleman, in all fairness, to start out by cooperating with the Mayor, referring the order to the Executive Committee and sending for the Mayor and for the Budget Commissioner, to find out whether we can possibly appropriate this year \$750,000 or \$1,000,000 for resurfacing. I intend to cooperate even with the gentleman who has introduced the order, if I can,—but, Lord, let him give me an opportunity, please.

COUN. HAGAN—Mr. President, it is as hard to put your finger on the gentleman who has preceded me as on the proverbial Irishman's flea. It is very difficult to pick out anything definite to reply to, he covers so many matters that are absolutely foreign to the order presented. The gentleman is fearful that we are not going to have the money. I have already pointed out the fact that the department heads are carrying approximately a balance of \$300,000. The Mayor has prided himself in the Press upon having a balance in the treasury of over a million dollars at the beginning of the fiscal year. The income of the city this year will be larger than it was last year, which is natural and to be anticipated. The gentleman who preceded



me has all these meritorious projects in view, but not more so than any other member of the Council. He gives us no information in rehearsing them here today. We know their wants and their needs and are prepared and will be as willing to take care of them as decently and generously as even he would advise. All these things will come up, will be cared for, and money can be found to care for the streets by a greater degree of efficiency perhaps in the management of city departments, which it is hoped and expected will be realized. We are confronted every day, Mr. President, by people doing things while others of more pessimistic thought are saying they cannot be done. We are going to take care, the Mayor and City Council, of all of these meritorious projects that Coun. Watson has called to our attention, and yet there will be money, as there should be, within the appropriation, to take care of the street resurfacing, and it is the apparent duty of the Council of this year, as it was last year, to see that that necessary amount of money is found. This is a warning to the Mayor showing how the members of this Council feel; and I think it will result in some good.

The rule was declared suspended. Coun. WATSON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The rule was suspended, yeas 6, nays 1, Coun. WATSON voting nay.

The order was declared passed. Coun. WATSON doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### REQUEST FOR INCREASE FOR CITY LABORERS, ETC.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor he urgently requested to submit in the budget for the fiscal year an appropriation for a sum sufficient to give a daily wage of \$3 to all laborers in the employ of the city.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. Chairman, the Council of last year at its expiring session passed an order similar to this, in almost the exact language. It was passed by the unanimous vote of the Council of last year, those who were present. At conferences where I have been, where the Mayor was present, I have been led to believe that he is not going to follow the advice or the wishes of the Council of last year. Of this, of course, I am not sure. It is a pure assumption on my part. I think it only proper that the members of the Council of last year who are here this year should have an opportunity to reiterate their views of last year, to emphasize, as it were, their conclusions. It is only fitting and proper that the new members of the Council of this year should have an opportunity to go on record on this important matter. I have read in the Press during the past few months that there is going to be a disposition on the part of the Mayor to increase salaries. I have read in the *City Record* weekly where salaries have been increased in a great many cases during the last months of the last fiscal year. I am not going to find any fault at this time with those salary increases that were made, or that are contemplated, other than to call attention to the fact that they are being made in the clerical service—supervisors, inspectors, or, in other words, the better paid city officials. Men who are receiving \$1,200, \$1,500, \$1,800 and \$2,000 a year, are the ones who have received increases or who contemplate receiving increases. I know that increases are justifiable. I know that among that rank of employees there are many individual meritorious and justifiable cases. But I know that if those increases are not granted, those men are not going to suffer for the necessities of life. Their salary is sufficient to take care of that. They may have to deny themselves some luxuries, may smoke a few cigars less per year, and perhaps have fewer pleasures and amusements and in some individual cases a few less highhalls. But their potatoes, flour, clothing, absolute necessities, are amply provided for in the good and sufficient salaries they are receiving. But how about the laboring man, receiving \$2.50 a day, who always has had to deny himself these luxuries, cigars, highhalls and so on? If we raise the pay of those men from \$2.50 to \$2.75 a day, that will be an increase of but \$78 a year. Last year, when salary increases were being considered in the Council, the minimum suggested for city employees was \$200. Now we are contemplating an increase of \$78—something that these men are going to appreciate and that will be very much needed, something that will get for them a few tons of coal, a couple

of barrels of flour and some potatoes for the next year. But when you consider the price of things at the present time, the fact that potatoes are 75 cents a peck, flour \$9.50 a barrel, I say that it is no great generosity on the part of the Mayor and the City Council to this year increase the pay of the underpaid laboring force 25 cents. I think there should be an advance of at least 50 cents a day, from \$2.50 to \$3. I believe the Mayor can find the money. I hope he can, because this City Council under the law cannot grant those men the advance unless the Mayor puts it into the appropriation. In other words, we cannot increase the appropriation as sent here by the Mayor. Therefore, I am most anxious to have the Mayor submit an appropriation sufficiently large to pay those men \$3 a day instead of the \$2.75 that he contemplates. Then if, after caring for the streets of this city, which is our duty, and after caring for the underpaid laboring force of this city, which is our duty, there is any money available left, I am willing as a member of this Council, with other members to consider any other meritorious cases that call for increases of salary. But I want to take care of those who need our care most. It may be construed by imaginative minds that there is some politics in this thought. There is absolutely none as far as I am individually concerned. It so happens that, if it be politics, it is coupled with a meritorious object, and it is one of the few cases where one can do justice and play politics at the same time. But I am not considering the matter at all with any idea of playing politics. I simply believe that it is an act of justice. It will be said, as it has been said, perhaps, that men like myself have seen a new light. I have seen no new light, Mr. President. I am entering upon this my third year in this Council, and in my first year that was one of the things I wanted to do, one of the things that I believed ought to be done, but the necessities and the conditions of the city's finances did not permit it. We had to wait, had to bide our time. Increases were made in the salaries of the better paid officials in the city's employ last year and the year before. They have had their turn. They will have their turn again. But it is the turn today of the underpaid, of the laboring force, of the scrub women and those people who need money. This is not light, as far as I am concerned. It is simply that the opportune hour has arrived, and I give notice to the Mayor and to you, my colleagues, and to the citizens at large, that unless the Mayor will send forth a sufficient sum to pay \$3 a day to the city laborers in the first budget that comes forward, I shall vote against every dollar of increased appropriation in the salary appropriations, consistently and to the end, with the understanding, idea and hope that I can convince my colleagues that by withholding those increases in salary the Mayor will later send in a supplementary budget which will perhaps do justice to the laboring force of this city. I hope, trust and pray that the Mayor will not permit any such condition or controversy to exist, but will include a sufficient sum in his first appropriation bill to enable us to cooperate with him and do justice to these men to whom justice is due, men who look to us for that justice, by giving them \$3 a day.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, it is very evident that the gentleman who has just preceded me desires to hear me talk, introducing orders that mean a speech by him to which I am obliged to reply. Even though I am like the flea he referred to, I nevertheless will try to make the point I am after, and will possibly convey it into his head. Cooperation is the prevailing desire on the part of this Council, along the line of the speech delivered at the banquet that the Mayor gave. But it may be that that dinner has worn off by this time. When we hear the gentleman talk about wanting to do something for people, and that it has been his desire for three years to increase the laborers' wages, I would simply say that I have been here for three years, two of those years serving with him, and that this is the first time I have known him to take that position. It is the first time that he has thought of doing anything for city employees unless the Finance Commission willed and recommended it. Every order that was put in while I was in the Council calling for an expenditure of a dollar, that looked like a popular measure or a vote-getting measure, was referred on the motion of the gentleman, usually, to the Finance Commission for report and recommendation. What has changed him? I wonder if it is the mayoralty bee huzzing around his head. If it is, he ought to wake up, because it is a dream.



Now, Mr. Chairman, we had before the City Council two years ago a bill for one day off in three for the firemen. It was handed over to the next City Council—the Council of last year—and was defeated by a majority of one, and the gentleman was on the majority side and helped to defeat the measure. The granting of one day off in three for the firemen, Mr. President, called for the initial expenditure of \$100,000 of the taxpayers' money—\$200,000 less than this 25 cents a day will cost the taxpayers if I am correctly informed. And he strenuously objected to the measure, called for exhaustive reports from the Finance Commission and from the Chamber of Commerce, and after he got all the information he voted against the one day off in three. He talks about worthy employees of the city. Of course the laboring men are worthy employees of the city. They are my friends—they proved that by voting for me. They know I am their friend, not in the sunshine, but all the time. He may say that I play politics with them. Perhaps I do. But I do things for them. I like to do things for them—they are grateful. They remember a friend more than some of the big men in the community who pose as great philanthropists and as great leaders in mercantile and commercial pursuits. I had no desire to talk today at all—I repeat it and I am honest about it. The gentleman is trying to say that he does not put his order in for politics. I wonder if he remembers a day in the anteroom, the president's room, in the presence of the reporter for one of the daily-papers, when he said frankly, "The Mayor is playing politics and I am going to play politics too, just as he is playing them?" And he is playing politics now? What is the use of his attempting to hide behind a barrier. Let him come out frankly and say he is playing politics. It is so and you can't make me believe otherwise, and he is not going to try to because he knows he is playing the game all the time. But he is an amateur, positively an amateur. He will get dizzy by and by. Now, Mr. President, I would like to see the city employees get \$3 a day. On this question of elevation, what is to hinder me introducing an order for \$3.25 a day for the city employees? The Mayor is willing to increase from \$2.50 to \$2.75; I am willing to go to \$3.50; but I am not going to make any bluff about it. If we can pay \$3.50 a day I will introduce an order for the purpose, but I am not going to hold a club over their heads by holding up the increases of other worthy employees. I won't hold up their salaries for the purpose of playing the game with them, either. Now, Mr. President, I believe in \$3 a day absolutely, and when the gentleman tries to make me believe that there is no politics in it I am sorry to say that I have to disagree with him. He may not believe that I disagree with him, but I do. I am perfectly willing to pass this order, but why not refer it to the Executive Committee and let us talk it over there? Perhaps we can get some more light; perhaps somebody else knows something about this proposition besides the gentleman who has preceded me and myself. We don't know it all I know we think we do, but we don't. There is a little more we can both learn. I am sure I can learn a lot more, and I am willing to admit it. He may not be willing to admit it, but I know he can learn a great deal more. I trust this order will be referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that the order be amended by adding after the word "laborers," "elevator men, watchmen and janitors." I am not going to make any lengthy speech today. I spoke last Saturday on the proposition of giving the men \$3 a day. I said if the Mayor sent in a budget for \$3 I would vote for it gladly, willingly. There are other men, of course, besides the men who are strictly termed as laborers who are getting less than \$3 a day, and I sometimes think it is hard for them to get along on \$2.50 a day, which they are getting now. So that I would suggest the amendment which I offer, to include the elevator men, watchmen and janitors in the city service in this order.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I would like to ask Coun. Attridge if he will please inform me if the salaries of the elevator men, watchmen and janitors is now \$2.50.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—\$2.50.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I will accept the amendment.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, if the gentleman had been inquiring into the low paid salaries

of some of the city employees he might know that there are some people, as I know, who are getting \$11.40 a week, seven days a week, working for the city. Perhaps that will give you some information.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, if I wanted any information I would go to some reliable source to obtain it.

President STORROW—The Chair understands there is no objection to the amendment offered by Coun. Attridge to add the words "elevator men, watchmen and janitors," and the order will be considered so amended.

Coun. HAGAN moved a suspension of the rule so the order might be put upon its passage today, and asked for a roll call upon the same.

The roll was called and the rule was suspended, yeas 7, nays 0.

The question came on the passage of the order, and Coun. ATTRIDGE asked for a roll call upon the same.

The roll was called and the order was passed yeas 7, nays 0.

COST OF ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION, EAST BOSTON COURTHOUSE.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council an estimate of the cost of additional accommodations for East Boston Court, as specified by Judge Barnes in his communication to the Mayor under date of January 17, 1917.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 3.16 p. m. to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.45 p. m.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, February 12, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The present lack of adequate transportation facilities in the Dorchester, Neponset and Mattapan sections of Boston is not only an injustice to the residents of this portion of Boston but a detriment to realty development. Protests have been general during the past five years and a commission appointed by his Excellency Governor Samuel W. McCall in 1916 has recently submitted its report to the Legislature.

This report has dealt largely with the question of improvement of street railway passenger transportation and the adoption of the recommendations contained therein, particularly that portion which provides for additional street car service, should in some measure solve the problem.

I am of the opinion, however, that the contemplated improvements on the street railway system should be supplemented by the steam railroad system and accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company at present provides a transportation system that is inadequate; and

Whereas, The establishment of a connection between the Midland Division and the Shawmut Branch in the Mattapan section would permit of the operation, on a fifteen-minute schedule, of sufficient trains to relieve the congestion at present obtaining in the Dorchester section of the city; be it and it is hereby

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council the Public Service Commission should hold public hearings on the question of the establishment of a physical connection between the Midland Division and the Shawmut Branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad system at Mattapan; and be it further

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council on the establishment of this connection the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company

should be required to conduct at least a fifteen-minute train service on this line; and be it further

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council the rate of fare on this line as established should not exceed the rate now charged on the Boston Elevated Railway system, namely, a five cent fare.

Coun. WATSON—I heartily agree with the order as far as it goes. I should like to see it go a little farther, however. I should like to see it include the Boston & Albany from Allston in, and the New York, New Haven & Hartford from Hyde Park, Forest Hills and Roxbury in. I believe if the public could be educated that they could secure transportation from the Roxbury Crossing Station of the New York, New Haven & Hartford into the heart of the city, that it would relieve the congestion on the elevated lines that now carry people to the elevated and in town. I believe that same thing would be true concerning Brighton. And I would like to amend the order, Mr. President. I am informed by the Clerk that I cannot at this time amend the order, but I should like to see a resolution that would cover the points mentioned by myself. I have nothing further to say but at a later date will introduce an order covering that proposition.

The message, preambles and resolutions were referred to the Executive Committee.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

F. Lyman Clark, Elizabeth Peabody Hall, evening of February 16.

Mrs. R. D. Crowell, Dudley Street Opera Hall, evening of February 16.

Rebecca G. Heiman, Winsor School, afternoon of February 17.

Thomas W. Halliday, Waverly Hall, evening of February 16.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on order (referred today) that the City Messenger cause to be bound a sufficient

number of City Council Minutes for 1916 and distribute the same—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on order (referred today) that the City Messenger supply members of City Council of 1916 and 1917 and heads of city departments, etc., with usual number of sets of city documents of 1916—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on petition of Michael O'Toole (referred today) for retirement under provisions of chapter 765 of Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Michael O'Toole, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on order (referred today) that chapter 69 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the daughter of John A. Coulthurst" be and the same hereby is accepted—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on order (referred today) for payment to daughter of John A. Coulthurst—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) transferring sum of \$3,000 from Reserve Fund, when created, to be expended in repair and cleaning of works of art—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. COLLINS moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4:52 p. m., on motion of Coun. HAGAN, to meet on Monday, February 19, at two o'clock p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 19, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair and all the members present.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear Thursday, March 8, 1917:

Meyer Weisman, Ward 21; William T. Norton, Ward 17; Simon Sherman, Ward 21; William A. Murray, Ward 1; Harry G. Frothingham, Ward 20; John A. McLeod, Ward 10; Albert F. Libby, Ward 19; John Larsson, Ward 16; William H. Duncan, Ward 24; George J. Park, Ward 2; Robert C. Allen, Jr., Ward 15; John E. Holden, Ward 14; Richard H. Scott, Ward 14; Harry M. Symmes, Ward 10; Howard J. Hanlon, Ward 14; Michael Murphy, Ward 3; George P. Porter, Ward 10; Charles B. Turner, Ward 3; Daniel McCormick, Ward 23; Robert E. Childs, Ward 24; Alexander Moore, Ward 9; Charles E. Turner, Ward 24; Thomas F. Finn, Ward 3; Charles W. Kennedy, Ward 19; Carleton S. Gifford, Ward 19; Harry Mullaly, Ward 20; Michael J. Cunningham, Ward 19; Henry A. Thompson, Ward 2; Nils N. Linden, Ward 23; Patrick H. Rooney, Ward 26; Patrick H. Mulranan, Ward 18; Charles J. Gannon, Ward 1; William M. Arnolt, Ward 19; Robert A. Carleton, Ward 25; James Waldron, Ward 19; John V. McGrath, Ward 14.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear Monday, March 12, 1917:

Charles W. Kemp, Ward 20; Neil M. Woodside, Ward 1; Timothy O'Brien, Ward 4; Henry Porcelain, Ward 21; Emanuel Bullman, Ward 9; Alfred Smart, Ward 23; E. Herman Gumprecht, Ward 21; Alfred A. Parsons, Ward 17; Birket Foster Letson, Ward 20; Timothy J. F. Coughlin, Ward 15; Richard J. Powers, Ward 14; William King, Ward 24; Charles F. Cummings, Ward 20; William S. McFetridge, Ward 16; Joseph F. Lynch, Ward 26; Michael G. Power, Ward 5; Carl J. F. Carlson, Ward 20; Byron A. Phelps, Ward 20; James F. Clancy, Ward 18; William E. Nicholson, Ward 19; James H. Graham, Ward 6; Winfred A. Brackett, Ward 21; Albert E. MacInnis, Ward 10; Horatio C. Collins, Ward 2; Joseph Bertagna, Ward 3; James A. Frazer, Ward 21; Edward J. Cleary, Ward 22; Aaron Astrin, Ward 8; Abraham Silverman, Ward 5; John J. McCarthy, Ward 12; Arthur G. Dwelley, Ward 1; Everett K. Low, Ward 1; Francis A. Kelley, Ward 3; Nassim S. Klink, Ward 7; Wendell N. Harding, Ward 25; Chester B. Carruth, Ward 21.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Subject to confirmation by your honorable body, I appoint Nicholas M. Weber, 104 New Park street, Lynn, a Measurer of Leather for the term ending April 30, 1917.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

## HEATING PLANT, DEER ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner relative to heating plant at Deer Island, and I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Penal Institutions Department,

February 8, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

*In re* Heating Plant, Deer Island.

Dear Sir,—Some time since, to wit, on January 19, 1917, bids were opened for the erection and completion of boiler house and additions to the present heating system at Deer Island. Bids were divided into three items, Items 1, 2 and 3.

For providing steam heating apparatus, including boilers and setting up of same, being Items 1 and 2, the lowest bid was \$69,130, which was greatly in excess of the amount provided for the work, to wit, \$41,500, which sum was to include the entire contract.

For the erection of the boiler house and construction of tunnels on the island the sum of \$32,000 was bid, making a total of \$101,130.

Yours respectfully,

DAVID B. SHAW, Commissioner.

City of Boston,

Penal Institutions Department,

February 6, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

*In re* Additional Loan—Heating Plant, Deer Island.

Dear Sir,—In accordance with your request of January 24 relating to the erection and completion of boiler house and additions to the present heating system at Deer Island, I desire to say that an additional amount of \$50,000 should be provided by loan in order that this work might be completed.

Yours respectfully,

DAVID B. SHAW, Commissioner.

Ordered, That the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated for the erection and completion of a heating plant at Deer Island, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for such purpose. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

## ADDITION TO CENTRAL LIBRARY.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the trustees of the Boston Public Library, requesting an additional appropriation of \$9,200 to complete the new addition to the Central Library on Blagden street, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Library Department, February 14, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—Under an appropriation made therefor, the trustees of the Public Library, on behalf of the city, have entered into contracts duly approved by the Corporation Counsel and your Honor, for the erection on Blagden street of an addition to the Central Library building. One of these contracts, dated April 26, 1916, was with the P. J. Sullivan Company of Boston, for the installation of a steam power, heating and ventilating plant in the building, the contract amount being \$26,874, supported by a bond in the usual amount of 25 per cent, to wit, \$6,719.

The P. J. Sullivan Company has become insolvent and abandoned the work. The National



Surety Company of New York has waived any right it has as surety to assume completion of the contract. The trustees of the library have therefore taken action to complete it, and to that end have advertised for proposals to complete it with due allowance for the work already done and for materials delivered. These proposals, opened yesterday, February 13, at noon, are as follows:

BIDDER.	BID.		
	Bid.	Allowance for Work Done.	Net Bid.
J. J. Hurley & Co. . . . .	\$39,339	\$8,000	\$31,339
Lynch & Woodward. . . . .	39,940	7,200	32,740
Huey Brothers & Co. . . . .	40,500	6,240	36,260
P. A. Dolan & Co. . . . .	43,139	6,543	36,596
Walworth-English-Flett Company. . . . .	43,767	4,443	39,324
Cleghorn Company. . . . .	43,800	3,000	40,800
M. A. Dame & Sons Co. . . . .	42,463	1,500	40,963

The available remainder of the appropriation applicable to this work, after provision for outstanding obligations on other incomplete contracts on the building, amounts to \$26,903, to which should be added the forfeited bond of the Sullivan Company, \$6,719, bringing the total to \$33,622. To complete the work under the lowest proposal received, that of J. J. Hurley & Co., requires \$31,339 net; and there are outstanding claims against materials delivered on the work, amounting to \$6,819.16. These claims, of course, remain to be proved and adjusted, and there may be some salvage upon them (and perhaps other sums recoverable against the contractors in insolvency), but inasmuch as that sum must be reserved against the claims, the total present requirement becomes \$38,158. To this should be added \$2,200, the estimated amount of unpaid architect's fees on this branch of the work completed and to be completed, bringing the total to \$40,358. The deficiency, therefore, in available appropriation is \$6,736. It would seem, also, that there should be provided a small amount, say \$2,500, to provide for unforeseen contingencies on the general work of construction, this amount previously reserved by the trustees, in excess of the contracts which they made, being wiped out by the present circumstances.

I respectfully request on behalf of the trustees the provision of \$9,200 to meet the requirements of completion of work left abandoned by the insolvency of the P. J. Sullivan Company, and to provide for unforeseen contingencies as above stated, this sum to be obtained by transfer or loan.

It should be made clear that except for the unfortunate failure of the Sullivan Company, the trustees would have had a sufficient appropriation available. The deficit is entirely due to the quite unusual market conditions of the present year, and the consequent appreciation of labor and materials, which as shown by the proposals just received approximates 33 1/2 per cent.

The architect and engineer in charge of the work recommend the acceptance of the proposal of the lowest bidder as advantageous to the city. It is desirable that as much haste as possible be made in proceeding with the work in order to avoid claims for damages on the part of other contractors on the building who may be delayed.

Yours respectfully,  
 WILLIAM F. KENNEY, President,  
 For the Trustees of the Public Library  
 of the City of Boston.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$9,200 from the appropriation for Meridian Street Bridge to the appropriation for Library Department, Central Library Building Addition, etc.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

POLICE STATION, ROSLINDALE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
 Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1917.  
 To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Police Commissioner and municipal real estate expert have had under consideration the selection of a suitable site for a police station in the Roslindale section and are of the opinion that the site at Washington and South streets, containing 12,000 square feet of land assessed at 25 cents per square foot, should prove the best location.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
 JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the drawing of plans and purchase of land for police station at Roslindale, and that to meet 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 of Boston to said amount and for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR PLAYGROUNDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
 Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1917.  
 To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In my address to the City Council on February 5, 1917, I indicated my desire to continue the policy of affording playground facilities to as great an extent as the city's financial condition will permit, and, in order that that matter may come before your honorable body in a concrete form, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order for a loan of \$297,000 for playground purposes as set forth therein.

If, as seems to be the general opinion of late years, it is one of the important duties of the municipality, from the standpoint of health and morals, to provide numerous playground centers and breathing spaces, it certainly is not a wise or profitable investment to acquire land and allow it to remain undeveloped or to fail to utilize it to the best advantage. I trust that the loan order will be acted upon without unnecessary delay in order that those playgrounds which are unfinished may be completed in time for the coming summer season.

Respectfully,  
 JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$297,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Park and Recreation Department for playground purposes as hereinafter set forth, 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 for said purposes, viz.:

Tenean Beach Playground . . . . .	\$88,500 00
Eagle Hill Reservoir, East Boston. . . . .	80,000 00
Roslindale Playground . . . . .	20,000 00
Billings Field . . . . .	20,000 00
Smith's Pond Playground. . . . .	20,000 00
Rogers Park Playground. . . . .	26,000 00
Norfolk Street Playground, Dorchester. . . . .	14,300 00
Mystic Playground, Charlestown. . . . .	12,500 00
Cottage Street Playground, East Boston. . . . .	5,700 00
Tyler Street Playground, city proper, . . . . .	3,500 00
Marcella Street Playground. . . . .	4,500 00
William Eustis Playground. . . . .	2,000 00

\$297,000 00

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LIGHTING PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
 Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1917.  
 To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In response to the order of your honorable body, under date of February 5, rela-

tive to lighting of public buildings by the Edison Company I beg to inclose herewith the data required.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Auditing Department, February 19, 1917.  
Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Sir,—In reply to the order of the City Council of February 5 "That the City Auditor be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with a detailed statement of the price paid by the city to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for the lighting of city buildings, with the length of term of the contract," would say that I am inclosing herewith a schedule of rates of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, Schedules A and C, which give the rates paid by the City of Boston.

There is no contract.

Very truly,  
J. ALFRED MITCHELL,  
City Auditor.

(Annexed was the schedule referred to.)  
Placed on file.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE WORKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting an appropriation for the construction of sewerage works, and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department, February 19, 1917.  
To the Honorable the Mayor:

Under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by chapter 204 of the Acts of 1908, I respectfully recommend that an appropriation of \$600,000 be made for the construction of sewerage works.

Yours respectfully,  
E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by chapter 204 of the Acts of 1908, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for sewerage works, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR SEWERAGE WORKS, CHARLES RIVER BASIN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, February 19, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting an appropriation for the construction of sewerage works in the Charles River Basin drainage area, and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department, February 19, 1917.  
To the Honorable the Mayor:

Under the provisions of chapter 348 of the Acts of 1912, I respectfully recommend that an appropriation of \$400,000 be made for the construction of sewerage works in the Charles River Basin drainage area.

Yours respectfully,  
E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 348 of the Acts of 1912 the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for the construction of sewerage works in the Charles River Basin drainage area, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Henry O'Rourke, for compensation for damages at 61 Minden street by being flooded with water.

James Welch, for compensation for damages at 30 Baxter street by break in a water pipe.

Michael O'Mealey, for compensation for damages at 32, 34 and 36 Baxter street by break in a water pipe.

New England Cement Gun Company, for settlement of ease of Florence Kanavos against said company while it was working for the city.

William Steuper, for compensation for damages at 306 West Fourth street by a hose wagon.

Bertha Slessinger, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Warren street, Roxbury.

Hyman Slessinger, for reimbursement of expense incurred on account of accident to his wife Bertha.

James F. O'Connell, for compensation for damages at 242 Western avenue by backing up of sewage.

Peter H. Rogers, to be reimbursed for expense incurred in suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

Mrs. Eugene H. Freeman, to be paid for ash barrels taken from sidewalk at 759 Tremont street.

Wolf Bercenson, for compensation for injuries caused by defective sidewalk at Bower park, Roxbury.

Frank H. Wait, for compensation for injuries received while drawtender at Prison Point Bridge.

Samuel L. Blumenthal, to be reimbursed for expense incurred for medical treatment, etc., for his son who was injured by a city team.

Egbert A. Oliver, to be paid for extra work on the steamer "Vigilant."

Alonzo W. Buekman, to be paid for extra work on the steamer "Vigilant."

Jacob Sandler, for compensation for damages at 373 Hanover street by a broken water main.

Mrs. Paulina Wilson, for compensation for injuries caused by her being run into by an ambulance.

William J. A. Bailey, for compensation for injuries received and damages to automobile caused by defect in India street.

Mary L. O'Grady, for compensation for damages at 37 Woodcliff street by backflow of sewage.

Henrietta M. Randolph, for compensation for injuries received on Westland avenue.

Executive.

Canal Street Trust, for rebate of rental on lease with the City of Boston of land on Canal street, because the condition of said street has made said lessees unable to obtain tenants.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

Mrs. Fred L. Pigeon, Chapman School, evenings of March 1 and 2.

Jewish People's Institute, Colonial Theater, evening of February 25.

Dorothy Carmen, Richards Hall, evening of February 21.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

George B. Hall, keeping of gasoline, 12 Center-vale park, Dorchester.

R. H. Grogan, keeping and sale of gasoline, at vacant lot off Cummington street.

O. A. Johnson, keeping and sale of gasoline, 404 K street.

O. A. Johnson, keeping of gasoline, 75 Pilgrim road.



Nelson J. Molway, keeping and sale of gasolene, 20 Mt. Vernon avenue.

Charles L. Burnes, keeping of gasolene, 1052 River street, Hyde Park.

George A. Bascom Company (Inc.), keeping and sale of gasolene, 31 and 33 Stanhope street.

John J. O'Lalor, keeping and sale of gasolene, 66 and 68 Stanhope street.

John J. O'Lalor, keeping and sale of gasolene 80 Stanhope street.

Packard Auto Renting Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 140 Worcester street.

H. Staples Potter, keeping and storage of gasolene, 82 Commonwealth avenue.

Henry L. Richmond, keeping, storage and sale of gasolene at 509 and 511 Fifth street, South Boston. Placed on file.

#### NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Daniel H. Coakley as trustee of the Boston Public Library, a certified copy of the same having been sent to the Civil Service Commission.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission asking for information from the City Council concerning character and qualifications of the above appointment.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Health Commissioner of appointment of James P. Murtha as Collector of Samples. Placed on file.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments, viz.:

Clarence W. Rowley, Director of the Collateral Loan Company.

Frederick M. J. Sheenan, Director of the Workmen's Loan Association.

John D. Marks, Director of the Chattel Loan Company.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of hearing on Tuesday, February 20, at 10.30 a. m., on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of plans for extension of Elevated station in Everett.

Placed on file.

#### CHANGE OF STREET NAME.

Notices were received from the Street Commissioners, as follows:

That the name of the way known as L street, South Boston, between the L Street Bridge, over the Reserved channel and East Second street, be changed to, and that it be hereafter known as Summer street.

That the name of the way known as Peaceable street, Brighton, between Winship street and Academy Hill road, be changed to, and that it be hereafter known as Parkland street.

Placed on file.

#### AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Notice was received from the Street Commissioners as follows:

Voted. To amend section 2 of article 9 of the Street Traffic Regulations by adding to said section the following-named street where vehicles may stand for a period of not more than five minutes:

Norway street, between Massachusetts avenue and Falmouth street.

Placed on file.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. HAGAN called up unfinished business Nos. 1, 2 and 3, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor February 12, 1917, viz.:

1. William I. Hurst, to be a Weigher of Coal.
2. Charles E. Hunt, to be a Weigher of Coal and a Measurer of Wood and Bark.
3. Joseph A. Martell and David Warnock, to be Measurers of Leather.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Wellington and Attridge. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### MINORS' LICENSES.

President STORROW submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for fourteen newsboys—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### PAY OF CITY LABORERS, ETC.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the items submitted to the Committee on Appropriations a sum sufficient, if it is desirable in his judgment and the financial condition of the city will permit, to pay \$3.50 per day to all laborers, janitors and elevator men employed by the City of Boston.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule that the order may be put upon its passage. At the last meeting of this body the gentleman at my left (Coun. Hagan) introduced an order similar to this in purport, except as to the amount. At that time he made a motion that the rule be suspended that it might go upon its passage. I objected to hasty consideration of the proposition and suggested a conference between his Honor the Mayor and the councilors, that we might have his views and he ours concerning the advisability of the request, as well as finding out whether or not the financial condition of the city would warrant it. I was voted down, however, by a vote of 6 or 7 to 1. Then the question came on the passage of the order, and I voted for it. The order, as I remember it, said that the Council urgently requested the Mayor to do so and so. The gentleman who introduced that order said in as plain words as possible that he intended, if he could, to use his influence in this body to prohibit consideration in the budget of any increases for employees in the city departments until he had secured from the Mayor an item in the budget of \$3 a day for the city laborers, and he said at that time that \$3 a day would not be enough for the ordinary man to live on at present because of the high cost of living. He also said that the suggestion of the Mayor that he would include in the budget an increase of twenty-five cents a day for laborers, making the amount \$2.75, was not enough. I believe that \$3 a day is none too much, if it is enough, for any family to live on today under conditions that exist. The question may be raised here that was raised in the *Boston Journal*, which said editorially this morning in substance that, in the opinion of the writer, the question of increasing wages of laborers in the city service and other increases proposed were what was termed some years ago by the then chairman of the Finance Commission pure buncombe and political bluff. I believed the order introduced by former Coun. Smith requesting the Mayor to increase the wages of city laborers from \$2.25 to \$2.50 a day was a legitimate and proper order, and I voted for it at the time, although it was defeated on the ground submitted by the Finance Commission that the use of the city's money for the increase of salaries was none of our business. The idea back of the order introduced by the gentleman last week, asking that the Mayor submit an item in the budget for an increase in the laborers' pay to \$3 a day, was on the part of the gentleman who introduced it a pure political bluff, and it is well so characterized by the editorial. It was done for the purpose of embarrassing the present Chief Executive if he were a candidate for re-election. I don't know what will be the fate of my little order, but I am fearful of the result. I don't know that I ought to anticipate adverse action by the body, because there are some broad-minded men here who quite often disagree with me. That is a matter of difference of opinion, and they are entitled to their views just as much as I am to mine, provided they do not attempt to reflect on my honesty in putting forth my views.



I certainly hope there will not be unfavorable action on my motion to suspend the rule and refer this matter right to the Mayor. If it was a fair move of the Mayor to suggest an increase from \$2.50 to \$2.75 a day, and if there is a widespread feeling that that is not a sufficient increase for the city laborers and that \$3.50 would be proper and more justifiable, I certainly think it is fair for me to go a step farther and introduce an order giving to city laborers, janitors and elevatormen a living wage—i. e., \$3.50 a day. It may be said that this order is buncombe. I will meet that issue when it is raised, but I would like to see paid to the laborers of the City of Boston \$3.50 a day, if the Hospital Board, the Consumptives' Hospital Department, the Overseers of the Poor, Soldiers' Relief Department and other departments where humane treatment is called for, will not be endangered and handicapped. Last year, when one day off in three was considered for the firemen, the question was raised that the city would not stand it. I contend that the firemen are as much entitled to and deserving of humane and broad treatment on the part of the city government and taxpayers as any other class of employees of the city. My position in this matter is on record. I sincerely trust that the rule will be suspended and that my order will go on its passage today.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, the gentleman in his remarks has referred to me as the author of an order that was presented here a week ago and adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the body then present. He claims that I was playing politics, and quotes a newspaper to that effect today. If I was playing politics, I did not know it. I did not so intend, and there is no reason under the sun why I should play politics on a matter of so much importance, because I have no thought or intention of ever being a candidate for an elective office. Therefore, I cannot be accused of trying to attract the votes of any of our citizens. If the order was a good one, I am going to have each and every one of my colleagues who voted for it to take the credit; if the order was an unwise one I want to take the odium, for there is no human being responsible for it but myself. Nobody saw the order until it was presented here in the last session of the Council last year. Nobody saw the order that was presented here at the last meeting until I presented it. There is no politics in the matter so far as I am concerned. It is a simple act of justice, an attempt to do what is right and fair at this opportune moment for the poorer paid employees of the city. There is going to be a disposition, so far as one can see from reading the *City Record* the past few months, to increase the salaries of the higher paid people in the employ of the city. Some of them received increases last year. As I said a week ago, there is no question that there are some individual meritorious cases where increases should be granted, and the Council should give due thought and consideration to those cases so far as the means will permit. But, in my opinion, the hour has arrived to take care of the lower paid employees of the city. It is their turn, and they should be taken care of first. Mr. President, we have witnessed in the last Council meeting and today, indeed, a sorry spectacle. The gentleman who preceded me took ten minutes or more last week to argue, with all the ability at his command, against giving the laborers \$3 a day. He was opposed to it, if his words meant anything, but evidently they did not. He evidently intended to be inconsistent and give a bold evidence of insincerity, for when the vote was taken the gentleman voted for the very measure that he argued against. Mr. President, such inconsistency cannot be construed as anything else than absolute insincerity. We witness an even more sorry spectacle today, when the gentleman who last Monday argued against giving the laborers \$3 a day and then voted to do it, comes in with an order proposing to increase their pay to \$3.50 a day. Mr. President, I charge that gentleman, and I deliberately and publicly charge it, with resorting to a trick to beat the laborers out of the possibility of getting \$3 a day. He knows that there is no possibility at this time of advancing them from \$2.50 to \$3.50, and so he proposes to play a trick on them by putting the price at a point beyond the means of the city to pay. It is a deliberate trick. He talks about playing politics. What is this? It is the lowest trickery in politics to do anything of this sort, making it, as he will make it if his order is adopted, absolutely impossible to give the laborers the advance they ought to have this year. There is a possible chance of giving them \$3 a day,

and the gentleman ought to unite with his colleagues in getting that for them. That work would be highly appreciated by the people we are trying to benefit. But if there is an attempt to make the amount \$3.50 he knows as well as any man here that the outcome of the thing will be that there will be no increase in their wages this year. I charge it again as a trick upon the laboring force of the city to beat them out of the possibility of getting the rational advance that there is a possibility of their obtaining.

President STORKOW—The Chair asks the privilege of saying a word. He is obliged to be at the State House at 2.30 o'clock and does not want to seem to be avoiding a vote on this question. If the Chair were here, he would vote against suspension of the rule. I ask Coun. Ballantyne to take the chair.

Coun. BALLANTYNE in the chair.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, the gentleman has laid great stress on the fact that last week I proposed an order looking to \$3 for city employees, laborers, elevatormen and janitors, and then, when the vote was taken, that I voted for it. The gentleman knows that that is a deliberate misstatement of fact; I refrain from using a harsher word. He knows full well, as does every member of this body, that I urged the reference of the order to the Executive Committee for rational consideration with the Chief Executive, who had the power to grant or not grant the proposition. He sought a suspension of the rule and insisted upon it; I objected to that and wanted it referred to the Executive Committee, where it might have gone for amendment, and from which committee, having the preponderance of votes, the members, the control of this body, he could have it reported back that afternoon, whether I wanted it to come back or not. I wanted rational consideration of the proposition, and not buncombe. As far as trickery is concerned, the gentleman is a past master at trickery, political and otherwise. He is one champion at the trickery game, and it comes with mighty poor grace from the gentleman on my left to accuse me of trickery when he holds letters patent for the game all along the line, and has got out foreign patents as well. Now, there is politics being played in this chamber by the majority membership, and they don't deny it. There may be an exception as far as you are concerned, Mr. Chairman (Coun. Ballantyne), and perhaps at times one or two others; but the majority of those in control until this year have played the game, and played it fairly well from their point of view, and now are starting in again. I wonder if the gentleman is angry at the newspaperman I was angry at recently, and deservedly so in my case, for the article in the *Journal* today? I think he probably is angry; it hurts to be pricked by such a pin.

"We fear the City Council is playing politics in the present attempt by Coun. Hagan to force Mayor Curley's hand by demanding the \$3 a day. Coun. Hagan and his associates have invariably sought the usually sound counsel of the Finance Commission on projects involving a quarter or a half a million dollars. Why have they declined to ask the Finance Commission's judgment on this enormous financial issue? The threat of Coun. Hagan and his associates to refuse any city employee a salary raise this year unless the Mayor accepts their dictation of a 50 cent a day increase for laborers does not sound well."

That is the *Journal* editorial. Now, these are my words. It is in line with all he does, it sounds just like him, it is a repetition of the things he is in the habit of saying and doing as a City Father. I will continue with the editorial:

"We refer Coun. Hagan to a report of the Finance Commission, dated April 30, 1913, and based on Coun. Smith's order requesting Mayor Fitzgerald to increase the pay of laborers from \$2.25 a day to \$2.50. The report characterizes the order as 'buncombe, pure and simple,' and 'introduced for political purposes.'"

I will not burden the Council by reading the rest of the editorial, but, with the permission of the body, will submit the entire editorial to the stenographer, so that it may become a part of the record and the public may know just what one of the newspapermen thinks of the gentleman now opposing the order I have introduced, and which he calls trickery and political buncombe. Oh, it is glorious to be able to wield the whip and lash the back of those who cannot defend

themselves. It is very edifying for the gentleman to refer to me, the fine looking, I was going to say very ministerial looking gentleman, but that is a mistake,—it is a fine thing for him to look at me and say that I am retarding an increase in the laborers' pay. But I represent in this body the ordinary red-blooded city laborer, the decent employee. I am here by virtue of their votes, and I am as much their servant as is the Finance Commission, the Chamber of Commerce or the absent landlords whom the gentleman represents. The gentleman ought to rise now on this floor and apologize to this body for stating that I was against his order which proposed to increase the wages of city employees from \$2.50 to \$3 a day, when he knows that I simply wanted it considered in committee and that when it came to a vote on the order itself I voted for it. If the minutes of the Council of last week were here they would show that that was my position. But I suppose we should not expect much fairness or much common sense from the gentleman. A fair examination of the facts will show that he has not shown as much common sense in this matter as I have. While I favored the order that he introduced, I simply wanted it referred to the Executive Committee for thoughtful and sane consideration. I trust that the rule will be suspended, so that the order may go on its passage today.

(The complete editorial from the *Journal* of February 19, submitted by Coun. WATSON, is as follows:)

#### The City Laborer.

"The pay of city employees never goes down. Even those reformers who are rated as politically fearless never fight for anything more drastic than checking the upward flight of the pay roll.

"The city laborer today is receiving \$2.50 a day, with assured steady employment; two weeks' vacation with pay, an eight-hour day, every holiday off with full pay, every Saturday afternoon off with full pay, and a life's pension on half pay in his old age. We admit, in view of the present staggering cost of living, that this is not enough for the services of even the humblest unskilled laborer. To those with families such an income works an actual hardship. But is this present crisis something of a few months, or will potatoes always be 80 cents a peck, and coal and flour twice the price of a few years ago? In other words, should the city give its laborers a permanent increase of 50 cents a day this spring or should a 25-cent increase be given, as Mayor Curley has promised, to be followed a year later by another if the cost of living does not fall decisively?

"We fear the City Council is playing politics in the present attempt by Councilman Hagan to force Mayor Curley's hand by demanding the \$3 a day. Councilman Hagan and his associates have invariably sought the usually sound counsel of the Finance Commission on projects involving a quarter or a half a million dollars. Why have they declined to ask the Finance Commission's judgment on this enormous financial issue?

"The threat of Councilman Hagan and his associates to refuse any city employee a salary raise this year unless the Mayor accepts their dictation of a 50-cent a day increase for laborers does not sound well.

"We refer Councilman Hagan to a report of the Finance Commission, dated April 30, 1913, and based on Councilman Smith's order requesting Mayor Fitzgerald to increase the pay of laborers from \$2.25 a day to \$2.50. The report characterizes the order as 'bumcombe, pure and simple' and 'introduced for political purposes.'

"The commission believes that this action of the City Council was in direct violation of section 8 of the Charter Amendments (Acts of 1909, chapter 486), and that the members who voted for the order are liable to fine or imprisonment, or both, as provided in said section. (See opinion of the Corporation Counsel, January 14, 1911.) The direct tendency of such orders is to facilitate the return to the disreputable practices of the past, under which members of former City Councils actively participated in the executive and administrative business of the city, in securing the appointment of employees, or increases in their compensation, or procuring contracts for persons in whom they were interested. The commission deprecates any attempt to return to these discredited practices and urges the City Council hereafter to observe strictly both the spirit and the letter of the city charter."

The motion to suspend the rule was declared lost. Coun. WATSON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The Council refused to suspend the rule, yeas 4, nays 4:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, McDonald, Watson—4.

Nays—Coun. Collins, Ford, Hagan, Wellington—4.

The order was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### LAYING OUT OF PIKE'S ALLEY.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way the alley leading from 91 and 93 Chambers street to 38 and 40 Leverett street, known as Pike's alley, Ward 5, and to send to the City Council an estimate of the cost of said laying out to a width of 18 feet as above set forth. Passed.

#### SALARIES OF POLICE MATRONS.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Police Commissioner relative to increase in salaries of matrons of the various Boston police stations and inform the City Council as to the outcome of said conference. Passed.

#### WIDENING OF HARRISON AVENUE, ETC.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the City Planning Board be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council a report as to the advisability of widening Harrison avenue, from Warren street to Essex street, and of establishing a civic center in the area bounded by Harrison avenue, Shawmut avenue, Dudley street, Winslow street and Thordike street. Passed.

#### INCREASE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to submit in the budget, if he deems it advisable, an increase of one hundred dollars per year for every city employee receiving less than eighteen hundred dollars per annum.

Coun. WATSON moved a suspension of the rule that the order might be put upon its passage, and called for the yeas and nays.

When Coun. Collins' name was reached, the order was read at his request, and he said: Mr. President, under the circumstances I shall vote no on that order.

The motion to suspend the rule was lost, yeas 4, nays 4.

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, McDonald, Watson—4.

Nays—Coun. Collins, Ford, Hagan, Wellington—4.

The order was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### QUALITY OF GAS FURNISHED.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners be requested to name a date when they will grant a hearing to the City Council and the citizens of Boston concerning the supply and quality of gas furnished by the Boston Consolidated Gas Company.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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 in the month of February. Report accepted; order passed.

#### ANNUITY FOR MRS. MITCHELL.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That as long as she remains unmarried there be allowed and paid to



Mrs. Alexander F. Mitchell, widow of Alexander F. Mitchell, a member of the Fire Department, who died from injuries received while in the performance of his duties, an annuity of three hundred dollars, the amounts so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

DAY IN THREE FOR FIREMEN.

Coun. McDONALD offered the following:  
City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen. An Ordinance Concerning the Fire Department. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter sixteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1914 is hereby amended in section one by striking out the whole of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 1. The fire department shall be under the charge of the fire commissioner, who shall exercise the powers and perform the duties provided by statute; and shall appoint a chief of department, deputy chiefs, district chiefs, engineers and other firemen, whose hours of labor for the city shall not exceed two days out of three, and who shall be allowed for meals during the two days on duty three periods of one hour each.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I will not ask a suspension of the rule for the passage of the ordinance, but I would like to ask the chairman of the committee to call a meeting of the Committee on Ordinances as soon as possible to consider that amendment.

The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

PENSION FOR WILLIAM H. BLANCHARD.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That, under authority of chapter 61 of the Special Acts of 1917, there be allowed and paid to William H. Blanchard, a veteran of the Civil War, employed as an assistant drawtender by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, an annual pension equal to one half the rate of compensation paid him at the time of the passage of said act (February 8, 1917); such pension to be payable quarterly and each of said cities to pay one half thereof.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JOSIAH H. BENTON.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the city hereby spreads upon its official records their feeling of regret and expression of sympathy for the death of Josiah H. Benton, late president of the Boston Library Trustees.

Resolved, That the members of the City Council hereby testify to the regard and esteem in which the late Mr. Benton was held by them, and to their appreciation of his love for the library of which he had so long been a director.

Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions and order be sent to the widow of the deceased.

The resolutions were adopted by an unanimous rising vote.

INFORMATION CONCERNING BUILDING LAWS.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council if any owners or lessees of Boston hotels have refused or neglected to conform to the building laws, or refused or neglected to comply with the requirements as issued by the Building Commissioner, and if there be any such refusal or neglect to conform or comply with the building laws that the Building Commissioner be requested to give in detail such information as he may have to the City Council, so it may enable that body to strengthen the existing building laws and amend the present city ordinances and thereby aid the commissioner to protect the lives and property of our citizens.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, why not send the order to the Executive Committee, and let us consider it there? I heard only a part of it read, and I would like to consider it in Executive Committee.

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.43 p. m., on motion of Coun. WATSON, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order at 2.50 p. m.

RAILROAD SERVICE IN BOSTON.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:

Whereas, That New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company at present provides a transportation system that is inadequate; and

Whereas, The establishment of a connection on the Providence Division of said road from the Hyde Park and West Roxbury section of the city would permit of a schedule of sufficient trains to relieve the congestion obtaining in those sections of the city; and

Whereas, The establishment of a connection from Faneuil to Boston on the Boston & Albany Railroad would relieve the congestion in that section of Boston; be it and it is hereby

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council the Public Service Commission should hold public hearings on the question of establishing connections from the points named on the above railroads to the city proper; and be it

Resolved, That the City Council is of the opinion that the above-named railroads should provide at least fifteen minute service as above mentioned;

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council the rate of fare on the lines above mentioned should not exceed the rate now charged by the Boston Elevated Railway system, namely, a five cent fare.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.52 p. m., on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the Chair at 7.45 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

Mr. Fred L. Pigeon, Chapman School, evenings of March 1 and 2.

Jewish People's Institute, Colonial Theater, evening of February 25.

Dorothy Carmen, Richards Hall, evening of February 21.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on order (referred today) for payment of pension to William H. Blanchard, assistant drawtender at River Street Bridge, between Boston and Cambridge—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on order (referred today) that the Building Commissioner be requested to inform the City Council if any owners or lessees of Boston hotels have refused or neglected to conform to the building laws—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on resolution and order (referred today) that the Boston City Council favors the passage of an amendment to the State Constitution permitting cities and towns in the Commonwealth to manufacture and sell ice and to purchase and sell coal and wood—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; resolution and order passed.



(5) Report on order (referred February 5) requesting the Mayor to send to the City Council an order appropriating sufficient money for drawing of plans, etc., for a municipal building at Roxbury Crossing—recommending reference of same to the Committee on Finance.

The report was accepted and the question came on reference to the Finance Committee.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I think this is a wrong reference. The order is merely a request that his Honor the Mayor send in a sum sufficient to provide plans for a municipal building, Roxbury Crossing, Wards 13, 14 and 15, and to refer it to the Finance Committee, in my opinion, merely means killing it. If the Mayor does not wish to act under the order, well and good, but we can use influence with him. I don't think it is fair to refer it to the Committee on Finance, and I ask for the passage of the order, and a roll call.

The Council refused to pass the order, yeas 4, nays 4:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ballantync, McDonald, Watson—4.

Nays—Coun. Collins, Ford, Hagan, Wellington—4.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

(6) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) transferring \$9,200 to appropriation for Library Department, Central Library Building Addition, etc.—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its second reading not less than fourteen days from date.

#### ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS.

The CHAIR, under unfinished business, called up Nos. 4, 5 and 6 on the calendar, viz.:

4. John H. Rafferty, to be a Constable of the City of Boston.

5. Asador G. Ogassian, to be a Constable of the City of Boston.

6. Arthur B. Gradone, to be a Constable of the City of Boston.

The question came on confirmation.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I move that we take them up separately.

The Council first proceeded to act on No. 4. Committee—Coun. Watson and Attridge. Whole number of ballots 7; yeas 5, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

The question came on confirmation under No. 5.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I move that action on confirmation be assigned to the next meeting. I desire to make further inquiry concerning this man.

The motion to assign was declared carried, and the Chair directed the same committee to collect ballots on No. 6.

Coun. HAGAN doubted the vote assigning No. 5 to the next meeting.

Coun. WATSON—I rise to a point of order, Mr. Chairman. Business having intervened, the doubt cannot be entertained.

The CHAIR—The point of order is well taken. The councilor can ask for reconsideration in a moment. The question now comes on action on No. 6.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, what business has intervened? I don't see why the gentleman's motion is not in order.

The CHAIR—The Chair announced that action was to be taken on the next number on the calendar, and announced the committee. That is business of this Council, and the committee will act on No. 6.

Coun. McDONALD—I think the Chair is not right in that matter.

The committee collected ballots on No. 6. Whole number of ballots 8; yeas 8, and the appointment was confirmed.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I move reconsideration of the assignment of No. 5 on the calendar.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, if I were to vote now I would wish to be neutral on the proposition. I am not satisfied that the gentleman is a fit person for constable in the City of Boston. At the same time, I don't want to do him an injustice. I want to make inquiry concerning the man's reputation and character during the time he lived in Salem. I don't want to vote no without knowing more about the matter. He is indorsed by Walter B. Grant, an attorney of reputation, and I am inclined to think that perhaps he is all right. But I don't want to vote yes or no now, and if the vote is forced at this time I will simply not vote. I think we ought to wait a week.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I am ready to vote on this matter. I don't think he is a fit man to be constable and I am going to vote no.

Assignment was reconsidered, and the question came on confirmation of No. 5 on the calendar.

The same committee collected the ballots. Whole number 7; yeas 1, nays 6, and confirmation was refused.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. HAGAN moved a general reconsideration on all business, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 8 p. m., to meet on Monday, February 26, at 2 p. m.

**CITY OF BOSTON.**

**Proceedings of City Council.**

Monday, February 26, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair and all the members present.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, February 26, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Subject to confirmation by your honorable body, I appoint Abram Herman, 107 Union Park street, Boston, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1917.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

**CITY BORROWING CAPACITY.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 26, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Board of Sinking Funds Commissioners, the City Auditor and the City Treasurer giving estimate of the amount which the city will be able to borrow during the present municipal year.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds,  
February 20, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Sir,—In accordance with the provisions of chapter 93, Acts of 1894, it is estimated that the amount which the city will be able to borrow during the present municipal year within the debt limit established by law is \$3,447,401.49, as per schedule annexed.

Respectfully,  
JAMES W. DUNPHY,  
MAX E. WYZANSKI,  
MATTHEW CUMMINGS,  
JOHN J. CASSEY,  
DONALD J. FERGUSON,  
LOGAN L. McLEAN,  
Board of Commissioners of  
Sinking Funds.  
J. ALFRED MITCHELL,  
City Auditor.  
CHARLES H. SLATTERY,  
City Treasurer.

**APPENDICES.**

**Debt Incurring Power in 1917.**

Total debt incurring power within the debt limit (2½ per cent of \$1,568,290,365, the average assessed valuation for three years, less abatements).....	\$39,207,259 12
Less by chapter 267, Special Acts, 1916.....	500,000 00

\$38,707,259 12

**Debts incurred:**

Total funded debt, city and county.....	\$128,438,881 02
Funded debts outside the debt limit (debts exempted from the operation of the law limiting municipal indebtedness):	
City debt.....	\$38,270,800 00
Water debt.....	2,147,450 00
County debt.....	3,363,000 02
Rapid transit debt.....	33,708,700 00
	77,489,950 02

Funded debt within the debt limit..... \$50,948,931 00

**Offsets to funded debt:**

Sinking funds.....	\$42,143,837 16
Less sinking funds for debts outside the debt limit:	
City sinking funds.....	\$19,560,714 95
Water sinking fund.....	1,763,450 00
County sinking fund.....	1,952,055 91
Rapid transit sinking funds.....	4,539,466 23
	27,815,687 09

Sinking funds for debt within the debt limit..... \$14,328,150 07  
Premium on loans within the debt limit..... 24,779 30

Offsets to funded debt within the debt limit..... 14,352,929 37

Net indebtedness within the debt limit, January 31, 1917..... \$36,596,001 63  
Loans authorized but not issued (within the debt limit)..... 963,000 00

Used debt incurring power within the debt limit..... 37,559,001 63

Unused debt incurring power within the debt limit..... \$1,148,257 49

**Estimated increase during year by:**

Interest on sinking fund investments.....	\$489,613 00
Appropriations for sinking funds for debt within the debt limit.....	748,981 00
Serial bonds redeemable from taxes.....	1,060,550 00

2,299,144 00

Estimated amount of indebtedness that may legally be incurred within the debt limit during the municipal year..... \$3,447,401 49

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

## Claims.

Allan M. Brown, for compensation for damages at 2004 Dorchester avenue by Fire Department apparatus.

Herman Cooks, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Homestead street.

Bartholomew H. Couig, for a hearing on claim for damages to automobile by a defect in Warren street, Brighton.

Margaret M. Driscoll, for payment of expenses incurred on account of the death of her son from injuries received while at play at Orchard Park.

Mary Fallon, for compensation for damages at 63 Minden street by bursting of water main.

Frank O. Griffin, for compensation for injuries received on Causeway street.

Josephine Kelley, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Charles street, near Beacon street.

Mary Kelley, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in steps leading from Ruggles street to Bryant street.

Filippo Veneziano, for compensation for damage to property at 365 Hanover street by a flow of water into basement.

Alice Mann, for compensation for injuries received from a fall in yard of the Marshall School.

Way Leather Company, for compensation for damage to goods by water leak at corner Utica and Kneeland streets.

Mrs. Ray Kabler, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 15 Spring street.

Harry P. Wheeler, for compensation for loss of fowl killed by dogs.

## Executive.

Petitions for retirement under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914, viz.:

James Gibbon, John Johnson.

Petitions for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

D. M. Staley, Huntington Chambers Hall, evening of February 22.

Ernest G. Guthrie, Union Church, evening of March 7.

Arthur P. Hardy, Symphony Hall, evening of March 1.

Tremont Loan Company, for permit to sell, rent or lease firearms at 1313 Tremont street, Ward 13.

## STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Boston & Albany Railroad Company, keeping of gasoline, 75 Exeter street.

Elmer E. Given, keeping of gasoline, 601 East Eighth street.

Herbert L. Purdy, keeping of gasoline, 20 Holborn street.

St. Michael's Cemetery (Peter Antetomaso, Superintendent), keeping of black powder and fuses at said cemetery on Walk Hill street.

Noonan & Sullivan, keeping and sale of gasoline, 276 West Newton street.

Davidson Rubber Company, storage of gasoline, Caldwell street, Charlestown.

The same company, Caldwell street, keeping and storage of carbon bisulphide and benzol.

Edwin H. Pope, keeping and storage of gasoline, 1856 Commonwealth avenue.

## CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of Arthur B. Gradone.

Approved by the City Council.

## COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION IN CITY BUSINESS.

The following was received:

Finance Commission,  
Boston, February 20, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission calls the

attention of your honorable body to its report entitled, "Communication to the City Council in relation to the participation by members of the City Council in the executive and administrative business of the city," dated April 30, 1913, and to be found on page 104 of volume IX. of its reports, and to a second communication on the same subject, dated May 17, 1913, and to be found on page 116 of the same volume.

In view of the attitude of certain members of the City Council at this time, with regard to the compensation of day laborers, and of at least one member of the City Council with regard to the compensation and time of police employees, the commission takes this occasion to reaffirm the attitude which it took in these two communications.

What was then said about the illegality of interfering with the conduct of the executive and administrative business of the city holds true today, and applies to certain orders now before your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Referred to the Executive Committee, on motion of Coun. WATSON.

## CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from W. 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 January 22 to February 19, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$4,432.13.

Approved and ordered paid.

## CAR TRAFFIC, WASHINGTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Street Laying-Out Department,  
February 23, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The inclosed communication from John J. Toomey, relative to the operation of street railway cars on Washington street, which was addressed to this Board, is respectfully referred to your honorable body.

It was by an order of the City Council, requesting the Boston Elevated Railway Company to divert its cars from Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets, during the Christmas holiday season, that the cars were taken from Washington street between these points. By another request of your honorable body, the cars were kept off Washington street for a further period of six weeks, in order to enable the railway company to improve its routing of cars. This period expires on Saturday. Whether or not the cars shall be permanently kept from Washington street is a question which, it would seem, is to be determined by your honorable body or by the Public Service Commission.

As solving a traffic problem the plan as operated has worked well, but there has been much complaint particularly from people of South Boston and Dorchester, who say the car service given to them since the plan was put into force does not meet their requirements, and this is a matter for the Public Service Commission to consider.

Very truly yours,  
J. J. O'CALLAGHAN, Secretary.

Annexed was the communication referred to concerning car service to South Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, No. 1, viz.:

1. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor February 19, 1917, of Nicholas M. Weber to be a Measurer of Leather.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Collins and Ford. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the appointment was confirmed.



## FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

Reports on messages of the Mayor, communications and orders (referred February 19) for loans for sewerage works—that the orders ought to pass, viz.:

Order for \$600,000 for loan for sewerage works.

Order for \$400,000 for loan for sewerage works, Charles River Basin.

The reports were accepted and the orders given their first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The orders will take their final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

## RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EUROPEAN WAR.

Coun. WATSON submitted the following:

Whereas, The nations of Europe are suffering, starving and perishing from an ungodly war, and in their death struggle are violating neutral rights so that the United States is threatened with war against one of them; and

Whereas, The United States is sending its food stuffs to feed the warring nations until its people are suffering distress and our poor are rioting and starving in the midst of plenty; and

Whereas, Our railroads and ports are blocked with food and military supplies for foreigners, and our own governments are unable to curb the greed of those who are cornering food and sending it abroad; therefore be it

Resolved, First: That it is more important to learn how to govern at home than how to kill abroad.

Second: That it is unpatriotic to consider war with foreign peoples while our own people are suffering.

Third: That that business is to feed its own people, to study and remove the causes of poverty, and to compel railroads, corporations and individuals to meet the demands of the citizens of the United States before they supply warring peoples with food and instruments of death.

Fourth: That an embargo should forthwith be laid on all shipments to Europe, and no further shipments of war materials from our factories should be allowed until our railroads are cleared, and able properly to supply our people with food and other necessities of life and prices are reduced to a reasonable scale throughout the United States.

Coun. WATSON.—Mr. President, I expect that these resolutions will be referred to the Executive Committee at the conclusion of my remarks, but, as a result of my experience with that committee, in view of the fact that the public are excluded from its meetings and that there is no stenographic report of the doings, and in view of the further fact that the newspaper men are inclined to misinterpret and garble conversations and doings in that body and convey to the public misinformation, I am going to ask at the conclusion of my remarks that the rule be suspended and the resolutions be placed on their passage today, because there is no way in which the public can know how the members of this body act after an order once goes into Executive Committee. I might come out and say that John Jones or Bill Smith were opposed to a matter in the committee, and they can say that they were not, and it is a matter of veracity between us. Now, these resolutions are harmless, and they should be given serious consideration today in this body. We are confronted with a condition throughout the United States that I have never seen in my time, and I doubt if the President or the senior member opposite have seen it in their time. We are in want. When I say that, I mean that our people are in want. I am not, I thank God, in want. I am having good and plenty and am trying to divide the little surplus I have with others less fortunate than I. But I am talking now for those who are less influential and less well taken care of than I am. We saw a spectacle within a few days in connection with a meeting in Faneuil Hall, crowded to the doors apparently, if we may believe the newspapers, with intelligent people clamoring for something to be done to relieve their necessities by the high officials of our city and state; and the Governor of the Commonwealth and the Mayor of the city both

said, and I believe they could say nothing else, that they could do nothing as chief executives. The people do not believe that. Not being acquainted with the manipulations of Parliamentary practice in legislative bodies and municipal and state conditions, they are prone to believe that nothing is being done to assist them in their calamity, in their hours of trial. Many of them are people who have recently come to our shores and are unacquainted with our American institutions. Being in want, some of them, according to the Press, being on the verge of starvation, they are liable to go beyond the line of reasoning and do something very, very bad, perhaps resulting in riots in this city. As I understand it, the same conditions exist in St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia and other large cities, and in some of the smaller places as well. I have been waiting a long time before bringing myself to the point where I believed we ought to attempt to keep our stuff at home. I remember distinctly on Flag Day a few years ago, I think in the first year of the present Chief Executive's administration, at the beginning of the war he came out on Boston Common in favor of a food embargo. I disagreed with him then, and I think I was in error in so disagreeing. But it has got to a point where I conscientiously and honestly believe it is time for the United States Government to place an embargo on food stuffs and munitions of war. I believe we can do more to straighten out the difficulties in Europe by refusing to send any more of our products—firearms, gunpowder, dynamite and food—to the warring nations than we can by entering into war with any of the belligerents. I need not say that I am not a coward or peace-at-any-price man, because any one knowing my feelings cannot make that claim. I have the courage of my convictions, mentally and physically, and I do not take a step back from any man who confronts me physically or mentally, if I am in the right. I have less to fear personally or in my family from war than almost any other man in this body, and less than 85 per cent of the citizens of Boston. I am unable to go. To begin with, I am physically unable. My left arm is crippled and my right arm is only partly well. There will be no fear as far as my family is concerned. I have a daughter 19 years of age. She, naturally, would not have to go. My father and mother are beyond the age where they could be drafted to go to the front and every one of my brothers is beyond the age where he would probably be called, certainly at first. Therefore, no man can accuse me of being afraid of going to war, because I would perhaps be less affected than any man in this body and certainly less affected than 95 per cent of the residents of the city. But I want to say, with all my pugnacious spirit and my desire apparently to fight at the drop of a hat, that I am praying morning and night that this war into it until we are actually invaded by some foreign foe. I know it is unpopular to talk peace with the red, white and blue, our great emblem of liberty, out in front of every stock and bond house, every banking and insurance house in Boston, those men wishing to protect their money that is invested abroad and to aid with their money in continuing and fomenting the trouble across the water. My purpose in talking now is this, that I expect these resolutions, if referred to the Executive Committee, to be throttled, so that I would not have an opportunity to say what I desired to say, even though I might be represented in the minority when it came to voting. Just think of what came out in the morning Press. I hold in my hand copies of the morning *Herald* and *Globe*, both of them containing what purport to be reports of a meeting held last night in Tremont Temple—not a peace-at-any-price meeting, but a meeting to keep out of war. A man named Calloway, I believe a Texas congressman, spoke. I was not present; I depend on the newspaper reports for what took place there, and I read every morning the *Herald*, *Globe* and *Journal*, and when I get through reading them all I feel dizzy. They all have different kinds of reports. The *Herald* starts out with these headlines: "Says Soldiers Disgraced the Nation; Congressman Calloway, at Tremont Temple meeting, declares American Marines at Vera Cruz massed women and children and shot each other." Then it goes on, and it is all pro-ally. It was certainly written up by a man who is not in favor of peace and it passed the desk, I presume, not being blue-pencilled. Then in the *Globe* I

find the following: "Keep out of war, they proclaim. 'Keep cool and help the President keep this country out of war' were the sentiments most loudly applauded by nearly three thousand people at the mass meeting in Tremont Temple yesterday afternoon, at which Congressman Oscar Calloway of Texas was the principal speaker. Prof. M. O. Hudson also spoke. John S. Codman presided. There was much less 'pro' of any kind about this meeting than the meeting in the Temple the preceding Sunday, but at the same time it was not a 'peace-at-any-price' affair,"—showing that those who want to avert war are not pro-anything. They are trying to be neutral, as I am trying to be. We hear from all over the country statements by learned men that we cannot be neutral. We can be neutral so far as outward expressions go, but inwardly we can think as we please, and I inwardly have my opinion. I have here a copy of the Boston *American* of yesterday that lays great stress on the conduct of a commission appointed by his Excellency the Governor to inquire into the high cost of living. Upon that commission were a number of eminent men, including our worthy president—and I want to say, and it may surprise him, that I think the position taken by his commission in not reporting publicly all that was contained in a report to them was well taken. I do not know their reasons, but I assume it was because they realized that in these mighty dangerous times the population is very easily wrought up over the high cost of living and they perhaps felt—I am not sure of this, but I think if that was their feeling they felt rightly—that such a report if published broadcast might incite weak brains and uneducated people, possibly some of the foreign element, to do something they should not do. It might result in something serious and, while I am great on publicity, I want to say to that commission that I think they did just right. I investigated some institutions for Governor Foss, and my findings were placed in the library at the State House for the public to see if they desired. But the investigators, Harvey S. Chase and others, who looked into the departments for the Governor, for whom I worked, made their report on such facts as they desired to use. It is unfortunate that the Press sometimes cannot understand that it is better not to use good news than to inflame the public mind. Some may think it is strange for me to talk this way, and that it does not harmonize with the attitude I have taken at other times, but I realize as well as any member of the body, the great danger there is of inciting the populace by something of this sort, which may or may not set forth the complete facts, to do something of a more or less illegal and criminal nature. We ought to go slow, and the papers ought to help. The only reason why the other papers are bringing it up now is that the Boston *Traveler* got a scoop on the others. I know something about the newspaper game. Of course, some one said to the *Traveler* man that the report was there in the library, that it was a good piece of news, and that he had better go and get it and beat out the other papers, and he did so, and now the others are all worked up because they didn't get it, because they were scooped. I believe there is danger of three or four of them being discharged, because they fell asleep at the post. I sincerely trust that the rule will be suspended and the order passed today. If the motion to refer to the Executive Committee is to prevail, I shall move that it be reported back today either favorably or unfavorably, because we will then have some action taken. If the other members think the existing conditions are all right and don't want to have something done such as is suggested here, if they don't want to keep out of trouble but want war with a foreign nation, they can vote accordingly. I think the resolution ought to be passed; if they don't agree with me, let them vote against it. But I do want decisive action on the proposition today, and, therefore I move a suspension of the rule so that the order may go on its passage at the present time.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I trust that the rules will not be suspended but that the order will be referred to the Executive Committee for proper thought and action. Unfortunately, I was out of the room when the order was read and if I am now asked to vote on something I have not properly digested, I shall have to vote in the negative. I think the matter should be referred to the proper committee.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, if the gentleman will yield for a moment I will withdraw my motion to suspend the rule and will move, if he will permit, that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration with the understanding that it be reported back today. If he will accept that disposition of the resolutions I will withdraw the motion to suspend the rules. I am willing that he should give the matter thought and do not wish to take advantage of him.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I do not feel as though I can speak for any member of the body but myself. I think the resolutions should be referred to the Executive Committee for proper thought and consideration. In my opinion the charges made by the gentleman who preceded me as to what takes place in the Executive Committee are not based on fact. The Press are in that meeting and they do as a general thing report fairly accurately the proceedings in the Executive Committee. The gentleman says his resolutions are harmless. I presume they are harmless to himself, but that does not necessarily mean that they are harmless. I hope they may be referred to the Executive Committee, where they will receive the treatment they deserve.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I withdraw my motion, with the permission of the members.

President STORROW—Coun. Watson asks permission to withdraw his motion. The Chair hears no objection.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I now move that the Executive Committee be instructed to report back the resolutions this afternoon.

The resolutions were declared referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Coun. WATSON it was voted that the Executive Committee be instructed to report back on the resolutions today.

#### COST OF WIDENING CHARLES STREET.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to submit to the City Council an estimate of the cost of widening Charles street, from Beacon street to Cambridge street, to a width which will conform with that now existing between the Common and Public Garden.

Passed.

#### DEATHS FROM ASPHYXIATION.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Medical Examiner of Suffolk County be requested to appear before the Executive Committee at recess time if convenient and furnish the members with information as to the numbers of deaths from gas and whether the said deaths are the result of poisoning or asphyxiation.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### COMMITTEE FOR PREPAREDNESS.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the advisability of the appointment of a committee of twenty-five or more of Boston's public-spirited citizens to act in an advisory capacity in conjunction with the commission appointed by his Excellency the Governor, and with the Mayor and City Council, to consider a plan of preparedness that will best coordinate the resources of the city, and safeguard the interests of Boston and its citizens; and also to devise ways and means to remedy the present serious problem of the high cost of necessities of life.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### CAR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, WASHINGTON STREET.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the present car traffic regulations of Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets, be continued for an additional period of thirty days from this date, and that an advertised public hearing be given on the subject within a space of two weeks.

Referred to the Executive Committee.



ALL-YEAR-ROUND BATH HOUSE, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the alteration of the building formerly used for Police Station No. 6, South Boston, into an all-the-year-round 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 or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

HOLIDAY, EVACUATION DAY.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That the heads of departments be authorized to allow a holiday, without loss of pay, on Evacuation Day, March 17, 1917, to all city employees participating in the parade in the observance of said day.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

NEW STREET APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDITURES.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That for the purpose of enabling the City Council to make appropriations for street improvements the Finance Commission be requested to investigate and furnish the Council with information as to how moneys appropriated by way of loan for new streets in the past two years have been expended.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALK.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the budget appropriations the sum of \$250,000 for granolithic sidewalks.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.43 p. m., on motion of Coun. HAGAN, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the chamber and were called to order at 5.25 p. m. by the President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on order (referred February 19) for payment of annuity to the widow of Alexander S. Mitchell, late a member of the Fire Department—that the order ought to pass.  
Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Reports on petitions (referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

Arthur P. Hardy, Symphony Hall, evening of March 1.

D. M. Staley, Huntington Chambers Hall, evening of February 22.

Ernest G. Guthrie, Union Church, evening of March 7.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Tremont Loan Company (referred today) for permit to sell, rent or lease firearms at 1313 Tremont street, Ward 13—that a permit be granted.  
Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on order (referred today) that the Medical Examiners for Suffolk County appear before the Executive Committee to furnish information as to the number of deaths from gas—that the order be indefinitely postponed.  
Report accepted; order indefinitely postponed.

(5) Report on order (referred today) that department heads be authorized to allow city employees participating in parade on Evacuation Day a holiday without loss of pay—that the order ought to pass.  
Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on order (referred today) that the City Council be furnished with information as to moneys appropriated for new street loans in the past two years—that the order ought to pass.  
Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on communication from Board of Street Commissioners (referred today) concerning closing of Washington street to street cars—that the same be placed on file.  
Report accepted; communication placed on file.

(8) Reports on petitions of James Gibbon and John Johnson (referred today) for retirement under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, James Gibbon, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.  
Report accepted; order passed.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, John Johnson, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Cemetery Department.  
Report accepted; order passed.

(9) Report on preambles and resolves (referred February 19) concerning railroad service in West Roxbury, Hyde Park and Brighton—that the same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.  
Coun. WATSON offered the following as a substitute:

Whereas, The transportation facilities from the Newton line, the Hyde Park line and the Dedham line is of the poorest kind, and whereas the Boston Elevated Railroad Company appear to be unable to relieve the conditions to any great extent; and

Whereas, The said transportation conditions can be and should be improved at once and that one remedy is to have more frequent service upon the Boston & Albany Division of the New York Central line and on the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad;

Be it Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council the above service is practical and that the Public Service Commission be requested to grant a public hearing on the above.

The question came on substitution.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, in view of what we learned in the Executive Committee pertaining to the other order, which was very similar in nature to this, and in view of the attitude of the committee as expressed, I am going to vote that this particular resolution that has been offered be laid on the table.  
Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I want to inform the gentleman who has just spoken that it is the same order that was considered in Executive Committee, if he does not know it.

Coun. WATSON called for the yeas and nays, and the motion to substitute was lost, yeas 4, nays 4:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ford, McDonald, Watson—4.

Nays—Coun. Collins, Hagan, Storrow, Wellington—4.

The question then came on the passage of the resolution reported upon by the committee.

Coun. HAGAN moved that the resolution lie on the table, and Coun. WATSON called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to lay on the table was lost, yeas 3, nays 5:

Yeas—Coun. Collins, Hagan, Wellington—3.

Nays—Coun. Attridge, Ford, McDonald, Storrow, Watson—5.

The resolution was rejected, Coun. WATSON calling for the yeas and nays, yeas 3, nays 5:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, McDonald, Watson—3.

Nays—Coun. Collins, Ford, Hagan, Storrow, Wellington—5.

(10) Report on petition of Canal Street Trust (referred February 19) for abatement of rent on account of closing of Canal street, etc., recommending reference of same to the Committee on Claims.



Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(11) Report on communication from Finance Commission (referred today) relative to interference with executive business—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; communication placed on file.

(12) Report on order (referred today) that his Honor the Mayor consider the advisability of appointment of committee to consider a preparedness plan and also to remedy the problem of high cost of the necessities of life—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was passed, yeas 6, nays 1, Coun. WATSON voting nay.

(13) Report on preambles and resolve (referred today) concerning the war abroad and the sending of food and war munitions from this country—that the order ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the resolution.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I am going

to vote for the resolutions, because I believe in the biggest part of them as introduced. But there is a section here, the second one, to the effect that it is unpatriotic to consider war with foreign people while our own people are suffering, that I cannot indorse. In casting my vote in favor of the food embargo, I want it distinctly understood that I am not casting it for that second section, because I don't believe in it. The rest I will vote for.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman I will move to strike out the second resolve.

The resolutions were amended as suggested, and rejected, yeas 3, nays 5:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, McDonald, Watson—3.

Nays—Coun. Collins, Ford, Hagan, Storrow, Wellington—5.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. McDONALD, at 5.39 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 5, 1917, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Friday, March 2, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair. Absent—Coun. Collins and Watson.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 28, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

You are respectfully requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, March 2, 1917, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of receiving the budget for the financial year 1917-18.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 2, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In accordance with chapter 486, section 3, Acts of 1909, I have the honor to transmit the departmental estimates with my recommendations thereon, the total of which within the tax limit is \$16,679,974.82.

I also submit the basis of estimates which shows the amount that can be raised within the tax limit for general municipal purposes and the amount of estimated income for the present year.

The public welfare requires a continuance of the liberal policy now in operation in the Health, Hospital and charitable departments, and the increases here recommended merit approval as they

represent the city's best assets—a high health rate and a low death rate.

The amount appropriated for street construction under the direction of the Public Works Department and the Park and Recreation Department will approximate \$750,000, and with the unexpended balance from last year of about \$400,000, will represent a total of \$1,150,000. A continuance of this policy should, if rigidly adhered to, result in good streets about 1930.

The importance of standardizing wages has long been recognized and disregarded and the schedules here set forth, if adopted, should result in the substitution of merit and service for political influence and inefficiency.

In the last analysis, the progress of a community is judged by the health and happiness of those who receive the lowest rate of wages. Every advance given to this class of our citizenship has a tendency to lift upward and move forward in the right direction the whole human family. I appreciate that, in a community where the most profound men think in terms of pennies and consider for years before reaching a decision, an increase of 20 per cent in the wages of the laborer will be construed not only as radical but revolutionary. Nevertheless, if, five months ago, when I announced that it was my purpose to establish a minimum salary for men in the service of the city of \$2.75 per day, because of abnormal conditions affecting the purchasing power of the laborer's dollar, it was considered a sound proposition, in view of the unprecedented advance, there is no logic by which a refusal could be justified in the matter of further increase at this time. Accordingly, in the consideration of the estimates for the various departments, in view of the limited time under the law at my disposal, I have effected savings wherever possible in order that the Reserve Fund might not only be of sufficient proportions to meet ordinary requirements but, in addition, provide the sum necessary for the granting of a further increase of 25 cents per day, in addition to the 25-cent increase already recommended in the schedules as submitted, so that the minimum wage for all adult males in the service of the city shall be \$3 per day.

The estimate of the Budget Commissioner is that to establish the minimum wage of \$3 per day will require the transfer from the Reserve Fund of approximately \$100,000, and I recommend that this be done.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES AND AMOUNTS ALLOWED, 1917-18.

	Estimated.	Allowed.
Art Department.....	\$1,800 00	\$670 00
Assessing Department.....	230,365 16	197,581 19
Auditing Department.....	51,064 83	50,204 83
Building Department.....	160,183 55	157,423 77
Board of Examiners.....	4,495 00	2,825 00
Board of Appeal.....	6,179 00	5,159 00
Cemetery Department.....	112,571 14	96,591 14
City Clerk Department.....	43,099 94	42,347 68
City Council.....	32,705 04	31,375 04
City Council Proceedings.....	8,700 00	8,700 00
City Documents.....	37,000 00	37,000 00
City Planning Board.....	6,400 00	5,450 52
Collecting Department.....	128,420 79	115,964 43
Consumptives' Hospital Department.....	323,817 11	267,613 88
Election Department.....	175,747 43	170,144 10
Finance Commission.....	30,000 00	30,000 00
Fire Department.....	2,372,592 81	2,207,868 87
Health Department.....	359,919 38	337,833 70
Hospital Department.....	910,772 00	\$63,951 62
Boston Infirmary Department:		
Boston Almshouse and Hospital.....	277,941 79	239,323 20
Office Expenses.....	5,799 66	4,330 16
Steamer "George A. Hibbard".....	15,881 68	13,446 68
Children's Institutions Department:		
Placing Out and Office Division.....	154,261 88	139,208 82
Suffolk School for Boys.....	52,549 00	35,121 00
Institutions Registration Department.....	23,093 32	21,766 20
Steamer "Monitor".....	39,524 56	35,541 06
Law Department.....	56,139 13	55,692 47
Library Department.....	446,324 00	424,474 00
Licensing Board.....	38,728 12	38,018 95
Market Department.....	12,904 40	12,661 20
Mayor, Office Expenses.....	49,000 00	49,000 00
Public Celebrations.....	50,000 00	50,000 00
Conventions, etc.....	50,000 00	50,000 00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES AND AMOUNTS ALLOWED, 1917-18.—*Concluded.*

	Estimated.	Allowed.
Overseeing of the Poor Department.....	\$629,893 93	\$6,627,683 67
Temporary Home.....	5,218 25	5,129 25
Wayfarers' Lodge.....	10,720 14	10,569 14
Park and Recreation Department.....	1,051,436 98	998,705 26
Police Department.....	2,801,371 00	2,790,671 00
Public Buildings Department.....	275,318 16	253,343 94
Public Works Department:		
Central Office.....	76,831 63	76,531 63
Bridge Service.....	353,263 57	330,687 29
Ferry Service.....	361,249 55	341,479 31
Lighting Service.....	781,289 36	778,473 36
Paving Service.....	1,086,069 64	1,003,466 64
Sanitary Service.....	998,838 16	973,822 48
Street Cleaning and Oiling Service.....	761,263 00	725,233 50
Sewer Service.....	389,639 34	369,952 98
Registry Department.....	37,590 60	36,224 32
Reserve Fund.....	250,000 00	442,992 10
Sinking Funds Department.....	2,300 00	2,200 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	219,218 77	209,029 22
Statistics Department.....	9,690 10	7,414 82
Street Laying-Out Department.....	136,176 36	130,088 24
Supply Department.....	23,885 27	20,684 89
Treasury Department.....	52,112 42	51,045 92
Weights and Measures Department.....	27,154 52	24,773 16
Wire Department.....	75,033 26	72,454 19
Reconstructing and repairing streets by contract.....	500,000 00	500,000 00
Granolithic sidewalks.....	100,000 00	100,000 00
Totals.....	<u>\$17,283,545 63</u>	<u>\$16,679,974 82</u>
City debt requirements.....	<u>\$5,142,479 97</u>	<u>\$5,142,479 97</u>
Jail.....	\$105,150 00	\$91,647 74
Suffolk County Courthouse (Custodian).....	58,568 00	58,517 24
Suffolk County Courthouse (County Buildings).....	53,887 00	53,387 00
County Buildings.....	41,674 43	39,419 43
Supreme Judicial Court.....	43,500 00	41,325 00
Superior Court, Civil Session.....	385,000 00	385,000 00
Superior Court, Criminal Session.....	214,859 00	175,337 12
Probate Court.....	34,960 00	33,960 00
Municipal Court.....	247,717 00	236,084 72
Municipal Court, Charlestown District.....	21,892 04	21,397 04
East Boston District Court.....	17,606 60	16,908 27
Municipal Court, South Boston District.....	19,229 53	18,953 53
Municipal Court, Dorchester District.....	15,190 98	13,553 65
Municipal Court, Roxbury District.....	34,119 40	31,866 41
Municipal Court, West Roxbury District.....	13,678 50	12,778 84
Municipal Court, Brighton District.....	9,124 00	8,371 95
Boston Juvenile Court.....	15,308 20	14,579 67
Police Court, Chelsea.....	18,376 70	16,625 20
Registry of Deeds.....	73,743 34	69,983 34
Index Commissioners.....	11,154 00	11,154 00
Insanity Cases.....	27,075 00	27,075 00
Land Court.....	4,775 00	3,835 00
Medical Examiner, Northern District.....	16,302 00	16,302 00
Medical Examiner, Southern District.....	10,613 27	10,613 27
Associate Medical Examiner, Northern District.....	1,791 00	1,791 00
Associate Medical Examiner, Southern District.....	1,491 00	1,491 00
Miscellaneous Expenses:		
Auditing Department.....	900 00	900 00
Collecting Department.....	800 00	700 00
Treasury Department.....	5,320 00	5,320 00
Sheriff.....	3,000 00	3,000 00
Granite Avenue Bridge.....	2,428 64	2,428 64
Social Law Library.....	1,000 00	1,000 00
House of Correction.....	293,178 21	253,902 27
Penal Institutions, Office Expenses.....	25,190 33	24,076 93
Totals.....	<u>\$1,828,603 17</u>	<u>\$1,703,285 26</u>
County debt requirements.....	<u>\$215,606 67</u>	<u>\$215,606 67</u>
Printing Department.....	<u>\$208,667 00</u>	<u>\$226,290 92</u>
City Record, Publication of.....	<u>\$10,750 20</u>	<u>\$9,694 20</u>
Public Works Department, Water Service.....	\$999,285 49	\$950,994 57
Collecting Department, Water Division.....	27,708 30	27,385 64
Water Service, debt requirements.....	97,749 00	97,749 00
	<u>\$1,124,742 79</u>	<u>\$1,076,129 21</u>



RECAPITULATION OF APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR FOR 1917-18.

From Taxes:		
For city purposes within the tax limit.....	\$16,679,974 82	
City debt requirements.....	5,142,479 97	
		\$21,822,454 79
County of Suffolk:		
General purposes.....	\$1,703,285 26	
Debt requirements.....	215,606 67	
		1,918,891 93
City and county total.....		\$23,741,346 27
From Revenue:		
Printing Department.....		226,290 92
City Record, Publication of.....		9,694 20
Public Works Department, Water Service.....	\$950,994 57	
Collecting Department, Water Division.....	27,385 64	
Water Service, debt requirements.....	97,749 00	
		1,076,129 21
Grand total.....		\$25,053,461 05

BASIS OF ESTIMATE.

1916-17.		
Average valuation, \$1,538,020,714.54.....		\$10,027,895 05
\$6.52 on the thousand brings.....		5,267,708 41
Estimated income and cash in treasury.....		
Amount available for appropriations inside tax limit.....		\$15,295,603 46
1917-18.		
Average valuation, \$1,568,290,365.69.....		\$10,225,253 18
\$6.52 on the thousand brings.....		6,454,721 64
Estimated income and cash in treasury.....		
Amount available for appropriations inside tax limit.....		\$16,679,974 82

WAYS AND MEANS OTHER THAN TAXES, 1917-18.

An estimate of the ways and means, other than taxes, of meeting the expenditures of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk for the financial year 1917-18.

Building Department.....	\$50,000 00
City Clerk Department.....	8,500 00
Collecting Department.....	29,000 00
Collecting bank tax.....	7,400 00
Consumptives' Hospital Department.....	71,000 00
Election Department.....	100 00
Fire Department.....	8,500 00
Health Department.....	12,000 00
Hospital Department.....	154,400 00
Institutions:	
Boston Infirmary Department..	15,000 00
Children's Institution Department.....	5,500 00
Interest.....	350,000 00
Library Department.....	8,000 00
Licensing Board.....	20,000 00
Market Department.....	122,300 00
Mayor.....	35,000 00
Overseeing of the Poor Department.....	151,800 00
Park and Recreation Department.....	57,000 00
Police Department.....	33,700 00
Public Buildings Department.....	18,000 00
Public Works Department.....	221,525 00
Registry Department.....	11,500 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	104,575 00
Street Laying-Out Department.....	34,000 00
Weights and Measures Department.....	8,200 00
Wire Department.....	37,000 00
County of Suffolk.....	193,000 00
Corporation tax.....	2,112,000 00
Liquor license revenue.....	1,043,000 00
Street railway tax.....	248,000 00
Excise tax.....	102,000 00
	\$5,272,000 00

Unappropriated cash in treasury	
January 31, 1917.....	1,182,721 64
	\$6,454,721 64

APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX ORDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1917-18.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with

the first day of February, 1917, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinances, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston, or the county of Suffolk, or the departments of 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 specified in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out 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 Service, current expenses, and the payment to the state under the provisions of chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895, and the acts in addition or amendments thereto, and for the interest and debt requirements for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income of said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the appropriation for Printing Department be met by the department income; that the appropriation for City Record be met by the receipts from the publication; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on January 31, 1917, 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 February 1, 1917, and taxes to the amount of \$17,286,625.08, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates 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 that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the city and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the state tax of the year 1917 or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the fifteenth day of October, 1917; that all such taxes remaining unpaid after the thirtieth day of October, 1917, shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the fifteenth day of October, 1917, until paid, except the taxes assessed upon shares of national banks, which shall bear

interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum from the fifteenth day of October, 1917, 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 except as the appropriations for any purpose or item shall be increased by additional appropriations or by transfers lawfully made, no money shall be expended by any department for any of the purposes or items designated in the

tables and schedules hereinafter set out in excess of the amount set down as appropriated for such specific purpose or item; and except as aforesaid, no salaries or wages shall be paid in excess of the rates specified in said tables and schedules.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Adjourned at 2.35 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 5, at 2 p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 5, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair and all the members present.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 5, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Subject to confirmation by your honorable body, I appoint the following-named persons Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1917:

F. C. Spruce, 30 Lawrence street, Boston.  
R. M. Drummond, 66 Division street, Atlantic.  
H. J. Woodruff, 48 Norwood street, Everett.  
Maynard F. Moseley, 102 St. Botolph street, Boston.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Severally laid over under the law.

## HEIGHT OF BUILDING BOUNDARIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 5, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith a copy of an order of the Commission on Height of Buildings, revising the boundaries established November 2, 1916, and recommend that the same be printed as a city document.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Commission on Height of Buildings in the City of Boston.

Order of January 12, 1917.

Whereas, The undersigned, the Commission on Height of Buildings in the City of Boston, created by chapter 333 of the Special Acts of the year 1915, a commission to determine and revise the boundaries of Districts A and B in said city, which were established in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 333 of the Acts of the year 1904, did on November 2, 1916, make an order in accordance with the provisions of said chapter 333 of the Special Acts of the year 1915, which order is recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 3993, page 81; and

Whereas, Certain parties are aggrieved by said order of November 2, 1916, and have in pursuance of the provisions of said chapter 333 of the Special Acts of the year 1915 duly filed petitions for the revision of said order;

Now, Therefore, We, the undersigned, having considered the matters set forth in said petitions, do hereby revise said order of November 2, 1916, in the manner following:

By excluding from District A as described in clause three of said order of November 2, 1916, and including in District B as described therein, the tract of land described as follows:

Beginning at a point on Boylston street at the division line between the Hotel Brunswick and the estate numbered 504 Boylston street; thence running southerly by said dividing line to Providence street; thence running westerly along Providence street to the dividing line between the estates now numbered 91 and 93 St. James avenue extended northerly; thence running southerly by said dividing line to St. James avenue; thence running westerly along St. James avenue crossing Dartmouth street and Huntington avenue and continuing westerly along Blagden street to the easterly line of the property of the Boston Athletic Association; thence running northerly by said last mentioned line and by said line extended parallel with Exeter street northerly to Boylston street; thence running easterly along Boylston street to the point of beginning.

The above described area shall be included wholly within District B and no part of said area shall be included in District A by reason of the following provision in said order of November 2, 1916:

"Wherever the boundary line of District A is described as following a certain street, the same is intended to include all property on that side of the street which lies within the described area, and also that portion of all lots on the opposite side of the street, abutting on the street, but extending to a depth of not more than one hundred and fifty feet.

"Wherever the boundary line of District B is determined by the enumeration of certain streets delimiting District A, the same is intended to include all property on that side of the street within the described area, except that portion of those lots abutting on the boundary streets of District A, but extending to a depth of not more than one hundred and fifty feet, which are described in the paragraph above as intended to form a part of District A."

This revision shall not be construed or applied so as to prevent owners of land on the northerly side of Boylston street along the area excluded from District A as above described from erecting buildings to a height permitted under the original order of November 2, 1916.

In witness whereof, the undersigned hereto set their hands this twelfth day of January, 1917.

RALPH A. CRAM,  
JOHN GRADY,  
PATRICK O'HEARN,  
Commission on Height of Buildings  
in the City of Boston.

Boston, January 12, 1917.

Then personally appeared the above named Ralph A. Cram, John Grady and Patrick O'Hearn, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed.

ELISABETH M. HERLIHY,  
Special Commissioner.

Placed on file and ordered printed.

## COMMITTEE ON PREPAREDNESS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 2, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to reply to the order of your honorable body, relative to the appointment of a committee on preparedness, adopted February 26, 1917, as follows:

In view of the fact that a Commission on Public Safety appointed by his Excellency the Governor has been in session for several weeks, and in view of the further fact that so far as I am aware no person connected with the administration of the public affairs of Boston has been requested to suggest the names of persons to serve on this general committee, it would, in my opinion, be advisable to defer action in the matter of naming a committee until such time as his Excellency has requested that the same be done.

With reference to the appointment of a committee to devise ways and means to remedy the present serious problem of the high cost of the necessities of life, I beg to inform the Council that a bill has been drafted and submitted for consideration to the Committee on Rules which, if adopted by the Legislature, will give authority to the city to engage in the purchase, sale and distribution of the necessities of life.

In the event of the enactment of the proposed law by the Legislature, I shall be pleased to extend invitations to our leading citizens to attend a meeting at which plans may be considered and definite action taken.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## LOAN FOR LAYING OUT OF THOROUGHFARES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 5, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—It is desirable that the Board of Street Commissioners be provided, at the earliest



date, with such funds as the city's finances will permit for the laying out, widening and construction of public thoroughfares, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) be and hereby is appropriated for Highways, Making of, under the provisions of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.  
Referred to Committee on Finance.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOMMODATION. HYDE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 2, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication relative to providing proper accommodations for the Fire Department in the Hyde Park section of Boston, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Fire Department, February 26, 1917.  
Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston;

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the attached orders of the City Council I have purchased a site, had plans prepared and procured an estimate of the cost of erecting a fire station in the Readville section of the city. A site at the corner of Milton and Hamilton streets was decided upon and purchased at a cost of \$3,800, and paid for out of the original appropriation of \$5,000.

The plans, as prepared by Mr. Joseph McGinniss, architect, are on file at fire headquarters, and are for a modern fireproof fire station, designed to meet the rules of the Building Commissioner and the requirements of the Fire Prevention Commissioner, and provide accommodation to care for considerable future growth of Readville. The architect's estimate of the cost to erect this building is \$34,500. I recommend therefore that thirty-four thousand five hundred (34,500) dollars be appropriated for the erection of fire station at Milton and Hamilton streets, Readville, in order that proper fire protection may be given to this section of the city and that the work already started may be concluded.

It is absolutely necessary that something should be done at once to improve the conditions which exist in this section of the city. The present fire station in Readville consists of an old wooden building, situated on land owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. The building is the property of the City of Boston and the land is leased from the railroad company at a nominal rental. The building, which accommodates one hose wagon and but two men, is of no value and is in a deplorable condition. It became the property of the City of Boston when the town of Hyde Park was annexed in 1912.

The sanitary conveniences are most unhealthful and have been condemned by the Health Department. Orders have been issued against the property by the Health Commissioner, but an extension of time has been allowed, pending definite action towards the erection of a new building. To make the changes required\* by the Health Department would necessitate the expenditure of a sum of money which could be better invested in a new building. If the changes that were ordered were made it would only be a temporary arrangement as it will be only a matter of a very short time when it will be necessary to abandon the building.

The present building is decidedly unfit for the purpose for which it is used, its location is far from ideal, and I urge that this money be appropriated to make the fire protection in this section proper and efficient.

Yours very respectfully,  
JOHN GRADY,  
Fire Commissioner.

Ordered, That the sum of \$34,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Fire Commissioner for the erection of suitable quarters for the Fire Department at Readville, 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 such purpose.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

#### SITE FOR POLICE STATION 2.

The following was received:  
City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 2, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to inclose report of the Municipal Real Estate Expert and the Police Commissioner with reference to site for Police Station 2, and recommend the adoption of accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston, February 26, 1917.  
Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I submit for your consideration as a location for Police Station No. 2 the property numbered 114 Arch street and 33 and 35 Otis street, Boston.

It belongs to Harvard College, and consists of 4,134 square feet of land, assessed for \$103,400, and a five-story stone building, assessed for \$34,600, making a total of \$138,000.

The property is in close proximity to Summer and Franklin streets, but is not available for either the retail business that prevails on Summer street or the banking, store and office business of Franklin street.

Several years ago Arch and Otis streets were devoted largely to the wholesale clothing business, which has since gone elsewhere, and the section is rather dormant, the buildings being devoted to cheaper business, such as express offices, storages, etc.

Mr. Charles F. Adams, treasurer of Harvard College, states that he will advise the college to sell for \$160,000. I believe, however, that the assessed value of \$138,000 is sufficient.

The building has a gross rental of \$10,500 a year, and after paying taxes and other costs of maintenance, the net return does not justify a larger price.

I inclose a communication from Mr. Stephen O'Meara, who approves the location.

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN BECK.

Boston, January 15, 1917.  
John Beck, Esq.,  
30 State Street:

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 11, and to say in reply that the estate numbered 114 Arch street and 33 Otis street would be in my opinion a suitable site for a new station house for Police Division 2 and as such would be acceptable to me.

Very truly yours,  
STEPHEN O'MEARA,  
Police Commissioner for the City of Boston.

Ordered, That the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the purchase of a site for Police Station 2, 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 such purpose.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

#### CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL BUILDING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, February 27, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In response to order of your honorable body under date of February 5, requesting certain information relative to site for out-patient

building for the Consumptives' Hospital, I beg to submit herewith the report of the Board of Trustees of the Consumptives' Hospital.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston, February 24, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The trustees of the Consumptives' Hospital received the following communication on February 13:

"February 5, 1917, Ordered: That the trustees of the Consumptives' Hospital Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council as to what steps have been taken and what progress has been made to secure a site for a new out-patient building, and also when, in their opinion, a site will be selected, and when the project will be sent to the City Council.

W. J. DOYLE,  
Assistant City Clerk."

The trustees would reply that they searched through that part of the city where they believe the out-patient department should be and settled on what seemed to them the best situation. The lot selected answers well the requirements for such a department, namely, that it will be sufficiently quiet to admit of chests being examined; it is easily reached by car lines from the different parts of the city; there will be light on at least two sides; and further, of the sites which might answer, this is the most desirable and it is also the cheapest.

His Honor the Mayor requested Mr. John Beck, real estate expert, to see if he could find a suitable place. Later Mr. Beck, with a representative of the trustees, visited various places, and Mr. Beck agreed with the trustees that the site settled on by them was the best. Mr. Beck investigated the cost of the property. Mr. Beck sent the Mayor a letter stating that he considered this the best location and gave the probable cost, etc., of the property. On the same date the trustees sent the Mayor a letter requesting that a new out-patient building be built and that this lot be purchased for that purpose. The trustees have had several interviews with the Mayor in regard to the matter, and they believe that some action will be recommended by him presently.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES J. MINOT, Secretary.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

John Cimerblatt, for compensation for damages at 3 High street, caused by work on the High Pressure Fire Service.

Arthur Cornetz, for a hearing on his claim for damages caused by the flushing of Bartou street.

Morris Cornetz, for a hearing on his claim for damages caused by the flushing of Barton street.

Charles J. Dyer, for a hearing on his claim for injuries caused by a fall on P street.

Ellen L. Hickey, for compensation for damages at 1187 Dorchester avenue by the backing up of sewage.

Israel Leavitt, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 105 and 107 Myrtle street.

Ellen O'Neill, to be paid for ash barrels broken by city employees.

Thomas R. Neath, for compensation for damage to automobile by a city team.

Lisette H. Biewend, for compensation for damage to automobile on an East Boston ferryboat.

Executive.

Myer Glodt, for permit to sell, rent or lease firearms at 2051 Washington street, Ward 13.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of William A. Kelley.

Approved by the City Council.

APPROVAL OF PLANS.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of approval of petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, for plans showing proposed form and method of construction, location of tracks of elevated structure in Charlestown and in Everett.

Placed on file.

CHANGING OF STREET NAMES.

Copies of orders were received from the Street Commissioners changing names of the following streets, viz.:

Berwick park, between Columbus avenue and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, to Pembroke street.

Union street, Brighton, from Washington street to the proposed highway called Colonial road, to Monastery road.

Placed on file.

CONDITION OF BOSTON POLICE STATION HOUSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Police Department, March 5, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In compliance with your request for information as to the condition of station houses in the custody of the Police Department, I respectfully present the following summary and comment:

Buildings new within five years—Division 6, D street, South Boston; 7, East Boston; 15, Charlestown; 19, Morton street, Dorchester.

From thirty to sixty years old, but in a condition which may be described as fair to good—Division 1, Hanover street; 3, Joy street; 8, Commercial street; 14, Brighton; 16, Boylston street.

The same as the preceding but with cells in basements very poorly lighted and ventilated—Division 11, Fields Corner, Dorchester; 12, City Point; 13, Jamaica Plain.

Very bad in all respects, but with preliminary action for new buildings already taken by the city—Division 2, Court square; 17, West Roxbury; 18, Hyde Park.

With reference to the foregoing, special recommendation is either unnecessary or impracticable. Divisions 4, 5, 9 and 10 remain for consideration.

The house of Division 4, La Grange street, would count among the old buildings in fair to good condition except that it has reached the limit of its capacity for accommodating policemen. More are needed there, but there is no room to place another bed or even a closet. In common with several other station houses in fair condition otherwise, the cells are in the basement below the street level, near the heating apparatus and with poor light and ventilation. Crowding of policemen and prisoners makes the defects especially objectionable.

Police Station 5, East Dedham street, is ill arranged and overcrowded in all respects. The combination patrol and ambulance is kept by necessity in a leased garage at a considerable distance. Adequate sleeping accommodations or even closets for the policemen cannot be supplied and there is no storage room. Conditions in the cell room could not be worse. The nine cells are in the basement below street level, with heating apparatus, and are poorly lighted and ventilated. Each cell is 6 feet by 8 feet and at times it is necessary to place six to eight persons in a single cell. It may be said in general that cells in all the old buildings are dungeons in comparison with those in the buildings lately erected, which are ample in number, superior in construction, above ground in accordance with the present law and well lighted and ventilated.

At Station 9, Dudley street, the police are well accommodated, but the condition of the cell room is very bad. Ten cells are used for men and two for women, poorly lighted and ventilated. At times two and three men are confined in one cell. The cells for women are in a separate room at the front of the basement. It is very damp and poorly lighted and ventilated. The matron is obliged to occupy this room with female prisoners.

At Station 10, Roxbury Crossing, accommodations for the police are good, but the cell room is in even worse condition than at Station 9. There



are nine cells for men, three for women, and on account of insufficient room there are times when five men are locked in one cell and from six to eight women in three cells. The women's cells and the men's are in the same row of cells. The women are obliged to pass in front of the men and the matron to remain with the women subject to the noise and bad language of the male prisoners. All cells are lighted artificially and are badly ventilated.

I believe that the new Station 2 now under consideration should be constructed of such size, a matter of height only, that by changing the division lines the lack of accommodation for police and prisoners in Station 4 may be remedied. Later, when necessary, similar relief may be given in the same way to Stations 1 and 3.

I believe that the situation in Division 5 can be remedied only by the erection of a new building which would cure the defects in that particular division; would permit of relief for Station 4 through changes in its southern boundary line; would provide proper accommodations for the female prisoners arrested in Divisions 9 and 10; and in the future would save general crowding in those two divisions. The present station house of Division 5 was built in 1857, when the South End was sparsely settled in comparison with its present crowded condition.

A remedy for basement cells in Stations 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 which would remain even after the erection of new buildings for Divisions 2 and 5 could be found only in a general reconstruction, but Stations 11, 12 and 13 are not crowded with prisoners and the new Station 5 would permit at least of the removal of the women from Divisions 9 and 10. Women arrested in Division 4 are sent at once to the House of Detention in Somerset street.

I shall be glad to furnish any further information on this subject which may be desired.

Respectfully,

STEPHEN O'MEARA,

Police Commissioner for the City of Boston.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Benjamin S. Canner, keeping and sale of gasoline, 452 Bennington street.

Carrie E. Palmer, keeping of gasoline, 18 Bodwell street, Roxbury.

Simon Goodman, keeping of naphtha, 68 Ceylon street, Roxbury.

Major Films Company, keeping, storage and rent of reels of film, at 131 Columbus avenue. (Two notices.)

Troy Dyeing and Cleansing Company, keeping of gasoline, 415 Dorchester avenue, South Boston.

A. T. Nesmith, keeping of gasoline, Faneuil street, near Turner street.

Crane Company, keeping of gasoline, 48 West First street, South Boston.

E. R. Heath, keeping and sale of gasoline, 143 Main street, Charlestown.

Forest Hills Cemetery Corporation, keeping of dynamite at said cemetery on Morton street.

Frederick and Leopold Hess, keeping of gasoline, 30 Romsey street, Dorchester.

Summerfield Company, keeping of gasoline, 439 and 441 Tremont street.

James L. Donovan, storage of gasoline, 551 Norfolk street, Dorchester.

Placed on file.

#### MINORS' LICENSES.

President STORROW submitted reports on petitions for licenses for twelve newsboys and one vendor—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### TRANSFER FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY BUILDING ADDITION.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, No. 3, viz.:

3. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and

hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$9,200 from the appropriation for Meridian Street Bridge to the appropriation for Library Department, Central Library Building Addition, etc.

On February 19, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.19 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.32 p. m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Myer Glodt (referred today) for permit to sell, rent or lease firearms at 2061 Washington street, Ward 13—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on communication from Chamber of Commerce (referred February 12) relative to location for New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad in South Boston—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; communication placed on file.

(3) Report on communication from Finance Commission (referred February 12) on proposed widening of location of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad in South Boston—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; communication placed on file.

(4) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 12) for alterations by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company on West First and other streets—that the same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was rejected, Coun. BALLANTYNE calling for the yeas and nays; yeas 0, nays 6, Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, Collins, Ford, McDonald and Storrow voting nay.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, No. 1, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, February 26, 1917, of Abram Herman to be a Constable of the City of Boston.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Ford and Attridge. Whole number of ballots cast 9, yeas 9, and the appointment was confirmed.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, No. 2, viz.:

2. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor February 12, 1917, of Maxwell A. Boule, to be a Constable of the City of Boston.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Watson and Wellington. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yeas 8, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### INCREASED SALARY, CITY MESSENGER.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That, until otherwise ordered, the salary of Edward J. Leary, employed by the City Council as City Messenger, be fixed at the rate of \$2,800 per annum, to date from January 1, 1917.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule that the order may be placed upon its passage at this time. A few days ago the Mayor was before the Executive Committee and the question of giving a slight increase to the City Messenger and his assistant was discussed. The Mayor agreed to the proposition, and I now ask a suspension of the rule that the order may take its passage.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed.



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**INCREASED SALARY, ASSISTANT  
TO CITY MESSENGER.**

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That, until otherwise ordered, the salary of Frederick J. Glenn, employed by the City Council as an assistant to the City Messenger, be fixed at the rate of \$1,400 per annum, to date from January 1, 1917. The rule was suspended and the order was passed.

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**BATHHOUSE REPORT ASKED FOR.**

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with a copy of the report of the committee

of three engineers who investigated the matter of a location for the Ward 5 Municipal Bathhouse.  
Passed.

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**THE NEXT MEETING.**

On motion of Coun. COLLINS it was voted that when the Council adjourns it be to meet Monday, March 19, at two o'clock p. m.

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**GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.**

On motion of Coun. HAGAN general reconsideration of all action taken today was refused.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. COLLINS at 4.40 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 19, at 2 p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 12, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council held at 2 p. m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of drawing jurors. President STORROW in the chair and a quorum present.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, April Sitting, to appear April 2, 1917:

Francis P. Tighe, Ward 17; Daniel W. MacColl, Ward 9; Leslie Langill, Ward 3; Albert H. Perkins, Ward 25; Walter E. Hammett, Ward 16; Edward F. Glavin, Ward 23; William James Ford, Ward 21; Charles Lindenfelzer, Ward 14; William E. Newell, Ward 10; Joseph S. Kimball, Ward 11; John D. Martin, Ward 20; Edward H. Fairfield, Ward 20; Charles F. Morse, Ward 10; George W. Lynch, Ward 22; Samuel D. Waxman, Ward 11; Edward C. Fogg, Ward 10; Patrick J. Clifford, Ward 15; William M. Simpson, Ward 22; Henry C. Thomas, Ward 20; Ernest E. Erickson, Ward 20; Daniel P. Dowling, Ward 24; Joseph A. Tutts, Ward 23; Charles H. Buckman, Ward 18; Joseph M. Goode, Ward 24; Charles A. Spear, Ward 21; Henry B. Kelley, Ward 20; Mortimer P. Shea, Ward 13; Nathaniel Alford, Ward 6; James E. Maloney, Ward 22; Daniel J. McMullen, Ward 1; Byron O. Downing, Ward 1; Erwin H. Learned, Ward 20; Timothy Driscoll, Ward 20; Pius B. Moritz, Ward 20; John F. Sheehan, Ward 9; Vassar Pierce, Ward 11; John P. Kellaher, Ward 20; Forest W. Rollins, Ward 24; Frank Rooney, Ward 20.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, April Sitting, to appear April 2, 1917:

John F. Donovan, Ward 18; Andrew K. Taylor, Ward 9; James H. Lyons, Ward 21; John E. Donahue, Ward 15; Charles L. Miller, Ward 21; Samuel F. Hardy, Ward 20; Horace W. Baxter, Jr., Ward 11; George W. Wheelwright, Jr., Ward 23; Oscar M. Tibbs, Ward 18; Henry B. Rankin, Ward 24; Allen B. Farmer, Ward 11; William F. Kinder, Ward 14; Frederick Simpson, Ward 11; Fred J. Harrington, Ward 12; Herman F. Johnson, Ward 16; Michael Madden, Ward 26; James F. Nolant, Jr., Ward 15; George F. Bletzer, Ward 22; Fred C. Wiedmann, Ward 23; Thomas F. Devine, Ward 11; William G. Hurd, Ward 24; Joseph T. McDonough, Ward 26; Benjamin H. Bowen, Ward 20; Frank T. Guinasso, Ward 6; Philip S. Royce, Ward 2; J. Frank Donahue, Ward 12; Patrick Maroney, Ward 19; John H. Kyle, Ward 13; Frank J. Murphy, Ward 13; George W. Thain, Ward 24; James J. McCarty, Ward 24; Benjamin S. Foss, Ward 22; Jeremiah Cronin, Ward 23; Charles A. Bailey, Ward 20; Edward J. Mellyn, Ward 24; Ralph E. Sawyer, Ward 23; Wallace R. Hubbard, Ward 20; Moses E. Wales, Ward 19; Conrad Schuereh, Ward 16.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, April Sitting, to appear April 2, 1917:

Philip P. Doherty, Ward 5; Frank J. McGuire, Ward 10; Max Rabinowitz, Ward 20; Edward H. Kearney, Ward 26; John L. Neal, Ward 1; Martin J. Conley, Ward 11; Philip Tessier, Ward 20; William A. G. Burke, Ward 2; Lawrence M. Baxter, Ward 10; John J. Keough, Ward 16; George E. Rollins, Ward 10; Joseph F. H. Ochs, Ward 19; Rowland G. Evans, Ward 10; William Perry, Ward 23; John J. Keilty, Ward 19; Peter F. Neary, Ward 20; William A. Barber, Ward 2; James E. Crotty, Ward 1; Coleman W. Flaherty, Ward 13; George E. Morgan, Ward 24; Joseph M. MacDowell, Ward 11; David J. Byrne, Ward 24; William S. Watts, Ward 1; Timothy F. Hooley, Ward 17; Horace Sumner, Ward 26; Edward T. A. Welch, Ward 14; William B. Reagan, Ward 6; George P. Nason, Ward 3; Theodore F. Kase, Ward 21; Francis B. Austin, Ward 23; Oliver R. Coffin, Ward 21; Joseph F. Muldoon, Ward 1; Frank J. Carroll, Ward 1; Joseph F. Eaton, Ward 20; Thomas J. White,

Ward 23; Arthur A. Crowley, Ward 3; Bernard C. Gerwe, Ward 15; F. William Rother, Ward 24; Michael B. Martin, Ward 24.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, April Sitting, to appear April 2, 1917:

John F. Doherty, Ward 20; Herman W. F. DeWitt, Ward 1; John H. Haskins, Ward 26; Benjamin F. Robinson, Ward 16; James N. Spencer, Ward 26; William H. Cook, Ward 12; Frank Vey, Ward 19; John J. Schafer, Jr., Ward 20; James W. Sheehan, Ward 2; John W. Foster, Ward 2; James T. Gallagher, Ward 16; Dennis J. Murphy, Ward 13; Charles F. Murphy, Ward 21; William F. Walsh, Ward 24; Curtis C. Johnson, Ward 12; Harris Edison, Ward 23; John Cronin, Ward 15; David M. Small, Ward 20; George A. Merrill, Ward 21; John I. Printy, Ward 8; August H. Kruse, Ward 24; Jeremiah E. Murphy, Ward 19; Louis Springer, Ward 8; James W. MacIsaac, Ward 10; Andreas Beck, Ward 14; Denis Cashman, Ward 9; David W. Burke, Ward 17; Wesley M. Hemstreet, Ward 24; James E. Toomey, Ward 2; John H. Kenney, Ward 3; Patrick Cusick, Ward 1; William J. Gehring, Ward 10; Charles C. McNally, Ward 1; John T. Murphy, Ward 23; Frederick W. Fox, Ward 17; Wallace E. Conrad, Ward 10; Wilfred E. Souther, Ward 15; Edward J. Schneider, Ward 15; Joseph J. Dwyer, Ward 16.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, April Sitting, to appear April 2, 1917:

Edward Lloyd Cooley, Ward 11; William H. Leahy, Ward 21; Edward S. Ryan, Ward 24; Frank H. Parmelee, Ward 20; Daniel F. Driscoll, Ward 14; George C. Noyes, Ward 5; Bernard W. A. Quinn, Ward 16; Charles F. Mills, Ward 20; George S. Kermeen, Ward 17; Francis E. Fassnacht, Ward 19; John H. Madden, Ward 16; Joseph A. Truesdale, Ward 18; John W. Cottler, Ward 16; William H. Taylor, Ward 18; Bernard Sheinker, Ward 20; William A. Cropper, Ward 22; Clarence D. Osgood, Ward 24; Joseph G. Wesner, Ward 15; John J. Kelly, Ward 21; Benjamin D. Macdonald, Ward 20; Ashley A. Smythe, Ward 24; John J. Collins, Ward 20; Eugene Sweeney, Ward 13; Daniel H. Miner, Ward 10; Harry L. Ackley, Ward 20; Philip Gordon, Ward 22; Frederick D. Barnes, Ward 20; George R. Harding, Ward 11; Henry E. Reid, Ward 18; Dennis H. Donovan, Ward 19; Russell S. Winn, Ward 24; George W. Bonuey, Ward 14; William A. Brown, Ward 16; Philip Dougherty, Ward 19; Edward Glueker, Ward 1; William S. Waters, Ward 4; Edward J. Fitzsimmons, Ward 19; James A. McLaughlin, Ward 18; Walter H. Baldwin, Ward 23.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, April Sitting, to appear April 2, 1917:

Joseph Cefalo, Ward 6; James Joseph Hennessey, Ward 16; Robert F. Sundine, Ward 18; Frank P. Waters, Ward 1; Edward E. Piper, Ward 21; Harry E. Corcoran, Ward 16; Thomas E. Gersh, Ward 15; Isaac A. Worden, Ward 20; James C. Montgomery, Ward 21; William H. Magner, Ward 20; Claus D. Dittmar, Ward 1; John Nugent, Ward 4; Charles E. Fouhy, Ward 20; James B. Slater, Ward 23; George Barbour, Ward 19; James C. B. Sowden, Ward 22; James H. McCarty, Ward 20; Thomas K. Browne, Ward 20; Walter A. Dyer, Ward 24; Samuel P. Whitcomb, Ward 24; William G. Knowles, Ward 8; Herbert M. Brewer, Ward 14; Edmund E. Pritchett, Ward 20; John C. Marshall, Ward 18; Thomas A. Boyd, Ward 2; Peter J. Barry, Ward 20; Jeremiah H. Moloney, Ward 24; Lewis B. Libbey, Ward 1; James F. Melynn, Ward 12; Paul N. Legeudre, Ward 14; August L. Rausch, Ward 1; William F. McGeorge, Ward 1; Lucian J. Priest, Ward 4; Albert J. Pike, Ward 16; Julius A. Chavanne, Ward 22; John J. Hoar, Ward 17; James H. Brennan, Ward 24; Antonio Delsignore, Ward 6; Gustav Schmidt, Ward 15.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, April Sitting, to appear April 2, 1917:

Erie A. Peterson, Ward 26; Thomas H. Hart, Ward 1; Michael F. Ney, Ward 20; John Donnerumma, Ward 6; Joseph Carver, Ward 8; James F. Fitzpatrick, Ward 1; Richard J. Sullivan, Ward 15; Gustav Carlson, Ward 23; Dennis Mahoney, Ward 9; David A. O'Brien, Ward 19;



Stephen I. Hurley, Ward 3; Walter R. Dolliver, Ward 25; Herbert S. Locke, Ward 20; John B. Murphy, Ward 11; Arthur F. Graham, Ward 20; Clarence L. Hawthaway, Ward 25; James T. Murray, Ward 11; William E. Waterman, Ward 11; John H. McCusker, Ward 13; Michael C. A. Guinee, Ward 5; Charles H. Stewart, Ward 21; John H. Elliott, Ward 23; Walter Barron, Ward 20; Richard F. Condon, Ward 5; Clement J. Schwener, Ward 19; John H. Preble, Ward 23;

Joseph J. Lucas, Ward 17; William C. Draper, Ward 4; David F. Wilson, Ward 1; Anthony J. Sylvia, Ward 24; Charles W. Duffley, Ward 18; Frederick A. Young, Ward 4; George A. O'Neill, Ward 16; William A. Crocker, Ward 25; William S. Hudson, Ward 8; Francis J. Corbett, Ward 23; William E. Baker, Ward 10; Albert S. Lane, Ward 2; Hyman Stahl, Ward 7.

Adjourned at 2.36 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 19, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m. In the absence of President Storrow, Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, took the chair.

On motion of Coun. WATSON it was voted to proceed to the election of a president *pro tem.* and Coun. Ballantyne was elected as president *pro tem.*, the vote being yeas 5, nays 0; Coun. Atridge, Ballantyne, McDonald, Watson and Wellington voting for Coun. Ballantyne.

Later in the session all the members were present with the exception of President Storrow.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear April 5:

Thornton H. Simmons, Ward 11; Jeremiah H. O'Brien, Ward 11; Anthony Markuns, Ward 15; James R. Creed, Ward 13; William T. Mann, Ward 25; Harry R. Lowd, Ward 24; George W. McShane, Ward 15; John C. Field, Ward 1; Nicholas Stuhl, Ward 7; Edward F. Kelley, Ward 17; Louis B. White, Ward 3; Joseph P. Haverty, Ward 15; Otis E. Little, Ward 11; Albert L. Magnitzky, Ward 22; Alexander Rose, Ward 22; Henry L. Nuremberg, Ward 25; Francis H. Donahue, Jr., Ward 22; William S. Ryan, Ward 20; Edward P. Morhoff, Ward 26; Francis H. O'Donnell, Ward 15; William Tansy, Ward 21; Frederiek N. Dysart, Ward 21; William J. Loughan, Ward 23; Francis L. Higginson, Jr., Ward 11; Edwin C. Flynn, Ward 16; Charles E. Middleton, Ward 20; Hyman Levine, Ward 11; Thomas F. Ward, Ward 22; Edgar H. Clark, Ward 22; Herman Bergheim, Ward 17; Stanton B. Hoag, Ward 10; James Cruse, Ward 8; Frank R. McLaughlin, Ward 25; George W. Alden, Ward 25; Joseph B. Kavanaugh, Ward 22; J. Frank Madigan, Ward 20.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear April 9:

John J. Dalton, Ward 8; Joseph A. Grant, Ward 20; Thomas W. Maroney, Jr., Ward 12; Martin J. Gateley, Ward 25; Oliver H. Kent, Ward 24; Hyman Yaffe, Ward 8; John J. McGuire, Ward 22; Simon Sternburg, Ward 21; Jacob Haertl, Ward 19; William H. Kaese, Ward 2; James F. Hayes, Ward 12; Frederiek E. Hull, Ward 24; William H. Clark, Ward 3; Joseph Morse, Ward 1; J. Levi Simmons, Ward 1; John A. Cluney, Ward 1; Michael P. Higgins, Ward 19; Per August Anderson, Ward 20; John Keefe, Ward 4; Isaac C. Austin, Ward 17; Charles J. Slavin, Ward 15; Leslie A. Underwood, Ward 25; Charles P. Rolfe, Jr., Ward 24; Walter E. Wraggs, Ward 26; Frank Spang, Ward 20; Joseph H. Regan, Ward 1; William J. O'Brien, Ward 4; Robert A. Holden, Ward 16; Ernest E. Jelma, Ward 20; Charles H. Jackson, Ward 15; John H. Carroll, Ward 9; John E. Schroeder, Ward 11; Patrick J. Downey, Ward 20; William F. Egan, Ward 19; John F. Sessler, Ward 22; Theodore Jakly, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council the Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1917, viz.:

1. William G. Kelley, 52 Moreland street, Roxbury, a Weigher of Coal, Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery and Weigher of Goods for the Boston Ice Company.

2. Francis J. Durkee, 111 Milton street, Dedham, a Weigher of Beef.

3. Charles A. Barker, 25 Jeffries street, East Boston, a Weigher of Coal.

4. Edward J. Kelly, 81 Merriam street, Somerville, a Measurer of Leather.

Severally laid over under the law.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 19, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Park and Recreation Department and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.  
Yours respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
March 2, 1917.  
To the Committee on the Parkman Fund  
of the Boston City Council:

Dear Sirs,—The Park and Recreation Commission respectfully asks that the funds available from the income of the Parkman Fund be given them to be employed on the following work:

- I. Tree planting on Boston Common. There is extreme need of this owing to the bad conditions caused by age and pests. . . . . \$15,000 00
- II. Arrangement of walks, planting and other work on the Common, especially with a view to making fit foreground and approaches to the State House. . . . .
- III. Continuation of work on grading, malls and tree planting at the "Greeting" in the Zoological Park. . . . . 25,000 00
- IV. Continuation of work in the Fens in front of the Art Museum. . . . . 12,000 00
- V. Purchase of new birds and fish. . . . . 1,000 00

It will be observed that the work above named will not, when completed, cause any material addition to the cost of future maintenance, and this, in our opinion, is in conformity with the intent of the donor.

Yours very truly,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty-three thousand dollars (\$53,000), now available as income from the Parkman Fund, be appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Department, for the maintenance and improvement of the Common and parks in existence on January 12, 1887, and for the maintenance of the Aquarium and Zoological Garden, as follows:

- I. Tree planting on Boston Common. There is extreme need of this owing to the bad conditions caused by age and pests. . . . . \$15,000 00
- II. Arrangement of walks, planting and other work on the Common, especially with a view to making fit foreground and approaches to the State House. . . . .
- III. Continuation of work on grading, malls and tree planting at the "Greeting" in the Zoological Park. . . . . 25,000 00
- IV. Continuation of work in the Fens in front of the Art Museum. . . . . 12,000 00
- V. Purchase of new birds and fish. . . . . 1,000 00

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

APPROPRIATION FOR SHOE MACHINERY, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 19, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Children's Institutions Department, advising that a special appropriation will be necessary to replace the shoe machinery destroyed by fire at the Suffolk School for Boys, Rainsford

Island, December 21, 1916, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Children's Institutions Department,  
March 7, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the letter from Corporation Counsel Mr. John A. Sullivan to your Honor dated February 14, the Trustees for Children would respectfully ask that a special appropriation be made to pay the bills of United Shoe Machinery Company, American Lacing Hook Company and Judson L. Thomson Manufacturing Company to cover the loss of machinery destroyed by fire at the Suffolk School for Boys on December 21, 1916.

The following is the amount of the bills:

United Shoe Machinery Company	\$1,695 00	
Less credit	140 00	
		\$1,555 00
American Lacing Hook Company		150 00
Judson L. Thomson Manufacturing Company		60 00
		<u>\$1,765 00</u>

Trusting that the matter can be arranged at an early date, I remain,

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN O'HARE, Chairman.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$1,765 from the Reserve Fund, when created, to a special appropriation for the Children's Institutions Department to replace shoe machinery destroyed by fire at the Suffolk School for Boys, Rainsford Island, on December 21, 1916.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**TAKING OF FLATS FOR PARKWAY.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 19, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith a communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission regarding the concurrence of the city in a taking made by them of certain flats for the Old Colony Parkway, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Metropolitan Park Commission,  
Boston, March 5, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I transmit herewith a copy of a taking made by this Board at its meeting January 31, of flats in Boston in Dorchester bay for Old Colony Parkway. These flats lie between the United States bulkhead line and low water mark, and the taking is merely incidental to the former taking already concurred in by the city government of Boston and intended to eliminate any controversy as to ownership between said bulkhead line and the center of the channel. This taking is transmitted for concurrence by the city government of Boston as has already been done in the taking to which the inclosed is supplementary. If the city government concurs in the taking, as indicated in the concurrence, a copy of which is attached to the copy of the taking, will you please have the duplicate form of concurrence properly filled in and returned to this office to be attached to the original taking and filed in the Registry of Deeds according to law? The copy of the taking and concurrence attached thereto, and also the blueprint copy of the taking transmitted, are for the files of the city. As the taking must be recorded within sixty days from the execution by this Board, and as some of this time has elapsed owing to unavoidable delays in transmitting the taking to you, as early action as can be conveniently taken

by the Council will be esteemed. I would be pleased to call and explain the matter or appear before the Council at any time.

Very truly yours,  
GEORGE LYMAN ROGERS,  
Secretary.

Whereas, The Metropolitan Park Commission duly established under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, acting under the authority conferred upon it by chapter 288 of the Acts of 1894, and chapter 699 of the Acts of the year 1912, and of every other power and authority thereto in any wise enabling, did on the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1917, take certain lands and rights in land referred to and described in an instrument of taking, a duly attested copy of which has been submitted, which real estate lies in the City of Boston and County of Suffolk and Commonwealth aforesaid, and is shown upon a plan marked "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan Park Commission, Old Colony Parkway, Plan of Taking of Flats in Boston in Dorchester Bay, . . . January 22, 1917, John R. Rablin, Engineer," being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 716.

Ordered, That the City Council of the City of Boston hereby joins in and signifies its approval of said taking and its concurrence with said Metropolitan Park Commission therein and in every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**PROTECTION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 19, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The necessity of taking measures for the protection of our historic buildings has been forcibly presented by the recent fire in the Quincy Market building. Faneuil Hall building in its present condition could be irreparably damaged if a small fire gained any headway inside the building. I have previously recommended an appropriation for the fireproofing of this building, which the Council saw fit to reject. At this time I recommend the passage of the accompanying order for loans to provide for the protection of the Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market buildings and the Old State House, and urge that speedy action be taken by the City Council. The estimates have been made by the Building Commissioner, and he is prepared to appear before the Committee on Finance at any time and explain them in detail.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the following amounts be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the purposes herein set forth, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amounts, viz.:

Faneuil Hall building	\$68,000 00
Restoration, fireproofing and automatic sprinkler equipment	
Quincy Market building	50,000 00
Reconstruction and fire protection	
Old State House, water curtain	2,000 00

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

**Claims.**

Patrick Rowe, for compensation for damages caused by change of grade of sidewalk at 30 Julian street.

Samuel Silbert, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Lynde street, in front of the Branch Library.



Annie J. Burke, for compensation for damages at 2459 Centre street, West Roxbury, by the shutting off of water by a city contractor.

Mrs. Morris Levy, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 32 Savin street.

Catherine G. Driscoll, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at Franklin Field House.

Daniel F. Holland, for compensation for damages at 578 Canterbury street by earth thrown on the land.

Harvey N. Shepard, trustee, for compensation for glass at 195 High street, broken by snow and ice falling from fire station.

Rosario Rudia, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect at 480 Commercial street.

Albert Selipsky, for compensation for damage to property and for illness occasioned by back flow of sewage at 55 Bickford street.

Deborah Selipsky, for compensation for damage to property and for illness occasioned by back flow of sewage at 55 Bickford street.

Catherine McGrath, for damage for personal injuries received from a fall at 38 Henley street, Charlestown.

Hanover Tobacco Company, for compensation for damage to property at corner of Hanover and Fleet streets by bursting of a water pipe.

James F. DuVally, M. D., for compensation for damage to automobile by a team which was transporting prisoners from jail to court.

Susan E. Bartlett, for compensation for damages at 75 Sterliug street by the laying of surface sewer pipes.

Cornelius E. Collins, to be paid for a brick fence at 35 East Concord street, damaged by city ash teams.

Estate of Mary Fallon, for compensation for damage to property opposite premises No. 63 Minden street by the bursting of a water pipe.

Lottie Zerzersky, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 43 Salem street.

Jennie Freedman, for compensation for injuries caused by Fire Department apparatus.

M. J. Haverty, for compensation for damages at 242-246 Western avenue by backing up of sewer.

Mary E. White, for compensation for damage to clothing torn on a garbage barrel on Beach street.

W. H. Field, for refund of money paid for 16 ash barrel tickets.

Dodge Motor Vehicle Company, for rebate on 71 tickets for collection of rubbish.

Mrs. Lucy Fiorello, for compensation for damage to goods at 22 Haynes street by overflow of sewer.

H. C. Berry, for compensation for damage to automobile by a patrol wagon.

Santo Di Carlo, for compensation for injuries caused by a defective sidewalk at 17 Henchman street.

Joseph S. Goodnow, to be paid for 14 days labor at Roxbury Paving Yard.

Rudolph H. Apelt, for payment of a judgment obtained against the city.

Executive.

Patrick Sullivan, to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914.

Remonstrance of Boston Stationers' Association against establishing of stationery supply department.

Petitions for permits for children to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

Maria Paporello, Jordan Hall, evening of April 12.

William J. Francis, St. Mary's Hall, evenings of March 20, 21 and 23.

William L. Hays, Jordan Hall, evening of March 13.

Mrs. Joseph Adamowski, Jordan Hall, March 23.

RESIGNATION OF CONSTABLE.

A communication was received by his Honor the Mayor from James H. Waugh resigning as Constable of the City of Boston.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of Abram Hernan.

Approved by the City Council.

NOTICES OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notices were received of the following appointments, a certified copy of the same having been delivered to the Civil Service Commission, viz.:

Henry H. O'Connor, Superintendent of Supplies.  
Isaac G. Rosenber, Children's Institutions Trustee.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of appointment of Daniel H. Coakley as Library Trustee.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF TRANSIT COMMISSION.

A communication was received from the Boston Transit Commission transmitting the annual report of said commission, in accordance with the provisions of section 24, chapter 54S, Statutes of 1894.

Placed on file.

AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
In Board of Street Commissioners,  
March 12, 1917.

Voted to amend Article 9 of the Street Traffic Regulations by adding to said article the following section:

Section 3. Between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. no vehicle shall remain standing in the following named street for more than 15 minutes at a time:

Norway street, between Massachusetts avenue and Falmouth street.

JOHN H. DUNN,  
FRANK A. GOODWIN,  
FRANCIS J. BRENNAN,  
Street Commissioners.

Placed on file.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, as follows:

D. G. Jaycock, keeping and sale of gasoline, 55 Bickerstaff street.

New England Motors (Inc.), keeping and sale of gasoline, Brighton avenue, near Harvard avenue.

Annie E. Koopman, keeping of gasoline, 30 Clement avenue, West Roxbury.

Fred Edwards, keeping and sale of gasoline, 530 Columbus road.

John D. Fallon, keeping and sale of gasoline, 7 Harris avenue.

Harvard Garage Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 16-20 Harvard avenue, Dorchester.

King Rubber Company, keeping of gasoline, 915 Hyde Park avenue, Hyde Park.

Charles H. Stewart, keeping of gasoline, 64 Montview street, West Roxbury.

Edward A. Jordan, keeping and sale of gasoline, 137 Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury. (Two notices.)

William A. Whittemore, keeping of gasoline, 30 Sawyer avenue, Dorchester.

Laurence Minot, Trustee, keeping and sale of gasoline, 28 Scotia street.

H. C. Fabyan, keeping of gasoline, 21 Sparhawk street, Brighton.

Perry Brothers, keeping and sale of gasoline, 25 Stanhope street.

B. E. Brewster, keeping and sale of gasoline, 637 Washington street, Dorchester.

Walter G. Richardson, keeping of gasoline, 3995 Washington street, West Roxbury.

Henry E. Wright & Sons, keeping and sale of gasoline at Spice street, Charlestown.

Placed on file.

STREET RAILWAY POLICE.

Notice was received from the mayor's clerk of Cambridge of appointments of George O. Childs and others as street railway police officers.

Placed on file.

Notice was received from the Boston Elevated Railway Company that said company no longer requires the services of Thomas E. Costello and Herbert Perry as street railway police officers.  
Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of hearing on Friday, March 23, at 10.30 a. m., on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company for double end car.  
Placed on file.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF TREMONT STREET.

A petition was received from Samuel B. Doggett and others for the improvement of Tremont street.  
Placed on file.

#### SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works giving costs of construction of artificial stone sidewalks with granite edgestones along estates bordering on Poplar street, between Sycamore street, Brown avenue and Hilburn street—and recommending the passage of the following, viz.:

Ordered, That the persons named in the foregoing schedule be and the same are hereby assessed the sums set against their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks of artificial stone with granite edgestone along their estates bordering on Poplar street, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties, the amount being \$3,283.07.  
The order was passed.

#### MINORS' LICENSES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for nine newsboys and four vendors—recommending that licenses be granted.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up No. 1, unfinished business, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 5, 1917, of F. C. Spruce, R. M. Drummond, H. J. Woodruff and Maynard F. Mosely, to be Weighers of Coal.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Watson and Ford. Whole number of ballots cast 5, yeas 5, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### CLAIMS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following, viz.:

1. Report on petition of Harry P. Wheeler (referred February 26) to be paid for loss of fowls killed by dogs—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Harry P. Wheeler the sum of twenty dollars in compensation for the loss of hens killed by dogs January 29, 1917, said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

2. Report on petition of Canal Street Trust (referred February 26) for abatement of rents on account of closing of Canal street—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the rent reserved to the city

under lease of land on Canal street to the Canal Street Trust, dated August 5, 1915, be and the same hereby is abated for the term beginning January 1, 1917, and ending December 31, 1917.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF FOR TERENCE P. McLAUGHLIN.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That chapter 66 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pay Soldiers' Relief to Terence P. McLaughlin," be and the same hereby is accepted.  
Passed.

#### ANNUITY FOR EDWARD A. SHEA.

Coun. FORD offered the following:  
Ordered, That chapter 143 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pay an Annuity to Edward A. Shea," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 143 of the Special Acts of 1917, an annuity of \$300 be allowed and paid to Edward A. Shea, formerly a member of the Fire Department, who was injured in the performance of his duty, said annuity to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### MONEY FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1917-18.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That to provide temporarily, money to meet the appropriations for the financial year 1917-18, 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 one year of their date from the taxes of the year 1917, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said treasurer shall deem proper.

The order was given its first reading and passed; yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its second reading not less than fourteen days from date.

#### PAYMENT TO MRS. CONRY.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered the following:  
Ordered, That chapter 140 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pay a Sum of Money to the Widow of John M. Conry," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 140 of the Special Acts of 1917, there be allowed and paid to Annie Conry, widow of John M. Conry, an employee of the city who died while in its service, the sum of eight hundred fifty-five dollars (\$855), said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### REMODELING OF ENGINE HOUSE NO. 5.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the City Council an order appropriating a sum sufficient to remodel and place in proper condition Engine House No. 5, East Boston.

Passed.

#### PAYMENT TO MRS. MULLEN.

Coun. McDONALD offered the following:  
Ordered, That chapter 160 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of

Boston to Pay an Annuity to the Widow of John A. Mullen," be and the same hereby is accepted. Referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 160 of the Special Acts of 1917, an annuity of three hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of John A. Mullen, formerly chief of the Fire Department, to continue so long as she remains unmarried, said annuity to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SALARIES OF JAIL OFFICERS.

Coun. McDONALD offered the following:

City of Boston.  
In The Year Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.  
An Ordinance Concerning Salaries of Officers at the County Jail.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section six of chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1914, as amended by chapter six of the Ordinances of 1916, is hereby further amended by striking out the whole of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 6. The officers of the County of Suffolk shall be paid the salaries and allowances provided by law.

The officers connected with the county jail shall be paid annual salaries as follows:

The chief officer, twenty-one hundred dollars.

The physician appointed by the sheriff, fifteen hundred dollars.

The steward, the first inside officer, and the clerk, each fourteen hundred and fifty dollars.

The second and third inside officers, each thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.

The other regularly employed officers, each thirteen hundred dollars.

The watchman and other necessary assistants, each twelve hundred dollars.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

PAYMENT TO JOHN E. MCCARTHY.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 67 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pay a Sum of Money to John E. McCarthy," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordered, That, under the provisions of chapter 67 of the Special Acts of 1917, there be allowed and paid to John E. McCarthy, formerly an employee of the Children's Institutions Department, the sum of two hundred seventy-seven dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$277.77) in compensation for services rendered said department in 1915, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SEWERAGE WORKS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business Nos. 2 and 3, viz.:

2. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by chapter 204 of the Acts of 1908, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for sewerage works and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of the city to said amount.

On February 26, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

3. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 348 of the Acts of 1912 the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for the construction of sewerage works in the Charles River Basin drainage area, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue,

from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of the city to said amount.

On February 26, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The orders were given their final readings and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. COLLINS offered the following, viz.:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Norfolk avenue (westerly side), between Shirley and Burrell streets, Ward 12, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 269 of the Special Acts of 1916.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Shirley street (southerly side), from Clifton street to Norfolk avenue, Ward 12, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 269 of the Special Acts of 1916.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Nos. 1542 and 1544 and Nos. 1582-1588 Dorchester avenue, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 269 of the Special Acts of 1916.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.26 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.11 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on various petitions (referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

Maria Paporello, Jordan Hall, evening of April 12.

William J. Francis, St. Mary's Hall, evenings of March 20, 21 and 23.

William L. Hays, Jordan Hall, evening of March 13.

Mrs. Joseph Adamowski, Jordan Hall, March 23. Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Patrick Sullivan (referred today) to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914—recommending passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Patrick Sullivan, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on remonstrance of Boston Stationers' Association (referred today) against establishing stationery supply division—that the same be placed on file.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I think it is well to spread upon the record the reason why we merely placed this upon file. The question was raised whether we had any authority in the matter, and it was decided that we had not. That is the reason why we took no further action.

Report accepted; remonstrance placed on file.



(4) Report on message of Mayor, preamble and order (referred today) in taking by the Metropolitan Park Commission of certain flats for the Old Colony Parkway—that the preamble and order ought to pass.

Report accepted; preamble and order passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

#### FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted a report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred February 5) for loan of \$9,500 for Engine House No. 15, South Boston—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I am not certain on this particular order just what the division of the money is. It talks about a rather substantial sum of money being appropriated for alterations and repairs, but I don't know at this time how much is to be spent for alterations and how much for repairs. That being so, I move that the matter be laid on the table for one week until we find out just what the situation is, because I am absolutely averse to borrowing money for current expense for repairs upon a fire house. If it turns out that practically all of this money or the major portion of it is to be spent for alterations, which will be in the form of a permanent improvement, I shall be absolutely in favor of the order, but until I find out just what the situation is I shall probably vote against it. I want to make sure that it is not an appropriation of money in this way for a current expense, namely, for repairs. That is the reason why I move that the matter lie on the table for one week.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I would not be averse to postponement for one week if I were satisfied that one week would be all the delay that would result from the postponement. But I know that in the past it has been the habit to postpone or lay matters on the table in this body, for opportunity to investigate, and that action has then been delayed from week to week and sometimes from month to month, until finally when an order has been passed it has been too late to make the necessary repairs so that a building could be put into actual use. We had a delay of that sort in connection with the Convalescent West Department at West Roxbury two years ago. Early that year we had a discussion as to whether it should be done this way or that way, one member's way or another member's way. The thing was prolonged and prolonged, and all the time the needy sick, who should have an opportunity to go to some place and convalesce, get on their feet, suffered through the delay. I remember that in the matter of fire houses for Engine 14 and Ladder 4 the same conditions prevailed. Eventually the orders were passed and the money was borrowed or secured in the way originally arranged for, but for a long time the delay continued and the firemen were cramped and compelled to go without comfortable quarters. I will not oppose a motion to lay on the table providing the gentleman making the motion will move that it be taken from the table and considered at the next meeting; but unless he will do that I am opposed to postponement on this proposition. As a matter of fact, if I fol-

lowed my own views I would favor passing the order today, but as a matter of courtesy to the gentleman who desires further light I am perfectly willing to have the matter assigned to the next meeting. I do, however, wish to have it then acted upon. If he will agree to that, very well. I do not care to make the motion, but trust that the gentleman will make it himself. Otherwise, I will vote against laying on the table.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, the councilor has just suggested that in some cases such matters have been delayed for a considerable space of time. It is not my intention to delay this matter. I simply wish an opportunity to investigate, and I shall be perfectly satisfied to have the matter taken from the table at the next meeting and acted upon. I am not making the motion for purposes of delay at all, but simply so that I may be informed from some source as to just what the situation is and what the division of this \$9,500 is.

The motion to assign the order to the next meeting was declared carried.

Later in the session Coun. HAGAN said:

Mr. President, referring to the matter just laid on the table, the fire house in South Boston, in consultation with Coun. Ford, it is my judgment that we ought to send the matter to the Finance Commission, so as to get the information he is desirous of having. Coun. Ford agrees that that course should be taken and wishes them to report back here next Monday. I therefore move that the matter be submitted to the Finance Commission for report, and that they report back here next Monday.

The subject matter was referred to the Finance Commission for report to the next meeting of the Council.

#### SALE OF LAND, STURTEVANT STREET.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred 1916) for sale of land on Sturtevant street—recommending passage of order in the following new draft:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the city, in a manner satisfactory to the Law Department and upon the payment of fifteen cents per square foot, to convey to the Sturtevant Mill the parcel of land on and near Sturtevant street in the Dorchester district of Boston, fronting on said street about twenty-three feet and containing in all about 7,800 square feet, subject to reservations protecting the rights of the city in maintaining and renewing proper sewage and underground works and rights in said land, and without liability on the part of the city for damages by reason of said works.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, reconsideration of all action taken today was refused.

Adjourned on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, at 4.27 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 26, at 2 p. m.

**CITY OF BOSTON.**

**Proceedings of City Council.**

Monday, Mareb 26, 1917.

The regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair, and all the members present.

**JURORS DRAWN.**

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:  
Tbirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourtb Session, Second Division, to appear April 2, 1917:

Walter H. Turner, Ward 23; James E. Finigan, Ward 22; George H. Smith, Ward 17; Thomas G. O'Connor, Ward 20; John J. Abern, Ward 2; John E. Magnusson, Ward 24; George H. Morton, Ward 23; John A. Riley, Ward 8; William Coben, Ward 21; Edward S. Haskell, Ward 1; Frank H. Gary, Ward 24; Wallace E. Hoagland, Ward 12; Edward F. Gilboy, Ward 8; William E. Millerick, Ward 2; Robert H. Chesebro, Ward 23; August Kaufmann, Ward 20; Timothy J. Maboney, Ward 16; Charles F. Dunn, Ward 17; Thomas B. Kelley, Ward 1; Frederiek F. Skayban, Ward 13; Patriek J. Doherty, Ward 3; Frank A. Bergdoll, Ward 14; Harry L. Davidson, Ward 16; Michael S. Gibbons, Ward 3; George H. Robinson, Ward 17; Ora R. Lincoln, Ward 22; James Dempsey, Ward 24; John E. Fealy, Ward 26; Lawrence Beardsley, Ward 24; John F. Toland, Ward 3.

**WIDENING OF CHARLES STREET.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, Mareb 23, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am this day in receipt of the appended communication from the Street Commission, containing correspondence of the Street Commission and the property owners on Charles street, and would respectfully urge that, if possible, action be taken at an early date on the order for loan of \$800,000 for making of bigways, submitted to your honorable body under date of Mareh 5, 1917.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Street Laying-Out Department,  
Mareb 22, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—Inclosed are copies of two letters sent to this office by Matthew Hale, regarding the proposed widening of Charles street.

The Board has had a number of conferences with Mr. Hale since it learned that it was the intention of he and his co-trustees to tear down existing buildings on Cbarles street and to erect a number of new buildings, the purpose being to have the new buildings set back to the proposed line of widening.

Mr. Hale and his co-trustees agreed to the plans proposed by the Board, but he asked to be assured that the order for the widening of the street be speedily adopted. The Board could give no definite assurances as to when the widening would take place, as it must await action on the part of the City Council in making an appropriation for the purpose.

Delay in making this appropriation may result in a greater expense for the widening. It might be well for you to suggest to the City Council that speedy action be taken on the order for a loan of \$800,000 for the making of highways, which you recommended to that body some time ago.

Very truly yours,  
J. J. O'CALLAGHAN, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**LAYING OUT OF WESTERN AVENUE.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, Mareh 26, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in response to the order of your honorable body of February 5, requesting the State Highway Commission, through the Mayor, to lay out Western avenue, between Cambridge and Watertown, which I submit for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Street Laying-Out Department,  
Mareb 13, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The Board of Street Commissioners has considered, as you requested, the order of the City Council of February 5, 1917, requesting the State Highway Commission, through you, "to lay out Western avenue, between Cambridge and Watertown."

This avenue is a bigway of the City of Boston, having been laid out in 1824. Between the Cambridge Bridge and North Harvard street it is of a uniform width of 66 feet. Between North Harvard street and the Watertown Bridge it is of varying widths, the average being about fifty-five feet.

This department has a plan to widen this portion of the street to 60 feet. To make this widening a few buildings will have to be set back a short distance, and a narrow strip of land will have to be taken. The takings will not materially damage any of the land on the street, and from this standpoint the cost will not be large.

The difficulty with Western avenue is, and has been, that a great amount of underground work must be done before the surface can be permanently constructed. The Public Works Department has estimated that for sewerage works an expenditure of \$87,400 will have to be made. The estimated cost of the improvement, as a whole, is \$297,400, divided as follows:

Land and grade damages.....	\$26,000 00
Construction.....	84,000 00
Bridge over Charles river (one half of the total cost of \$200,000).....	100,000 00
Sewerage works.....	87,400 00
	<u>\$297,400 00</u>

If this highway is to be improved, it is the opinion of the Board that all of the cost, except one half of the cost of the bridge, will have to be met by the City of Boston. If a new bridge is built (and such a bridge is essential to the proper improvement of this bigway) presumably one half the cost will fall on the town of Watertown. It is well understood that the State Highway Commission is not in favor of making state highways within the limits of the City of Boston.

Very truly yours,  
J. J. O'CALLAGHAN, Secretary.  
Placed on file.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:

**Claims.**

William Kelleber, for compensation for injuries received from an accident on Shawmut avenue.

Joseph Barish, for a hearing on his claim on account of an accident at 126 Cambridge street.

Maria Bernardi, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 33 Warrenton street.

Brookline Electric Company, for compensation for damages by water at 3 High street.

John M. Cummings, for compensation for damages to automobile by a cart of the Street Cleaning Division.

Cunningham Motor Renting Company, for compensation for damage to automobile by a defect in Albany street.

Rose C. Dolson, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Washington street, in front of No. 1553.

M. J. Hogan, for compensation for damages at 64 Haryard street, Boston, by leaks in water main.

Ida Levenson, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 184 Hanover street.

Sarah L. McDonald, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 66 Dover street.

Francis J. Murray, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Blue Hill avenue.

William A. Paine, for compensation for damages at 93 and 95 Broad street by a leak in water main.

Anna Wemberg, for compensation for loss of a bag when she was struck by a horse of Police Division 1.

Star Worsted Company, to be reimbursed \$164, being amount of tax paid on wool already taxed by the state.

#### Executive.

Ruth M. McShane, for a permit for children to appear at Municipal Building Hall, South Boston, May 25.

#### Finance.

Petition of Joseph Kern *et al.*, for the widening of Groye street, West Roxbury.

### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Mary B. Brandegee, keeping of gasoline, Allandale street, at the Faulkner Farm.

Harold L. Bond Company, keeping and sale of detonators, 383 Atlantic avenue.

Harold L. Bond Company, keeping and sale of detonators, 48 Purchase street.

National Lead Company of Massachusetts, keeping and sale of fixed ammunition, 47 Farnsworth street.

F. W. Mattheis, keeping of gasoline, 422 River street, Mattapan.

Placed on file.

### PENSIONS FOR RETIRED TEACHERS.

A communication was received from the School Committee requesting the acceptance of chapter 289 of the Special Acts of 1916, entitled, "An Act relative to the distribution of sums payable to the City of Boston by the Commonwealth in reimbursement for certain pensions paid by the city to retired teachers."

Referred to the Executive Committee.

### NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission on petition of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for alteration of bridges in South Boston, said hearing to be given on March 28 at 10.30 a. m.

Placed on file.

### APPOINTMENT OF GRADE COMMISSION.

Notice was received of petition of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for appointment of commission on grade crossing at West First street.

Placed on file.

### SIDEWALK SCHEDULES.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works giving cost of sidewalk construction on Lake street, Ward 26, Brookside avenue, Ward 22, Magnolia square, Ward 17, and Gladstone street, Ward 1, and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the persons named in the foregoing schedules be and the same are hereby assessed the sums set against their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks along the above-named streets, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties, the total amount being \$5,850.22.

### CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Registrar 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 February 19 to March 22 and that work had been performed to the amount of \$5,101.25.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, March 19, 1917, viz.:

1. Charles A. Barker, to be a Weigher of Coal.

2. Edward J. Kiley, to be a Measurer of Leather.

3. Francis J. Durkee, to be a Weigher of Beef.

4. William G. Kelley, to be a Weigher of Coal, an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, and a Weigher of Goods for the Boston Ice Company.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Ford and McDonald. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the several appointments were confirmed.

### RECONSTRUCTION OF ENGINE HOUSE 15.

Coun. FORD called up assignment No. 5, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the sum of \$9,500 be appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Fire Commissioner for the reconstruction of Engine House No. 15, Broadway and Dorchester avenue, South Boston, and that to meet said expenditure the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for such purpose.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, one week ago when this matter came up I asked to have it assigned for one week, to find out whether the money was going to be spent for permanent improvements or for repairs. I asked the Fire Commissioner to send me some sort of communication that I might put into the record, to show for what purpose the money was going to be spent. I want to have his letter to me made a part of the record. For the information of the other councilors I will read it.

City of Boston,  
Headquarters Fire Department,  
March 22, 1917.

Francis J. W. Ford, Esq.,

City Councilor:

Dear Sir,—Referring to your inquiry of the other day concerning the house of Engine Company 15, Broadway and Dorchester avenue, I would say that the \$9,500 asked for by me and the \$7,500 allowed by the Transit Commissioners is for permanent improvement. The whole house will be demolished from the foundation up, and entirely built.

Yours very truly,  
JOHN GRADY,  
Fire Commissioner.

I may say in addition to that, that I viewed the premises personally and was more or less convinced from the inspection that the money would be spent for permanent improvement.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, when this matter was considered last week it was referred to the Finance Commission by vote of this body asking them to report here at this meeting, after investigation. I am wondering if anything has been heard from the Finance Commission?

President STORROW—The Chair is informed that no report has been sent in. It may be that a report will come in later, if Coun. Ford is willing to have this taken up in the executive session.

Coun. FORD—I am entirely satisfied with that, Mr. President.

On motion of Coun. COLLINS it was voted that the matter lie on the table, to be taken up after the executive meeting.

Later in the session, on motion of Coun. BAL-LANTYNE, the order was taken from the table.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, at the last meeting of the Council the Finance Commission were asked to investigate and report upon this matter. The Finance Commission have reported during the recess, upon inquiry made by the City Mes-



senger, that they did not receive the letter until the latter part of this week and would not be able to report until the next meeting. They did not receive the request until March 21. Under the circumstances it would seem as though, if we pass the order to its first reading today, it will go into effect without its second reading before we have another regular meeting. I don't know how the members feel about waiting until we get the report, having asked for it.

President STORROW—The Chair is not aware of any parliamentary action, other than the rejection of the order, that will prevent this going into effect.

Coun. HAGAN—In other words, the Chair rules that it will go into effect on April 6 if we don't pass upon it at all at this meeting.

President STORROW—The Chair so rules.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I move that it take its first reading today.

The order took its first reading and passage, yeas 9, nays 0.

#### ROPING OFF SMITH STREET.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the City Messenger be hereby authorized to rope off Smith street, at such points as may be necessary, on March 31, 1917, for the road race held by the St. Alphonsus Association, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### ROPING OFF UNION PARK STREET, ETC.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the City Messenger be hereby authorized to rope off the streets in the vicinity of Union Park street and Harrison avenue on April 14, 1917, for the road race held by the Cathedral Young Men's Catholic Association, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### NEW POLICE STATION, DIVISION 5.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$5,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans and specifications for new police station in Division No. 5, and that to meet 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 Finance.

#### ALL-YEAR-ROUND BATH HOUSE, WEST END.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$150,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners for site, plans and building for an all-year-round bath house in the West End, and that to meet 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 Finance.

#### ROPING OFF STREETS, MARATHON RACE.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the City Messenger be hereby authorized to rope off the streets, at such points as may be necessary, on the occasion of the Marathon race held under the auspices of the Boston Athletic Association, on

April 19, 1917, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Flags, Ropes, Stakes.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.25 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 3.35 p. m.

#### COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on communication of Registrar of Deeds (referred today) concerning clerk hire to the amount of \$5,101.25—recommending approval of same.

Report accepted; pay roll approved and ordered paid.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Report on petition of Ruth M. McShane (referred today) for permit for children to appear at the Municipal Building Hall, South Boston, May 25—that permits be granted.

Report accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on orders (severally referred today) for roping off streets—that the orders ought to pass, viz.:

Smith street, for road race held by the St. Alphonsus Association.

Union Park street and Harrison avenue, for road race held by Cathedral Young Men's Catholic Association.

Certain streets for Marathon race held by the Boston Athletic Association.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(3) Reports on message of Mayor and communications (referred 1916) relative to Joseph A. Wiggin *et al.*, and for acceptance of chapter 148, Special Acts of 1916—recommending the passage of the following, viz.:

Ordered, That chapter 148 of the Special Acts of 1916, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Increase the Pensions paid to Joseph A. Wiggin of Melrose and Llewellyn Lincoln of Stoneham," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 148 of the Special Acts of 1916, the pensions of Joseph A. Wiggin and Llewellyn Lincoln, veterans of the Civil War, who were employed at the House of Correction and retired under the provisions of chapter 459 of the Acts of 1910, be fixed at the rate of five hundred and ten dollars a year each.

Report accepted; orders passed.

(4) Reports on orders (severally referred March 19) for acceptance of special acts and payment of annuities to various people—that the acts be accepted and the orders passed, viz.:

Acceptance of act and passage of order for payment of sum of \$277.77 to John E. McCarthy, formerly an employee of the Children's Institutions Department.

Acceptance of act and payment of annuity of \$300 to Edward A. Shea, formerly a member of the Fire Department, who was injured in performance of his duty.

Acceptance of act and payment of annuity of \$300 to the widow of John A. Mullen, formerly Chief of the Fire Department.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Report on order (referred March 19) to accept chapter 66, Special Acts of 1917, for payment of sum Terrence McLaughlin was entitled to receive, to his son Terrence P. McLaughlin, said Terrence McLaughlin having been a veteran of the Civil War.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred March 19) for transfer of \$1,765 for Children's Institutions Department

for shoe machinery destroyed by fire at Rainsford Island December 21, 1916.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### LOAN FOR WINTHROP PLAYGROUND.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That the sum of \$4,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Park and Recreation Department for necessary work on the John Winthrop Playground, and that to meet 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 of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### NEXT MEETING.

The Council voted, on motion of Coun. BALLANTYNE, that when it adjourns it be to meet on Monday, April 9, at two o'clock p. m.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. BALLANTYNE moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 3.48 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to meet on Monday, April 9, at two o'clock p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Wednesday, April 4, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of drawing jurors, Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair and a quorum present.

The jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Twelve traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, to appear April 9, 1917:

Charles H. Starks, Ward 24; Thomas J. Casey, Ward 14; Theodore Jansen, Ward 22; Otto Schindler, Ward 20; John M. Fiske, Ward 12; Joseph H. Patterson, Ward 24; Frank B. Roeth, Ward 23; William J. Ahern, Ward 22; Alexander Simons, Ward 1; Edward B. Stillman, Ward 21; Edward S. Pine, Ward 24; Henry L. Hoey, Ward 24.

Adjourned at 1.23 p. m.





CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 9, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair, President Storrow being absent.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. WATSON, to proceed to the election of a temporary chairman, and Coun. Ballantyne was elected by unanimous vote.

AMENDMENTS TO BUDGET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, April 9, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I submit herewith schedules of changes and transfers in budget, as submitted by me, necessary for the conduct of the various municipal departments and respectfully request the approval of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND.

From Reserve Fund to Assessing Department, \$35.85.

B-29, Stenographic, Copying, Indexing, .....	\$3 10
C-10, Library.....	32 75

From Reserve Fund to Building Department, \$159.77.

B-28, Expert and Architect.....	\$51 00
B-29, Stenographic, Copying, Indexing, .....	108 77

From Reserve Fund to Cemetery Department, \$500.

F-11, Workmen's Compensation....	\$500 00
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From Reserve Fund to Consumptives' Hospital Department, \$87.50.

A-1, Permanent Employees.....	\$87 50
To increase salary of resident medical officer to \$1,650 per year June 1.	

From Reserve Fund to Hospital Department, \$884.

A-1, Permanent Employees.....	\$884 00
To provide union scale for 2 assistant supervising engineers at \$170 each, a total of \$340, and 8 assistant engineers at \$68 each, a total of \$544.	

From Reserve Fund to Boston Almshouse and Hospital, \$800.

C-6, Stable.....	\$50 00
D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants....	750 00

From Reserve Fund to Institutions Registration Department, \$4.05.

C-9, Office.....	\$4 05
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From Reserve Fund to Library Department, \$2.09.

B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc.....	\$2 09
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From Reserve Fund to Licensing Board, \$162.40.

B-12, Premium on Surety Bond.....	\$3 00
C-9, Office.....	159 40

From Reserve Fund to Police Department, \$30,400.

D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory...	\$400 00
F-14, Listing.....	30,000 00

From Reserve Fund to Public Buildings Department, \$3,118.

A-1, Permanent Employees.....	\$559 00
To provide for 10 telephone operators for full year.	
A-3, Unassigned, Emergency and Over-time.....	100 00
B-10, Rent, Taxes and Water.....	2,200 00
B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repairs.....	75 00
B-23, Veterinary.....	25 00
B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping.....	145 00
D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory....	9 00
D-7, Veterinary and Fittings.....	5 00

From Reserve Fund to Wire Department, \$100.

B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repairs.....	\$75 00
B-17, Photographic and Blueprinting..	25 00

From Reserve Fund to Suffolk School for Boys, \$11,530.26.

B-1, Printing and Binding.....	\$1 00
B-11, Insurance.....	78 00
B-39, General Plant.....	300 00
C-7, Furniture and Fittings.....	120 00
C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory...	75
C-14, Live Stock.....	11 00
C-16, Wearing Apparel.....	200 00
D-2, Food and Ice.....	4,469 51
D-4, Forage and Animal.....	1,000 00
D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet.....	250 00
E-1, Building.....	800 00
E-13, General Plant.....	300 00
F-13, Industries.....	4,000 00

From Reserve Fund to Public Works Department, \$47,482.40.

Bridge Service.

B-22, Medical.....	\$5 00
C-13, Tools and Instruments.....	450 00

Ferry Service.

C-13, Tools and Instruments.....	\$150 00
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Lighting Service.

B-9, Lighting Streets, Alleys and Parks,	\$1,300 00
B-39, General Plant.....	12,000 00

Paving Service.

C-2, Machinery.....	\$1,900 00
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Sanitary Service.

B-19, Removal of Ashes, Dirt and Garbage.....	\$30,150 00
B-39, General Plant.....	1,200 00
C-6, Stable.....	50 00

Street Cleaning and Oiling Service.

C-7, Furniture and Fittings.....	\$27 40
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Sewer Service.

B-10, Rent, Taxes and Water.....	\$150 00
B-24, Blacksmith.....	100 00

TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUND.

From Hospital Department to Reserve Fund, \$20,000.

A-1, Permanent Employees, as per schedule attached.....	\$7,300 00
A-2, Temporary Employees, as per schedule attached.....	692 00
B-4, Transportation of Persons.....	50 00
B-5, Cartage and Freight.....	24 00
B-8, Light and Power.....	335 00
B-13, Communication.....	105 00
B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care,	166 00
B-21, Removal of Snow.....	100 00
C-4, Motor Vehicles.....	80 00
C-9, Office.....	33 00
C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory....	75 00
C-13, Tools and Instruments.....	70 00
C-14, Live Stock.....	25 00
D-2, Food and Ice.....	7,710 00
D-3, Fuel.....	2,494 00
D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory....	182 00
D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet.....	273 00
D-10, Agricultural.....	30 00
D-11, Motor Vehicle.....	129 00
D-16, General Plant.....	67 00
E-10, Electrical.....	60 00

From Health Department to Reserve Fund,  
\$481.95.

A-1, Permanent Employees	\$481 59
Amended so as to read Deputy Commissioner, 1 at \$4,000-\$5,000 per year, \$4,169.44.	
Inspector, 1 at \$2,000-\$2,500 per year, \$1,798.61.	
Inspectors, 62 at \$1,000-\$1,800 per year, \$81,426.22.	

#### HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT (SCHEDULE A).

##### A-1, Permanent Employees, Schedule.

Physicians, 4 at \$19.44 per week	\$210 00
Clerks, 2 at \$13.61 per week	140 00
Hospital employees, 3 at \$19 per week	343 00
Hospital employees, 4 at \$15.17 per week	312 00
Hospital employees, 16 at \$14 per week	702 00
Hospital employees, 2 at \$12 per week	125 00
Hospital employees, 33 at \$11.67 per week	1,019 00
Hospital employees, 5 at \$11 per week	230 00
Hospital employees, 6 at \$9.33 per week	97 00
Hospital employees, 8 at \$9 per week	375 00
Hospital employees, 22 at \$8.17 per week	161 00
Hospital employees, 200 at \$7 per week	852 00
Hospital employees, 9 at \$4.67 to \$5.83 per week	165 00
Hospital employees, 28 at \$5 per week	521 00
Hospital employees, 97 at \$4.67 per week	967 00
Head nurses, 58 at \$40 to \$65 per month	266 00
Undergraduate nurses, 163 at \$8.33 to \$16.67 per month	545 00
House cleaners, 16 at \$1 per day	250 00
	<u>\$7,300 00</u>

##### A-2, Temporary Employees.

Jobbers, 10 at \$0.20 per hour	\$392 00
Graduate special nurses, 7 at \$3 per day	300 00
	<u>\$692 00</u>

#### TRANSFERS WITHIN DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS.

##### Consumers' Hospital Department.

From B-17, Care of Persons, \$15, to D-6, Library, \$15.  
From B-17, Care of Persons, \$100, to C-16, General Plant, \$100.  
From E-10, Electrical, \$137.91, to C-3, Electrical, \$137.91.

##### Hospital Department.

From D-2, Food and Ice, \$320, to B-23, Veterinary, \$10; to B-40, Harness, etc., Repairs, \$10; to B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$100; to D-4, Forage and Animal, \$200.

##### Boston Almshouse and Hospital.

From C-8, Educational and Recreational, \$41.22, to D-9, Educational and Recreational, \$41.22.  
From D-1, Office, \$76.25, to C-9, Office, \$76.25.

##### Steamer "George A. Hibbard."

From A-1, Permanent Employees, Item 4, Deck Hands, \$5.71, to F-11, Workingmen's Compensation, \$5.71.

##### Office Expenses.

From D-2, Postage, \$1.50, to C-10, Library, \$1.50.

##### Mayor.

From G-1, Contingent Expenses, \$300, to B-29, Stenographic, Copying and Indexing, \$300.

##### Park and Recreation Department.

From B-5, Cartage and Freight, \$425, to E-9, Machinery, \$425.  
From C-17, General Plant, \$175, to E-9, Machinery, \$175.

From C-17, General Plant, \$18, to C-14, Live Stock, \$18.

From E-12, Parks and Recreational, \$1,000, to D-9, Educational and Recreational, \$1,000.

From E-12, Parks and Recreational, \$500, to F-11, Workingmen's Compensation, \$500.

From E-13, General Plant, \$500, to C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$500.

##### County of Suffolk.—Jail.

From C-17, General Plant, \$28.80, to C-10, Library, \$28.80.

#### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Suffolk County Courthouse, Custodian.	
A-3, Unassigned	\$9,438 00
Emergency	
A-1, Permanent employees	1,008 00
Onler at \$21 per week.	

#### Suffolk County Courthouse, County Buildings.

B-39, General Plant	\$3,500 00
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#### County Buildings.

E-1, Building	\$75 00
E-10, Electrical	90 00

#### Municipal Court of the City of Boston.

A-1, Permanent Employees	\$326 06
Chief Probation Officer, 1 at \$3,500-\$4,000 per year, \$3,816.30.	
B-5, Cartage and Freight	40 00
C-9, Office	675 00
D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory	50 00

#### Municipal Court, Charlestown District.

C-10, Library	\$15 00
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#### East Boston District Court.

B-22, Medical	\$15 00
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#### Municipal Court, Roxbury District.

A-1, Permanent Employees	\$875 00
Schedule A to read Clerk and Probation Officer, 1 at \$900-\$1,200 per year, \$1,025.	
Probation Officer, 1 at \$1,800 per year, \$1,050.	
B-4, Transportation of Persons	200 00
B-13, Communication	20 00
C-10, Library	25 00
D-1, Office	200 00
G-1, Probation Officers' Expenses	100 00

#### Municipal Court, West Roxbury District.

B-4, Transportation of Persons	\$400 00
B-22, Medical	12 00
C-10, Library	15 00
D-1, Office	175 00

#### Land Court.

B-2, Postage	\$300 00
D-1, Office	500 00

#### Penal Institutions Department, Office Expenses.

B-4, Transportation of Persons	\$150 00
D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet	46

#### Police Court, Chelsea.

B-2, Postage	\$25 00
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#### Medical Examiner, Northern District.

B-5, Cartage and Freight	\$325 00
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#### Index Commissioners.

B-1, Printing and Binding	\$552 50
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#### Granite Avenue Bridge.

A-1, Permanent Employees	\$59 81
To change rate of drawtender from \$2.50 per day to \$1,100 per year.	

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### TENEAN BEACH IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 27, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith plans and estimate of the Park and Recreation Department in reference to Tenean Beach improvements, requested by your honorable body under date of February 3, 1917.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
March 16, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:  
Dear Sir,—In reply to the order passed by the City Council on February 3, 1917, that the Park and Recreation Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council



oil plans and estimates as to the cost of a suitable concrete bath house at Tenean Beach, I would respectfully submit same as per the following letter from our engineer, Mr. Putnam:

Mr. John H. Dillon, Chairman,

Park and Recreation Department:

Dear Sir,—The accompanying sketches of a bath house for Tenean Beach are merely studies to determine the size and approximate cost of a building having the proper capacity for this location.

The sketches are for bath houses containing about 150 3-foot by 4-foot dressing rooms for women and girls; 200 15-inch cubical lockers for small girls; 600 15-inch by 15-inch by 42-inch lockers for men, and 400 15-inch cubical lockers for small boys.

I believe that a suitable building of concrete will cost about \$30,000. The studies indicate that a two-story building will be less expensive than the combination one and two story building of the equal capacity.

Respectfully,  
C. E. PUTNAM, Engineer.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

**ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS, EAST BOSTON COURT.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 26, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, with plans, containing an estimate of the cost of additional accommodations for the East Boston Court, in reply to the order recently passed by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Buildings Department,  
March 26, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—Replying to an order of the City Council that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council an estimate of the cost of additional accommodations for the East Boston Court as specified by Judge Barnes, I beg leave to submit an itemized report of my inspector, together with plans showing the desired changes, estimating the cost to be approximately \$50,000.

Yours respectfully,  
FREN J. KNEELAND,  
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

City of Boston,  
Public Buildings Department,  
March 9, 1917.

Mr. Fred J. Kneeland,

Superintendent of Public Buildings:

Dear Sir,—In accordance with your order in relation to providing additional rooms for the East Boston Court, I wish to submit the following report:

As you have visited the premises and made a personal investigation, you are familiar with its layout and also the opportunities for making such changes as requested by Judge Barnes for additional rooms.

I have made estimates and scale drawings which show by floor plans how it might be done by either of two ways. First by building an addition to the present building on the land in the rear owned by the city, or secondly, by taking the adjoining property on Meridian and Elbow streets and erecting a small building thereon.

While either proposition would give the additional rooms requested, it is hardly possible to enlarge the present quarters and make them as convenient as might be desired for court purposes.

If the land in the rear of the present building was used and a building erected on it, the additional rooms required would be available, but the approach to it would have to be made by cutting some space from the courtroom and inclosing it with an ornamental partition; then by the removal of some partitions in the clerk's quarters, it would enlarge

the public waiting space, and by the installation of a counter for the police to make out papers, the present railing and system of making out papers could be abolished.

The plan would give a female detention room, male and female probation rooms, ample toilet accommodations for public and court officers, also a separate stairway for emergencies. The first floor of this building could not be used for court purposes, but would be available as storage.

The second proposition as shown would mean the taking of the adjoining property on Meridian and Elbow streets, and erecting a small building on the lot. This plan would make the same changes in the clerk's quarters as heretofore described. While the courtroom would not be changed, the juvenile court would be located on the first floor of the building and connected with a juvenile waiting room. The entire first floor would be used for juvenile cases. The second floor would be available for male and female probation rooms, ample toilet accommodations, a private room for the clerk of court and a small room for janitor.

The present juvenile court could be divided and made into a female detention room and an additional room for the clerk of court or library. The cost of each plan is based on the unit cost of the present building, plus the added per cent for increase in labor and material, and while the proposed building in the rear has a greater area, its cost would be less. This may be reasoned by the fact that the city is the owner of the land and the construction would be of a cheaper grade, while the building on Meridian and Elbow streets would have to agree with the present building, plus the cost of the taking of the adjoining property.

The following estimates will show the cost of erection and completion of each of the two buildings as described and shown on plans.

On land owned by city:	
Cost of building.....	\$22,876 00
Architect's fee.....	1,372 56
Changes in present building.....	2,500 00
	<u>\$26,748 56</u>

On Meridian street site:	
Cost of building.....	\$28,162 00
Architect's fee.....	1,689 72
Assessed value of adjoining property... ..	16,800 00
Changes in present building.....	2,500 00
	<u>\$49,151 72</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM T. BRADY,  
Inspector.

Placed on file.

**COST OF CHANGES, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, April 9, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith estimate of the Park and Recreation Department as to the cost of proposed changes in Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West, and I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
March 14, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—By vote of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners you are respectfully asked to make a request on the City Council for the sum of eighty thousand (\$0,000) dollars, the estimated cost of proposed changes in Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West, as indicated on a plan by A. A. Shurtleff, said estimates being submitted by our engineer, Mr. C. E. Putnam, as follows:

3,000 cubic yards loam excavation at \$0.50.....	\$1,500 00
4,500 cubic yards new loam at \$1.40.....	6,300 00
2,800 cubic yards macadam excavation at \$1.....	2,800 00

5,500 cubic yards earth excavation at \$0.70.....	\$3,850 00
9,300 square yards bituminous pavement at \$2.10.....	19,530 00
3,700 square yards granolithic walks at \$1.70.....	6,290 00
3,600 square yards macadam walks at \$0.75.....	2,700 00
2,900 linear feet straight curb, new, at \$1.70.....	4,930 00
1,040 linear feet straight curb to be reset at \$0.25.....	260 00
600 linear feet curved curb, new, at \$2.20.....	1,320 00
1,000 square yards new gutters, of blocks from old gutters, at \$0.60.....	600 00
Drainage.....	2,100 00
Forty sidewalk gratings for trees at \$15.....	600 00
Planting and fertilizer.....	220 00
Moving Ericson monument.....	1,500 00
	\$54,500 00
Bridge.....	22,000 00
	\$76,500 00
Incidental expenses about 5 per cent....	3,500 00
Total.....	\$80,000 00

Yours respectfully,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of eighty thousand dollars be appropriated to be expended for the laying-out, construction and improvement of Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West, 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 such purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 28, 1917.  
To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I submit herewith an order for the appropriation for \$10,000 from the Reserve Fund to meet the necessary expenses of the Committee on Public Safety of the City of Boston, which was recently organized for the purpose of acting in conjunction with the Committee on Public Safety of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The city in its corporate capacity must cooperate with the state in the organization and mobilization of all the resources required in the event of war. The defence of the city, the maintenance of order, the care of the sick and wounded, all seem to be necessary charges in such times as the present, and it is important that the City Council should act quickly in order to meet these necessary charges. Therefore, I respectfully request that the order herewith submitted be given immediate consideration by your honorable body.

Yours respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Safety of the City of Boston be authorized to expend not exceeding ten thousand dollars to meet the necessary expenses in the prosecution of their work, said amount to be charged to the Reserve Fund, when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PAYMENT FOR LAND TAKING, HYDE PARK AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, March 31, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Street Laying-Out Department, supplemented with opinion of the Corporation Counsel, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Street Laying-Out Department,  
March 15, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of the City of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In 1903 Hyde Park avenue was widened between Walk Hill and Ashland streets, West Roxbury. In the widening there was taken from Delia M. Keegan 1,502 square feet of land, for which the Board of Street Commissioners, at the time of the widening, awarded her the sum of \$675.80. Not being satisfied with the award, Mrs. Keegan made no effort to collect the money until recently. She has now, fourteen years after the widening of the avenue, asked that she be paid the amount awarded to her.

There is no balance in the appropriation for this improvement, and to pay Mrs. Keegan this sum a transfer from some other appropriation will be necessary.

The Board begs to suggest that you recommend to the City Council a transfer of the sum of \$675.80 from the appropriation for the widening of Hyde Park avenue, between Ashland street and the Hyde Park line, which was authorized in 1909, there being an unexpended balance of \$3,661.65 in this appropriation.

Very truly yours,  
J. J. O'CALLAGHAN, Secretary.

City of Boston,  
Law Department, March 30, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In answer to your request for an opinion as to the form of order submitted by the Board of Street Commissioners for a transfer of \$675.80 from the appropriation for the widening of Hyde Park avenue, from Ashland street to the Hyde Park line, to the appropriation for the widening of Hyde Park avenue to Walk Hill street and Ashland street in order to provide for the payment of damages to Delia M. Keegan, whose property was taken by the Street Commissioners in 1903 for the purpose of widening Hyde Park avenue, between Walk Hill street and Ashland street, I desire to say that in my opinion it is the proper thing to do and that the order is in legal form.

Very truly yours,  
GEORGE A. FLYNN,  
Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Ordered, That the sum of six hundred seventy-five and 80/100 dollars (\$675.80) be transferred from the appropriation for the widening of Hyde Park avenue, from Ashland street to the Hyde Park line, which was authorized in 1909, same to be paid to Delia M. Keegan for the taking in 1903 of 1,502 square feet of land, which sum the Board of Street Commissioners at the time of the widening awarded her.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### LOCKERS FOR BULFINCH STREET ARMORY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, April 9, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Buildings Department, April 6, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I have been in communication with Captain Pryor of Co. L, Sixth Regiment, located in the Bulfinch Street Armory, and he has informed me that he has recruited his company up to one hundred (100) men, and as such he will require thirty-five (35) extra steel lockers for the increased numbers, and as it is incumbent upon the city to provide individual lockers for the militia located in its precinct, I have taken the liberty of obtaining a figure for providing same.



I hereby respectfully request that an appropriation in the sum of \$475 be made to meet the expenditure.

Yours respectfully,  
 FRED J. KNEELAND,  
 Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$475 from the Reserve Fund, when created, to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, to be expended for the purchase of additional steel lockers for the Bulfinch Street Armory for use of Company L, Sixth Regiment.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**JOHN WINTHROP PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
 Office of the Mayor, April 9, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Park and Recreation Department, requesting an appropriation of \$12,920 for improvements at the John Winthrop Playground, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
 JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
 Park and Recreation Department,  
 March 28, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
 Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In accordance with your request I respectfully submit herewith estimate by our engineer, Mr. C. E. Putnam, of the cost of completing the John Winthrop Playground. You will note he has added sanitary building and shelters.

Yours very respectfully,  
 JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

City of Boston,  
 Park and Recreation Department,  
 March 27, 1917.

**Estimate of Cost of Completing John Winthrop Playground.**

Sanitary building.....	\$7,000 00
Shelters.....	2,000 00
9,250 square yards granolithic pavement at 20 cents.....	1,850 00
110 linear feet iron picket fence at \$2..	220 00
180 linear feet baseball fence at \$2.50..	450 00
Double one-way slide.....	\$250 00
Swings.....	250 00
Merry-go-round.....	150 00
Giant stride.....	75 00
Other apparatus.....	75 00
	800 00
Painting existing fence.....	400 00
300 linear feet iron railing at \$0.50.....	150 00
Planting.....	50 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$12,920 00</b>

Ordered, That the sum of \$13,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Commission for improvements at the John Winthrop Playground, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**ALTERATIONS ON BRIDGE, EAST BOSTON.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
 Office of the Mayor, April 9, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Boston Elevated Railway Company has a location for surfacc tracks on Bennington street, East Boston, at the point where Bennington street crosses the tracks of the Boston & Albany Railroad by an overhead bridge. Before the company can lay its tracks to operate cars

upon this bridge it is necessary for certain alterations to be made to strengthen the bridge, and the company desires to have these alterations made with all possible speed to accommodate new cars which are expected shortly.

On account of the peculiar wording of section 23 of Part L of chapter 463 of the Acts of 1906, the company cannot petition for alterations unless it has tracks on the way. The company therefore requests the City Council to petition for the alterations, and the company will do the work of making said alterations and pay the cost thereof.

I accordingly request the passage of the inclosed order.

Yours respectfully,  
 JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, Bennington street, a public way in the City of Boston, crosses the tracks of the Boston & Albany Railroad by an overhead bridge; and

Whereas, We are of opinion that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration which does not involve the abolition of the crossing at grade should be made in said overhead bridge and its approaches;

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, in the name of the City Council of Boston, apply to the Public Service Commission for its decision upon the necessity of such alteration and for prescribing the manner and limits within which it shall be made, in compliance with chapter 463 of the Acts of 1906 and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:

**Claims.**

Theresa J. Adams, for compensation for damages at 99 Columbia road, because of construction work on Powellton road.

Bicknell & Fuller Paper Box Company, for compensation for damages at 43-45 Pitts street by a broken water main.

Anna J. Boone, for compensation for damages to property on Firth road by flooding.

J. H. Carr, for compensation for damages from a broken water main at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Albany street.

Curtis & Pope Lumber Company, for compensation for damages by overflow from a broken water main, corner Massachusetts avenue and Albany street.

John Doherty, for compensation for damage at 10 Dawes street by the shutting off of water at corner of Massachusetts avenue and Albany street.

Thomas J. Cavanagh of Ladder Company 23, to be paid for a coat burned at a fire at 188 Geneva avenue.

Michael J. Clark, for compensation for injury received while employed in the Sanitary Division.

Charles V. Coffey, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 38 Hanover street.

William C. Coveney, for compensation for injuries from a defect at 1285-1291 Commonwealth avenue.

J. Clifford Cronin, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on sidewalk.

Sarah E. Fields, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 86 Prince street.

Mrs. Mary E. Foley, for compensation for injuries from being knocked down by a horse of the Sanitary Division.

Georgiana Fuller, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 564 Atlantic avenue.

William G. Gibson, for compensation for damages at 28 Wachusett street by blasting.

Rosc Hershman, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 100 Ruggles street.

Eugene A. Houghton, for compensation for injuries from a projecting hose connection in Washington street, between Hanover and Elm streets.

Ida Jacobs, for compensation for damages by the shutting off of water at 515 East Fifth street.

Maria E. Linnanc, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 103 Green street, Jamaica Plain.

Mary Mercurio, for compensation for injuries from a fall at 89 North Margin street.

Thomas J. O'Grady, for compensation for damages at 35-37 Woodcliff street, by a defective sewer.



Catherine Peirce, for compensation for injuries from a fall on North Grove street.

Joseph Reardon, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 156-158 Westville street.

Margaret J. Rice, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Dorchester avenue, at Field's Corner, under the railroad bridge of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Dorothy Rosenberg, for compensation for injuries caused by a defective sewer cover on Abbotsford street.

Michael Ryan, for compensation for clothing lost while a patient at the City Hospital.

R. S. Titus, for compensation for damage to automobile on Blossom street.

#### Executive.

Petitions for retirement under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, viz.:

Michael C. Heaney; Thomas Gallin; Hugh Crossen.

Delbert M. Staley, president, for permit for children to appear at Young Men's Christian Union Hall on evening of April 12.

Petitions for permits to sell, rent or lease fire-arms at various locations, viz.:

Lazarus Davis; Gulton Brothers; Meyer Rubin; George S. Saunders & Co.

#### Public Lands.

Patrick J. Cronan, for release of restrictions in deed of land on northeast side of Northampton street.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM UNITED IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Communications were received from the United Improvement Association, viz.:

Recommending the adoption of ordinance or provision of law to provide for setting out each year of at least seven miles of trees on accepted streets of the City of Boston.

Recommending that all vehicular traffic be diverted from Washington street, between Franklin and Kneeland streets, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 7 p. m., with no restrictions on Sundays, and that street cars be replaced on Washington street and that extended sidewalk lines be established in the street area, creating a safety zone between the street car tracks and the existing sidewalks.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICE.

A communication was received from Medical Examiners Magrath and Timothy Leary asking that the medical examiners and associate medical examiners serving within and for the County of Suffolk shall be known as the "Medical Examiner Service" for the said county, and that the districts in Suffolk County shall be known as "Northern Division" and "Southern Division" and that the two mortuaries be known as "North Mortuary" and "South Mortuary."

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Boston & Albany Railroad, keeping of gasolene, in yard opposite 141 Cambridge street, Brighton.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, keeping of gasolene, as follows:

439 Albany street.

Corner Bartlett and Washington streets.

East First street.

Corner Guild and Washington streets.

Sullivan square.

Harrison H. Atwood, keeping of gasolene, 61 Alban street.

William J. Barry, keeping and sale of gasolene, rear 431 Ashland street.

William J. Barry, keeping of dynamite, at Ashland street, between Harvard and Canterbury streets.

J. M. Driscoll, superintendent, keeping of dynamite at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Baker street (two notices).

Albert E. Touchet, keeping of gasolene, rear 1 Byron street.

Eastern Feature Film Company, keeping, storage and rental of moving picture films, at 57-59 Church street.

Corey Road Garage Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 112 Corey road.

Lazarus Golden, keeping of gasolene, 20 Crawford street, Roxbury.

New England Crushed Stone Company, keeping of gasolene at vacant lot at 125 Forest Hills street.

New England Crushed Stone Company, keeping and storage of dynamite and exploders at vacant lot on Forest Hills street, near Glen road.

Frank A. Leicht, keeping of gasolene, 70 Fuller street, Dorchester.

J. H. MacAlman, keeping and sale of gasolene, 100 Massachusetts avenue.

Texas Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 852 Massachusetts avenue.

Thomas H. Corrigan, keeping of dynamite, Milton street, between Milton and Stoughton avenues.

Josephine M. C. Shaw, keeping of gasolene, 170 Newbury street.

John H. Connor, keeping of gasolene, 11 Ruskin street, West Roxbury.

Edmund Martin, keeping of gasolene, 24-28 Selden street, Dorchester.

J. C. Coleman & Sons Company, keeping of gasolene, 1620 Tremont street.

J. J. Downey, keeping and sale of gasolene, corner Walk Hill and Almont streets.

George S. Saunders & Co., keeping and sale of fixed ammunition, 168 Washington street, city proper.

Fenway Garage Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 169-181 Ipswich street.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the following appointments, certified copies of same having been sent to the Civil Service Commissioners:

Joseph A. Cummins, Overseer of the Poor.

Felix Vorenberg, Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Notice was received from the Health Commissioner of appointment of Dr. David D. Brough as Deputy Commissioner in charge of medical division.

Placed on file.

Notice was received from the Assessing Department of appointment of Michael J. Carr as first assistant assessor in place of William F. Delahanty, resigned.

Notice was received of appointment of George E. Leet and others as second assistant assessors, said notice coming from the Board of Assessors.

Placed on file.

Notice was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures of appointment of John A. Gargan as Deputy Sealer.

Placed on file.

#### DELEGATION OF POWER TO POLICE COMMISSIONER.

Notice was received from the Fire Prevention Commissioner of delegation of power to Stephen O'Meara, Police Commissioner of the City of Boston, and the officers and men serving under him, in accordance with section 4, chapter 795, Acts of 1914.

Placed on file.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of confirmation of appointment of Isaac G. Rosenberg as trustee of the Children's Institutions Department.

Placed on file.

#### RAILWAY POLICE.

Notice was received from the Mayor's clerk of Cambridge of appointment, on petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company of Herbert A. Pasho and many others as street railway police.

Placed on file.

**RAILROAD POLICE.**

Notice was received from the Police-Commissioner of appointment of Everett F. McLaughlin as railroad police officer on Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad.  
Placed on file.

**TRACKS IN EAST BOSTON.**

A copy of order was received from the Public Service Commission of Boston Development and Sanitary Company for authority to cross location of the East Boston branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad in East Boston.  
Placed on file.

**LOAN ORDER IN FORCE, ENGINE HOUSE NO. 15.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the City Clerk, April 7, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
You are hereby notified that the order for a loan of \$9,500 for the reconstruction of Engine House No. 15, Broadway and Dorchester avenue, South Boston, filed by the Mayor with the City Clerk February 5, 1917, not having been rejected or withdrawn within sixty days after the date of said filing, was in force on April 7, 1917, as if adopted by the City Council, under the provisions of section 2 of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909.

Respectfully,  
JAMES DONOVAN, City Clerk.  
Placed on file.

**JURY LIST.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the City Clerk, April 5, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—You are hereby notified that the list of inhabitants qualified to serve as jurors, as prepared by the Board of Election Commissioners and contained in City Document 44, has this day been filed with me in accordance with law.

Respectfully,  
JAMES DONOVAN, City Clerk.  
Placed on file.

In connection with the above Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the City Clerk be hereby directed to cause the names on the jury list, as transmitted to him by the Election Commissioners, to be written each on a separate ballot, and said ballots to be properly folded and placed in the box provided for the purpose.  
Passed.

**REPORT FROM CLERK, SUPERIOR CIVIL COURT.**

A communication was received from Francis A. Campbell concerning report of Finance Commission on administration of the clerk's office of the Superior Civil Court for Suffolk County.  
Ordered placed on file and printed as a city document.

**MINORS' LICENSES.**

Coun. BALLANTYNE submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses of twelve newsboys and three vendors—recommending that licenses be granted.  
Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on usual conditions.

**PENSION FOR MICHAEL BIRMINGHAM.**

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That chapter 261 of the Special Acts of 1917 entitled "An Act to Authorize the Mayor of the City of Boston to Place upon the Pension Roll the Name of Michael Birmingham" be and hereby is accepted.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

**SIDEWALK ORDERS.**

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Prospect avenue, West Roxbury, between Nos. 6 and 10, Ward 23, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.  
Passed.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Mt. Pleasant avenue, between Nos. 105 and 138, Ward 12, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 269 of the Special Acts of 1916.  
Passed.

**LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.**

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 1, viz.:

1. Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations for the financial year 1917-18, 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 one year of their date from the taxes of the year 1917, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said treasurer shall deem proper.

On March 19, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.  
The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

**SALE OF LAND, STURTEVANT STREET.**

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 2, viz.:

2. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the city, in a manner satisfactory to the Law Department, and upon the payment of fifteen cents per square foot, to convey to the Sturtevant Mill the parcel of land on and near Sturtevant street in the Dorchester district of Boston, fronting on said street about twenty-three feet and containing in all about 7,800 square feet, subject to reservations protecting the rights of the city in maintaining and renewing proper sewage and underground works and rights in said land and without liability on the part of the city for damages by reason of said works.

On March 19, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.  
The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

**ASSISTANT CLERK, EAST BOSTON COURT.**

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That chapter 154 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for a second assistant clerk of the East Boston District Court," be and hereby is accepted.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

**RECESS TAKEN.**

The Council voted at 2.28 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.09 p. m.



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Delbert M. Staley, president (referred today), for permit for children to appear at Young Men's Christian Union Hall on evening of April 12—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on usual conditions.

(2) Report on petitions (referred today) for permits to sell, rent or lease firearms at various locations—that permits be granted, viz.:

Lazarus Davis, 2131 Washington street, Ward 13.

Gutlon Brothers, 2012 Washington street, Ward 12.

Meyer Rubin, 76-80 Pleasant street, Ward 8.  
George S. Saunders & Co., 168 Washington street, Ward 5.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on order (referred today) that chapter 154 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for a second assistant clerk of the East Boston District Court," be and hereby is accepted—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating \$10,000 for the Committee on Public Safety—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(5) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for payment of \$675.80 to Deha M. Keegan for land taken—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(6) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for transfer of \$475 for additional steel lockers in Bulfinch Street Armory—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(7) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for retirement of city laborers under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Michael C. Heaney, employed in the Labor Service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Thomas Gallin, employed in the Labor Service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Hugh Crossen, employed in the Labor Service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Passed.

(8) Report on message of Mayor, preambles and order (referred today) for alteration of bridge on Bennington street—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; preambles and order passed.

## FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 5) for loan of \$800,000 for highways, making of—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

2. Report on message of Mayor and communications (referred March 26) relative to widening of Charles street—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; message and communications placed on file.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 19) for loan of \$10,000 for plans and land for police station, Roslindale—that the order ought not to pass.

Report accepted; said order rejected.

4. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred February 19) for loan of \$50,000 for heating plant at Deer Island—that the order ought not to pass, without prejudice.

Report accepted; order rejected, without prejudice.

5. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 19) for loan of \$297,000 for playgrounds—that the order ought not to pass, without prejudice.

Report accepted; order rejected, without prejudice.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, by vote of the Committee on Ordinances I was instructed to present an order providing \$297,000 for playground purposes, identical with the one submitted by the Mayor.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of \$297,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Department for playground purposes as hereinafter set forth, 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 for said purpose, viz.:

Tenean Beach Playground	\$88,500 00
Eagle Hill Reservoir, East Boston	80,000 00
Roslindale Playground	20,000 00
Billings Field	20,000 00
Smith's Pond Playground	20,000 00
Rogers Park Playground	26,000 00
Norfolk Street Playground, Dorchester	14,300 00
Mystic Playground, Charlestown	12,500 00
Cottage Street Playground, East Boston	5,700 00
Tyler Street Playground, city proper	3,500 00
Marcella Street Playground	4,500 00
William Eustis Playground	2,000 00

\$297,000 00

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

## GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Coun. WATSON general reconsideration of all action taken today was refused.

## CONFLICTING STREET NAMES.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to the City Council, at its earliest convenience, its opinion as to the advisability of regulating the conflicting street names in Boston—so all streets will bear a separate name—and thereby prevent the confusion which now exists as to the location of streets of the same name in various sections of the city.

Passed.

## SALARY OF FRANK X. CHISHOLM.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That, until otherwise ordered, the salary of Frank X. Chisholm, employed by the City Council as secretary and assistant clerk of committees, be fixed at the rate of \$2,000 per annum, to date from January 25, 1917.

Passed.

## PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on petition of Patrick J. Cronon (referred today) for release of restrictions in deed of land on northeast side of Northampton street—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city—and for a nominal consideration to execute and deliver an instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department whereby the city shall, so far as it may lawfully do so without affecting the legal or equitable right of other persons holding title under it, release the restrictions and conditions set forth in a deed from the City of Boston to John W. F. Hobbs and Henry C. Prescott, dated September 26, 1864, and recorded



with Suffolk Deeds, Book 849, page 11, so far as the same are now in force and affect the land in Boston described in said deed as being on Northampton street and the greater part of which is supposed to be now owned by Patrick J. Cronon.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, in behalf of the committee I desire to say that Mr. Cronon and his attorney were present before the committee today and asked to have the restrictions removed. The real restrictions are that no building shall be erected which is less than three stories in height, and Doctor Cronon intends to build a garage of two stories in height. That district has changed in a great measure from what it was, say fifty years ago, and the committee thought it proper to release the restrictions.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 8, nays 0, and will come up for second reading and final passage in not less than fourteen days.

#### QUESTION ON RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, when the question of reconsideration of the business trans-

acted here today was up I got on my feet and addressed the Chair, and he put the question to a vote without recognizing me at that time. I know that that was not intentional on the part of the Chair. As announced in Executive Committee, I intended to ask reconsideration of a matter that was acted on here before the recess.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is no motion before the house.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I rise simply to doubt the vote on reconsideration, and if reconsideration prevails to offer a substitute.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—The Chair is sorry, but the member is a little late in presenting the doubt.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, general reconsideration of all action taken today was refused.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, at 4.20 p. m., to meet on Monday, April 16, at 2 p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 16, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—President Storow.

In the absence of the President, Coun. Ballantyne was elected as President *pro tem*.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, April 16, 1917.

To the City Council:

Subject to confirmation by your honorable body, 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, 1917.

All of the persons named in this list are re-appointments.

Commissions of constables not named herein will expire on April 30, 1917, and such constables are hereby removed from office from and after May 1, 1917, for the good of the service.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Connected with Official Positions, and to Serve Without Bonds.

Jacob Barber, Cornelius J. Bresnahan, William W. K. Campbell, John M. Casey, John B. Cassidy, Lloyd H. Chase, John F. Coffey, Michael F. Curley, James F. Curran, Thomas J. Donnellon, James F. English, James Graham, Thomas Jordan, Lawrence J. Kelly, Michael B. Kenney, Edward J. Leary, Edward A. McGrath, John McLaughlin, James J. McMorrow, James E. Norton, Denis F. O'Connell, James O'Connor, John A. O'Hearn, Thomas J. O'Keefe, Timothy F. Regan, John J. Reilly, Edward M. Richardson, Frank B. Skelton, John J. Sullivan, Lewis R. Sullivan, Arthur R. Towle.

With Massachusetts S. P. C. T. A.

Harry L. Allen.

With Animal Rescue League.

Julian Codman, Archibald McDonald, Huntington Smith, Frank J. Sullivan.

Authorized to Serve Civil Process Upon Filing Bonds.

John E. Andrews, Joseph K. Barnes, David Belson, Philip Berwin, Louis M. Bianco, George A. Borofski, Thomas F. Brett, George W. Brooker, Ernest R. Buffinton, Sherman H. Calderwood, Raffaele Camello, Daniel B. Carmody, William K. Coburn, William S. Cosgrove, Joseph P. Donahoe, Robert J. Dooley, George G. Drew, William L. Drohan, John A. Duggan, Harold S. Eskin, Frank R. Farrell, Levi P. Fernald, William L. Fernandez, James Fraser, John H. French, Harris Friedberg, Paul R. Gast, George L. Gilbert, James W. Gilmore, Maurice J. Glick, Samuel Goldkrand, Arthur B. Gradone, Sears H. Grant, George W. Green, William C. Gregory, Charles M. Griffin, Joseph Guttentag, Charles F. Hale, George J. Hanley, John D. Harrington, Otis H. Hayes, Abram Herman, Elias Hirsch, Thomas F. Holden, Edward L. Hopkins, Walter Isidor, Walter F. Keen, William A. Kelley, James P. Kelly, William H. Kelly, Clarence H. Knowlton, Joseph H. Knox, Morris F. Lewenberg, Antonio Longarini, Harland J. Lowe, William M. Macdonald, Salvatore Maffei, James G. McCann, William McCarthy, William J. McDermott, Daniel J. McGillicuddy, Thomas E. McKenna, Joseph J. McWeeney, Edson T. Miner, William Moglia, Bernard M. Mullen, William H. Murphy, Arthur W. Nickerson, William I. Paine, Hector Palladino, John J. Pendoley, Matthew J. Peters, Benjamin F. Powell, Robert Reid, Edward P. Rice, St. Clare H. Richardson, Samuel Rosenbaum, Louis Rosenthal, Raphael

Rosnosky, James C. Ruhl, Almerindo Sarno, Filippo Silvano, Henry J. D. Small, Roscoe A. Smith, John P. Sullivan, Timothy Sullivan, Abraham Susan, William F. Swain, William H. Swift, Emil A. Thielsch, Fred C. Trask, Joseph J. Twitchell, Jeremiah A. Twomey, Roman J. Vasil, John J. Walsh, Harry A. Wehber, John F. Welch, Martin Welch, Jonathan Wetherbee, Fred J. Weyand, John W. Wilkinson, Frank Yennaco.

Laid over under the law.

## OFFICIALS PAID BY FEES.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor submitted appointments of minor officers paid by fees for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1917, as contained in Document 52, 1917.

Laid over under the law.

## FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, April 16, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Subcommittee on Food Production and Conservation of the Boston Committee on Public Safety, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Committee on Public Safety,  
April 14, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The Committee on Food Production and Conservation, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Boston Committee on Public Safety, ask for an early appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), to be expended as required on ploughing and fertilizing, and on furnishing the instruction, supervision, seed, insecticide, tools and protection required for growing and harvesting crops on open parks, playgrounds, or such other city land as the committee may determine, or on such privately owned land as may be offered for the purpose.

The objects in view are to increase public interest in the production of food; to increase the local supply of staple vegetables, and to encourage similar action throughout the state, as urged by the Boston Committee on Public Safety.

Detailed rules as to the supply of seeds and tools and as to conditions of the ownership of crops and the prizes to successful farmers are now under careful consideration by this committee.

Respectfully yours,

DANIEL H. COAKLEY,  
Chairman Committee on Food Production  
and Conservation.

Ordered, That the Subcommittee on Food Production and Conservation of the Boston Committee on Public Safety be authorized to expend not exceeding \$25,000 to meet the necessary expenses incidental to the prosecution of their work, said amount to be charged to the Reserve Fund when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TUNNEL AND GARBAGE HOUSE,  
CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, April 16, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital in regard to proposed tunnel and garbage house, and I forward the same to your honorable body for its information.

Yours very truly,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.



The Boston City Hospital, April 6, 1917

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the trustees of the Boston City Hospital, under date of October 24, 1916, I requested your Honor and the City Council to transfer from the Coal Pocket appropriation \$6,722.69, and from the appropriation for Pathological Building, Remodeling Basement, \$1,190.94, making total of \$7,913.63, for the purpose of constructing a tunnel to the Pathological Building and a garbage house. Bids for the construction of a tunnel were opened at the hospital on April 4, the lowest of which was \$7,530. This, with the architect's commission, would consume the amount appropriated for both tunnel and garbage house. When this matter was under consideration the trustees were guided by the architect, who informed them that the amount requested would be sufficient for both tunnel and garbage house.

Under these circumstances, as it is of the utmost importance to build the tunnel, as before explained, will your Honor and the City Council consent to the trustees building the tunnel with the amount that we have on hand, deferring the construction of the garbage house until later, when same may be included in a loan account for new buildings. You will oblige the trustees by giving this your immediate attention so that they may be able to make contract for the tunnel with the lowest bidder.

I have the honor to remain, on behalf of the trustees,

Very respectfully yours,

A. SHUMAN,  
President Board of Trustees.

Placed on file.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

William C. Adams, for compensation for damages by flooding from a broken hydrant at 332 Boylston street.

Louis Arnold, to be repaid amounts paid for sewer assessments on estate, corner Park street and Clement avenue, alleged to have been assessed illegally.

James J. Collins, for compensation for death of a horse on the East Boston South Ferry.

Eliza Josephine Dadman, for payment for services rendered the Board of Health in 1912.

Annie Donovan, for compensation for injuries caused by tripping over an "iron water cover" at corner Washington and Avon streets.

Nathan Palk, for compensation for damages sustained on the East Boston Ferry.

James A. King, that the city pay for entrance into his private drain in Dunbar avenue.

Frank X. Moritz, to be paid for the loss of a horse injured on account of a defect in D street, in front of the Norcross School.

Mrs. Inga Munsey, for compensation for injuries from a fall on Washington street, near the Green Street Station of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Jennie Salimini, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 50 Battery street.

Crocifissa Savasto, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 6 and 8 Greenough lane.

Joanna Schmehl, for compensation for damages to sewer at 349 and 349A Washington street, Dorchester, by the construction of a new sewer.

Fred Scoba, for compensation for injuries received because of a fall at 22 Prince street.

Isaac Shnidcar, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 40 Intervale street.

Harry Walsh, for compensation for injuries received from a defect in Washington street, in front of the Modern Theater.

Mary M. Creagan, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in A street.

Mary E. O'Neill, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Ferdinand street.

Mrs. Katherine Reed, to be paid for clothing damaged on a post hydrant on Boston Common.

Henry O. Turner, for compensation for damage to automobile by a city ash team.

William E. Lucas, for compensation for damage to motorcycle by defect in Massachusetts avenue, at Tremont street.

#### Executive.

Petitions for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

Thomas A. Winston, Central Square Theater, April 16 and 17.

Mrs. William H. Marden, Jr., Owls Hall, evening of May 31.

Mrs. William H. Marden, Jr., Dudley Street Opera House, evening of May 28.

M. Agnes Gillen, South Boston High School Hall, evening of May 11.

Frieda Cohen, Fauntleroy Hall, evening of May 15.

Rose I. Byrne, Jordan Hall, evening of May 4.

Arthur J. Leary, St. Augustine Hall, evening of April 18.

Petitions for permits to sell, rent or lease firearms at different locations, viz.:

Haymarket Hardware Company, 5 Washington street, Ward 5.

H. M. Sanders Company, 27 Eliot street, Ward 5.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the following appointments, viz.:

William H. Cuddy, Principal Assessor.

Rev. Arthur T. Connolly, Library Trustee.

Dr. Henry S. Rowen, Hospital Trustee.

John J. Barry, Consumptives' Hospital Trustee.

Thomas E. Masterson, Infirmary Trustee.

Franklin P. Daly, Overseer of the Poor.

Simon E. Hecht, Overseer of the Poor.

John R. McVey, Overseer of the Poor.

H. Staples Potter, Overseer of the Poor.

Edward P. Murphy, Election Commissioner.

John J. Walsh, City Planning Board.

Charles E. Phipps, Cemetery Trustee.

William D. C. Curtis, Statistics Trustee.

James D. Henderson, Statistics Trustee.

Placed on file.

#### STREET RAILWAY POLICE FOR BOSTON ELEVATED RAILWAY COMPANY.

Communications concerning the appointment of street railway police were received as follows:

By the mayor of Everett, John A. Armstrong and many others.

From the mayor of Everett, Thomas A. Adair and many others.

From the mayor of Cambridge, Eben S. Allen and many others.

Placed on file.

#### SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works giving cost of constructing sidewalks along estates on Washington street, Ward 26, and Porter street, Ward 22, and recommending passage of the following:

Ordered, That the persons named in the foregoing schedules be and the same are hereby assessed the sums set against their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks of artificial stone with granite edgestones on Washington and Porter streets, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties as aforesaid.

Washington street, Ward 26, \$1,169.90; Porter street, Ward 22, \$551.51.

The order was passed.

#### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

A communication was received from the City Auditor in compliance with chapter 486, section 25, of the Acts of 1909, giving statement of the amounts expended by the Mayor and the City Council for contingent expenses for the quarter ending April 1, 1917.

Placed on file.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notice was received from the hereinafter-named of their intention to store explosives, viz.:

King Motors, Inc., keeping, storage and sale of gasoline, 650 Beacon street.

Renim Specialty Company, keeping and storage of gasoline, 37 Parkman street, Brighton.

A. J. & G. H. McMurtry, keeping and storage of dynamite and explosives, 487 Washington street, Brighton.

Placed on file.

SALARY OF PROBATION OFFICER,  
EAST BOSTON COURT.

The following was received:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
East Boston District Court,  
Boston, Mass.

To the County Commissioners, Suffolk County:  
Gentlemen,—I hereby increase, subject to your approval, the salary of Dennis J. Kelleher, probation officer of the East Boston District Court, from \$1,800 to \$2,000 per annum.

I understand that the necessary money for this purpose has been included in the budget which has been recently passed.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH H. BARNES,  
Justice East Boston District Court.

Referred to Committee on County Accounts.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for ten newsboys and four vendors—recommending that licenses be granted, viz.:

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on usual conditions.

PENSIONING OF MATRONS, HOUSE  
OF DETENTION.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for Coun. McDonald, offered an order—That chapter 214 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Provide for Pensioning of the Matrons of the House of Detention in the City of Boston," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

NOTICE OF ELECTION, CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONVENTION.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That meetings of the citizens of the city, qualified to vote for state officers, be held at the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the first day of May, 1917, for the election of delegates to the convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution.

The polls at said meetings shall be opened at six o'clock a. m., and closed at four o'clock p. m.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be and he is directed to give notice of said meetings by advertising the same as required by law.

Passed.

INCREASE OF PENSION FOR ANNIE  
DOHERTY.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That chapter 215 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the County of Suffolk to Increase the Pension of Annie Doherty of Boston," be and the same is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.12 p. m., on motion of Coun. HAGAN, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber at 3.56 p. m., and were called to order by the President.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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.

Report accepted; order passed.

PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. WELLINGTON, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted a report on message of the Mayor, communication and order (referred March 19) appropriating \$53,000 from income of Parkman Fund for maintenance and improvement of Common and parks—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.: Thomas A. Winston, Central Square Theater, April 16 and 17.

Mrs. William H. Marden, Jr., Owls Hall, evening of May 31.

Mrs. William H. Marden, Jr., Dudley Street Opera House, evening of May 28.

M. Agnes Gillen, South Boston High School Hall, evening of May 11.

Frieda Cohen, Fauntleroy Hall, evening of May 15.

Rose I. Byrne, Jordan Hall, evening of May 4.  
Arthur J. Leary, St. Augustine's Hall, evening of April 18.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (referred today) for permits to sell, rent or lease firearms at various locations—that permits be granted, viz.:

Haymarket Hardware Company, 5 Washington street, Ward 5.

H. M. Sanders Company, 27 Eliot street, Ward 5.  
Reports accepted; permits granted on usual conditions.

(3) Report on order (referred today) accepting act to authorize the County of Suffolk to increase the pension of Annie Doherty of Boston—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on communication from School Committee (referred March 26) relative to acceptance of chapter 289, Special Acts of 1916, relative to Pension Fund for School Teachers—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; communication placed on file.

(5) Report on order (referred January 22) to accept chapter 289, Special Acts of 1916, relative to Teachers' Pension Fund—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the acceptance of the act.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, before this act is accepted I, as one member of the Council, would like to get from the Finance Commission a report in relation to this particular act and its acceptance. For the benefit of the members of the Council I desire to say that on January 22, 1917, Coun. Coleman offered an order:

"That chapter 289 of the Special Acts of 1916, entitled 'An Act Relative to the Disposition of Sums Payable to the City of Boston by the Commonwealth in Reimbursement for Certain Pensions Paid by the City to Retire Teachers,' be and the same hereby is accepted."

Coun. Coleman presented that order to the Council and I find that it is now before the Finance Commission and that the commission is investigating this particular matter. In my mind there is really a great deal of doubt as to the acceptance of this act. We had Joseph Lee, the chairman of the School Committee, before us last Monday, and I think there was a great deal of doubt then in the minds of the members as to the best course to pursue. Today we have had Mr. Keough before us, and I think from what we heard today that there is a good deal of doubt as to the best thing



for the City Council to do in this particular matter. I am in doubt at this particular moment. I don't know whether it is better to accept the act or to allow the money to remain in the general treasury of the city. As long as the matter was referred by the Council in the latter part of January to the Finance Commission, I think the Council should give the Finance Commission a chance to report. I, for one, would like to have that report. I don't want to shut off any debate at this particular time, but I was going to make a motion. I shall not make it until everybody has had an opportunity to talk on the proposition. I would move that the matter be laid on the table until we get a report upon it from the Finance Commission.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I agree to a very great extent with what the previous speaker has stated concerning the proposition, but I take a somewhat more radical view of it, that, while primarily the tax levy raise goes for the purpose of paying the expenses of the City of Boston, it is divided yearly, so much for the School Committee and so much for all other departments. I am satisfied from what I have heard from Mr. Keough, the business agent of the School Committee, that in a year or two, or in five years at the outside, the School Committee will be expending for pensions approximately 7 cents more than will show in the financial reports of the city, and therefore adding 7 cents more for the maintenance of other departments independent of the School Committee, whereas the School Committee will be using that 7 cents indirectly. It seems to me, in view of the fact that there are practically two separate departments of the city—the School Committee and those not connected with the School Committee—that we ought at least to put the bookkeeping in such shape that the public may know just the amount of money expended by the two departments, you might say, the School Committee and all other departments. I can see readily that if we accept this act money will go into the School Teachers' Pension Fund and for many years the School Committee will not be obliged to go to the State House to ask for more money to take care of the school pensions, although they will be using more money, because that money that comes back from the State House as reimbursement, revenue, whatever it is called, will go to the general fund, and will then eventually work back through the tax levy to the School Committee. I am inclined to think I ought to vote against the proposition.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I am now going to make a motion that this matter be laid on the table and that the Clerk be instructed to notify the Finance Commission that the body is awaiting a report from that commission on this particular order.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I would be very glad indeed to have an opinion upon this matter from the Finance Commission, having the matter laid over for that purpose, if I were not sure that the majority of the members have their minds clearly made up on the subject. That was reflected in committee, where a similar motion was made and defeated. I think the Finance Commission have had the matter under consideration since last January and have had ample time to report if it were considered important to do so. The question now before us is the acceptance of the act, and I trust that action will not be postponed.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, I am going to vote to lay on the table so that the Finance Commission may have an opportunity to report before the next meeting of the Council. If the question is put, I shall vote in favor of accepting the act. I think it is entirely proper to establish a pension fund to take care of pensions. To be frank, by the acceptance of this act the fund will be taken care of only in part, but in so far as it is taken care of it will tend to reduce the legitimate demands of the School Committee for more money. Instead of asking for 7 cents, they will want only 5 cents next year or the year after. It seems to me the act should be accepted, but I think if any gentleman wants information upon it he should have it. Therefore, I shall vote to lay on the table pending a report from the Finance Commission.

The motion to assign to the next meeting, pending a report from the Finance Commission, was declared lost. Coun. ATTRIDGE doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The Council voted to assign the matter to the next meeting, pending a possible report from the Finance Commission, yeas 6, nays 2, Coun. BALLANTYNE and HAGAN voting nay.

#### ROPING OFF CENTRE STREET, ROAD RACE.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off Centre street, from Walden street to Gay Head street, on April 19, 1917, for the road race of the Jamaica Central Athletic Club, the expense attending same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Passed.

#### PAYMENT TO MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Coun. McDONALD offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 85 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pay a Sum of Money to the Widow of John F. Kennedy," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 85 of the Special Acts of 1917 there be allowed and paid to Anna Kennedy, widow of John F. Kennedy, the sum of \$1,254.16, being the amount of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as a School-house Commissioner until January 1, 1914, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING IRELAND AND POLAND.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:

Whereas, A state of war now exists between the United States of America and the German Empire and her allies and thereby the United States of America automatically becomes an ally of Great Britain, Russia, France and their allies; and

Whereas, The allies, more particularly Great Britain and Russia, have proclaimed that the fundamental purpose of the prosecution of the European War is the sustaining the integrity and right of smaller nations to govern themselves; and

Whereas, A considerable number of those fighting under the banner of Great Britain and Russia who have borne the burden of the day, even to the extent of giving their lives in the conflict with Germany and her allies, are sons of Ireland and Poland; and

Whereas, Many Irish and Polish born American citizens and their sons are in the service of the army and navy and are daily enlisting therein and serving under the Stars and Stripes of America; be it

Resolved, That it is the opinion as well as the hope of the City Council of the City of Boston that the reigning authorities of Great Britain and Russia grant as speedily as possible to Ireland and Poland the right to self-government as an appreciation of the efforts made by the sons of Ireland and Poland on the battlefields of Europe, and the efforts that will be made by Irish and Polish born Americans and their sons as members of the army and navy of the United States of America.

Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States and Congress, King George and Parliament of Great Britain, and to the proper governmental authorities of Russia.

President BALLANTYNE—The resolutions are referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I ask for a reconsideration of the reference in order that the matter be handled here today. I have had occasion before when matters of this sort have come up to make the statement that I believed the members of this body were elected by the citizens of Boston to attend to the affairs of the citizens and not to national or international matters. I don't think we have any right to interfere with matters of this sort; I think it is both bad judgment and bad taste to do so. Therefore, I want an opportunity to consider this matter here today and to vote against the passage of these resolutions. I want an opportunity to vote against them here today.

The motion to reconsider the reference to the Executive Committee was lost.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE the Council refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, at 4.11 p. m., to meet on Monday, April 23, at 2 p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Wednesday, April 18, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW presiding. Absent, Coun. Watson.

The City Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, April 17, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, April 18, 1917, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of providing an appropriation to be expended by the Boston Committee on Public Safety for the promotion of agriculture.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.08 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 3.22 p. m.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted a report on message of Mayor and order (referred April 16) appropriating \$25,000 for the promotion of agriculture, said sum to be expended by the Boston Committee on Public Safety—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

President STORROW—The President announces that he is in receipt of a communication from his

Honor the Mayor, with which the members here present are familiar. The matter cannot be considered, because this meeting is called for one specific purpose, except by unanimous consent. Gentlemen, is it your pleasure to have this matter considered?

Coun. COLLINS—I so move you, Mr. President.

The Council voted unanimous consent.

President STORROW—The business will be entertained because the Chair announces that you have given your unanimous consent.

## STANDARDS FOR MAJOR-GENERAL WOOD.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, April 18, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith resolution and order for the purchase of a set of standards to be presented to Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood, a former resident of Boston, has been transferred from the command of the Department of the East to the command of the Department of the South; and

Whereas, The distinguished service rendered both as a citizen and soldier of the United States has been exceptionally meritorious, be it and it is hereby

Resolved, That as a mark of esteem the City Council of Boston present, in the name of the city and its people, Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood with a set of standards to grace his new quarters and to serve as a constant reminder of the affection and regard in which the people of Boston will ever hold him.

Ordered, That the expense of purchasing a set of standards to be presented by the City of Boston to Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood be charged to the Reserve Fund.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

Adjourned at 3.25 p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 23, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—Coun. McDonald, Storrow.

The question came on the election of a president *pro tem.*, and Coun. BALLANTYNE was elected unanimously.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, April Sitting, to appear May 14, 1917:

Michael Nazzaro, Ward 5; Edward J. McGrath, Ward 18; Michael Collins, Ward 4; Charles J. Jager, Ward 14; Frederick C. Colburn, Ward 26; John H. Fallon, Ward 14; Robert G. Campbell, Ward 21; Henry J. Reardon, Ward 15; Levi N. Hyland, Ward 20; Samuel B. Doggett, Ward 25; Friedrich Ernst Muehleder, Ward 22; Benjamin Flate, Ward 12; Walter Peterson, Ward 21; William E. H. Horne, Ward 17; James F. Ryan, Ward 24; William H. McLain, Ward 11; William T. Clarke, Ward 6; Harry P. Sampson, Ward 18; Francis G. Bond, Ward 10; John J. Schneider, Ward 13; Charles H. Young, Ward 19; George A. Russell, Ward 15; Joseph L. Sullivan, Ward 11; Nathan Simon, Ward 7; Wallace M. Badger, Ward 24; James T. Darling, Ward 16; Frederick W. Brown, Ward 14; George H. Harvey, Ward 12; Peter A. Olson, Ward 11; George Stockinger, Ward 15; Thomas E. Horsefield, Ward 24; Michael Flanagan, Ward 5; John J. McLaughlin, Ward 17; Edward D. Goggin, Jr., Ward 17; Daniel F. Sullivan, Ward 25; John C. Hagelstein, Ward 17; Thomas A. Russell, Ward 24; Edward F. Davis, Ward 24; Horace P. Wood, Ward 25

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, April Sitting, to appear May 14, 1917:

Joseph L. Casey, Ward 16; Robert W. Lennox, Ward 21; Daniel J. Dannahy, Ward 19; William D. Young, Ward 23; James S. Gibson, Ward 7; Jacob Samuel Cohen, Ward 12; Anthony J. McGrail, Ward 19; Henry Paegle, Ward 22; William A. Campbell, Ward 21; William Carroll, Ward 8; James F. Cotter, Ward 19; John H. Rogers, Ward 24; Ascenzo Terrenzi, Ward 17; John J. Murray, Ward 13; Thomas J. Sullivan, Ward 13; Benjamin N. Peacock, Ward 22; Herman F. Martin, Ward 12; John J. Conelly, Ward 14; John J. Cummings, Ward 19; Daniel J. O'Connell, Ward 14; M. Clark Lyman, Ward 24; Warren E. Morse, Ward 19; Chester W. Farwell, Ward 24; Henry J. Johnson, Ward 16; Moses E. L'Eueyter, Ward 18; Albert O. Cullimore, Ward 26; Samuel E. Horton, Ward 16; John J. Curran, Ward 16; Hugh Duffy, Ward 20; John J. Collins, Ward 18; Basil W. Sprague, Ward 24; Frank B. Gallivan, Ward 9; Thomas F. Wombolt, Ward 3; Philip Lichenstein, Ward 5; James J. Corbell, Ward 20; Thomas D. O'Connell, Ward 16; Harry F. Trites, Ward 16; August Weingrath, Ward 11; John E. Peterson, Ward 17.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, April Sitting, to appear May 14, 1917:

Henry S. Porter, Ward 1; Leslie Cohen, Ward 21; Hanford T. Crosby, Ward 20; Milton V. P. Weigold, Ward 23; James L. Curtis, Ward 15; Louis T. Sieman, Ward 17; John C. Boles, Ward 4; Philip Dignan, Ward 15; James F. Kelly, Ward 11; Stephen Lynch, Ward 6; John J. Margie, Ward 5; Charles Cohen, Ward 5; John C. McDougald, Ward 24; Harvey C. Reinhart, Ward 14; Thomas F. Kilday, Ward 14; Chester G. Bradford, Ward 16; William J. O'Brien, Ward 4; David Wiseman, Ward 16; George E. Carlton, Ward 24; Isaac Simon, Ward 16; Arthur J. Mansfield, Ward 21; John E. Brewin, Ward 17; Louis Mason, Ward 19; George

W. Dickerman, Ward 12; Charles C. Lockwood, Ward 12; Philip F. McCloskey, Ward 16; William Benson, Jr., Ward 10; Matthew H. McElroy, Ward 12; Thomas L. Darcy, Ward 14; William L. Reardon, Ward 19; Frederick A. Leason, Ward 24; Charles M. Ackerman, Ward 14; James P. Landers, Ward 18; Thomas E. Haddock, Ward 19; Joseph L. Mullen, Ward 3; Louis Barkin, Ward 19; Henry P. Collins, Ward 11; Charles E. Dudley, Ward 20; Thomas Shea, Ward 6.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, April Sitting, to appear May 14, 1917:

Fergus J. White, Ward 1; Fred J. Bieler, Ward 23; Donald R. Stewart, Ward 19; Joseph A. Dempsey, Ward 10; James J. McCarthy, Ward 9; Joseph F. McCabe, Ward 4; Parker P. Carey, Ward 12; Timothy G. Henderson, Ward 20; Anton J. Krebs, Ward 13; Charles E. MacKinnon, Ward 13; John M. Larkin, Ward 2; William King, Ward 24; Thomas Kilroy, Jr., Ward 14; Joseph J. Nolan, Ward 21; Charles Sullivan, Ward 6; John A. O'Brien, Ward 4; Cornelius O. Dorsey, Ward 12; James I. Black, Ward 24; George W. Marquis, Ward 20; William H. Foley, Jr., Ward 15; Thomas E. Gillen, Ward 11; James S. Dick, Ward 6; Peter E. Whalen, Ward 12; James O. Foss, Ward 8; Francis J. Burns, Ward 2; Wilbur H. Dodge, Ward 19; J. Joseph Breen, Ward 19; James F. Landis, Ward 8; Leander Payson, Ward 23; George J. Speers, Ward 15; Herman Koebele, Ward 14; Joseph H. Brennan, Ward 4; Edward J. DeCoursey, Jr., Ward 14; William J. Neil, Ward 21; Daniel Duncan, Ward 22; George H. Brunnings, Ward 9; Nathan Katz, Ward 18; Frank E. Bates, Ward 24; Charles A. Garabedian, Ward 21.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, April Sitting, to appear May 14, 1917:

Claude L. Hall, Ward 16; Solomon N. Marks, Ward 6; Maurice A. Adler, Ward 18; Thomas J. Berrane, Ward 22; Daniel L. Carroll, Ward 9; Christopher J. O'Brien, Ward 8; Roswell F. Forbush, Ward 19; Daniel H. Edmonds, Ward 1; Charles C. J. Dornbach, Ward 16; Charles D. Maginnis, Ward 25; John A. Farley, Ward 22; Bernard J. Doherty, Ward 12; George Tousey, Ward 8; Frank L. Willwerth, Ward 15; Edward A. Willender, Ward 11; John Hankey, Ward 15; Joseph A. Young, Ward 5; Alexander J. McCabe, Ward 1; Henry McDevitt, Ward 17; Peter Cairns, Ward 6; Thomas E. Valentine, Ward 9; Frank T. Fay, Ward 1; John H. Fors, Ward 26; John J. Cadigan, Ward 18; Oscar Green, Ward 7; William A. Murphy, Ward 10; Joseph Griffin, Ward 5; Martin McDonald, Ward 24; John H. Drury, Ward 10; John A. Gillis, Ward 20; George A. Marsh, Ward 26; Henry V. Carroll, Ward 25; Herbert B. Gooding, Ward 16; Patrick J. Fox, Ward 24; Emory Davis, Ward 4; George E. Clemens, Ward 2; Frank H. Bates, Ward 24; John Gibson, Ward 22; Paul L. Benz, Ward 7.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, April Sitting, to appear May 14, 1917:

John Nelson, Ward 18; Robert F. Blake, Ward 8; Alfred Silverman, Ward 6; James L. Baker, Ward 23; John S. Goldsmith, Ward 16; Lewis B. Johnson, Ward 9; Otto C. Deinger, Ward 14; James H. Brady, Ward 18; Daniel P. Donnell, Ward 24; Hugo J. Epp, Ward 7; Patrick J. Anglin, Ward 25; Edmond Cotter, Ward 12; Patrick J. Carney, Ward 3; Otto W. Anderson, Ward 20; Winfield C. Scott, Ward 20; A. Stanley MacInnis, Ward 23; Joseph P. Finnigan, Ward 18; Henry C. Hess, Ward 15; Edward J. Flynn, Ward 19; Andrew J. Murphy, Ward 10; Francis L. Ewing, Ward 19; John W. Collins, Ward 20; Amil B. Luppold, Ward 15; George H. Stevens, Jr., Ward 8; William H. Boodro, Ward 11; Ernest W. Flagg, Ward 24; Henry Kramer, Ward 15; Arthur H. Gornley, Ward 20; James F. Griffin, Ward 15; Cecil E. Baum, Ward 1; William H. Kraus, Ward 22; Peter Herr, Ward 9; Gabriel Heller, Ward 25; Charles Leubardt, Ward 14; Frank P. Fallon, Ward 7; William E. Malone, Ward 17; Herbert S. Potter, Ward 8; Morris G. Gordon, Ward 19; Harold H. Hill, Ward 12.

Thirty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, April Sitting, to appear May 14, 1917:

Matthew J. Kenefiek, Ward 1; Ledru J. Brackett, Ward 22; William E. Dailey, Ward 3; James J.



Moore, Ward 11; John Hannwell, Ward 9; Charles H. Mcbehan, Ward 4; Christopher R. G. Spear, Ward 13; Walter E. Falvey, Ward 9; Bernard A. Fay, Ward 16; Thomas E. Flynn, Ward 20; Charles E. Morris, Ward 21; Kazimer B. Mackiewicz, Ward 14; Frank M. Sennott, Ward 9; John Lane, Ward 20; John C. Finegan, Ward 20; Benjamin A. Howland, Ward 12; Austin C. Wood, Ward 20; William J. Shea, Ward 2; Patrick Maloney, Ward 9; Thomas A. Coursey, Ward 9; John D. Rollins, Ward 20; Fred W. Hartin, Ward 14; Michael J. Sullivan, Ward 3; Albert P. Norton, Ward 17; John P. Mahoney, Ward 2; Thomas Graham, Ward 10; William J. Douglas, Ward 11; George F. Akerman, Ward 13; Dennis E. Hickey, Ward 19; Bernard A. Maraghey, Ward 3; Joseph M. Hester, Ward 17; James P. Gorman, Ward 11; Charles E. Sanger, Ward 21; Francis I. Webber, Ward 11; Dennis J. Brennan, Ward 9; Fred W. Bancroft, Ward 22; Timothy J. Clifford, Ward 7; Frederick W. Rogers, Ward 17; Dennis W. Mahoney, Ward 24.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear May 7, 1917:

James J. Halley, Ward 2; John F. Blaikie, Ward 16; John E. Moran, Ward 7; Morris R. Freedman, Ward 19; Daniel C. Blue, Ward 22; Robert E. Noonan, Ward 14; Charles W. Estey, Ward 13; Charles W. Dolloff, Ward 17; Jeremiah J. O'Connor, Ward 21; Frank J. Coakley, Ward 16; Frank X. Coyne, Ward 18; Herbert F. Chantler, Ward 17; Lester W. Newhouse, Ward 1; Edward A. Wilbert, Ward 17; Nathaniel Fox, Ward 3; Louis E. Dumoulin, Ward 21; Adolph Brand, Ward 7; Charles F. Cleaves, Ward 12; Charles S. Greene, Ward 22; Samuel Phillips, Ward 5; Frederic C. Kingman, Ward 7; Philip Raphael, 2d, Ward 16; William G. Mountfort, Ward 11; Francis L. Clarke, Ward 2; Maurice B. Spinoza, Ward 19; Max Blumenthal, Ward 18; William S. Blaisdell, Ward 6; Patrick Twomey, Ward 26; Frederick J. Jangrau, Ward 11; John J. Bench, Jr., Ward 5; Frank E. Morgan, Ward 9; John McMahon, Ward 23; Michael T. Boyle, Ward 1; Attilio Ceppo, Ward 5; Martin Geary, Ward 23; John R. Riley, Ward 18.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear May 7, 1917:

Bernard McElhill, Ward 18; Gavin Thompson, Ward 3; Ralph E. Gray, Ward 14; Bernard Martin, Ward 14; C. Lothrop Higgins, Ward 8; George F. Slight, Ward 15; Alfred C. Fox, Ward 7; Erwin S. Wester, Ward 22; William E. Corkum, Ward 22; F. W. Richard Roemer, Ward 15; Edward R. Forest, Ward 1; Louis N. Price, Ward 21; Bernard J. Hughes, Ward 2; David A. Whalen, Ward 21; John F. Gallagher, Ward 3; Theodore J. Crawford, Ward 19; Sydney L. Curry, Ward 16; Wilhelm Freymann, Ward 15; John H. Hyman, Ward 13; Charles W. Howe, Ward 21; C. Turner Schubarth, Ward 16; Patrick Flanagan, Ward 10; Jeremiah P. O'Connell, Ward 1; Jeremiah O'Leary, Ward 11; John Fitzgibbons, Ward 17; George V. Berrio, Ward 3; Ernest L. Burnham, Ward 25; William J. O'Hara, Ward 9; George F. Clarke, Ward 6; John J. McKenna, Ward 13; Gerhard H. Kamp, Ward 15; Nathan Margolis, Ward 5; Walter F. Bolster, Ward 6; George F. Young, Ward 23; Peter A. McDonald, Ward 12; William J. J. Garrity, Ward 7.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—Subject to confirmation by your honorable body, I appoint the following named persons Constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1918.

William H. Mogan, 26 Brooks street, East Boston; Angelo J. DeGregorio, 251 Saratoga street, East Boston; Antoni Koziewicz, 2679 Washington street, Roxbury; James J. Cody, 78 Willow court, Dorchester; Ernest C. Bonnevier, 11 Joseph street, Dorchester.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Laid over for one week under the law.

#### TRANSFER FOR SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, April 23, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Soldiers' Relief Department and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Soldiers' Relief Department,  
April 20, 1917.  
Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Sir,—I respectfully call your attention to chapter 161, Acts of 1917 (inclosed), extending state aid to the widows and widowed mothers of deceased Spanish War soldiers, whether they died of wounds or not, and to chapter 179, Acts of 1917 (inclosed), allowing state aid to the dependents of Massachusetts soldiers mustered into the United States service for the German war.

These two acts will involve a much larger expenditure of money than the appropriation asked for. As both acts were entirely unexpected, they could not be considered when making up the estimate for the ensuing year for the Soldiers' Relief Department.

After a serious consideration of the case with the City Auditor, we are both of the opinion that an additional appropriation of at least \$30,000 will be necessary to be added to No. 8, Letter F, Special Items of the budget.

I wish to add that even this sum may prove inadequate, for the reason that the limit to one family is \$40 in the present law, while it was only \$30 in the Mexican Border, and that the amount expended in Mexican Border cases for a little less than six months of last year was \$15,006.93.

Auditor Mitchell agrees with me that it is practically impossible at this time to make a clearer estimate of the probable expenditure of this department for the coming year, consequently it may be necessary to ask for a still further appropriation before the year is completed.

Very respectfully,  
J. E. GILMAN,  
Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the appropriation for Reserve Fund, when made, to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, Item F-8, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief and Burials.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Rebecca Bearstein, for compensation for damages at 203 Chambers street by break in water main.

Dennis M. Clifford, for compensation for expense incurred and loss of salary occasioned by injuries received while in the employ of the city.

Annie Gordon, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect at 148 Court street.

Margaret Guiney, for compensation for damages at 17 Gainsborough street by a defect in main sewer.

Margaret J. Hurley, for compensation for injuries received at 46 Palmer street.

William E. Murphy, Jr., for compensation for injuries received at 15 Boston street.

William J. Stapleton, for compensation for damages at 47 Hillside street by overflow of water from city pipes.

Merton Hayes Wheelock, agent, for compensation for damages at 9 to 11 Baldwin place, Brighton, by a city ash team.

## Executive.

Petitions for permits to sell, rent or lease firearms, viz.:

Moses Bahn, 66 Merrimac street, Ward 5.  
Max H. Lefkovich, 47 Pleasant street, Ward 4.

## RETIREMENT OF MARY A. MAYNARD.

A communication was received from Chief Justice Bolster stating that at a meeting of the justices of the Municipal Court of Boston, held April 20, it was voted to retire Mary A. Maynard, assistant probation officer, after twenty consecutive years of service, under the provisions of chapter 723 of the Acts of 1912, such retirement to take effect May 17, 1917.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of confirmation of appointment of Joseph A. Cummings, appointed by the Mayor as an Overseer of the Poor.

Placed on file.

## RAILROAD POLICE.

A communication was received from the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad stating that Robert O. Rolfe was no longer employed by said corporation as a railroad police officer.

Placed on file.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The following was received:

Boston Finance Commission,  
April 20, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission reports as follows on the order for the acceptance of chapter 289 of the Special Acts of 1916, entitled "An Act relative to the disposition of sums payable to the City of Boston by the Commonwealth in reimbursement of certain pensions paid by the city to retire teachers."

The act in question amends section 13 of chapter 832 of the Acts of 1913, so as to define the intention of the earlier statute.

The Finance Commission believes that the Retirement Fund of the School Teachers is entitled to the moneys returned to the city and that the city treasury is not entitled to it because the money paid out originally came from the school funds. The commission cannot urge any reason why this act should not be accepted by your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## EXPENDITURE OF MONEY FOR NEW STREETS.

The following was received:

Boston Finance Commission,  
April 23, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission reports as follows on the following order:

"Ordered, That for the purpose of enabling the City Council to make appropriations for street improvements the Finance Commission be requested to investigate and furnish the Council with information as how moneys appropriated by way of loan for new streets in the past two years have been expended."

From the wording of the order the commission assumes that the Council desires information regarding the details of the expenditure of the annual loan for making of highways, as appropriated for the years 1915-16 and 1916-17. The other loans made for street construction have been for the improvements of old streets. The annual loan for the making of highways is expended by the Street Commissioners and the Public Works Department,

each acting within the particular duties assigned to it by statute and ordinance. The selection of the streets to be constructed is entirely under the authority of the Street Commissioners. The Street Commissioners determine the damages to property owners on account of the laying out of streets and assess such benefits as they deem to be just and equitable. The Public Works Department has jurisdiction over the character of the pavement, the methods of construction and the work of construction, either by contract or by the day labor force of the department.

As regards the expenditures for the fiscal year 1915-16, the items for each street, both for damages awarded by the Street Commissioners and the construction expenses by the Public Works Department, are given in the Auditor's Report, pages 76 to 80, inclusive. The details as regards the construction expenses are given in the report of the Public Works Department, pages 158 to 187, inclusive.

For the fiscal year 1916-17 the figures of the auditor and the Public Works Department were not available in printed form at the time this report was prepared. The figures giving the names of the streets and the expenditures for each street are appended hereto and marked "Appendix A."

Very few of the streets on which construction was begun in 1916-17 have been completed and the general condition of the contracts is shown in a report of the Finance Commission printed in the Minutes of the City Council, pages 322 to 332, inclusive, particularly the information contained in tables 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

The commission assumes that, in addition to the information contained in the sources above referred to, the Council desires information as to whether the streets selected for laying out by the Street Commissioners have been the most meritorious cases that could have been selected, the awards for damages excessive, the assessments for benefits adequate, and whether the money expended for construction has been expended for pavements of proper design and workmanship.

The commission has not the money to make an investigation of even a small proportion of the reasons governing the laying out of the streets in question, or the methods of construction that have been followed. It is not therefore in a position to express opinions regarding the details of each street. As the work of construction for the streets in the 1915 list has been completed there is no opportunity for an investigation regarding constructional details.

From time to time the Finance Commission has made investigation of individual cases on its own initiative, by orders of the City Council, and when its attention has been called to special cases by complaints of interested citizens. In connection with such requests the attention of the Council is again called to the Finance Commission's reports as follows:

Bireh street, West Roxbury, Finance Commission Reports, Volume XI., pages 244, 337 and 347.

Dunster road and Hill Top streets, Finance Commission Reports, Volume XI., pages 35 to 38, inclusive.

Moraine, Halifax and other streets, a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked "Appendix B."

Complaints have been received by the Finance Commission from various sources, indicating that street conditions similar to those shown in the reports above mentioned have obtained regarding the laying out of other streets. The investigations made by the Finance Commission confirm its opinion previously expressed that an undue proportion of the funds annually available are applied to the laying out or construction of streets which are principally of local importance. It is of the opinion that a greater portion of available funds should be used for the improvement of thoroughfares.

The Finance Commission has from time to time investigated the effects on the city's finances of the laying out of streets since the passage of chapter 323 of 1891, the statute from which the present act, chapter 395 of 1906, was developed.

The figures for street work are so involved with sewer construction, park construction, abatements, sidewalk assessments and similar matters that it is practically impossible to prepare exact figures. It appears, however, that the total debt created for street purposes, including the laying out and reconstruction of highways, construction of avenues and boulevards, streets about the South Station



and various other streets for which special appropriations have been made, amounts to approximately \$38,500,000. 五三

Only a very small fraction of the cost has been returned to the city in the form of assessments for betterments. On the other hand, the avenues, South Station work and many of the streets for which special appropriations have been made are works of general public utility which return an indirect benefit to the city.

The expenditures from annual loans made under provisions of chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and the latter act, chapter 393 of 1906, under which the Street Commissioners are now laying out streets, are approximately represented by the following table:

Total expenditure.....	\$14,600,000 00
Assessable cost.....	9,380,000 00
Betterments assessed.....	3,240,000 00
Amount collected.....	1,650,000 00
Amount abated.....	788,000 00
Outstanding.....	797,000 00

The above figures indicate that the city may possibly receive 17 per cent of the total cost of these streets if all outstanding assessments are collected, the amount collected plus the amount outstanding being approximately 17 per cent of the total expenditure.

Figures compiled by a representative of the Finance Commission on the subject show that the increase in taxable valuation resulting on account of the laying out and construction of new streets is not commensurate with the money expended. Since 1891 approximately \$12,118,000 of the total amount expended has been spent by the city with little if any financial return.

The Finance Commission believes that the first object for expenditures of loans for street construction should be the improvement of the main thoroughfares of the city, such minor thoroughfares as may be of general public utility, and the streets that will return the expenditure by increased taxes. The list of streets upon which expenditure should be made is so familiar as not to need repetition in its entirety. It may be sufficient to point out as examples the remaining portion of North Beacon street in the Brighton district; Washington street, South street and Centre street in the West Roxbury district; and Washington street, Morton street, River street and Adams street in the Dorchester district.

Respectfully submitted,  
 THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
 by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
 Chairman.

APPENDIX A.

Expenditures 1916-17.—Highways, Making of Land Damages.

Amory street.....	\$7,578 50
Ballou avenue.....	977 49
Barbara street.....	100 00
Beech street.....	1,000 00
Bardwell street.....	2,500 00
Birch street, West Roxbury.....	950 00
Brunswick street.....	300 00
Calumet street.....	40 00
Chapin avenue.....	1,700 00
Claybourne street.....	100 00
Clement avenue.....	50 00
Chauncy street.....	12,832 00
Copley's highway.....	200 00
Crossman street.....	500 00
Dempster street.....	189 00
Dillaway street.....	300 00
Dover street.....	3,690 00
Dunlap street.....	25 00
Elgin street.....	187 00
Everton street.....	2,210 75
Fisher avenue.....	50 00
Frankfort street.....	75 00
Gayland street.....	58 00
Glendower road.....	1,500 00
Greenleaf street.....	3,500 00
Hadwin way.....	30 00
Harvard avenue.....	533 00
Harvard street, Dorchester.....	96 00
Haslet street.....	75 00
Henshaw street.....	185 50
Hill Top street.....	600 00
Hubert street.....	550 00
Jewett and Folsom streets.....	275 25
Jones avenue.....	100 00
Jones avenue footway.....	500 00

Kenney street.....	\$50 00
Kneeland street.....	20,235 00
Litchfield street.....	25 00
Lithgow street.....	250 00
Lyford street.....	375 00
Mayhew street.....	100 00
Montclair avenue.....	25 00
Montvale street.....	45 00
Neponset avenue, West Roxbury.....	125 00
Nephtune road.....	2,438 20
Oakland street.....	802 80
Philbrick street.....	65 00
Poplar street.....	1,320 97
Pressing street.....	25 00
Public Alley No. 809.....	25 00
Public Alleys Nos. 809, 810.....	100 00
Puritan avenue.....	50 00
Ralston street.....	100 00
Ronald street.....	75 00
Roach street.....	700 00
Rosewood street.....	30 00
Rowe street.....	750 00
Saybrook street.....	50 00
Schiller road.....	415 00
Silloway street.....	50 00
Spring street, West Roxbury.....	2,458 00
Tip Top street.....	120 00
Ulmer street.....	650 00
Vaughan avenue.....	1,118 55
Washington street, city proper.....	18,673 00
Washington street, Dorchester.....	515 48
Wellington Hill street.....	25 00
West First street extension.....	7,000 00
Westwood street.....	1,850 00
Whitfield street.....	18 00
Wordsworth street.....	75 00

\$104,284 49

Contracts for Constructing Streets.

Ainsworth street footway.....	\$5,742 14
Alexander street.....	6,170 04
Amory street.....	1,400 20
Ardent street.....	1,544 83
Augustus avenue.....	1,455 34
Bardwell street.....	1,545 09
Bradwood street.....	685 19
Brunswick street.....	3,539 83
Caledonian avenue.....	306 00
Cedric street.....	3,211 19
Centervale park.....	3,393 45
Chapin street.....	210 09
Condor street.....	17,121 79
Cornell street.....	637 50
Crandall street.....	400 18
Crown path.....	2,839 26
Dunlap street.....	334 92
Dunster road.....	4,370 36
Elgin street.....	100 00
Epping street.....	93 50
Eric avenue.....	2,163 55
Everton street.....	2,883 93
Fernboro street.....	4,420 10
Gaffney street.....	1,353 75
Glendower road.....	9,471 13
Gove street footbridge.....	8,736 70
Gove street footbridge foundations.....	129 00
Granada avenue.....	313 95
Hallett street.....	2,100 00
Harwood street.....	4,815 78
Hillcrest street.....	1,894 35
Hill Top street.....	1,827 50
Homestead street.....	1,230 97
Hubert street.....	2,546 12
Jones avenue.....	8,884 14
Kittredge street.....	4,857 51
Lithgow street.....	758 34
Lorette street.....	2,954 56
Lucas street.....	158 25
Lyford street.....	63 17
Matchett street.....	1,312 14
Montebello road.....	8,009 76
Morton street.....	2,083 45
Normandy street.....	2,651 40
Orchardfield street.....	2,241 93
Public Alleys Nos. 903, 904.....	2,067 18
Randall street.....	2,166 70
Ripley road.....	3,182 40
Rosewood street.....	12,734 67
St. Andrew road.....	1,008 92
Scaver street.....	2,529 48
Southwick street.....	425 00
Spring street, West Roxbury.....	4,427 27
Sturtevant street.....	5,448 53
Temple street.....	1,528 30



Theodore street.....	\$282 63
Trent street.....	372 55
Tucketman street.....	1,674 28
Upland avenue.....	4,039 37
Vista street.....	328 86
Wait street.....	2,621 60
Washington street, West Roxbury.....	5,456 39
Westwood street.....	1,411 15
Wordsworth street footbridge.....	2,266 60
Worthington street.....	1,868 60
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	\$188,832 86

APPENDIX B.

June 7, 1916.

To the Executive Committee of the City Council:  
 Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission has received from your honorable body the following order:

“Ordered, That the Finance Commission be requested to examine the specifications recently put out by the Public Works Department for sheet asphalt, Topeka or bitulithic pavement in Bardwell street, Dunster road, Halifax and Moraine streets and Parkton road, and advise the committee whether, in their judgment, the specifications are properly drawn, having special reference to the typewritten portion to be found on page 34 of the specification which provides for wearing surface for bitulithic 2 inches thick, and a wearing surface for Topeka 3 inches thick.”

The commission, after an examination of the provisions of the specifications and of the physical and financial conditions connected with the work, reports as follows:

The streets in question have recently been laid out under the provisions of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906, as amended by chapter 536 of the Acts of 1913. The cost of construction will be paid out of the loan for making of highways under the control of the Street Commission. The selection and design of the form of pavement is, however, under the control of the Commissioner of Public Works.

It is proposed to pave the streets with sheet asphalt, Topeka mixture, or bitulithic, and bids have been submitted on each of the three forms of pavement in competition.

The objections to paving lightly-traveled residential streets with bituminous or other permanent pavements were pointed out by the Finance Commission in its report on Birch street, West Roxbury. (See page 347 of Volume XI. of the Finance Commission's reports.) All of the objections therein stated apply to the streets now under consideration with additional objections for specific streets as follows:

**Moraine Street.**—This street now has only six houses on its entire length of approximately 1,400 linear feet, excepting two houses at the corner of the Parkway. Buildings are being rapidly erected in the neighborhood and ultimately there will be at least forty buildings on this street. If building operations continue at the present rate the placing of sewer, water, gas and electric connections for these new buildings will probably destroy any pavement within two or three years, long before any pavement, even macadam, would be destroyed by ordinary wear. No permanent pavements should be put on this street until it is completely built up.

**Halifax Street.**—The above special objections apply to this street although in a somewhat less degree than for Moraine street.

**Parkton Road.**—This street is on a steep hillside and has a grade of approximately 10 per cent. No asphalt or bitulithic pavements have ever been laid in Boston on such steep grades except for the bitulithic pavements on Hancock and Bowdoin streets, laid in 1902. Good practice does not warrant the laying of such pavements on grades in excess of 3 per cent. Neither asphalt, Topeka nor bitulithic should be laid on this street. If any permanent pavement is to be laid vitrified bricks would be more suitable.

If permanent pavements must be laid on these streets, there seems to be no reason why the city and the abutting property owners, against whom assessments will be levied, should be required to pay for a pavement more expensive than the traffic conditions warrant. The specifications, as drawn, call for a 6-inch concrete base; for a 3-inch surface in the case of asphalt and Topeka mixture, and for a 2-inch surface with bitulithic. These dimensions are the same as for streets carrying the heaviest traffic.

All authorities on the subject recognize the fact that for lightly-traveled, residential streets, with a dry and compact subsoil, the concrete foundation may safely be reduced in thickness to 5 inches and in some cases to 4 inches. In the present case there seems to be no reason why a 4-inch concrete base would not answer all needs, and if this thickness had been specified approximately \$4,500 could be saved on account of the foundation item alone.

As regards the surfacing, the standard thickness of 2 inches is called for bitulithic, but for Topeka mixture, for which bids are to be received in competition, a 3-inch surface is required.

The actual cost to the manufacturers for labor, materials and plant investment is, according to the estimate of our consulting engineer, about the same for bitulithic and Topeka mixture, approximately 32 cents per square yard per inch of thickness of surfacing material, that is, if a 2-inch surface is applied the cost is 64 cents per square yard, but if a 2-inch surface is applied for bitulithic and 3 inches for Topeka, the cost is 64 cents for bitulithic and 96 cents for Topeka. Topeka mixture and bitulithic are similar compounds of stone and asphalt, the only practical difference being in the size of the stone used in the composition. Topeka mixture gets its name from the fact that it was first laid in Topeka, Kansas, and is, as the committee knows, not a patented article. Bitulithic, however, is a patented proprietary article, for which manufacturers can fix an arbitrary price. The price for bitulithic to contractors is approximately \$1.35 per square yard at the mixing plant, the contractor to do the hauling and laying, and to this price the contractor is obliged to add his own profit.

The effect of specifying a 3-inch thickness for Topeka in competition with a 2-inch thickness for bitulithic is:

1. To increase the price for Topeka surfacing by approximately 50 per cent above the price for a 2-inch thickness.
2. To so raise the price of Topeka as to give the bidders on bitulithic and sheet asphalt a chance for successful competition without undue cutting of prices and sacrifice of profits.

The standard specifications of the American Society of Municipal Improvements for bituminous concrete, which includes Topeka mixture, adopted October 14, 1915, state as follows:

“For heavy traffic a thickness of two (2) inches is sufficient for all practical purposes and in some cases will afford more stability than a greater thickness.

For moderate and light traffic one and one half (1½) inches will be sufficient thickness for the wearing surface when laid on a well-constructed base, as specified above.

As regards sheet asphalt, the design of sheet asphalt as a two-layer pavement plainly requires a total thickness of 3 inches.

It is clear that under the conditions the thickness of the foundation, as already stated, could be safely reduced to 4 inches, with a consequent saving of approximately \$4,500, without interfering with the stability of the pavement.

If the specifications were so drawn as to allow a 4-inch foundation and a 2-inch thickness of surface for Topeka mixture, there is a probability that bids at least \$8,000 less than the lowest bids that have been obtained would be possible.

As the total cost of these streets may be assessed on abutting property owners, the above amount (\$8,000) represents approximately the unnecessary assessment which the abutting property owners may be called upon to pay on account of the streets in question.

The commission believes that both the city and abutting property owners are entitled to such savings as could be obtained from a rational consideration of conditions and economical design of street structures.

The commission further believes that the provision which requires a 3-inch surfacing for Topeka mixture is unfair to bidders for Topeka mixture and that it is plainly evident from an examination of the specifications that they are drawn in such a way as to compel contractors to raise the price in their bids on Topeka mixture so that the bidders on bitulithic and sheet asphalt will have a better chance for successful competition.

The commission is of the opinion:  
 1. That the present bids should be rejected.

2. That the needs of the streets in question should be more thoroughly studied with a view to reducing the cost of the pavement by better design, and that no greater thickness of surfacing should be asked for in the bids than the conditions warrant.

3. That no permanent pavement should be put in place on Moraine and Halifax streets until such time as the streets are so built up as to eliminate the probability that the pavements will be destroyed by building operations and the installation of underground structures.

4. That no smooth pavement should be put on Parkton road on account of its slipperiness on the steep grades.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FINANCE COMMISSION,

by JOHN R. MURPHY,

Chairman.

Placed on file.

#### CLERK HIRE.

W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, submitted a report in accordance with the provisions of section 33, chapter 22, of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons have been employed in his office from March 26 to April 23, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$4,561.35.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE called up unfinished business, No. 1, viz.:

1. Action on appointments, submitted by the Mayor April 16, of constables of the City of Boston for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1917, as contained in City Document 51.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Attridge and Watson. Whole number of ballots cast 4, yeas 4, and the appointments were confirmed.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 2, viz.:

2. Action on appointments, submitted by the Mayor on April 16, of minor officers paid by fees for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1917, as contained in City Document 52.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Attridge and Watson. Whole number of ballots cast 4, yeas 4, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### APPROPRIATION FOR HIGHWAYS, MAKING OF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 3, viz.:

3. Ordered, That the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) be and hereby is appropriated for Highways, Making of, under the provisions of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On April 9, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### RELEASE OF LAND RESTRICTIONS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 4, viz.:

4. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered, in the name and behalf of the city and for a nominal consideration, to execute and deliver an instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department whereby the city shall, so far as it may lawfully do so without affecting the legal or equitable right of other persons holding title under it, release the restrictions and conditions set forth in a deed from the City of Boston to John W. F. Hobbs and Henry C. Prescott, dated September 26, 1864, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 849, page 11, so far as the same are now in force and affect the land in Boston described in said deed as being on North-

ampton street and the greater part of which is supposed to be now owned by Patrick J. Cronan.

On April 9, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Sedgwick street, between South street and John A. Andrew street, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196, Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Kingsdale street, between Standish and Wales streets, Ward 19, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196, Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

#### SIDEWALK, ROSSETER STREET.

Coun. COLLINS presented a petition signed by F. F. Meacham and others for sidewalk on Rosseter street, Ward 19.

In connection with the petition Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Rosseter street, between Eldon street and Bullard street, Ward 19, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### CENSORSHIP OF PRESS.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:

Whereas, There is under consideration by the National Congress a so-called espionage bill which includes a censorship provision which tends to limit a free press and free speech, be it

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston is unqualifiedly opposed to the passage of any legislation that tends, in any way, to interfere with a free press or the rights of free speech.

Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

The question came on the adoption of the preamble, resolution and order.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I realize that some of the members of this body are opposed to passing resolutions to be sent to other bodies concerning matters before those particular bodies; but, nevertheless, that does not prohibit me from introducing resolutions and remaining in a minority in the matter of their passage. I realize that whenever I introduce an order in this body I set myself up as a target for an unfriendly press to shoot at. Sometimes they shoot pretty accurately. However, notwithstanding the fact that I am treated very often unfairly by a majority of the press of Boston, and notwithstanding the fact that the Chief Executive of this city is treated likewise by the press, or a part of it, I feel at this time, as I have ever felt, that if there is an important right that ought to be retained by the public it is the right of free speech and the right of a free press, because one swallow does not make a spring, and a few unfair metropolitan publications do not make the entire press of our great country. I have introduced these resolutions today—or, rather, I prepared early today to introduce them—with the intent not to say one word concerning their passage, believing that they would be unanimously passed here because of the merits therein contained; but, after having drawn them to the best of my ability, I picked up a morning newspaper that is catering to the reading public of



Boston, and read on the editorial page one of the meanest and most contemptible articles that my eyes were ever east upon. It in no way reflects upon me, because for once they have left me alone, but the article, born in the writer's brain, or in the skull in which the brain rattles around like a peanut in an empty freight car, or the sentiment contained in that editorial is so mean, contemptible, low-down, that I cannot resist the opportunity to pay my respects to the writer thereof, whoever he may be. I have had the unpleasant notoriety and privilege of having defended my character before a jury of my peers and a judge in this Commonwealth in the matter of a libel suit, in the recent past. That judicial matter has not been settled. It is true that a jury of my peers after four and one half hours returned a verdict against me, or in favor of the Boston Post. That is sufficient, so far as it has gone. I am depending upon the intelligence and ability of my attorney to appeal that case to the Supreme Court. But, whether I succeed there or not, one fact stands out prominently, and that is this, that I had the courage to stand the searchlight and scrutiny of the united press of Boston and their employees and purchase agents, and after forty-seven years in this city, forty-seven years next June, they found one presumed questionable transaction that they tagged upon me. I daresay that not one of the millions of the newspapers, not one of the hired character assassins employed at small salary by some of the newspapers would dare to appear in public and allow the close scrutiny of his public life for ten years back, let alone for forty-six and one half years. I have gone through the fire and the public knows my whole past and present, personally, politically and otherwise; and, while I am not here throwing out my chest or desiring to be at all conceited about it, I don't believe there is another member of this body who can show an improvement in his standing in the community over my standing after a thorough search has been made of his conduct, business, social and political, for a number of years. I don't care anything for the press of Boston. I knew when I made my statement concerning Mr. Libby of the Boston Journal on the floor, and about Mr. Walton Green, editor and publisher, that I was laying myself open to a continuous attack not alone from that one newspaper, but practically from all those who sit here at this time, who love with a tarred stick to blacken the character of any man who will not bow to them. I would not bow to them for all the money in Boston. They are as small as they look, and their conduct is smaller. Yes, and I invite them in this body or outside to in any way criticize my character. They will answer to me. Now, Mr. President, the article that I refer to is a vicious, nasty, contemptible, low-down editorial printed this morning. I hold no brief for Mayor James M. Curley. He owes nothing to me and I owe nothing to him. But he is the Chief Executive of this city. He is the War Mayor of the City of Boston, as Governor McCall is the War Governor of this Commonwealth; and I say that it comes with mighty poor grace from a paper that, I am told, is receiving money every day for the printing of advertisements concerning the Public Safety Committee of Boston and the state, to indulge in this sort of editorial concerning the Chief Executive of our city, the War Mayor. Let me read for the benefit of the members, if they have not read it, what it says here. I know you have read the letters of a City Hall reporter to his predecessor, "Mike." Mike is the name that he uses in his articles, and he loves the "Mikes" as he loves me. It is headed, "Curley's Flag Raisings." It says: "Mayor Curley in his campaigning for re-election is 'playing' the flag raisings strongly. And in his utterances at these patriotic meetings he almost desecrates the flag with the character of the gush he offers to his innocent hearers. A flag raising arranged for political purposes is a poor thing at best. Curley's favorite subject lately is calamity. The most sensational topic he can find is famine. He does direct damage by frightening housewives into hoarding food, thus shortening the present market supplies and increasing prices."

I should think, in view of the fact that the press are here in this body as a matter of courtesy, that they might be expected to conduct themselves as gentlemen while they are here. I noticed an exhibition, Mr. President, as you did here a few moments ago, during the drawing of the jurors, where the reporter of the Boston American was sitting on a table here with his feet dangling down, acting in a way in which no roughneck

would conduct himself in a body of this kind, and you heard some of them talking over here while our proceedings were in progress.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—The Chair would say that he noticed no one.

Coun. WATSON—I overheard it very plainly, and if you had been listening attentively you would have heard it as well.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—Proceed.

Coun. WATSON—"Curley's favorite lately is calamity. The most sensational topic he can find is famine. He does direct damage by frightening housewives into hoarding food, thus shortening the present market supplies and increasing prices. Owing to the high dignity of the office which he is abusing, Mayor Curley's presence at flag raisings seems almost necessary. But could not Mr. Curley be present without speaking, or could he not borrow the patriotic words of some real statesman on these sober occasions?"

Then in an adjoining column is an editorial, "American Liberty First." This paper cries out against control or curbing of the press by the National Congress. If that was the only paper that might be curbed, it might be well, but in order to strike at that paper you have to strike at all the Boston papers and all the papers throughout the United States. We speak about the press as the people's safeguard. Let me ask you, did you read recently in the papers about the U-boat operating off our shores? Did you read about the shots exchanged or fired off Race Point by a German U-boat? Each paper had it and played it up to its heart's content to the people of Boston, who naturally at this time are easily alarmed. And what happened finally? It turned out that a harmless, good-natured farmer preparing for the war by planting seeds to bring forth food, was blasting a few stumps out of the ground in Scituate with dynamite. There is a sample of the free press of Boston. Dearly you see them attacking men in public life, at the very time when they ought to be upholding the hands of the high officials of our government. They have even attacked the President of the United States, directly or indirectly. Hardly a day passes that this paper does not contain something that is a reflection on those who are at the seat of government in Washington, either the members of the Senate or the House of Representatives, the members of the Cabinet or the President himself. My belief, however, is so strong in the right of a free press and of free speech that I cannot find myself in a position to agree with some of the men in Congress, even the President, who are willing to curb certain of the papers in the matter of printing news concerning our conduct within our great states. But I am willing in my humble way to take all the digs, bangs and slashes, fair and unfair criticisms, that they may direct at me in order to stand pat on the principle of free speech and the right of a free press, and I believe the War Mayor of this city is perfectly willing to. I believe every man who believes in our great country is willing to stand for it. But it is high time that the press of Boston or a majority of it should get to work and establish a rule for itself, that it stop venting its spite on those it dislikes, stop indulging its desire to accumulate dollars for awhile and be patriotic and do something for our country. It may be said, What have I done? I have done very little, but I am going to make public now one fact, and I hope it is true of every member of this Board. The very day following the declaration of a state of war by the President and Congress I sent a letter to the Governor of the Commonwealth offering my services in any capacity and asking him not to consider the fact that I was a married man, or my age, and I received a reply from him that my offer had been turned over to the Committee of Public Safety, and a notice was sent to me inclosing a card for me to fill out, enumerating many occupations at which I might be helpful in the matter of home guard work. I wrote across the card, "You can use me in any capacity whatsoever, anywhere and at any time, and don't consider my age or the fact that I may have ones dependent upon me." I want to do my bit for my country, and I think the quicker the press take into consideration the fact that there are those who are patriotic because of love of country alone, as opposed to the dollar patriotic, the quicker we will have a more united country and the better things will be. I am going to ask a suspension of the rule in order that this resolution, which declares in favor of a free press and free speech,



without curtailment of those rights by Congress, may pass. I trust that the resolution may be passed as introduced.

The preamble, resolution and order were referred under the rule to the Executive Committee. Coun. WATSON moved a reconsideration of the reference, which was declared lost.

#### CAR TRAFFIC, WASHINGTON STREET.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the present car traffic regulations on Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets, be continued permanently between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### RECESS.

The Council voted at 3 p. m. to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.11 p. m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) to sell, rent or lease firearms at various locations—that licenses be granted, viz.:

Moses Bahn, 66 Merrimac street, Ward 5.

Max H. Lefkovich, 47 Pleasant street, Ward 5.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on order (referred April 9) to accept chapter 261, Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize the Mayor of the City of Boston to place upon the Pension Role the name of Michael Birmingham"—that the same be accepted.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on communication from Finance Commission (referred today) relative to School Teachers' Pension Fund—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; communication placed on file.

(4) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) transferring the sum of \$30,000 from appropriation for Reserve Fund, when made, to appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, Item F-8, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief and Burial—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

(5) Report on order (referred today) concerning traffic regulations on Washington street—recommending passage of same in the following new draft, viz.:

Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to continue the present regulations as to the exclusion of cars on Washington street for thirty days from April 27, 1917; provided, however, that the hours during which cars shall not be run be changed to include the period from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report and communication from Registrar of Deeds (referred today) giving amount of pay roll from March 26 to April 23 amounting to \$4,561.35, approving of the same.

Report accepted; pay roll approved and ordered paid.

#### PENSIONS FOR RETIRED TEACHERS.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take No. 5 from the table, viz.:

5. Ordered, That chapter 289 of the Special Acts of 1916, entitled "An Act relative to the disposition of sums payable to the City of Boston by the Commonwealth in reimbursement for certain pensions paid by the city to retired teachers," be and the same hereby is accepted.

The order was passed.

#### MANAGERS OF OLD SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—It is in order at this time to elect two members of the body to act as managers of the Old South Corporation. The Clerk will call the roll, and each member as his name is called will express his choice for members of that Board.

The role was called, and the members voted as follows:

For Coun. Ballantyne and Wellington, Coun. Attridge, Collins and Ford. For Coun. Ballantyne, Coun. Wellington; for Coun. Wellington, Coun. Ballantyne. Coun. Ballantyne and Wellington having each received four votes were declared elected managers of the Old South Association.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. HAGAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4.16 p. m., on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to meet on Monday, April 30, at 2 o'clock p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday April 30, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. Ballantyne, senior member, in the chair. Absent, President Storrow.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to elect a president *pro tem.*, and Coun. Ballantyne was elected, the vote being as follows:

For Coun. Ballantyne—Coun. Attridge, Collins, Ford, Hagan, Wellington—5.

For Coun. Wellington—Coun. McDonald, Watson—2.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1918, viz.:

(1) Constables of the City of Boston, viz.:

Joseph P. Cutter, 374 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury; Joseph Ventola, 1528 Hyde Park avenue, Hyde Park; Charles B. Palmer, 16 Scaver street, Roxbury; Alfred R. Mitchell, 726A Dudley street, Roxbury.

(2) David O'Keefe, 77 Everett street, Brighton, a Weigher of Goods for Joseph F. White.

(3) Jacob Printz, 112 Pleasant street, Brookline, a Measurer of Leather.

Severally laid over under the law.

## EXAMINATION OF ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, April 30, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the appended communication from the Finance Commission and believe that the importance of the work in question justifies the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, MAYOR.

Boston Finance Commission,  
April 20, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley, Mayor:

Sir,—The Edwin S. Morse Company, public accountants and auditors, have been examining the Assessing Department of the City of Boston in accordance with your request. The suggestions that they have made to the department have been in the main accepted.

The commission has paid one bill of \$445 and for the months of January, February and March, 1917, has incurred an expense of \$607.50. The commission believes that the work of Mr. Morse is very necessary and will result in important improvements in the Assessing Department, but also believes that it will cost approximately \$1,000 more to complete the inquiry properly.

The commission recommends the continuation of the work, but also recommends that, as the appropriation of the Finance Commission is not sufficient to meet the amounts needed to complete the investigation, the cost of the balance be specially provided for by your Honor.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Finance Commission, B-28, Expert and Architect.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

## Claims.

Harry Ash, for compensation for damage to automobile by a defect at corner Pearl and Franklin streets.

Loretta Antonuccio, for compensation for injuries received from a defect in Essex street, Charlestown.

Grace I. Brown, for compensation for injuries received from a fall in Vassar street.

Edmund J. Cannon, to be paid for clothing torn on a sign in Federal street.

Thomas Driscoll, to be paid for a copper boiler burst at 24 Dawes street on account of repair work in the district.

Lemuel B. French, for compensation for damages at 1023 Hyde Park avenue by the stopping up of main sewer.

George F. Kendall, for compensation for injury to his hand by a printing press at the Boys' Industrial School.

M. A. Maraghy, for compensation for clothing of her child which was lost at the municipal bath house, Lexington and Bunker Hill streets.

Mary MacDonald, to be paid for clothing damaged by hot lead which was being melted in street in front of 32 West street.

Mrs. A. Monteith, for a hearing on claim on account of injuries caused by a defect in Harvard avenue.

John J. Norton, for compensation for damage to automobile and injuries to Charlotte W. Getz by a defect in Sedgwick street.

Sarah Rice, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 306 Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Nathan Winthrop Robinson, for compensation for damages at 1180 and 1182 Dorchester avenue by sewer construction.

T. D. Cook & Co., Inc., for compensation for damage to automobile by a city ash truck.

Thomas H. White, for compensation for injuries received by being struck by a wagon of the Sanitary Division.

G. E. Hunt, for compensation for damage to automobile on April 24 by being run into by an automobile of the city.

Viola Tomnita, for compensation for injuries received by fall at 85 Leverett street.

John F. Duffy, for compensation for injuries received because of hydrant at 100 Homestead street.

Harry Stone, for compensation for barrel of cut glass taken away by city ash man.

## Executive.

Petitions for licenses to sell, rent or lease firearms, viz.:

G. Ciullo & Brother, 130 Salem street, Ward 5.

F. H. Doell, 11 Dock square, Ward 5.

Eagle Loan Office, 55 Green street, Ward 5.

Goldberg Brothers, 217 Pleasant street, Ward 5.

Kirkwood Brothers, 23 Elm street, Ward 5.

C. E. Ransom & Co., 1 Salem street, Ward 5.

William Read & Sons, Inc., 364 Washington street, Ward 5.

Bob Smith, 75 Federal street, Ward 5.

Tosi Music Company, 263 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Charles Cohen, 29 Cross street, Ward 5.

Petitions for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at public places of amusement, viz.:

Eleanor Wood Whitman, for Ruth Miller to appear at Peabody Play Hall on the evening of April 27.

Margaret J. Butler, for Alta Sangille and others to appear at Mechanics Hall on May 5.

Walter O. Kee, for Rosanna Gore and others to appear at Gainsborough Hall on the evening of May 12.

Timothy F. Harrington, for retirement under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914.

## CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constables' bonds of Joseph K. Barnes, George G. Drew, James Fraser, Paul R. Gast, Clarence H. Knowlton, James G.

McCann, William McCarthy, Hector Palladino, Benjamin F. Powell, Robert Reid, Jeremiah A. Twomey.

Approved by the City Council.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of hearing on Friday, May 4, at 10.30 a. m., on petition of West End Street Railway Company for additional tracks on Commonwealth avenue.

Placed on file.

WIDENING OF TREMONT STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Street Laying-Out Department,  
April 27, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—Replying to your order of January 22 last, asking for an estimate of the cost of widening Tremont street, "from Warrenton street and from Pleasant street to Castle square, to a width of eighty feet," the Board of Street Commissioners submits the following:

Land and building damages . . . . .	\$400,000 00
Construction . . . . .	35,000 00
Bridge . . . . .	55,000 00
Relocating water pipes . . . . .	40,000 00

\$530,000 00

This estimate is for the widening of the street from Warrenton street to Castle square, the Board believing that if the widening is made it should be carried to Warrenton street.

Very truly yours,

J. J. O'CALLAGHAN, Secretary.

Placed on file.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Alfred L. King, keeping and sale of gasoline, 1513 Blue Hill avenue.

The Atlantic Works, keeping of gasoline, 80 Border street.

Estate of John B. Smith, keeping and sale of gasoline, Brookline avenue, Jersey and Lansdowne streets.

Standard Oil Company of New York, keeping and sale of petroleum products, Chelsea street, East Boston.

John Berlo, keeping of gasoline, 1744 Columbia road, South Boston.

Louis Jolles, keeping of gasoline, 123 Crawford street, Roxbury.

Dr. T. J. Murphy, keeping of gasoline, 372 Dudley street, Roxbury.

Herbert S. Frost, keeping of gasoline, 668 Dudley street.

Motor Mart Garage, keeping and sale of gasoline, 222 Elliot street.

Motor Mart Garage, keeping and sale of gasoline, Tennyson street side of Park square.

George M. Proctor, keeping and sale of gasoline, 76 Folsom street, Hyde Park.

Dr. A. DeRobertis, keeping of gasoline, 32 Gaston street, Roxbury.

West Roxbury Trap Rock Company, keeping of dynamite and exploders, corner Grove and Centre streets, West Roxbury.

Perrin, Seamans & Co., keeping and sale of dynamite exploders and caps, 57 Oliver street.

Walk Hill Garage Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 726 Walk Hill street.

A. I. Russell, keeping and sale of gasoline, 304 Washington street, Brighton.

Wendell L. Nichols, keeping and sale of gasoline, 118 West Brookline street.

William J. Conlon, keeping and sale of gasoline, 224 West Newton street.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for five newsboys and six vendors—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Coun. HAGAN submitted the following:  
The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred March 2 the appropriations and tax orders, having considered the subject, respectfully recommends the passage of the accompanying orders. (Document 53.)

For the committee,  
HENRY E. HAGAN, Chairman.

AMOUNTS ALLOWED 1917-18.

Art Department . . . . .	\$670 00
Assessing Department . . . . .	197,037 04
Auditing Department . . . . .	50,204 83
Building Department . . . . .	157,483 54
Board of Examiners . . . . .	2,825 00
Board of Appeal . . . . .	5,159 00
Cemetery Department . . . . .	96,974 14
City Clerk Department . . . . .	42,347 68
City Council . . . . .	31,375 04
City Council Proceedings . . . . .	8,700 00
City Documents . . . . .	37,000 00
City Planning Board . . . . .	5,480 52
Collecting Department . . . . .	115,964 43
Consumptives' Hospital Department . . . . .	267,701 38
Election Department . . . . .	170,246 10
Finance Commission . . . . .	30,000 00
Fire Department . . . . .	2,195,975 37
Health Department . . . . .	337,464 25
Hospital Department . . . . .	844,835 62
Boston Infirmary Department:	
Boston Almshouse and Hospital . . . . .	240,123 20
Office Expenses . . . . .	4,330 16
Steamer "George A. Hibbard" . . . . .	13,446 68
Children's Institutions Department:	
Placing Out and Office Division . . . . .	139,208 82
Suffolk School for Boys . . . . .	46,651 26
Institutions Registration Department . . . . .	21,770 25
Steamer "Monitor" . . . . .	35,541 06
Law Department . . . . .	55,692 47
Library Department . . . . .	424,476 09
Licensing Board . . . . .	38,181 35
Market Department . . . . .	12,620 20
Mayor, Office Expenses . . . . .	49,000 00
Public Celebrations . . . . .	50,000 00
Conventions, etc. . . . .	50,000 00
Overseeing of the Poor Department . . . . .	627,785 67
Temporary Home . . . . .	5,129 25
Wayfarers' Lodge . . . . .	10,569 14
Park and Recreation Department . . . . .	1,002,790 26
Police Department . . . . .	2,821,071 00
Public Buildings Department . . . . .	254,062 44
Public Works Department:	
Central Office . . . . .	76,531 63
Bridge Service . . . . .	331,805 29
Ferry Service . . . . .	342,348 31
Lighting Service . . . . .	791,673 36
Paving Service . . . . .	1,028,339 64
Sanitary Service . . . . .	1,014,602 48
Street Cleaning and Oiling Service, Sewer Service . . . . .	736,130 90
Sewer Service . . . . .	374,797 98
Registry Department . . . . .	35,939 32
Reserve Fund . . . . .	331,624 44
Sinking Funds Department . . . . .	2,200 00
Soldiers' Relief Department . . . . .	209,029 22
Statistics Department . . . . .	7,384 82
Street Laying-Out Department . . . . .	130,088 24
Supply Department . . . . .	19,554 65
Treasury Department . . . . .	50,745 92
Weights and Measures Department, Wrc Department . . . . .	24,773 16
Weights and Measures Department, Wrc Department . . . . .	72,512 22
Reconstructing and repairing streets by contract . . . . .	500,000 00
Granolithic sidewalks . . . . .	100,000 00
Totals . . . . .	<u>\$16,879,974 82</u>

City Debt Requirements . . . . . \$5,142,479 97

Jail . . . . .	\$91,322 74
Suffolk County Courthouse (Custodian) . . . . .	68,963 24
Suffolk County Courthouse (County Buildings) . . . . .	51,041 00
County Buildings . . . . .	40,574 43
Supreme Judicial Court . . . . .	41,325 00
Superior Court, Criminal Session . . . . .	174,846 12
Probate Court . . . . .	33,960 00





1917, 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 except as the appropriations for any purpose or item shall be increased by additional appropriations or by transfers lawfully made, no money shall be expended by any department for any of the purposes or items designated in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out in excess of the amount set down as appropriated for such specific purpose or item; and except as aforesaid, no salaries or wages shall be paid in excess of the rates specified in said tables and schedules.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, in presenting the report I ask the Council if they will please divide the bill, voting first upon the schedules for supplies and materials, B to G inclusive, upon those items upon which we are all agreed, thereby disposing of the items upon which we are practically in agreement, and then taking up for agreement Schedule A, as a separate item.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the adoption of the items in Schedules B to G, inclusive.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, before voting upon those schedules I wish once more to ask the attention of the Council to one item here which I think it would be a grievous error for the Council to pass at just this time. I refer to B-39, in the Public Works Department, Ferry Service, where \$35,000 has been appropriated, that amount being appropriated without any plans or specifications from the head of the department. The item appears on page 31 of the present document. While I think they ought to have some money for immediate and emergency use, I don't think they need at the present time the entire sum of \$35,000 for that specific purpose. I am not at all opposed to granting the entire sum later, say in thirty or sixty days from now, when the department head is ready to come in here with plans showing to this Council that there is no question that the money should properly be appropriated. But we are now appropriating for this item, as it were, in the dark. My idea would be to appropriate \$15,000 now for any emergency service and to place the other \$20,000 in the Reserve Fund, where it can be called on in the immediate future, or at any time when it is needed. When the head of the department is ready to submit plans showing the propriety of giving the complete amount now suggested for this item, it will seem to me wise to pass the item. I am now simply going to ask that the report of the committee be amended as far as that particular item is concerned, inserting \$15,000 instead of \$35,000, as recommended by the committee, the balance of the item, \$20,000, being added to the Reserve Fund.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, there was nothing said in the Committee on Appropriations concerning this matter, and, as I remember it, on one of the days when I was present it was pretty well shown that the \$35,000 was needed. I supposed we were all practically in accord on this budget, and I trust that the budget will remain just as we have reported it, without a single change. I trust that the motion of the gentleman who preceded me will not prevail.

Coun. Hagan's motion was lost, and the Council voted to accept and approve the recommendations on the report of the committee in so far as Schedules B to G, inclusive, were concerned.

The question came on the adoption of Schedule A, as recommended by the committee.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I move that it be accepted the way it is reported.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—Unless there is a motion to the contrary, that is the question before the house now, the adoption of the schedule.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, from what I said at a meeting of the Committee on Appropriation all my associates here know my attitude in respect to the way I believe this matter should be handled. It has been my opinion, and it is still my opinion, that the only effective way in which the members of the Council can consider Schedule A justly and properly, so far as Schedule A is concerned, is to treat the pages from 57 to the end of this document as valuable information on which to predicate a proper and just conclusion on the items under Schedule A, commonly called A-1, A-2 and A-3, or, to be a little more specific, the items of permanent employees, temporary employees, and unassigned, under personal service. Then, with the information which is given in these supporting sheets, we can base our conclusions on the aggregate items, the ones I have just enumerated. Mr.

President, it is a very difficult task to arrive at a conclusion on this pay roll estimate, and last year we gave the matter a great deal of thought, as those of you who were here know, some of us honestly differing among ourselves as to the way in which the matter should be handled. Some thought it should be handled in the aggregate, and that was the vote of the Council. Last year an unusual condition confronted the city. The Mayor had sent in an appropriation bill in which there was only \$100,000 for streets and nothing for granolithic sidewalks. He sought to have a bill passed in the Legislature which contemplated a fifty-cent increase in the tax rate. That bill also provided that it might be put into effect if accepted by the Mayor and City Council. It failed in the Legislature. As I stated last year, if it had not failed in the Legislature and had come before us for our acceptance, I would have voted against it, because I think we are laboring under a sufficiently high tax rate as matters stand, and when we consider that everybody in the community, man, woman and child, is a taxpayer, directly and indirectly, it becomes evident that it is for the benefit and the business prosperity of the community to have a reasonably low tax rate. But that bill, as I say, failed, and as a practical matter we had to gather as much money as we could from the funds available to apply to streets. We did, after a good deal of work and discussion, arrive at a sum total which was perhaps beyond the expectation of most of us when we started to do that work. This year, however, a different situation confronts us. The Mayor has sent in an appropriation of \$500,000 for streets, and also \$100,000 for granolithic sidewalks, so that the urgent demand for rigid economy which existed last year does not prevail this year. However, the duty is still devolving on us to handle this schedule as we think it should be handled for the best interests of the people, bearing in mind that after all, when this bill is passed and a few more loans are passed, the large work of this Council is over. Nevertheless, the task is before us to pass upon this Schedule A, not in the spirit of having more money this year and therefore not interesting ourselves so much in the matter, but passing upon it in such a way so that we will stand back of our conclusions and feel honestly that we are acting in the interests of the city. I would say, also, that since last year a very unusual and abnormal state of affairs exists in the city, state and nation. We are at war. Prices are abnormally high. The cost of living has jumped tremendously, and anybody who is at all abreast of the times must needs realize that it costs a man a great deal more to live today than it did a year ago. Accordingly, in the treatment of the employees of the city under Schedule A, the Council should bear in mind these changed conditions. Mr. President, I believe in just and considerate treatment of all employees of the city. I believe in decent wages and raises in pay for deserving employees. The city should pay liberally and should reward faithful and efficient service. To do otherwise would be reactionary, would mean that we were going back as a city, as an individual or a corporation goes back when he or it refuses to recognize meritorious and efficient service. I recognize too, however, Mr. President, that the Mayor of this city through his department heads has the right to fix, and should fix, the rate of compensation of the various employees in the city. That is properly so, Mr. President, and I have become more convinced of it than ever by reason of my perusal and study of the budget along with my associates here the last two years. When you examine the very many items in Schedule A, from page 57 on, you find that we have all kinds of classifications. We have changes of rates, differences of pay for apparently the same type of workman or employee, and this Council is powerless to increase, but may reduce. Accordingly, Mr. President, when the budget is presented to us in the present form, naturally a councilor in trying to get at the facts becomes involved in a maze of bewilderment when he tries to distinguish as to those who should receive increases and those who perhaps should not. The point is this, that under that particular schedule, if you take the various sheets from page 57 on, you are really asked, if you are trying to go into the matter in this detail, to pass upon the salary of each particular man in the city's service. As I stated in committee, I believe the only proper effective way for the City Council to handle this schedule is by considering the three aggregate group items and arriving at a conclusion



by study of the information given us from page 57 on. In those pages we have information upon which we can base our conclusions; but I have not the time nor the detailed information nor the machinery sufficient to enable me to pass on the salary of each man in the city's service. I do not believe these items should be taken up in that way, one after another. The majority of my associates in the Council this year apparently have a different point of view. I believe there could be but one conclusion which the Council could reach in taking it up in that way, and that would be to hand back substantially the budget which has come to us from the Mayor, and that is what has occurred. My proposed method of treating the budget, which was rejected by the committee this year, would not provide that we should eliminate everybody who has received an increase of salary. Not at all. In a nutshell, my position is simply this, that we ought to provide liberally and humanely for increases of pay, but we ought to do so in a way that will place the responsibility solely upon the Mayor, whose duty it is to fix the compensation of the employee. In other words, in the budget as it is before us you have substantially a divided responsibility. My suggestion is to make it a sole responsibility. Give plenty of money to the Mayor with which to make increases, bearing in mind the changed conditions to which I have referred, and place that responsibility where it belongs. I believe that is logical, fair and just to the employees of the city, hundreds of whom have received no increase of pay in the budget as presented to this Council for its consideration. It cannot be contended by those who agree in favor of this bill as reported that everybody in the city's service is receiving an increase of pay. There are many deserving employees who have not and will not receive it. Accordingly, I believe it is impossible for me to separate the just from the unjust, and that for such classes of laborers, whom we all agree ought to receive \$3 a day, sufficient sums should be provided to permit of the Mayor's making reasonable raises in pay, but that he should be the one, and not we, who shall decide as to those who will or who will not receive the pay. In other words, the responsibility is solely his. I wish before closing, Mr. President, to call the attention of the Council to the amended charter, one of the provisions of which I believe we are apt to lose sight of. I refer particularly to chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, section 3, the second paragraph:

"The city auditor may, with the approval in each instance of the mayor, at any time make transfers 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 from the reserve fund to any appropriation for the current expenses of a department; and may also, with the approval of the mayor, at any time between December first and February first make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation; provided, however, that no money raised by loan shall be transferred to any appropriation from income or taxes."

In other words, the Mayor of this city has the absolute right to make transfers in a department to another division of the department, and from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for any department. Consequently, our attitude in voting totals—and the action taken by the Council is not a niggardly one—is not one of improperly suggesting fixed totals. It is simply a broad and just proposition. If our attitude were to cut down certain appropriations or refuse to appropriate any money for them, it might properly be said that the purpose of those of us who wanted that method carried out, to save money, would, of course, be a commendable one; but we realize, two of us rather, what the conditions this year are, the changed conditions confronting the servants of the city, and we realize that a liberal and just policy should be adopted, providing money justly and broadly for the needs of the many employees of the City of Boston. In conclusion, however, I may suggest that the handling of the budget by the committee has resolved itself practically into an absolute O. K. of the Mayor's appropriation orders under Schedule A; and, as I stated some time ago, it is rather difficult to see how the members of the Council, with the limited machinery at the disposal of the Council, with the limited means of information accorded the members, can very well reach any positively different conclusion than they have, taking the point of

view they have taken. Hence, I suggest that the better method would be to take them up by aggregate items and not in the manner followed by the Council. However, I believe in the voice of the majority; I believe in letting the majority have a bold say in this matter, deciding as they may deem best. As I have already stated, however, I am convinced more than ever that a more effective way would have been to have handled it otherwise. Consequently, and in view of the fact that any contrary suggestion of mine at this time would be fraught with no useful result, I suggest that the vote be had and, as far as I am concerned, I shall not vote in favor of the budget as suggested by the committee. I would rather refrain from voting at all.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to ask the councilor who has just preceded me how he can reconcile himself to his position today in view of the fact that I heard him repeatedly state to the public during a canvass that he and I made, he successfully and I unsuccessfully, a year ago last fall, that he favored radical segregation of public appropriations? I would like to have him answer me that. I heard him say it repeatedly. In fact, I have not gone as far as he did. He said repeatedly that he believed in segregation to the limit and proposed to stand by it, if elected. I would like to have him reconcile that with his position here now.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, surely I believe in a segregated budget. That, taking the budget before us now, by voting the aggregate amounts under Schedule A, with this information at hand, we will be voting for a segregated budget. What appears in this volume from page 57 on is simply in the nature of information, along the line of supporting sheets. You still have your segregated budget. We had a segregated budget for these amounts last year. The Mayor has sent in from page 57 on that which is in the nature of supporting sheets. Of course the idea of segregation still prevails.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I do not rise to reply to the gentleman who has talked for twenty minutes and who has not said anything, in my opinion. He simply tells us what he has said time and time again in the Committee on Appropriations, in an effort to defeat the increase in salaries of city employees who are to receive increases under the segregated budget. He is now riding two horses. He tells the city employees that he favors their increases and also tells them and tells us that we should not in the segregated budget presented to us by the Mayor vote on increases, but should vote for lumpsums. In other words, he says that he wishes to see done this year what was done last year by the majority members, when everybody here knows that he and at least three of the other so-called majority last year did not have anything more to do with finally making up that budget than my little girl did. It was made up in the Parker House by outsiders. He didn't know anything about it or have anything to do with it until it came in here. He admitted—or, at least, one of them admitted openly—that he never saw it until it came in here. Now he tells us that we should do the same thing as last year, giving the Mayor a certain amount of money and putting all the responsibility on the Mayor's shoulders. When the Mayor sends in this budget recommending these increases submitted by the different heads of departments and tells us that those men recommended in the budget are deserving employees, who is assuming the responsibility if the Mayor is not? The gentleman is trying to tell us that we should put the responsibility on the Mayor's shoulders. That is what I am doing. He says that we have passed through a stage of bewilderment. I have not been passing through a stage of bewilderment and I have been here at every meeting of the committee, passing upon this matter; and I don't think the four or five other members who favor the same system of segregation that I do were bewildered either. I know what I am doing. I know that I am favoring increases for deserving employees. I listened to heads of departments being quizzed by him and other members of the Council as to why these men were having their pay increased, and the answer was that they deserved it, that they were bringing the wages of certain men up to a certain standard, and that they ought to be brought up to that standard in order to have efficiency in the department. We heard the heads of departments who came here day after day, listened to what they had to say upon



that and other matters, and then gave two weeks of our time acting upon this budget. We decided to give the employees working for the city a fair day's pay, in order, as the gentleman himself admits, to meet the increased cost of living, so that they can live as decent men. But you cannot ride two horses. You cannot strike from Schedules A, B or C \$25,000 from the Public Works Department and \$50,000 from the Park and Recreation Department, and so on, and still give those men increases of pay, because the increases they are going to get are added up here and the total has been struck and the total is the amount of money needed to give those men their increases and to employ the men whose names appear in the segregated payroll during this next year. If you take \$25,000 or \$5,000 away, you cannot increase the pay and you cannot employ those men. It is impossible. He cannot tell me and nobody else can tell me that you can. But he is trying to take that position, riding two horses. Of course last year they did vote to ride roughshod over everybody and they said "Take it or leave it," and we had to take it. Now they haven't got the votes this year. But he gets up here and takes twenty minutes and says nothing, simply repeating the old talk of last year, that we ought to strike from the sum total a certain amount of money and put it in the Reserve Fund and let the Mayor assume the responsibility, let the Mayor increase the pay of deserving employees, that he does not want to take the responsibility. Well, if he doesn't, I am willing to.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, on this matter of Schedule A my position is identical with that assumed by Coun. Collins. I am very sorry to see the controversy of a year ago revived here today regarding a thing that I have thought was settled for all time. Each individual's position here is well known and I am going to be brief in my statement. I believe the course of action of the majority members of last year was the wise one and I have convinced myself by observation that the result of that course has proven the wisdom of the action. I think you have more money in the city treasury this year than you have had any year since Hibbard's time, and in a very large measure at least that can be attributed to the action of the majority members of the Council of last year. I would like to continue a policy that has proven itself worth while. I cannot do so without the necessary number of votes. I was one of those in the majority, so called, last year and in a hopeless minority this year. I did not intend to ride roughshod over anybody a year ago, and I don't believe that anybody will ride roughshod over me today. I am going to vote "no" on this proposition of Schedule A, Mr. President, because I am opposed to the principle being adopted by the majority members of the Council. It seems to me if the minority had succeeded last year, taking the position that the majority of this year is taking, we can all see what would have been the result. On Schedule A this year the majority members of the Council have approved without any change whatsoever, not one red cent, an appropriation bill as sent in by the Mayor, the only changes made in Schedule A being those that were suggested by the Budget Commissioner acting for the Mayor and approving all changes that the Mayor himself suggested. You are passing an appropriation bill of Mayor Curley's without any change whatsoever, simply giving him and his bill your rubber stamp of approval. If that is the wise course, the result will show for itself a year hence in the amount of money available for budget use next year. I believe the result will show itself not as satisfactory as the result we succeeded in having achieved last year, that the course that is being taken by the majority will show itself a year hence as being against the best interests of the citizenship at large. For that reason I am going to vote no upon this proposition, simply and solely that I may be recorded as disapproving of the principle involved.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I simply desire at this time to call the attention of the members, particularly the member who has just spoken, to the fact that there was a great blowing of horns and a great sound of hurrahs a short time ago when he introduced an order asking his Honor the Mayor to increase the salaries of the city laborers from the \$2.75 that the Mayor asked to \$3. The Mayor very kindly granted his request, and today the gentleman is going to vote against the very proposition that he asked the Mayor to put into effect, as regards the city laborers. I admit that I am inconsistent at times, perhaps because

of my warm blood and my propensity to hasty action without thoughtful consideration; but it seems a bit ridiculous to me to see a serious minded, conservative business man, who thinks matters over in a cold blooded way, crying out, "More money for the city laborers, because of increased cost of the necessities of life," and then standing up here and saying he intends to vote against the proposition which will give them more money, as a matter of principle. I think I would have to do a lot of explaining to the people who know me if I took such a position, and I trust that the same thing will be put up to the gentleman who makes this explanation today.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I will not take up very much of the Council's time in explaining my position on this matter, but I do want to say just a word or two in reference to the statements of my brother councilors, Collins and Hagan. I think that Coun. Hagan is in error when he suggests that the City of Boston had on hand a large sum of money at the close of the fiscal year because of the method adopted by him and his associates last year. I think that statement is incorrect. I think the correct statement of the situation is that the City of Boston had a large sum of money on hand at the close of the fiscal year because of the energetic action on the part of the City Collector, Mr. Curley, in getting in the income in advance, for one reason or another, but, to my mind, to make a good showing. Coun. Hagan has also referred to the fact that this is the Mayor's budget that we are passing. So be it. I think that is true, but I think the charter very well states that we cannot originate a budget. So I suppose it has to be the Mayor's budget, because he is the one whom the law says shall send it in. I suppose, however, his criticism goes more deeply, and in this direction, namely, that the Mayor of the City of Boston has sent in a budget and that we have adopted it in toto. I might suggest in reference to that, that our investigating body, the Finance Commission, has agreed with the Mayor upon about 90 per cent of the items, I think, in Schedules B, C, D, E, F and G, and with some of the items for salary increases in Schedule A, differing with the Mayor in other items. Before I forget it, I want to state just what my position is in reference to this Schedule A. We are not approving any salary increases. I, as one of the councilors in this body, am not approving the salary increase of this man or that man. Not by any means. What I am doing is this—and I suggest the term that the chairman of the appropriation committee used in committee—not saying that this increase be allowed or that any increase in salary be approved, but that the appropriation be made. I say so now, that I am appropriating money with which these increases can be made, not approving or appropriating this money for the increase of this man's or that man's salary. That is not within my province as a councilor of this city, neither is it my duty. I am appropriating the money where-with this can be done, provided the head of the department sends in to the Mayor the request to do it. In other words, by appropriating this money this man's salary or that man's salary is not increased. The head of the department must do something in addition, and with the Mayor's approval. And if the head of the department says in his wisdom that he should not do it, he does not have to do it. The councilor may say that they are bound up together, and that in doing one thing we do the other. I would dissent from that remark, if he says so, because of the fact that I am appropriating the money. The purpose of the segregated budget, in a few words, is to have control over numbers and rates, and I confess that I cannot see how we are going to have control over numbers and rates unless we accept and pass the appropriation bill in this particular form. Then next year when the appropriation bill comes in we ought to have the number of employes and the rates paid in these particular departments next year, with all the numbers and rates paid this year, so that we can compare next year's numbers and rates with the numbers and rates of this year. That, to my mind, is the proper segregated budget. Then, things being equal, and times of stress obtaining as they do, I would say as—Mayor Collins I was about to call him—Coun. Collins has said, that we might then be in favor of making further appropriations whereby increases might be made. To sum Coun. Collins' objection up, it seems to me

that he does not want to approve this item or that item, because he does not know whether this man is a deserving man or that man is an undeserving man. I say, if the City of Boston has the money, let us, because of the hard times, appropriate that money, and then say, "Here, we stop there, Mr. Mayor and heads of departments." The responsibility is yours as to whether this man or that man is deserving of an increase. It is upon your shoulders. That is a part of your administrative and executive duties." We stop when we appropriate; the rest of it they put through. I cannot see that I am having any difficulty in approving of this man's salary or that man's salary. That is a thing which it is not for me to decide. But I do see a great good in having control over numbers and rates. One further word so far as the practical end of it is concerned, and I am done. I am not in favor of any Mayor in this city putting through large increases in salary shortly before election time. There was last year a long discussion about slack. There will be slack this year beyond question of a doubt. But I maintain, when you make the appropriation in a lump sum and the slack comes here and comes there, it is a very simple thing for the Mayor of the city to put through increase after increase and say, "You gave me the money for increases, and it is hard to distinguish as to where I will stop." But when you put it through in the way I suggest, pass on your numbers and rates, it is very easy for the public, through the Press, to find out whether a large number of increases are going to be put through for political purposes. I don't think that passing Schedule A in a lump sum is just the proper thing to do. I think the method we are adopting in passing the budget is a proper one and will be efficacious, for the reason that in the last paragraph of the order it says:

"Except as aforesaid, no salaries or wages shall be paid in excess of the rates specified in said tables and schedules."

Mr. President, it will be a very simple thing, in view of the language of this particular paragraph, to decide whether or not the Mayor intends that his administration shall be an economical one and the best one for all the people of the City of Boston. It is a very simple thing to wait and see whether the spirit of that paragraph will be lived up to. If it is lived up to, so much the better for the Mayor of this city in my humble, individual opinion. If it is not lived up to, and it is brought properly to the attention of the public by the representatives of the public, —namely, the Press,—and the City of Boston, through its citizens, then wants to indorse the Mayor's policy, wants to elect him or any other man adopting that policy, our duty has been done, the duty to the public has been performed as we see it, and, as a matter of fact, the responsibility for the decision then rests upon the public. They will decide whether or not the Mayor has given the best possible administration for the benefit of the whole citizenship of this city.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I do not wish to let the discussion end without answering the criticism made here today that I have been a bit inconsistent in my vote and my methods, having advocated the increase in salaries of laborers to \$3 a day and then seeming to be against it. My position may seem to some minds to be inconsistent, but I think it is not at all so. It must be perfectly clear to the members of the Council that we exercise, and must exercise, a degree of intelligence upon such an important matter as this coming before us. Unfortunately, that particular item in the budget is linked up with other items. It is difficult for me to separate those, one from the other, and the consequence has been that this is a difficult proposition for me to consider here today. My position in this matter, in brief language, is that I am in favor of passing the salary appropriation bill of last year. I am in favor of appropriating a sufficient sum of money to pay \$3 a day to the laborers, janitors, those in the city employ who would naturally come under the \$3 head. I am in favor of passing a substantial sum of money over to the Mayor to increase the salaries of deserving city employees, and putting the full burden of responsibility on his shoulders of selecting and paying those men who are deserving. I am not in favor of saying, as are the majority members of the Council, that the men who are listed in this budget here today are the deserving men and that those who have received no increases are not deserving men. I do not know that, and I don't

believe any other man here knows that. I believe the full burden should be placed upon the Mayor to pick out the deserving cases of those who need and should have increases in salary, rather than having that burden shared with members of this Council. To try to convince me that the Council is not simply putting the stamp of approval on the budget of the Mayor is simply, to my mind, ridiculous. Where you approve these items you stand with the Mayor in saying that these men who are getting the increases are the men who are deserving and that the men who do not get them are not deserving. I do not care to place myself in that position and, therefore, I would prefer to have given the Mayor a good, substantial lump sum to apportion among the city employees as he and his department heads thought wise, and would not have shared in that responsibility. So that my position may not at some time in the future be willfully misconstrued, instead of voting against this measure, Schedule A, because of the increased salaries for laborers, of which I heartily approve, I simply say that that proposition is tied up with provisions and with a method, in these other respects, of which I heartily disapprove. Therefore, instead of voting for it I shall refrain from voting on this question.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I almost expected to hear the gentleman who has just taken his seat offer his services publicly on the stump for Mayor Curley, his interest is so great in aiding him in whatever he may choose to do. I have been here a few months this year, and have been here previously with the gentleman, and I never saw him even attempt to do anything to uphold the conduct or the efforts of the present Chief Executive of the city.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, my good friend from Charlestown (Coun. McDonald) perhaps did not intentionally suggest, but he did make the suggestion in his remarks, that we were trying to do this year exactly what the majority members did last year. I beg to say to you, sir, that the majority members of last year, I being one of them, acted in accordance with what we believed was right, in view of the state of the city's finances last year. I especially stated that this year a different situation confronted us, and rather than have this discussion end with any feelings or inference from his remarks that my attitude would be in the direction of taking off so much money from each department and putting it in the Reserve Fund, I beg to state that that was simply a suggestion. I made the suggestion in the committee also, that it might be put in the reserve of the department. But the Council rejected it; the majority members thought differently. In the budget before us there are some items with which I agree and some with which I disagree. For instance, as far as the laborers are concerned, I think \$3 a day is small enough pay for a man working as a laborer. I believe that the poorer paid servants of the city should have the right of line. Accordingly, as the majority members saw fit to approve of the items as they stood, although I disapproved of the method by which they acted, my position clearly at the time is this, simply that I would have preferred the other method. They thought differently. Naturally, under the circumstances, I shall refrain from voting for this bill, but I shall not vote against it.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, the gentleman who has just preceded me said I was in error when I stated that he, as one of the majority, did not report that budget last year, or did not take part in the final reporting of the budget. I would like to ask him now whether or not he attended the meetings at the Parker House attended by Mr. Bottomly and the other Good Government members who drew up that budget?

Chairman BALLANTYNE—I don't think the gentleman should be asked a question of that sort.

The Council voted to adopt Schedule A.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—The question now comes on adopting the budget as a whole. The Clerk will call the roll, and each member, as his name is called, will, if he favors the acceptance, say "Yes," or, if he is opposed, "No."

The budget as a whole was adopted and the orders were passed, yeas 6, nays 0:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, Ford, McDonald, Watson, Wellington—6.

Coun. Collins and Hagan, when their names were called, did not respond.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I rise to



a point of order, that under the rule every member present is required to vote or give an excuse.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—The Chair will rule that the two members who have not voted gave what seems to the Chair to be a sufficient excuse, before the vote was called. Six members have voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, and the budget as reported by the committee is adopted.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to ask, through the Chair, if your answer to Coun. McDonald's question is made a part of the record?

Chairman BALLANTYNE—I should say so.

Later in the session Coun. WATSON said:

Mr. President, at this time I rise to a question of information. Some time ago there appeared in a Boston paper an editorial criticism of the refusal of Coun. Hagan, Wellington and myself to vote on a certain proposition. We were very strongly criticised for refraining from voting. Today two other members, one being one of the members who was criticised before, and another member, refrained from voting, although present, and although the question was raised by Coun. McDonald as to whether they were not obliged to vote when present. The Chair ruled that they had given a reason or excuse and were not obliged to vote. I have looked at Rule 23, which has to do with this particular matter, and will read it for the information of the Council:

"Every member who shall be present when a question is put, where he is not excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the Council for special reason shall excuse him. Application to be so excused on any question must be made before the Council is divided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons, and shall be decided without debate."

I think the way to kill or change a rule, if it is decided that it is a bad rule, the same as to kill a bad law, is to enforce it and think the Chair should at this time call on the two members who refrained from voting on that proposition to vote or give a sufficient reason for not doing so.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—The Chair will give his reason for ruling as he did. In the first place, there is one part of that rule that I had overlooked. The members had both stated their reasons previous to the vote being taken. It is something that has been done here on many occasions in this Council and in the Board of Aldermen, since I have been in the city government. This is the first time that there has ever been any suggestion of compelling a member to vote at any of our meetings. The Chair was under a misapprehension as to a part of the rule, not having read it over very carefully. But the gentlemen did give their reasons before voting, and unless the Council wishes to take further action the matter stands.

FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred April 9) for loan of \$80,000 for the laying out, construction and improvement of Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

2. Report on order (referred February 5) for loan of \$500,000 for Highways, Making of, under the provisions of chapter 661, Acts of 1912—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

3. Report on order (referred April 9) for loan of \$297,000 for playground purposes—that the order ought to pass.

In connection with the above Coun. ATTRIDGE submitted the following communication and asked that it be incorporated in the minutes.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
April 30, 1917.

Finance Committee, City Council:  
Dear Sirs,—I respectfully submit herewith in-

closed copy of letter showing estimate of the cost of completing the various playgrounds as per your request.

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
February 1, 1917.

John H. Dillon, Chairman:

Dear Sir,—The following is an estimate of the cost of completing the various playgrounds in this department:

The completion of Ripley Playground is as follows:

1,800 cubic yards excavation at 60 cents,	\$1,080 00
130 cubic yards concrete retaining wall at \$9.	1,170 00
15 cubic yards concrete stairways at \$20.	300 00
250 linear feet concrete seats at \$1.	250 00
400 cubic yards loam at \$1.25.	500 00
2,360 square yards playground surfacing at 20 cents.	472 00
550 linear feet boundary fence at \$2.50.	1,375 00
500 linear feet tennis fence at \$1.50.	750 00
110 linear feet 8-inch drain at 80 cents.	88 00
2 catch-basins at \$50.	100 00
Shelter	1,200 00
Sanitary	6,500 00
Apparatus	800 00
Additional land-taking if made	5,415 00
	<u>\$20,000 00</u>

The completion of the Rogers Park Playground, Brighton, is as follows:

Sanitary and locker building	\$15,000 00
500 linear feet tennis fence at \$1.25.	625 00
1,050 linear feet boundary wall at \$4.	4,200 00
1,080 linear feet 10-foot baseball fence at \$2.50.	2,500 00
1,500 cubic yards grading at 60 cents.	900 00
1,000 square yards brick walk at \$1.50.	1,500 00
Apparatus	800 00
Planting	500 00
	<u>\$26,025 00</u>

The completion of the Mystic Playground, Charlestown, is as follows:

122 linear feet sea wall at \$50.	\$6,100 00
2,000 cubic yards filling at 60 cents.	1,200 00
700 linear feet baseball fence, 10 feet high, at \$2.50.	1,750 00
120 linear feet fence on sea wall at \$2.	240 00
Seats	260 00
Loaming and planting	300 00
Apparatus	600 00
350 linear feet on Scott's court (wall)	2,100 00
	<u>\$12,550 00</u>

The completion of the Tyler Street Playground: 1,200 square yards granolithic pavement

at \$1.50.	\$1,800 00
Loam and planting	50 00
Drainage	250 00
Apparatus	1,200 00
Drinking fountain	150 00
	<u>\$3,450 00</u>

The completion of the Norfolk Street Playground, Dorchester, is as follows:

Completion of grading	\$2,000 00
300 linear feet retaining wall at \$4.	1,200 00
900 linear feet iron picket fence at \$2.50.	1,350 00
600 linear feet tennis fence at \$1.25.	750 00
Bridge over railroad	6,000 00
200 square yards granolithic walk at building at \$1.50.	300 00
1,400 square yards tar macadam walks at 60 cents.	840 00
Planting	500 00
Apparatus	1,200 00
Drinking fountain	75 00
Drainage	50 00
	<u>\$14,265 00</u>

The completion of the Cottage Street Playground, East Boston, is as follows:

1,800 linear feet 10-foot baseball fence at \$2.50.	\$4,500 00
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1,000 linear feet 10-foot guard fence at \$1.....	\$1,000 00
Planting.....	200 00
	<u>\$5,700 00</u>

The completion of the Smith's Pond Playground, Hyde Park, is as follows:

1,600 linear feet 24-inch main drain at \$3.....	\$4,800 00
15 acres drainage and grading at \$1,500.....	22,500 00
Sanitary and locker building.....	15,000 00
Shelter.....	800 00
Apparatus.....	1,200 00
Drinking fountain.....	250 00
Incidentals.....	450 00
	<u>\$45,000 00</u>
Less amount appropriated.....	25,000 00
Amount to be provided.....	<u>\$20,000 00</u>

The completion of the Marcella Street Playground, Roxbury, is as follows:

1,000 linear feet 10-foot baseball fence at \$2.50.....	\$2,500 00
1,000 cubic yards rock excavation at \$2.....	2,000 00
	<u>\$4,500 00</u>

The completion of the William Eustis Playground, Norfolk avenue, is as follows:

420 linear feet baseball fence at \$2.50.....	\$1,050 00
Apparatus.....	800 00
	<u>\$1,850 00</u>

The completion of the Billings Field, Playground, West Roxbury, is as follows:

15,000 cubic yards filling and grading at 60 cents.....	\$9,000 00
990 linear feet iron picket fence at \$2.....	1,980 00
1,000 linear feet 10-foot baseball fence at \$2.50.....	2,500 00
760 linear feet boundary fence, wood, at 75 cents.....	570 00
500 linear feet tennis fence at \$1.25.....	625 00
Planting.....	500 00
Apparatus.....	1,200 00
Bleachers.....	3,000 00
Drainage.....	1,500 00
	<u>\$20,875 00</u>

The completion of the Roslindale Playground is as follows:

Grading field.....	\$2,500 00
Shower baths for boys.....	4,000 00
Shower baths for girls.....	3,600 00
	<u>7,600 00</u>
Subway under railroad.....	6,000 00
Retaining wall and stairway at Robert street.....	2,000 00
Iron picket fence on northerly and easterly boundaries.....	1,700 00
Incidentals.....	200 00
	<u>\$20,000 00</u>

The completion of Tenean Beach and Playground, including bath house, according to plan of Olmsted Brothers, dated September 25, 1916, is as follows:

40,000 cubic yards filling from flats at 35 cents.....	\$14,000 00
5,000 cubic yards gravel on beach at 80 cents.....	4,000 00
5,500 cubic yards sand on beach at 80 cents.....	4,400 00
4,200 cubic yards earth excavation at 50 cents.....	2,100 00
4,000 cubic yards loam for planting space at \$1.50.....	6,000 00
4,400 square yards granolithic walks at \$1.75.....	7,700 00
650 linear feet wooden bulkhead at \$16.....	10,400 00
560 cubic yards riprap at \$5.....	2,800 00
8,000 square yards tennis court surface at 25 cents.....	2,000 00
1,800 linear feet tennis court fence at \$1.50.....	2,700 00
1,400 linear feet iron picket fence at \$2.50.....	3,500 00

Bath house.....	\$25,000 00
Shelter.....	1,000 00
Drainage and water supply.....	1,000 00
Planting.....	1,000 00
Apparatus.....	1,000 00
	<u>\$88,600 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
C. E. PUTNAM, Engineer.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

4. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred March 5) for loan of \$34,500 for fire station at Readville—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

5. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred April 9) for loan of \$13,000 for improvements at the John Winthrop Playground—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

6. Report on order (referred February 5) for loan of \$5,000 for plans for municipal building, Brighton—recommending passage of order in the following new draft:

Ordered, That the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans for a new municipal building in the Brighton district, at Brighton square, sometimes called Wilson Park, and that to meet 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 of Boston to said amount.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

In connection with the above Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to transfer Brighton square, sometimes known as Wilson Park, to the custody of the Public Buildings Department for erection of a new municipal building on said land.

Passed.

7. Report on order (referred February 5) for improvement or construction of streets, chapter 661, Acts of 1912—recommending passage of order in the following new draft:

Ordered, That the following named streets be and hereby are designated for improvement or construction as hereinafter specified, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 661, Acts of 1912, viz.:

North Beacon street.....	\$100,000 00
Faneuil street.....	100,000 00
Chelsea street.....	100,000 00
Morton street, Dorchester.....	100,000 00
Centre street, West Roxbury.....	100,000 00

Total..... \$500,000 00

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

8. Report on order (referred February 19) requesting Mayor to send order to City Council appropriating money for municipal building, Roxbury Crossing—recommending passage of order in the following new draft:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Public Buildings to send to the City Council an estimate of the cost of a site for a municipal building in the vicinity of Roxbury Crossing, Wards 13, 14 and 15.

Report accepted; order passed.

9. Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred March 5) for loan of \$150,000 for site for Police Station No. 2—that the order ought not to pass, without prejudice.

Report accepted; order rejected without prejudice.

10. Report on order (referred March 26) for loan of \$150,000 for an all-year-round bath house, West End—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ATRIDGE—Mr. President, I feel that there will be some opposition to the passage of this order today. I believe some members of the Council honestly feel that this is not the right and proper way to go about securing a building in the West End district of the city for use as an all-the-year-round bath house. I presume that some of the members will say that we should request his Honor the Mayor to send in an estimate of the cost of a site for that particular building. I might say that we have done that, as we did today in the case of a municipal building for the Roxbury district. We are asking that an order for a sum sufficient to purchase a site be sent to the Council. Apparently nothing has been done or is being done towards securing this building for the people of that district. We have tried hard enough in the Council to get somewhere, but it has seemed to me that for something more than a year and a half we have been going around in circles. There has been agitation for many years in that section of the city for a building of this nature. Money was appropriated some years ago for a modern bath house at Blossom street. There were many difficulties in the way of securing the proper kind of building for the people of that district. The Finance Commission had made recommendations in regard to certain contracts that were to be let for supplies of a particular kind for the old Blossom street building. Then the old Blossom street building was turned into a health unit and, as I understand, has been doing good work for the mothers and children of that section of the city. That building was originally erected for use as an all-the-year-round bath house and municipal building and is now being used for other and proper purposes. As I say, there has been an agitation for a number of years for this building. In 1913, when Mr. Fitzgerald was mayor, the department was investigating the matter of sites for a new bath house in that district, and last year the City Council had a number of orders before it to try and secure some results for the people of that crowded neighborhood. At the first meeting last year, February 7, an order was introduced and remarks were made in regard to the establishment of this particular building. The next month, on March 20, another order was introduced, asking for the advertising for sites and a report as to the cost. On April 3, after a meeting of the day before at Ford Hall of the residents of the district, we received resolutions from the people of the neighborhood asking that something be done. Some of the members of the Council were present at that meeting at Ford Hall and promised the people of the section that they would do what they could towards securing this building. Some of the members of the Council who could not be present wrote letters to the committee in charge and said that they favored this kind of a building because the district was one of the most crowded in the city. As I say, that meeting was on April 2 and on April 3 this Council received the resolutions of the residents. In October an order was introduced asking for information from the Commissioner of Public Works in regard to the consolidation of the yards in that particular district. The question had come up as to whether the city could use some property which it owned in that particular section. That order, which was introduced for the consolidation of the yards, was never replied to. Then, under date of January 27, we received at almost the last meeting of the old Council of 1916, which went over into the year 1917, a letter from the residents of the district in which they stated that they had waited patiently for something to be done. That was read in the meeting of January 29, 1917. On that very same day the Council passed an order unanimously asking the Mayor to send in an order for a sum sufficient for plans and for a site for a building of this nature, and nothing has come of it. Furthermore, there was an order which was introduced for the sum of \$5,000 for the plans for this building, and we were met with the objection, "Where is the land? You cannot draw plans for a building when you haven't the land." So that order rested in the committee without any real action being taken upon it.

I am calling attention to these facts to show that the Council has done what it could towards trying to get a start on this proposition, which has been agitated for such a long period of time. The committee last year asked the Superintendent of Buildings to look over the district and see what land was there that the city owned, which might be under his charge, that could be used. I remember that we did get a report that there was a building down there that was used by the old soldiers, but that the lot was too small for the erection of a bath house. Then we had the chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission and the commission itself investigate the matter, and they made a report to the Mayor, which the committee of the Council did not receive, speaking about the health unit. Of course, we know the attitude of the Mayor in regard to the health unit, and in my opinion it is a good attitude. He wants to keep it there, because it is doing good work. Mr. Dillon also spoke of the consolidation of the yards and said nothing could be done there until the consolidation had been made. Apparently it will be many years before consolidation of yards in that particular district is made, and some of the members of the Council believe that if the yards in that district are consolidated, the hospital there ought to have the first chance towards purchasing land for extension. Then, again, the committee asked another department head to make an investigation. We asked the Commissioner of Public Works to see if he could find a site for us, and he sent three of his engineers to make the investigation, Messrs. Carty, Rourke and Sbea, I believe. Three men made an investigation in that particular district and made a report to the Mayor, and we asked in this Council for a copy of the report, but did not get it. But I know what the report recommended. It recommended what the Mayor would not allow—the use of the health unit, the old Blossom street building. Now, the Council and the committee have done about everything they could in order to get a start on this proposition. I don't blame the people of that district very much for writing the letter which they did on January 27 of this year, which appears in the minutes of the Council at page 382, in which they asked, "How much longer must we wait?" They say: "We have waited patiently. A year has passed by, and what progress has been made? Gentlemen of the City Council, why this delay? How much longer will it be necessary for us to wait before the necessary legislative machinery is put in motion to give to the West End this much needed improvement?" As I said in the beginning, some members of the Council will say that we are not going at it in the right way. If it is not the right way after all that we have done in this Council and in the committee, then I don't believe the people of the West End will ever see their bath house. We passed the order asking his Honor the Mayor to send in a sum sufficient for the plans and for a site. That was passed by the last Council unanimously, and we have done all the other things that I have spoken about. Coun. Hagan and myself have tried to do what we could to further the thing. We went down there and looked at the city property to get an idea as to what property the city owned. But apparently we are not getting anywhere. As I say, I think we are going around in a circle. I have introduced orders for an amount for the plans, an amount for the building, and now I introduce this other order, which has been before the committee, asking for a sum of money for the site, plans and building. I think something ought to be done. I am not afraid in this particular instance of how this money will be used by the officials of the city. Personally I believe that the money must be used properly; and, after doing all these other things and not getting anywhere, I feel that now is the time when we ought to take some heroic measures, passing an order providing sufficient money to pay for the plans, for the site and for the building. Some one may ask, "Will this be sufficient?" To my mind—and I am not an expert—I feel that it ought to be sufficient, based upon the cost of the bath house in the Dover street section of our city, which bath house is doing wonderful work, not alone for the people of that particular district but for the people of the West End. I believe that the records show that in about ten years hundreds of thousands of people from all over the city have gone to that bath house on



Dover street. If we do not pass this order, it seems to me that we will be where we were a year ago last January, in 1916, when this bath house proposition was presented to the Council. I have no idea in trying to get action on this order at this time of attempting to "pass the buck," to use a slang expression which is very apt, to any other individual, be he the Mayor of the city or the head of any department. There is no desire on my part, as one paper, I think, intimated, to drive the Mayor out of his political trenches. My one and only purpose and desire in this matter is to try to get some action for the people of the West End of Boston. Apparently, we have not got anywhere. We have been trying to do things, but we have never succeeded in doing anything. We have done all that the Council could do so far, and now we ought to take this next step, presenting this order to the Mayor and saying, "Here, the Council has faith in you and is willing to give you this money to go out and do something for the people of that section." I trust, Mr. President, that this order may be passed today, although I feel that some members of the Council believe, and believe honestly, that possibly this is not the proper way to take action. But we have done the proper thing when we pass the order asking the Mayor to send in an order to us for the site and for the plans, and this is, in my opinion, about the only thing we can do, as nearly as I can see, to get some action.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I am heartily in favor of the proposition as advocated by Coun. Attridge and gladly embrace the opportunity to vote for the order here today. I agree with him that for a year and a half or more this Council has been running around Robin Hood's barn, for I believe the majority of the members, if not all, are in favor of the project. There is no question in my mind that the residents of the West End ought to have a building of this sort; there is no question in my mind that a building of this sort would be utilized to perhaps better advantage in that district than many municipal buildings that have been established in other sections of the city have been used. The demands from the people of the district for it are very urgent. I believe they want action, and I think the Council should give them some action. When this matter was considered in committee, it was the opinion of some members that there was some other way in which we might act. It appears to me, however, the more I ponder on it the more it becomes evident that the other ways suggested are the long way around. We have been continuously laboring on this thing for a year and a half, and we are not getting anywhere near a solution of the problem. It seems to me that the order as introduced by Coun. Attridge is the short cut, direct method, that we ought to take to focus this matter, to bring it right up to public attention, to let the people of the West End section know what is the attitude of members of this Council on the matter, and to pass it to the Mayor to approve or disapprove as he in his wisdom may decide best. I am very glad of an opportunity to vote upon this, because I think it is a very meritorious order.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I would like to say just one word. I don't think this is the proper way to take action in the matter. I admire Coun. Attridge for the stand he has taken, and, as I have just said to him, I admire him for going the whole way. I think the reasons he has given are very, very good. Yet, I don't know, taking into consideration the sound financial policy, that we should do it in this way. I think if the Mayor wants a bath house down there it is very easy for him, through the proper agencies, to locate a site, as suggested by you, Mr. President, in the committee, and then come in here with a proper order to carry the thing through. Personally I am in favor of the project as a whole, if it is carried through properly. But I don't think there would be any great delay if the order were properly introduced—having the Mayor get a locus and then coming in and asking us to appropriate the money. I think then that the matter would move along very rapidly. I think that is the proper way to act, without spending too much time on it. I want to give expression to another thought. I think, with all the money the City of Boston has this year, it is about time we should pause and start in appropriating some of our income, so called, for one or two of these projects. This might be a good time and a good place to try, namely, appropriating in that way this \$150,000, if it comes to that

sum later. That is, when the proper site is found we might well appropriate the money out of income. I am just offering that as a thought to the Council this year, because if we have so much money on hand it might be time to use some of it in that way, not borrowing too much money ahead. I don't know but what it would be a good way to spend money from income for this particular bath house in the West End. Personally, however, I am against voting for the \$150,000 in the loose way in which the matter comes before us in the present time.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, it is very gratifying to me to know that at last the Council has got back to safe and sane methods of conducting the city's affairs.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, I recognize the fact that Coun. Attridge has been very active in this matter for the last year and a half. I realize that he has done everything that could be done to bring it about and have it consummated. Personally, however, I do not see that the passage of this \$150,000 loan order at this time is going to bring it to pass any more effectively than his other attempts, if the Mayor refuses to take sufficient land for a site. In other words, if the Mayor does not approve of the project, that is an end of it. Now, Mr. President, \$150,000 for plans, site and building is a considerable amount of money, and it seems to me the Council should be in a position to know definitely how much the project is going to cost. The West End is a crowded section of the city, to be sure, and a building of this kind would improve conditions there measurably and would be a great benefit to the locality. But it does seem to me that we first should know what the site is going to cost before we appropriate any other money. In other words, to act in a different way means a radical departure from the custom we have followed for some years of appropriating money for plans and site first, before appropriating money for the rest. Consequently, I believe that at this time we should proceed slowly, until we find out approximately how much the site is going to cost. Secondly, of course, if there is sufficient money from income and taxes to make this improvement, I think that would seem to be a very meritorious manner in which to deal with it. In 1911 we appropriated \$800,000 for the City Hall Annex out of taxes. However, I believe the first question is, how much it is going to cost, before we provide the money and, consequently, I would like an opportunity to look into it, having that in view. I move, therefore, that the order lie on the table until the next meeting of the Council.

The motion to lay on the table was declared carried. Coun. McDONALD doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The motion to lay on the table was lost, yeas 3, nays 4:

Yeas—Coun. Ballantyne, Collins, Ford—3.

Nays—Coun. Attridge, Hagan, McDonald, Watson—4.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—The Chair will state at this time that, although he is in favor of a municipal building for the West End, he cannot vote "Yes" on this order at the present time and in its present form because of the principle that is involved. The Chair feels that there should first be some knowledge of what it is proposed to do.

The vote on the passage of the order was as follows:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Hagan, McDonald, Watson—4.

Nays—Coun. Ballantyne, Collins, Ford—3.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—There not being a two-thirds vote in favor, the order is rejected.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I am not going to let this thing drop, and I present the following order and ask that the rule be suspended that it may be put upon its passage today.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the City Council an order for a sum of money sufficient, in his opinion, to cover the cost of a site and plans for a new municipal building, Ward 5, West End, said building to contain an all-year-round bath house.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule, yeas 7, nays 0.



## SHOWER BATHS, FRANKLIN PARK.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council an estimate of the cost of installing a sufficient number of shower baths in the Overlook Building, Franklin Park, for the use of adults and children of the immediate district.

Passed.

## SIDEWALK, WRENTHAM STREET.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Wrentham street, between Dorchester avenue and Adams street, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering therein, said sidewalk to be from 5 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, under the provisions of chapter 176, Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

## PARK AT DUDLEY AND WARREN STREETS, ROXBURY.

Coun. BALLANTYNE presented a petition signed by Richard F. Andrews and very many others, citizens and business men of Roxbury, asking that a park be established on the lot bounded by Dudley street, Warren street and Harrison avenue.

In connection with the petition Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to send to the City Council an estimate of the cost of establishing a park or square on the triangular lot of land bounded by Dudley street, Warren street and Harrison avenue, Roxbury.

Passed.

## REQUEST FOR REPORT ON RESOLUTION.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I move that the Executive Committee be instructed to report back to this body at the next meeting the resolutions introduced by me on Monday, April 16, concerning Ireland and Poland. I ask for a roll call on that motion.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I understand that those resolutions are in committee and were there laid on the table?

Chairman BALLANTYNE—They are in committee.

Coun. HAGAN—They are now in committee and on the table?

Chairman BALLANTYNE—Yes.

Coun. HAGAN—Is it proper to debate that in the Council when they are in committee? Is that motion in order now?

Chairman BALLANTYNE—The motion by Coun. Watson is in order and is debatable.

Coun. HAGAN—The gentleman is endeavoring to bring in here a matter that now rests in committee?

Chairman BALLANTYNE—I beg pardon. He is not endeavoring to bring it in here at this time. His motion is that the committee be requested to bring it in at the next meeting.

Coun. WATSON—No, that the committee be instructed to do so.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, is it in order to have this present motion laid on the table in the Council?

Chairman BALLANTYNE—Always in order.

Coun. HAGAN—I so move, Mr. President.

The motion to lay Coun. Watson's motion on the table was carried, Coun. WATSON asking for the yeas and nays, yeas 4, nays 3:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, Collins, Hagan—4.

Nays—Coun. Ford, McDonald, Watson—3.

## TRACKS ON PLEASANT STREET.

Coun. FORD offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby places itself on record as in favor of the Boston Elevated Railway Company laying tracks on Pleasant street, City of Boston.

Ordered, That a committee of two members of

the City Council be appointed to appear before the Public Service Commission at 10.30 tomorrow (Tuesday) to favor the laying of said tracks.

The resolve and order were passed and the Chairman appointed as said committee Coun. Ford and Attridge.

## RECESS.

The Council voted at 4.06 p. m., on motion of Coun. McDONALD, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.02 p. m.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for licenses to sell, rent or lease firearms—that licenses be granted, viz.:

G. Ciullo & Brother, 130 Salem street, Ward 5.

F. H. Doell, 11 Dock square, Ward 5.

Eagle Loan Office, 55 Green street, Ward 5.

Goldberg Brothers, 217 Pleasant street, Ward 8.

Kirkwood Brothers, 23 Elm street, Ward 5.

C. F. Ransom & Co., 1 Salem street, Ward 5.

William Read & Sons, Inc., 364 Washington street, Ward 5.

Bob Smith, 75 Federal street, Ward 5.

Tosi Music Company, 263 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Charles Cohen, 29 Cross street, Ward 5.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

Eleanor Wood Whitman, for Ruth Miller, Peabody Play Hall, evening of April 27.

Margaret J. Butler, for Alta Sangille *et al.*, Mechanics Hall, May 5.

Walter O. Kee, for Rosanna Gore *et al.*, Gainsborough Hall, evening of May 12.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Timothy F. Harrington (referred today) for retirement under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Timothy F. Harrington, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on communication from Chief Justice of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston (referred April 23) for the retirement of Mary A. Maynard, assistant probation officer of said court—recommending the passage of the following:

Whereas, It appears from the certificate of the Chief Justice of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston that the justices of said court voted, on April 20, 1917, that Mary A. Maynard, an assistant probation officer of said court, be retired from active service and placed upon the pension roll of the county of Suffolk, under the provisions of chapter 723 of the Acts of 1912, such retirement to take effect May 17, 1917, it is hereby

Ordered, That the retirement and placing upon the pension roll of the county of Suffolk of Mary A. Maynard, an assistant probation officer of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, be and the same hereby is approved by the City Council of the City of Boston acting as County Commissioners.

Report accepted; preamble and order passed.

(5) Report on message of Mayor, communications and orders (referred February 5) for transfer of \$4,000 from Reserve Fund for the Public Buildings Department, for remodeling and reconstruction of the building formerly occupied as Police Station No. 6, South Boston, for the purpose of establishing a health unit therein; and transfer from Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department of the sum of \$4,500 for the remodeling and reconstruction of the building formerly occupied as Police Station

No. 7, East Boston, for the purpose of establishing a health unit—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, viz.:

Action on appointments, submitted by the Mayor April 23, of Constables of the City of Boston, viz.:

1. William H. Mogan.
2. Angelo J. DeGregorio.
3. Antoni Koziewicz.
4. James J. Cody.
5. Ernest C. Bonnevier.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Ford and Attridge. Whole number of ballots cast 5, yeas 5, and the several appointments were confirmed.

#### RECEPTION TO FRENCH OFFICERS.

Before the meeting adjourned Mayor Curley appeared in the City Council chamber escorting Commandant Azan and Captain de Jarny of the French Army, now detailed to serve the Harvard Unit, who were accompanied by J. C. J. Flamand, Consular Agent of France at Boston.

Mayor Curley, in introducing the officers and the Consul, said:

Gentlemen of the City Council, we are honored today by a visit of two of the French officers of the allied army, both of whom have been wounded at the front and incapacitated from further active service on the line and in the trenches, who are here to instruct the Harvard Unit in the system of warfare that now obtains in France. They are very desirous of meeting the members of the City Council and of shaking their hands, then going on their way to fulfill numerous other engagements. They are accompanied by the French consul at Boston, M. Flamand.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—Gentlemen, I will say, on behalf of the Boston City Council, that the Council feels highly honored by the visit

of its distinguished guests. We are all greatly pleased to meet the gentlemen.

Consul FLAMAND (interpreting)—They say that they feel highly pleased and honored to meet the representatives of the city government of Boston; that between the French people and Bostonians there have always been strong feelings of fraternal attachment; and they know that in the future the bond between the American and the French people will become ever stronger and stronger.

Mayor CURLEY—That is absolutely so.

Consul FLAMAND (interpreting)—Numerous occasions have arisen in the past when the strong attachment and sympathy between the two countries has been in evidence; and the events of the present time have simply made more marked and brought into greater prominence the feeling of unity that has always existed. They have never found a place anywhere where hearts beat more in sympathy than the hearts of France and America.

Mayor CURLEY—On the occasion of the arrival of the French army representatives, who were escorted past City Hall by the Harvard Unit, the French flag and the American flag were hung together on our municipal building for the first time in a decade. The soul of Boston goes out to the soul of the French people.

Consul FLAMAND (interpreting)—They know that it will not be the last time, that ever more and more in the future the union in sentiment of the two people will be more in evidence; and, in giving expression to their mutual pleasure in so greeting you on this occasion, they look forward to an even closer friendship and comradeship in the future.

Mayor CURLEY—Surely it is a permanent institution now.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. ATTRIDGE moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 5.07 p. m., on motion of Coun. FORD, to meet on Monday, May 7, at 2 p. m.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 7, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent, President Storrow.

It was voted unanimously, on motion of Coun. FORD, that Coun. Ballantyne be elected as President *pro tem*.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor being absent), viz:

Thirty-two traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, Second Division, to appear May 14: Wilbur J. Oxtou, Ward 16; Samuel G. Searns, Ward 17; John G. Long, Ward 11; John E. Kelley, Ward 23; George F. Battos, Ward 4; Dennis J. Donovan, Ward 11; Charles L. Gerard, Ward 18; Hardy J. Knight, Ward 16; Christian Lambrecht, Ward 14; George A. Carson, Ward 10; Andrew Stellberger, Ward 23; Thomas Hunter, Jr., Ward 15; John D. Crumbley, Ward 11; William Shea, Ward 8; William F. May, Ward 10; Horace J. Craig, Ward 20; Roscoe B. Jewett, Ward 20; Benedetto Solari, Ward 19; Isaac S. Wingersky, Ward 19; James H. Donovan, Ward 9; John E. Counihan, Ward 3; Benjamin Susan, Ward 6; Frank A. Mitchell, Ward 20; Joseph H. Gomez, Ward 17; Francis J. Von Euw, Ward 14; John H. Flynn, Ward 11; Carl J. M. Beck, Ward 12; Michael McFarland, Ward 15; William H. Peyton, Ward 21; Joseph Coleman, Ward 22; Arthur W. Kimball, Ward 6; Timothy W. Cullity, Ward 3.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments, viz:

1. William J. Donegan, 24 Terrace street, Roxbury, a Constable of the City of Boston, connected with an official position and to serve without bonds.
2. Patriek Gavin, 738 Third street, South Boston, a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1918.
3. Fred M. Hall, 378 First street, South Boston, a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1918.
4. Martin Bruder and John Watt as Weighers of Goods for Hartmann Brothers for the term ending April 30, 1918.

## TENNIS COURT, ETC., MARINE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 7, 1917.

To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed report from the Park and Recreation Department, and I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
April 10, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—Please find inclosed engineer's estimate of amount of money necessary to place shower baths for men and women and complete tennis courts at Marine Park, as per inclosed petition.

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
March 29, 1917.

Mr. John H. Dillon, Chairman,  
Park and Recreation Department:

Dear Sir,—The following is a rough estimate of the cost of tennis courts at Marine Park and shower bathrooms in the basement of the Aquarium.

If these rooms are made, they should be in the north end of the basement and arranged so that the bathers could not enter other portions of the basement.

Estimate.

Shower bathroom for men and a shower bathroom for women, each to contain four showers, one water-closet and the necessary lockers or dressing rooms, \$1,970 00

Four Tennis Courts.

24,000 square feet clay tennis courts at	
3 cents .....	720 00
780 linear feet tennis fence at \$1.25 .....	975 00

\$3,665 00

Respectfully,  
C. E. PUTNAM, Engineer.

Ordered, That there be appropriated the sum of \$3,500 for the construction of tennis courts and the installation of shower baths, with lockers, at Marine Park, South Boston, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for such purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

## ENGINE HOUSE, EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 7, 1917.

To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Fire Commissioner, the same being in reply to an order of your honorable body adopted March 19, and I respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Headquarters Fire Department,  
May 3, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The following order was passed by the City Council under date of March 19, 1917, and forwarded to me for a report:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the City Council an order appropriating a sum sufficient to remodel and place in proper condition Engine House No. 5, East Boston.

In accordance therewith, I have gone over the matter with Mr. Joseph McGinniss, architect. The present building on Marion street is built on a very small plot of land containing only 1,647 square feet. The building is far from commodious and was not erected to accommodate the present company located there. It is an old station, erected when only two or three men were quartered in a fire house. To remodel the present house along modern lines for the accommodation of motor apparatus would require an estimated expenditure of \$17,400. In my opinion, however, the present lot of land is not big enough for a building to accommodate a company of this size, and if alterations are to be made the adjoining property should be purchased, and an addition erected to accommodate more comfortably the firemen quartered in this house. To build such an addition would, in the opinion of the architect, cost about \$11,500. This latter figure does not include the cost of land or property which adjoins our fire station. In addition, the sum of \$9,100 must be included in our estimate for a motor-driven, triple-combination pumping engine.

The addition to the station would have to be of first-class construction and the old building would have to have the floors and roof fireproofed so as to bring the building within the requirements of the Fire Prevention Commissioner.

In my opinion the total cost to place this station and apparatus in a modern, up-to-date condition,

including the remodeling of the old building, the purchase of adjoining land and property, the erection of an addition, and the purchase of motor apparatus, would amount to approximately \$44,000. This would be a permanent improvement for this district, and in my opinion would require a special appropriation.

Yours very truly,  
JOHN GRAY,  
Fire Commissioner.

Ordered, That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars be appropriated for the erection of an engine house in East Boston, 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 such purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 7, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—It is the intention of the United States Department of Labor to establish an office in this city for the distribution of information relative to the conditions of employment and for the securing of positions for immigrants and others, and subject to your approval I have entered into a tentative arrangement with the Immigration Commissioner to lease for this purpose, at a nominal rental, the first floor of the old Franklin School Building on Washington street. Such an office will undoubtedly be of great public benefit in view of the present extraordinary conditions, and I would urge the immediate passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to lease at a nominal rental to the United States of America, for a term not exceeding two years, the first floor of the old Franklin Schoolhouse on Washington street, to be used as a headquarters for the distribution of information respecting conditions of employment and for the purpose of securing positions for immigrants and others, and upon such other terms and conditions as may be approved by the Law Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Martha Ellis Adams, for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

Gladys Allan, for compensation for injuries from a fall at 52 Beach street.

Edward A. Bowers, for compensation for injuries from a fall on Washington street, near Dover street.

Gustave W. Carlson, for compensation for injuries from a fall at junction Washington street and Massachusetts avenue.

Lillian Lederman, for compensation for injuries caused by a defective sidewalk at 47-53 Tremont street.

Mary O'Donnell, for compensation for injuries from a fall at 234 Dorchester street.

Roland H. Sherman and William A. Lang, trustees, for compensation for damages at 193 and 195 West Canton street by sewer construction.

W. J. Walshe, for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

R. M. Bradley & Co., agents, for compensation for damages by a defective sewer at 28 and 30 Avery street.

Roland J. Gillis, for a hearing on his claim for land taken by the city.

#### Executive.

Petitions for licenses to sell, rent or lease fire-arms as follows:

Placido Amaru, 5 Prince street, Ward 5.

Samuel Benjamin, 67 Eliot street, Ward 5.

Glodt & Sisson, 78 Dover street, Ward 6.

Edward A. Grout & Co., 111 Summer street, Ward 5.

Samuel Gutlon, 52 Shawmut avenue, Ward 5.

Harry Halper, 49 Fairmount avenue, Ward 24.

Kneeland Loan Company, 38 Eliot street, Ward 5.

Abraham Lipkin, 31 Green street, Ward 5.

Isaac W. Mandelstam, 130 Sumner street, Ward 2.

Park & Pollard Company, 46 Canal street, Ward 5.

Daniel Pearlstein, 38 Beach street, Ward 5.

Royal Loan Company, 4 Green street, Ward 5.

Jennie Silverstein, 285 Hanover street, Ward 5.

South Boston Loan Company, 209 Broadway, Ward 9.

Joseph Stone, 59 Pleasant street, Ward 5.

Harris Wilensky, 38 and 40 Pleasant street, Ward 5.

Petitions for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

J. J. Richards, Copley-Plaza Hall, evening of May 24.

F. Lyman Clark, Roxbury Neighborhood House, May 11.

M. Theresa Connell, Jordan Hall, evening of May 14.

Petitions for sidewalks at various locations:

Katherine L. Fairclough *et al.*, Beech street, Ward 23.

J. C. Pincio *et al.*, Mattakeeet street, Ward 24.

John J. Scully *et al.*, Congreve street, Ward 23.

#### FIRE STATION, READVILLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the City Clerk, May 7, 1917.  
To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that the order for a loan of \$34,500 for a fire station, Readville, recommended by the Mayor for adoption by the City Council, and filed by him with the City Clerk March 5, 1917, not having been rejected or withdrawn within sixty days after the date of said filing, was in force on May 5, 1917, as if adopted by the City Council, under the provisions of chapter 486, section 2, of the Acts of 1909.

Respectfully,  
JAMES DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Gardner K. Pettee, keeping and sale of gasoline, 373 Adams street, Dorchester.

John B. Kearney, keeping of gasoline, 19 Aldrich street, Roslindale.

Joseph A. Moran, keeping and sale of gasoline, 852 Blue Hill avenue.

George Y. Berry, keeping of gasoline, 16 Bullard street (rear), Dorchester.

William E. Wilde, keeping and sale of gasoline, 42 Charles street, Dorchester.

Frances R. Hennessy, keeping and sale of gasoline, 310 Columbia road, Dorchester.

Morgan Memorial Coöperative Industries and Stores (Inc.), keeping of gasoline, 35 Corning street.

The Texas Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 258 Southampton street.

The Texas Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, lot on south side of Factory street, Hyde Park.

Dr. Edwin T. Rollins, keeping of gasoline, 17 Gordon street, Jamaica Plain.

J. T. Read & Co., keeping of naphtha, rear Hancock square, corner Tibbetts Town way.

John Lake, keeping of gasoline, 8 Haskell street, Allston.

John Varnerin, keeping and sale of gasoline, 16 Maywood street, Roxbury.

L. F. Hewitson, keeping of gasoline, 337 Park street, Dorchester.

Charles H. K. Skillin, keeping and sale of gasolene, 116 Park street, Dorchester.

J. C. Pushce & Sons, keeping of gasolene, 3 Randolph street, Ward 6.

Herbert L. Cross, keeping of gasolene, 33 Spaulding street, Dorchester.

Continental Dye House, keeping of gasolene, 3359 Washington street, West Roxbury.

Francis H. Dillon, keeping of gasolene, 16 Wood street, Charlestown.

Henry B. Terry, keeping of gasolene, 21 Central avenue, Hyde Park.

Placed on file.

#### SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works submitting costs of constructing sidewalks along estates on Saratoga street, between Butler avenue and Washburn avenue, Ward 1—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the persons named in the foregoing schedule be and the same are hereby assessed the sums set against their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, along estates bordering on Saratoga street, between Butler avenue and Washburn avenue, Ward 1, and the same is order to be certified and notice given to the parties, the total amount being \$2,272.96.

The order was passed.

#### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION.

Notice was received from the Assessing Department of its organization with Edward B. Daily as chairman and Charles E. Folsom as secretary for the ensuing year.

Placed on file.

Notice was received from the Children's Institutions Department of organization by the election of Mr. John O'Hare as chairman and Miss Margaret T. Walsh as secretary for the ensuing year.

Placed on file.

#### TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN, ELECTION COMMISSION.

Notice was received from his Honor the Mayor, through the City Clerk, of appointment of Francis J. Brennan as Acting Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of hearing on Monday, May 14, at 10.30 a. m., on petition of Bay State Street Railway Company for changes in fares.

Placed on file.

#### RAILROAD POLICEMAN.

Notice was received of appointment of James P. Cannon as railroad police officer for the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad Company, notice of the same having been received from Police Commissioner O'Meara.

Placed on file.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds:

Philip Berwin, Raffaele Camelio, Daniel B. Carmody, William K. Cohurn, Arthur B. Cradone, Frank R. Farrell, Harris Friedberg, James W. Gilmore, Maurice J. Glick, Sears H. Grant, George W. Green, William C. Gregory, Charles M. Griffin, Joseph Gutentag, Charles F. Hale, Thomas F. Holden, Antonio Longarini, St. Clare H. Richardson, Raphael Rosnosky, John P. Sullivan, Emil A. Thielisch, Joseph J. Twitchell, John J. Walsh, Henry A. Wehber, Martin Welch, Fred J. Weyand, John W. Wilkinson.

Approved by the City Council.

#### RETIREMENT OF ALFRED L. LEIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Children's Institutions Department,  
May 4, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In the matter of the proposed retirement of Alfred L. Leighton, under the authority of chapter 304 of the Special Acts of 1917, the trustees for children respectfully report that Mr. Leighton has been in the employ of the city for more than twenty-eight years and has rendered faithful and efficient service at the Suffolk School for Boys as deputy superintendent, and has now become physically ineapacitated to perform his duties. Owing to a technical defect in the wording of the general act authorizing the retirements of officers at reformatory institutions, the employees at the Suffolk School apparently are not included, and it was necessary therefore to obtain special legislation in this case. The trustees recommend the acceptance by the City Council of the act authorizing Mr. Leighton's retirement.

Respectfully,

JOHN O'HARE, Chairman.

In connection with the communication Coun. BALLANTYNE offered the following:

Ordered, That, under the provisions of chapter 304 of the Special Acts of 1917, there be allowed and paid to Alfred L. Leighton, formerly employed at the Suffolk School for Boys, an annual pension of one half the average annual compensation paid to him during the two years next prior to his retirement from the service of the city.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That chapter 304 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a pension to Alfred L. Leighton"—he and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports on various papers—that no further action is necessary, viz.:

Order (referred February 25) for loan of \$500,000 for making of highways.

Order (referred March 26) for loan of \$4,000 for John Winthrop Playground.

Order (referred 1916) for loan of \$15,000 for sanitary building and shower baths at Rogers Park, Brighton.

Order (referred 1915) for loan of \$38,500 for Tenean Beach, buildings and improvements.

Order (referred 1916) for loan of \$5,000 for improvement of Pearce Field Playground.

Order (referred February 5) for loan of \$80,000 for playground, Eagle Hill, East Boston.

Message of Mayor and communication (referred February 26) announcing horrowing capacity of the city.

Reports severally accepted.

#### BATH HOUSE, WEST END.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council if the site recommended by the Park and Recreation Department to the Mayor in a communication to the Mayor dated November 18, 1913, and recorded in page 333 of the minutes of the City Council of the year 1913, for a bath house in the West End, is still an appropriate and available location for the said bath house, and if, in its opinion, it is suitable, and if it "is a good place to build it," that the City Council be informed by said Board as to the amount of money necessary to be voted for its acquisition and purchase.

The question came on the passage of the order. Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I don't want to burden the Council at this time by reading the entire communication from the Park and Recreation Department, under date of November 18, 1913, addressed to Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston, and printed on page 333 of the



minutes of the Council of 1913, but I would request that the entire communication be printed in the record of this meeting, if there is no objection. The order simply asks the present Park and Recreation Commission if in its opinion the location spoken of in the communication to which I have referred is still a suitable location, a good place in which to build the bath house, and that we be informed by the Board as to the amount of money necessary to be voted as an appropriation for the site. I move you, Mr. Chairman, that the rule be suspended in order that the order may go upon its passage today.

There being no objection, the communication referred to by Coun. Attridge was included in the minutes, as follows:

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
November 18, 1913.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The Park and Recreation Commission has received the inclosed order of the City Council, inquiring why work has not been begun on the Ward 8 Bath House on Blossom street, the sum of \$37,905 being available therefor.

Also the commission has received a numerously signed petition from the Jolly Boys' Club, asking that the ward building on Blossom street be changed into a public bath house.

When the Park and Recreation Commission was placed in charge of the public baths they received, with other papers from the former bath commission, the plans and estimates for proposed changes at this Ward 8 wardroom.

It was therein proposed to underpin the walls, in order to give a deeper basement for boilers, etc., to put in showers for men and for women throughout the first story, and raising the roof to put some offices, etc., in a partial half-story and a gymnasium in an upper story that would cover the entire lot. The lowest bid for this work was \$35,113, and the appropriation would cover the expense.

The proposed scheme has seemed, however, to this commission to have fundamental defects. The wardroom now covers the entire lot and is lighted from above. With the exception of about twenty-five feet in length of one side wall, no side or rear light can be depended upon, as neighbors adjoin those three sides. If this room is filled with showers and a gymnasium the full size of the lot be placed over it, everything under the gymnasium must, necessarily, be as much without direct light and air as the hold of a steamer. We do not think such a room is a proper one to receive thirty-eight bath alcoves and much other plumbing.

The adjoining house is now for sale and that might be bought with the yard lot behind it, about 2,072 square feet, for possibly \$7,500. A building with showers in it could be built on this land and the wardroom be turned into a gymnasium, and there would be about \$30,000 left of the appropriation to do this. Judging from the bids received for the other proposed rebuilding, this should be enough or nearly so, and the result would be far better.

Adjoining the land just spoken of is other land practically unoccupied. Apparently 4,105 square feet of land (including the house and land referred to above) can be bought for \$9,700. Most of it is back land requiring only a very simple building. On this could be built a gymnasium with showers and lockers beneath it, and the present wardroom could be turned into a swimming bath. There would be about \$28,000 left for this building and the swimming bath after the purchase of the land, and probably some \$20,000 in addition to that sum would be needed to complete the gymnasium, shower baths and swimming baths. The latter seems a very desirable feature of a bath house in such a neighborhood, and if one is to be built there, this is a good time and place to build it.

We, therefore, suggest and recommend such an appropriation of \$20,000 more for these purposes.

Yours respectfully,  
D. H. SULLIVAN, Chairman.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

#### PENSION FOR ANNIE DOHERTY.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That under the provisions of chapter 215 of the Special Acts of 1917, a pension of three hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Annie Doherty, formerly employed by

the county of Suffolk, the amounts so paid to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

The rule was suspended, and the order was passed.

#### RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.32 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 3.43 p. m.

#### COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

1. Report on communication from medical examiners (referred April 9) relative to naming of districts—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in accordance with the recommendation of the medical examiners for Suffolk County the following changes be and hereby are made in the nomenclature of the medical examiner service, viz.:

The duties and functions of the medical examiners and of the associate medical examiners serving within and for the county of Suffolk shall be known as "The Medical Examiner Service" for the said county.

The territorial subdivisions of the county of Suffolk for medical examiner purposes, as constituted by the order of the City Council of June 2, 1911, shall hereafter be known as the "Northern Division" and "Southern Division."

The two mortuaries in the county of Suffolk, established by the order of the City Council of June 15, 1911, shall hereafter be known as the "North Mortuary" and "South Mortuary."

Report accepted; order passed.

2. Report on communication from justice of the Juvenile Court (referred 1916) increasing salary of probation officer of said court—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of John B. O'Hare, probation officer of the Boston Juvenile Court, determined by the justice of said court at \$2,000 per year, be and the same hereby is approved, to take effect June 1, 1917.

Report accepted; order passed.

3. Report on communication from justice of Municipal Court of the West Roxbury district (referred 1916) for increase in salary of probation officer—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Frank B. Skelton, probation officer for the West Roxbury Municipal Court, determined by the justice of said court at \$1,700 per year, and the salary of Arthur R. Dowle, probation officer for wayward and delinquent children for said court, determined by the justice of said court at \$1,500 per year, be and the same hereby are approved, to take effect June 1, 1917.

Report accepted; order passed.

4. Report on communication from justice of East Boston District Court (referred April, 1916) increasing salary of probation officer—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Dennis J. Kelleher, probation officer of the East Boston District Court, determined by the justices of said court at \$2,000 per year, be and the same hereby is approved, to take effect June 1, 1917.

Report accepted; order passed.

5. Report on communication from Municipal Court, Roxbury district of the City of Boston (referred May 7), appointing Matthew M. Leary as assistant probation officer—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Matthew M. Leary, second male assistant probation officer of the Roxbury Municipal Court, determined by the justice of said court at \$1,800 per year, be and the same hereby is approved, to take effect June 1, 1917.

Report accepted; order passed.

6. Report on communication from justice of the East Boston District Court (referred 1916) increasing salary of probation officer—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; communication placed on file.  
Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, I respectfully call attention of the Council to chapter 254 of the

Acts of 1915 (being the act providing that certain courts may appoint probation officers, etc.), under which the Council is acting. We have refrained from taking any affirmative action on these respective orders until the councilmanic committee on the budget has completed its work. The various rates have been allowed by the committee on the budget and approved by this Council. There has been this difference, that the approval by the County Commissioners shall date from June 1, which is the date for which other raises in the city departments have been allowed.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on order (referred today) accepting chapter 304 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a pension to Alfred L. Leighton" he and the same hereby is accepted—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on communication from Children's Institutions Department and order (referred today) accepting chapter 304 of the Special Acts of 1917 for payment of annual pension to Alfred L. Leighton—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) authorizing the rental to the United States of America of the first floor of the old Franklin Schoolhouse on Washington street—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children to appear at various places of amusements—that permits be granted, viz.:

J. J. Richards, Copley-Plaza Hall, evening of May 24.

F. Lyman Clark, Roxbury Neighborhood House, May 11.

M. Theresa Connell, Jordan Hall, evening of May 14.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits to sell, rent or lease firearms at various locations—that permits be granted, viz.:

Placido Amaru, 5 Prince street, Ward 5.

Samuel Benjamin, 67 Eliot street, Ward 5.  
Glodt & Sisson, 78 Dover street, Ward 6.  
Edward A. Grout & Co., 111 Summer street, Ward 5.

Samuel Gutlon, 52 Shawmut avenue, Ward 5.  
Harry Halper, 49 Fairmount avenue, Ward 24.  
Kneeland Loan Company, 38 Eliot street, Ward 5.

Abraham Lipkin, 31 Green street, Ward 5.  
Isaac W. Mandelstam, 130 Summer street, Ward 2.

Park & Pollard Company, 46 Canal street, Ward 5.

Daniel Pearlstein, 38 Beach street, Ward 5.  
Royal Loan Company, 4 Green street, Ward 5.  
Jennie Silverstein, 285 Hanover street, Ward 5.  
South Boston Loan Company, 209 Broadway, Ward 9.

Joseph Stone, 59 Pleasant street, Ward 5.  
Harris Wilensky, 38 and 40 Pleasant street, Ward 5.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor April 30, 1917, viz.:

1. Jacob Printz, to be a Measurer of Leather.
2. David O'Keefe, to be a Weigher of Goods.
3. Joseph P. Cutter, to be a Constable.
4. Joseph Ventola, to be a Constable.
5. Charles B. Palmer, to be a Constable.
6. Alfred R. Mitchell, to be a Constable.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Attridge and Wellington. Whole number of hallots cast 7, yeas 7, and the various appointments were confirmed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. ATTRIDGE moved a general reconsideration, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 3.50 p. m., on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to meet on Monday, May 14, at two o'clock p. m.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 14, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—President Storrow and Coun. Watson.

On motion of Coun. WELLINGTON it was voted to proceed to the election of a temporary chairman, and Coun. BALLANTYNE was unanimously elected as such.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, April Sitting, to appear May 21:

John M. Coyne, Ward 8; Chester A. Pendleton, Ward 10; Robert E. Blair, Ward 10; Melville L. Hughes, Ward 22; Thomas F. McKenna, Ward 16; Michael J. King, Ward 12.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the terms ending April 30, 1918, viz.:

1. Frank I. Whiting, 35 Wigglesworth street, Roxbury, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston.

2. Wilbert T. Marshall, 33 Hawthorne street, Roxbury, a Weigher of Goods for the Submarine Signal Company.

3. Weighers of Coal: Herbert R. Plimpton, 156 Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury; Dennis Keating, 84 Shawmut street, Chelsea; Joseph Beggelman, Chelsea court, East Boston.

4. Weighers of Coal and Coke and Measurers of Wood and Bark: Thomas Earls, 70 Foster street, Brighton; Thomas Green, 84 North Beacon street, Brighton.

Severally laid over under the law.

## APPROPRIATION FOR FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 14, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith report of the Boston Committee on Public Safety relative to food production and conservation. The imperative necessity for adequate provisions being made to provide against a possible famine during the coming winter months renders it advisable to make available at once such funds as may be possibly required for a continuance without interruption of the work now in progress, and that there might be no interruption, I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Committee on Public Safety,  
May 8, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I respectfully present herewith a copy of the report of the subcommittee on food production and conservation of this date. The obligations of this committee as reported to me up to the present time amount to \$14,922.24, and your attention is respectfully called to the fact that an additional appropriation for its purposes will soon be necessary.

Yours very truly,  
F. T. BOWLES, Chairman,  
Executive Committee.

## REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION SUBMITTED AT REQUEST OF ADMIRAL BOWLES.

May 8, 1917.

April 13. The Mayor instructed this committee to "get busy and produce crops," and to seek the advice of President Butterfield of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

April 17. Acting under that advice we appointed H. C. Darling as farm manager, David Potter as his assistant, and later H. H. Walkden was added to the force. All are graduates of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, and another graduate, P. W. Pickard, has kindly advised us.

April 18. City Council appropriated \$25,000 for this work. By courtesy of the Park Commission our committee occupied the first floor of 33 Beacon street, and space as required in the buildings at Franklin Park.

April 20. Advertised in the Boston papers conditions for farming staple crops and as to advice regarding neighborhood gardens.

April 21. Park and Public Works Department instructed to aid us in all ways.

April 26. Ploughing started at Franklin Park. The organization of forces proved difficult as the city departments had no plows suited to the work, and teams and drivers were not used to it.

April 28. The Real Estate Exchange offer to nominate local committees to report on arable land and efficient organizations to work it in the different wards.

April 30. Confer with potato dealers and fertilizer dealers as directed by the Mayor.

Our corps of agricultural graduates has worked day and night, with a fine spirit, and Messrs. Dillon, Shea, Doogue, Edgewood and others from the Park Department have given them constant and willing support.

We have bought to date:

2,400 bushels of potatoes (now arriving at Franklin Park).

120 tons of fertilizer (also now arriving).

29 plows.

1 gang plow.

1 Ford automobile

Have hired a tractor to use with our gang plow on the land left by the Forest Hills Cemetery. Begun work today.

Have now 30 teams at work, and in spite of bad weather have already plowed about 40 acres on the Playstead, Olmstead Park, Pine Bank, Franklin Park near Scarborough Pond, and begun today on the golf links (reserving the greens). Intend to plow at Chestnut Hill Reservoir and on other city property, and with the help of the tractor expect hereafter to plow 20 acres a day on good days.

Have examined much land that has been offered and have asked for promising private land and await report as to other land from the real estate committee.

Have already accepted for cultivation land from Forest Hills Cemetery (adjoining cemetery).

Mr. Cherry (near Rosindale and adjoining Washington Street Playground).

Francis Peabody (on Walk Hill Street).

Leveredge Farm (on the Neponset river, Mattapan).

Have received and listed on card catalogue about 900 individual applications for  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre lots. The cards are arranged to record details of each tenant's work. The School Committee desire about 35 acres to be distributed to individual schools,—an acre to a school,—and to be cultivated by the pupils under the direction of the teacher. The Boy Scouts take 12 acres; the Y. M. C. A. 11 acres. All these takings are to be cultivated under the conditions prescribed in our announcement.

Plans are being made of the plowed areas and stakes prepared for marking the boundaries of the small farms.

Printed matter is in preparation giving information and advice about neighborhood gardens.

Have visited about fifty home gardens and have many more to visit. Have furnished addresses and directions to many who are cultivating small plots. Have entered on card catalogues all home gardens visited, and intend to visit regularly such gardens.

Have arranged with the extension service of the M. A. C. for a tent with attendants from the college on the Common in front of 33 Beacon street. Here questions regarding cultivation of small lots will be answered and advice given, and we intend to culti-

vate a garden on the adjoining land on which practical demonstration of gardening methods may be given.

For the supplies and assistance of various kinds referred to above (if we count the services of the assistants as for six months) we have expended or contracted to expend something like \$18,000. An itemized list of these expenditures will be presented to you shortly.

We have about \$7,000 unexpended. In view of the many tools required for the many workers, and the seed and fertilizer still needed, and the necessary supervision and instruction, we notify you now that it will be essential for us before long to ask you for an additional appropriation.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT S. PEABODY,  
Vice Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$25,000 be transferred from the Reserve Fund to be expended by the Boston Committee on Public Safety, through its subcommittee on food production and conservation, to meet the necessary expenses incidental to their work.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### CONVENIENCE STATION, BOSTON COMMON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 14, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
May 14, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—You are respectfully asked to make a request upon the City Council for the sum of thirteen hundred and forty-seven and eighty-seven one-hundredths (\$1,347.87) dollars, which is to be added to the appropriation for the construction of the Convenience Station on Boston Common, for the purpose of paying for the additional expenses incurred by making the changes that were recommended by the City Council and the Art Commission.

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$1,347.87 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for the Park and Recreation Department to be expended for the construction of Convenience Station on Boston Common.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### LAND FOR POLICE COURT PURPOSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 14, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The importance of acquiring additional land for police court purposes at Pemberton square would justify taking advantage at the earliest possible date of the opportunity at present offered to acquire the premises now occupied by police headquarters. The Police Commissioner and the municipal real estate expert have had this matter under investigation during the past year, and they are of the opinion that action should not be longer delayed. I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$200,000 be appropriated, to be expended in acquiring land and buildings occupied as police headquarters at Pemberton square and that to meet the said appro-

priation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for such purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF PETER P. F. DEGRAND BEQUEST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 14, 1917.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith order accepting the bequest of the late Peter P. F. Degrand to the City of Boston, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the bequest of Peter P. F. Degrand, late of Boston, whereby he gave one twelfth of the residue of his estate to the "City of Boston for Amusing Picture Books for Infant Schools," be and hereby is accepted by the City of Boston, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized on behalf of the city to receive and receipt for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars and such further sum or sums as may hereafter be paid on account of such bequest, and to invest and reinvest the same, the income therefrom to be placed to the credit of the School Committee, to be expended for the purpose named in the bequest.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Mrs. Jennie Brickman, for compensation for injuries received on the ferryboat "Noddle Island."  
Jennie Bernstein, for compensation for injuries caused by falling on slippery steps and sidewalk at the Oliver Wendell Holmes School.

James J. Collins, for compensation for injuries received and damage to clothing by the bursting of hose attached to hydrant at Eggleston square.

C. R. Cowan, M. D., for compensation for damage to automobile.

Edward T. Murphy, for compensation for damage to automobile by a defect in Blue Hill avenue.

National Investment Company, for compensation for damage to property on Oakland street, Mattapan, by water running on land of said company.

Anna M. Gardiner, for compensation for injuries received at the Practical Arts High School.

David J. Reardon, for compensation for injuries received by a board falling from voting booth on Sprague street, Charlestown.

C. H. Tobey, for compensation for damage to automobile by defect in Warren street, near Whiting street, Roxbury.

Mrs. M. Wirtz, for compensation for damage to daughter's coat torn on Fire Department box at corner Everett avenue and Stoughton street.

##### Executive.

Petitions for licenses to sell, rent or lease firearms, as follows:

Leo B. Cohen, 251 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Maurice Pearlstein, 86 Merrimac street, Ward 5.

Alfonso Rogers, 247 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Samuel I. Rosenberg, 11 Cross street, Ward 5.

M. Weinfeld & Co., 315 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Petitions for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at public places of amusement, as follows:

Benjamin Trask Riley, for Sadie Aiello and others to appear at Union Hall, on the evening of May 19.

Isabel Florence, for Frances Barton and others to appear at Jordan Hall, on the evening of May 19.

Empire Day Festival Committee (John Charity, Secretary), for Ruth Miller and others to appear at Boston Arena, on the evening of May 24.

Josephine R. Carleton, for Bernice Carleton and others to appear at Ruggles Hall, on the evening of May 25.

Antoinette S. Adamowski, for Frances Doliber to appear at Jordan Hall, on the evening of May 25.

Emma Kerr *et al.*, for sidewalks on Cornell street, Ward 23.

Petitions for retirement under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914, viz.:

Bernard McCarron, Thomas Griffin, Daniel E. McInnis.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds:

John E. Andrews, William L. Drohan; Harold S. Eskin, Levi P. Fernald, William L. Fernandez, John H. French, Samuel Goldkrand, George J. Hanley, Otis H. Hayes, Abram Herman, Edward L. Hopkins, William A. Kelley, James P. Kelly, Joseph H. Knox, Harland J. Lowe, William M. MacDonald, Daniel J. McGillieuddy, Arthur W. Nickerson, John J. Pendoley, Matthew J. Peters, Louis Rosenthal, James C. Ruhl, Almerindo Sarno, Henry J. D. Small, Roscoe A. Smith, Timothy Sullivan, William H. Swift, Fred G. Tresk, Roman J. Vasil, Frank Yennaco.

Approved by the City Council.

#### PROTEST AGAINST ACQUISITION OF LAND.

Notice was received from the Boston Storage Warehouse Company to prevent acquisition of right of way on land at corner of Massachusetts avenue and Westland avenue.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICES OF ORGANIZATION.

Notices were received by the City Clerk of organization of the following, viz.:

City Hospital—Mr. A. Shuman, president, and Joseph P. Manning, secretary.

Overseers of the Poor—William P. Fowler, chairman and treasurer, and William H. Hardy, secretary.

City Planning Board—Ralph A. Cram, chairman, John J. Walsh, acting chairman, and Miss Elisabeth M. Herlihy, secretary.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICES OF CONFIRMATIONS.

Notices were received from the Civil Service Commission of confirmation of the following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

Charles E. Phipps, trustee of the Cemetery Department.

John J. Barry, trustee of the Consumptives' Hospital.

Rev. Arthur T. Connolly, trustee of Boston Public Library.

William D. C. Curtis, trustee of Statistics Department.

James D. Henderson, trustee of the Statistics Department.

John J. Walsh, member of City Planning Board.

Dr. Henry S. Rowen, City Hospital Trustee.

Thomas E. Masterson, trustee of the Infirmary Department.

H. Staples Potter, Overseer of the Poor.

Franklin P. Daly, Overseer of the Poor.

Simon E. Hecht, Overseer of the Poor.

John R. MeVey, Overseer of the Poor.

William H. Cuddy, Principal Assessor.

Edward P. Murphy, Election Commissioner.

Felix Vorenberg, Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICES OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments, certified copies of the same having been sent to the Civil Service Commission, viz.:

John J. Toomey, Election Commissioner.

Frank Seiberlich, Election Commissioner.

Placed on file.

#### SALE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Charles G. Dewey, keeping of gasolene, 44 Alban street, Dorchester.

Charles A. Bussell, keeping of gasolene, 107 Bigelow street, Brighton.

William G. Seavey, keeping and sale of gasolene, 616 Blue Hill avenue.

Freedman & Kargir, keeping and sale of gasolene, 411 Bowdoin street, Dorchester.

John J. Dorgan, keeping and sale of gasolene, 724 and 726 Broadway, South Boston.

Charles J. Lyons, keeping and sale of gasolene, 358 Dudley street, Roxbury.

F. L. Braley, keeping and sale of gasolene, 18-22 East Concord street.

Rose Butler Keough, keeping of gasolene, rear 90 Hastings street, West Roxbury. (Two notices.)

John W. Cosden Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 246 Massachusetts avenue.

Charles P. Bowditch, keeping of gasolene, 91 Moss Hill road, Jamaica Plain.

The White Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 341 and 343 Newbury street.

Herbert L. Purdy, keeping of gasolene, 50 Wheatland avenue, Dorchester.

Lanscott Motor Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 31 Whittier street, Roxbury.

C. P. Rockwell (Inc.), keeping and sale of gasolene, corner Commonwealth avenue and Hinsdale street.

Horace E. Goodrich, keeping and sale of gasolene, 73 Hano street, Brighton.

Frank H. Wyman, keeping of gasolene, 35 Dustin street, Brighton.

Archibald Waterman, keeping and sale of gasolene, 1020 River street, Hyde Park.

Placed on file.

#### MINORS' LICENSES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for ten newsboys and two vendors—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor May 7, 1917, viz.:

1. William J. Donegan, to be a Constable of the City of Boston (connected with an official position and to serve without bonds).

2. Patrick Gavin and Fred M. Hall, to be Weighers of Coal.

3. Martin Bruder and John Watt, to be Weighers of Goods for Hartmann Brothers.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Wellington and Attridge. Whole number of ballots cast 5, yeas 5, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### LOAN FOR COMMONWEALTH AVENUE CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 4, viz.:

4. Ordered, That the sum of eighty thousand dollars be appropriated to be expended for the laying out, construction and improvement of Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West, 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 such purpose.

On April 30, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.



LOAN FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 5, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the sum of \$297,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Park and Recreation Department for playground purposes as hereinafter set forth, 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 for said purposes, viz.:

Tenean Beach Playground.....	\$88,500 00
Eagle Hill Reservoir, East Boston....	80,000 00
Roslindale Playground.....	20,000 00
Billings Field.....	20,000 00
Smith's Pond Playground.....	20,000 00
Rogers Park Playground.....	26,000 00
Norfolk Street Playground, Dorches-	
ter.....	14,300 00
Mystic Playground, Charlestown.....	12,500 00
Cottage Street Playground, East Bos-	
ton.....	5,700 00
Tyler Street Playground, city proper,	3,500 00
Marcella Street Playground.....	4,500 00
William Eustis Playground.....	2,000 00
	<u>\$297,000 00</u>

On April 30, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

LOAN FOR IMPROVEMENTS, JOHN WINTHROP PLAYGROUND.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 6, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the sum of \$13,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Commission for improvements at the John Winthrop Playground, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of the City of Boston to said amount.

On April 30, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

LOAN FOR HIGHWAYS, MAKING OF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 7, viz.:

7. Ordered, That the sum of \$500,000 be and hereby is appropriated for Highways, Making of, under the provisions of chapter 661 of the Acts of 1912, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Street Commissioners, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

On April 30, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

LOAN FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 8, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the following-named streets be and hereby are designated for improvement or construction as hereinafter specified, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 661, Acts of 1912, viz.:

North Beacon street.....	\$100,000 00
Faneuil street.....	100,000 00
Chelsea street.....	100,000 00
Morton street, Dorchester.....	100,000 00
Centre street, West Roxbury.....	100,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$500,000 00</u>

On April 30, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

PLANS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BRIGHTON SQUARE.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 9, viz.:

9. Ordered, That the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans for a new municipal building in the Brighton district at Brighton square, sometimes called Wilson Park, and that to meet 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 of Boston to said amount.

On April 30, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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.

Report accepted; order passed.

ROPING OFF STREETS, FRENCH WAR MISSION.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off the necessary streets for the parade in honor of the French War Mission, on Saturday, May 12, 1917, the expense attending the same be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.25 p. m., on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Council reassembled in the chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.31 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for licenses to sell, rent or lease firearms—that licenses be granted, viz.:

- Leo B. Cohen, 251 Hanover street, Ward 5.
- Maurice Pearlstein, 86 Merrimac street, Ward 5.
- Alfonso Rogers, 247 Hanover street, Ward 5.
- Samuel I. Rosenberg, 11 Cross street, Ward 5.
- M. Weinfeld & Co., 315 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at public places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

Benjamin Trask Riley, for Sadie Aiello and others to appear at Union Hall on the evening of May 19.

Isabel Florence, for Frances Barton and others to appear at Jordan Hall on the evening of May 19.

Empire Day Festival Committee (John Charity, Secretary), for Ruth Miller and others to appear at Boston Arena on the evening of May 24.

Josephine R. Carleton, for Bernice Carleton and others to appear at Ruggles Hall on the evening of May 25.

Antoinette S. Adamowski, for Frances Doliber to appear at Jordan Hall on the evening of May 25.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions of Bernard McCarron, Thomas Griffin and Daniel C. McInnis (severally referred today) for retirement, under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Bernard McCarron, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Thomas Griffin, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Daniel E. McInnis, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on order (referred April 23) that Commissioner of Public Works make artificial stone sidewalks along Rosseter street, between Eldon street and Bullard street, Ward 19—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on petition of Eleanor G. Reagan (referred February 12) to be paid annuity on account of the death of her husband, Dennis L. Reagan—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That an annuity be paid to the widow of Dennis L. Reagan, formerly a member of the Police Department, the amount of said annuity not to exceed \$300 per year and to be paid as long as Eleanor G. Reagan, widow of said Dennis L. Reagan, remains a widow, said amount to be paid from the appropriation for Pensions, Police Department, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 178, Acts of 1887.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) accepting bequest of the late Peter P. F. Degrand for "amusing picture books for infant schools"—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for transfer of \$1,347.87 from the Reserve Fund to appropriation for Park and Recreation Department for construction of convenience station on Boston Common—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(8) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) transferring \$25,000 from Reserve Fund to be expended by the Boston Committee on Public Safety on Food Production and Conservation—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed; yeas 7, nays 0.

#### FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred May 7) for loan of \$35,000 for engine house, East Boston—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

2. Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred May 7) for loan of \$3,500 for Marine Park improvements—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating \$200,000 for land and buildings occupied as police headquarters at Pemberton square—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 19) for loan of \$120,000 for protection of Faneuil Hall building, Quincy Market building and Old State House—that the order ought not to pass, without prejudice.

Report accepted; order rejected.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I offer this order, similar to the one the Mayor submitted. It was the desire of the committee that we meet two weeks from today in the Committee on Finance, at three o'clock, and that Mr. O'Hearn, representing

the Building Department, the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Mr. Cram, representing the Boston Society of Architects, be present at the committee meeting to give us detailed estimates of the cost of these improvements at Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market and the Old State House.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the purposes herein set forth, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount, viz.:

Faneuil Hall building.....	\$68,000 00
Restoration, fireproofing and automatic sprinkler equipment.....	
Quincy Market building.....	50,000 00
Reconstruction and fire protection.....	
Old State House, water curtain.....	2,000 00

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXCLUSION OF CARS, WASHINGTON STREET.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to continue until September 15, 1917, the exclusion of cars from Washington street on weekdays between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I spoke about this in committee meeting. All the stores close on Saturday afternoon in the summer for several months, and the girls and others working in the stores, instead of getting off at five o'clock on Saturday, get off at twelve and one o'clock. I think if this matter can be arranged with the Elevated so as to make the hours on Saturday between eleven and one it will satisfy a great many people.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—I think that matter might well be taken up later with the Elevated and discussed with them, without changing this order.

Coun. McDONALD—Why cannot we amend the order so that it will read so as to except Saturdays in the months of June, July and August, between the hours of eleven and one o'clock? I would make that as an amendment.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, Coun. McDonald made that suggestion in committee and I tried to see some way of incorporating it here. I did not see that we could do it satisfactorily. Some of the stores are closing from the 15th of June to the 15th of September at one o'clock. Many of the other stores will not open at all Saturdays during the months of July and August. There is a confusion there and it is going to be very difficult to get the thing incorporated in the order so as to be intelligent. The number of stores closing early is increasing every year, and there are four or five large department stores that will not open at all Saturdays in the months of July and August. Some others will close at one o'clock from the 15th of June to the 15th of September. I don't see how we can get that in there and cover all the points we would like to cover.

Coun. McDONALD—Well, I would move that they be requested to keep the present arrangement on Washington street in effect until September 15, except on Saturdays from June 15 to September 15 between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

The amendment was declared rejected. Coun. McDONALD doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The amendment was adopted, yeas 6, nays 1. Coun. BALLANTYNE voting nay and the order as amended was passed.

#### SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. COLLINS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the easterly side of Bowdoin avenue, between Washington and Bullard streets, Ward 18, 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, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Erie street, between Washington and Glenway streets, Ward 19, 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, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. McDONALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the southwesterly side of Morton street, between Washington and Forest Hills streets, Ward 23, 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 arti-

ficial stone, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

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NEXT MEETING.

Coun. COLLINS moved that when the Council adjourns it be to meet on Monday, May 28, at two o'clock p. m.

The motion was carried.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. ATTRIDGE moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

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Adjourned at 5.50 p. m., on motion of Coun. HAGAN, to meet on Monday, May 28, at 2 p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Thursday, May 24, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, presiding. Absent—President Storrow.

The call for the meeting was read, as follows:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 23, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

You are respectfully requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, May 24, 1917, at 11 a. m., to draw jurors, to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Superior Civil Court and to consider the acceptance of chapter 254 of the General Acts of 1917, authorizing the payment of employees who enlist in the service of the United States.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file:

It was voted, on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to proceed to a ballot for election of a President *pro tem.*, and Coun. BALLANTYNE was elected by a unanimous vote.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear June 6, 1917:

William E. Brand, Ward 19; Anders F. T. Anderson, Ward 18; William F. Sullivan, Ward 19; James Bates, Ward 7; Carl A. Osterberg, Ward 7; Frederic Arnold, Ward 24; George E. Lintaman, Ward 11; Joseph F. Willett, Ward 19; Eric Peterson, Ward 7; Timothy B. Clark, Ward 19; John A. Dondero, Ward 12; Henry A. Muholland, Ward 17; Joseph P. McDermott, Ward 20; John F. McCarthy, Ward 11; Frank A. Donoyan, Ward 10; Louis Croan, Ward 18; Louis Abbott, Ward 21; Clarence L. Nichols, Ward 17; William J. Van Erten, Ward 26; Frank S. Murphy, Ward 1; William J. Mahoney, Ward 13; Charles F. Caul, Ward 25; Thomas J. Marston, Ward 18; Leonard T. Johnson, Ward 19; James S. Bacon, Ward 10; George F. Chick, Ward 7; William R. Fairclough, Ward 23; William J. O'Leary, Ward 8; Charles E. Eddy, Ward 17; Charles Theodore Russell, Ward 8; Patrick A. Sweeney, Ward 20; Franz Hain, Ward 7; Robert W. Thain, Ward 22; John J. Finley, Ward 14; Frederick Shay, Ward 16; Andrew W. Garrett, Ward 11.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear June 11, 1917:

Dusinus Schon, Ward 26; Joseph H. Curran, Ward 10; William U. Sherman, Ward 19; Jehan B. Hart, Ward 7; Solomon Selib, Ward 19; Patrick Hanley, Ward 14; Matthew D. Campbell, Ward 16; Henry L. Weinz, Ward 19; Milan Handy, Ward 6; James McDonald, Ward 17; Louis Watson, Ward 26; George F. Lawton, Ward 18; Richard M. Owen, Ward 8; Albert Joseph Williams, Ward 18; Thomas J. Evers, Ward 3; James J. McGrath, Ward 5; William T. O'Byrne, Ward 19; Edward J. McElroy, Ward 3; Frederic U. Beale, Jr., Ward 16; Edmund M. Stanton, Ward 15; Thomas F. Meleedy, Ward 20; Erastus F. Badger, Ward 5; Martin J. McDonough, Ward 7; John Finn, Ward 7; Harry Brown, Ward 12; Charles B. Donovan, Ward 24; Michael J. Golden, Ward 10; James H. Wynne, Ward 6; Patrick J. Flynn, Ward 6; William H. Doherty, Ward 6; George F. Wilfert, Ward 15;

Fred W. Dresser, Ward 18; Albert Hesselschwerdt, Ward 22; Jacob Goodman, Ward 5; James J. McCarthy, Ward 23; Thomas J. Shea, Ward 22.

## MILITARY COMPENSATION ACT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 24, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Chapter 254 of the General Acts, which was recently enacted by the Legislature, and which, in order to become effective, requires acceptance by the Mayor and City Council, authorizes cities and towns to pay their employees who enter the service of the United States the difference between their military or naval compensation and their municipal compensation.

Such payments by the municipality will remove from the city employees at least, the pecuniary handicap suffered by those who risk their lives for their country, and may well serve as an example and a precedent for private employers. In this connection I might state that I have already requested the employees in the various departments to assume the additional burden of work which has been and will be caused by the entry of their fellow employees into the government service, and to use their best efforts to keep the city service unimpaired; and I wish to publicly call attention to the fact that the city employees, as a class, are showing a fine spirit of patriotism, not only by their response to this request but also by their subscriptions to the Liberty Loan and their generous contributions to the various relief funds.

I believe the acceptance of this act should and will meet with general approval, and accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That chapter 254 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Authorize Cities and Towns to Pay their Employees who Enlist in the Service of the United States the Difference between their Military and their Municipal Compensation," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## BUDGET OF SUPERIOR CIVIL COURT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 24, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith the segregated budget of the Superior Court, Civil Session, and recommend the approval of the same at the earliest possible moment as persons legally entitled to payment for service have already been subjected to great inconvenience and, in some cases, extreme hardship as a result of the delay occasioned by those charged with the responsibility for the compilation of the same in submitting the budget for approval in accordance with the Amended Chapter of 1909.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1917, the respective sums of money specified in the tables hereinafter set forth be and the same hereby are appropriated to be expended for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated; that said sums, to the amount of four hundred nine thousand forty-nine and fifty-two hundredths dollars (\$409,049.52), be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston, and that all orders passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

Superior Court, Civil Session, General Expenses.

A. Personal service as per schedule A.....		\$130,160 90
1. Permanent employees.....	\$129,221 90	
2. Temporary employees.....	939 00	
B. Service other than personal.....		187,230 00
1. Printing and binding.....	\$200 00	
2. Postage.....	220 00	
13. Communication.....	80 00	
22. Medical.....	10 00	
29. Stenographic, copying and indexing.....	4,500 00	
30. Religious.....	20 00	
33. Interpreters.....	150 00	
34. Jurors.....	140,000 00	
35. Fees, services of venires, etc.....	42,000 00	
39. General plant.....	50 00	
C. Equipment.....		4,600 00
9. Office.....	\$200 00	
10. Library.....	600 00	
16. Wearing apparel.....	3,800 00	
D. Supplies.....		3,300 00
1. Office.....	\$600 00	
2. Food and ice.....	2,700 00	
F. Special items.....		3,400 00
7. Pensions and annuities.....	\$3,400 00	
		<u>\$328,690 90</u>

Superior Court, Civil Session, Clerk's Office.

A. Personal service as per schedule A.....		\$66,308 62
1. Permanent employees.....	\$64,608 62	
3. Unassigned.....	1,700 00	
B. Service other than personal.....		8,050 00
1. Printing and binding.....	\$6,900 00	
2. Postage.....	750 00	
13. Communication.....	150 00	
39. General plant.....	250 00	
C. Equipment.....		1,000 00
9. Office.....	\$900 00	
10. Library.....	100 00	
D. Supplies.....		5,000 00
1. Office.....	\$5,000 00	
		<u>\$80,358 62</u>

SCHEDULE A.

Superior Court, Civil Session, General Expenses.

Clerk, 1 at \$6,000 per year.....	\$6,000 00
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$4,500 per year.....	4,500 00
Assistant clerks, 2 at \$3,000 per year.....	5,983 64
Assistant clerks, 9 at \$2,500 per year.....	22,438 26
Chief deputy sheriff, 1 at \$2,100 per year.....	2,100 00
Court officers, 36 at \$1,700 per year.....	61,200 00
Messenger and clerical assistant, 1 at \$2,000 per year.....	2,000 00
Stenographers, 10 at \$2,500 per year.....	25,000 00
	<u>\$129,221 90</u>

Temporary.

Court Officer at \$3 per day.....	\$939 00
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Superior Court, Civil Session, Clerk's Office.

Clerical assistants, 2 at \$1,500-\$1,800 per year.....	\$3,350 00
Clerical assistants, 2 at \$1,380-\$1,400 per year.....	2,788 00
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$1,380-\$1,700 per year.....	1,566 62
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$1,320-\$1,800 per year.....	1,600 00
Clerical assistants, 2 at \$1,320-\$1,500 per year.....	2,850 00
Clerical assistants, 4 at \$1,200-\$1,320 per year.....	5,080 00
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$1,200 per year.....	1,200 00
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$1,140-\$1,400 per year.....	1,294 00
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$1,080-\$1,200 per year.....	1,150 00
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$1,080-\$1,320 per year.....	1,220 00
Clerical assistants, 2 at \$1,020-\$1,200 per year.....	2,250 00
Clerical assistants, 2 at \$1,020-\$1,140 per year.....	2,180 00
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$960-\$1,320 per year.....	1,170 00
Clerical assistants, 3 at \$960-\$1,080 per year.....	3,090 00
Clerical assistants, 2 at \$900-\$1,020 per year.....	1,940 00
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$840-\$960 per year.....	910 00
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$780-\$900 per year.....	850 00
Clerical assistants, 9 at \$720-\$840 per year.....	7,110 00
Clerical assistants, 23 at \$660-\$780 per year.....	16,790 00
Clerical assistants, 5 at \$600-\$720 per year.....	3,350 00
Clerical assistants, 2 at \$600-\$780 per year.....	1,410 00
Messenger, 1 at \$1,400-\$1,500 per year.....	1,460 00
	<u>\$64,608 62</u>

Unassigned.....	\$1,700 00
Referred to the Executive Committee.....	

## RECESS.

The Council voted at 11.21 a. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 12.12 p. m.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for acceptance of chapter 254, General Acts of 1917—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 7, nays 0, Coun. McDONALD calling for the yeas and nays.

(2) Report on message of Mayor (referred today) concerning segregated budget of the Superior Court, Civil Session—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

## GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. FORD moved a general reconsideration, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 12.15 p. m.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 28, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m. Absent—President Storrow.

In the absence of President Storrow, Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, called to order. On motion of Coun. WELLINGTON the Council proceeded to the election of a temporary President, and the Clerk called the roll. All the members present voted for Coun. Ballantyne, who was thereby elected temporary President.

## EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 23, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Subject to confirmation by your honorable body, I appoint the following named persons Constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1918:

Joseph E. Rollins, 35 Central square, East Boston; Davis Reinherz, 77 Ridgewood street, Dorchester.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The appointments were laid over under the law.

## PENSION TO ALFRED LEIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 24, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Children's Institutions Department requesting an appropriation in the sum of \$262.50 to provide for the payment of pension to Alfred L. Leighton, formerly employed at the Suffolk School for Boys, in accordance with chapter 304 of the Special Acts of 1917, which was accepted by your honorable body, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$262.50 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Children's Institutions Department, F-7, Pensions and Annuities.

City of Boston,

Children's Institutions Department,

May 17, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the provisions of chapter 304 of the Special Acts of 1917, whereby there is allowed to Alfred L. Leighton, formerly employed at the Suffolk School for Boys, an annual pension of one half the annual compensation paid to him during the two years next prior to his retirement from the city, this action has been approved by your Honor and passed by the City Council.

Mr. Leighton's retirement will date from June 1, 1917; we have no appropriation from which this could be paid. We would therefore respectfully request that a transfer be made from the Reserve Fund to the Suffolk School for Boys appropriation, Item F-7, Pensions, of \$262.50, in order to pay Mr. Leighton for the balance of this year.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN O'HARE, Chairman.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING, VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my approval, order of your honorable body adopted May 14, 1917, providing for an appropriation for the making of plans for a municipal building in the Brighton district, for the following reason:

There is no means of determining the duration of the present war, and, while unquestionably a municipal building is desirable for the recreation and convenience of the people in this section, it is imperative that the borrowing capacity of the city be conserved to provide for emergencies that may later arise.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## STREET ORDER VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my approval, the two orders adopted by your Board May 14, providing for an appropriation of \$500,000 for widening and improvement of certain streets, for the reason that the sum of \$500,000 that had previously been appropriated by your honorable body is, in all probability, in the present condition of the labor market, as great a sum as can be advantageously expended, and for the additional reason that it is imperative that a sufficiently large enough sum remain available to provide against such an emergency as may arise in consequence of the war.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## IMPROVEMENT OF SAVIN HILL PLAYGROUND AND BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Park and Recreation Department and recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours very truly,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the improvement of Savin Hill Playground and Beach, to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Department, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue bonds of the City of Boston, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to said amount for such purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

## IMPROVEMENTS AT WARD 19 PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 23, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Park and Recreation Department and recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours very truly,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Department for improvements at the Ward 19 Playground, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue

bonds of the City of Boston, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, to said amount for such purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Communications were received from the office of the Mayor making, subject to confirmation by the City Council, the following appointments:

Alfred A. Edwards, 141 Hancock street, Dorchester, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1918.

Arthur W. Hill, 37 Falcon street, East Boston, a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1918.

Weighers of Goods for Williams & Parker for the term ending April 30, 1918:

Edward J. Smith, 22 London street, East Boston; Edward Anthony, 230 Waldemar avenue, East Boston; George Storan, 419 Sumner street, East Boston.

Earle C. Thurlow, 4 Jerome street, Dorchester, a Weigher of Goods for the George H. Lincoln Company, for the term ending April 30, 1918.

John F. Cullen, 30 Albion street, Roxbury, a Weigher of Goods for the Public Works Department of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1918.

Reuben Goren, 19 Fowler street, Dorchester, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1917.

#### REMOVAL OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—You are hereby notified that I have this day removed from the office of Constable of the City of Boston, Charles B. Palmer, for the reason that he is a Constable of the City of Somerville and must, therefore, be an inhabitant of that city.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

#### EXPENSES FOR RECEPTION OF FRENCH COMMISSION, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 24, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order providing for the charging of expenses incurred in connection with the reception to the French commission, preparedness meetings and various flag-raising to the appropriation for Public Celebrations.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the expenses incurred for the reception of the French commission, the preparedness meetings and the various flag-raising be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### TRANSFER OF PUMPING STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The pumping station formerly used by the Water Service of the Public Works Department on Washington street, at Metropolitan avenue, Roslindale, being no longer required for water purposes, in my opinion, it would be advisable to transfer the custody of it to the Public Buildings Department, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the pumping station on Washington street, at Metropolitan avenue, at present in the control of the Water Service of the Public Works Department, be hereby transferred to the Public Buildings Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SITE FOR POLICE STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith report of the Municipal Real Estate Expert, which has been approved by the Police Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police, and recommend the substitution and adoption of the accompanying order for the order now pending before your honorable body providing for the purchase of a site for Police Station No. 2.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended for the purchase of property located at 85 and 87 Franklin street, city proper, as a site for Police Station No. 2, and that to meet said expenditure 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 Finance.

#### PETITION FOR PLAYGROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 24, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to present herewith petition for playground at Mozart and Bolster streets, Jamaica Plain. This land was offered to the city for the sum of \$15,000 and upon receipt of the offer I submitted a counter proposition to the owners that if they would agree to sell the land at its present assessed valuation, namely, \$13,700, the city would be willing to consider the matter.

I am in receipt of a communication in which they have agreed to accept the proposition and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

(Annexed was the petition referred to, signed by E. C. Kohler and many others.)

Ordered, That the sum of \$13,700 be and the same hereby is appropriated for the purchase of land located at Mozart and Bolster streets, Jamaica Plain, for playground purposes, and that to meet said expenditure the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### SEGREGATED BUDGET TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 21, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith requests for transfer from various items in the segregated budget to other items, in conformity with requests of department heads, and recommend the approval of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for the Fire Department:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for C-6, Stable, \$400.



From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for C-9, Office, \$138.29.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for the Fire Department:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$620.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfer in Schedule A of Suffolk School for Boys appropriation necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Chairman of the Children's Institutions Department.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers in Schedule A of the Building Department appropriation necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Building Commissioner.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers in Schedule A of the Superior Court, Criminal Session, appropriation necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Clerk of the Court.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfer in Schedule A of the Municipal Court, City of Boston, appropriation necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Chief Justice.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers in Schedule A of the Public Works Department, Ferry Service, Sanitary Service, Sewer Service and Water Service necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer:

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Bridge and Ferry Division, Ferry Service).**

From the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, to the appropriation for F-11, Workmen's Compensation, \$8.79.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers in Schedule A of the Hospital Department appropriation necessary to carry into effect the accompanying requests of the Hospital Trustees.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers:

**HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.**

From the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, to the appropriation for B-37, Photographic and Blueprinting, \$25.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$300.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers:

**CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT (Suffolk School for Boys).**

From the appropriation for D-10, Agricultural, to the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, \$11.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

**RECONSTRUCTION OF WARD BUILDINGS E AND A, CITY HOSPITAL.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, May 24, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the City Hospital Trustees for the reconstruction of ward buildings E and A, and that to meet said expenditures 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 amounts.

Boston City Hospital,  
Boston, May 16, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—You are aware of the fact that on the night of April 14 a fire partially destroyed Ward E, which cannot again be used until extensive alterations and repairs have been made. The trustees have for a long time considered, because of the fire hazard existing in this ward and Ward A, which is an exact duplicate of E, recommending their demolition and requesting sufficient funds to erect new buildings in their places.

In the interest of economy, the trustees have had plans drawn for the remodeling and fireproofing of Wards E and A, the latter being just as great a fire menace as was Ward E. If the proposed alterations are made, instead of having two wards accommodating 26 patients each, as now, these buildings will be so reconstructed that there will be four large wards capable of accommodating 104 patients, and four sun parlors accommodating 48 patients, or a total of 152 patients. This will make a gain of 100 beds at a cost of \$75,000 approximately. At the present cost of construction, \$2,500 per hospital bed, 100 beds would cost \$250,000. In other words, the hospital would gain 100 beds at a cost of \$75,000, as against \$250,000 if new buildings were to be erected.

Further accommodations are sadly needed, many worthy cases being refused, and the wards indecently crowded at present.

On behalf of the trustees, I therefore respectfully request that the sum of \$74,624, consisting of the following items, be appropriated by the earliest moment possible by the city government for the reconstruction of Wards A and E. (Estimates made by Mr. Joseph McGinniss, architect)

Sprinklers.....	\$500 00
Plumbing.....	4,200 00
Heating.....	2,100 00
Elevator.....	2,700 00
Clothes chute (fireproof)...	400 00
Masonry, stucco, plastering,	8,100 00
Roofing.....	2,000 00
Carpentry.....	7,500 00
Painting.....	1,000 00
Hardware.....	600 00
Wiring, etc.....	1,800 00
Linoleum.....	1,100 00

Two wards at.....	\$32,000 00	\$64,000 00
Ten per cent for incidentals.....	5	6,400 00

\$70,400 00

Six per cent for architect's commission,	4,224 00
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\$74,624 00

The trustees respectfully request that the above appropriation may be speedily made, so that they may be enabled to advertise on the specifications drawn.

I have the honor to remain, on behalf of the trustees,

Very respectfully yours,

A. SHUMAN,

President, Board of Trustees.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:

**Claims.**

Samuel Alman, for compensation for injuries received.

Andrew Dutton Company, for compensation for injury to horse.

H. W. Bassett, for compensation for damages to clothing.

Henrietta L. Bromberg, for compensation for damage to property.

George F. Chandler, for compensation for injuries received.

Theresa M. Coughlin, for compensation for injuries received.

Mrs. Helen A. Duggan, for compensation for injuries received.

Harry F. Estabrook, to be reimbursed for overcharge on service pipe.

Edward A. Fillebrown, to be refunded portion of amount paid for water bills.

John T. Ford, for compensation for articles lost.

Louis Letterman, for compensation for loss sustained by shutting off of water.

Thomas Louder, for compensation for injuries received.

Katherine McCarthy, for compensation for injuries received.

Martin P. McHugh, for compensation for damage to property.

Abraham Miller, per *pro ami*, for hearing on his claim against the city.

Mary O'Brien, for hearing on her claim for injuries received.

Leo Olem, Jacob Rubin and Lewis Simons, for compensation for damage to property.

Maria L. Palladino, for compensation for damage to property.

Agnes J. Powers, for compensation for damage to property.

Harry Rosen, for compensation for loss sustained by shutting off of water.

Adelaide A. Russegue, to be repaid for expenses incurred.

Mildred Scanlan, for compensation for injuries received.

The T. A. Scott Company, for compensation for loss sustained.

Daniel J. Sheehan and Edward F. Mahoney, to be paid for clothing burned at fire.

E. J. Shiland, for compensation for damage to property.

Katherine M. Sullivan, for compensation for injuries received.

Talbot Avenue Garage Company, to be repaid amount of fee for sidewalk privilege.

Elizabeth T. Torbett, for compensation for damage to automobile.

Agnes Wallace, for compensation for injuries received.

M. P. Westcott, to be refunded expense incurred.

Andrew T. Wilson, for compensation for injuries received and damage to automobile.

#### Public Lands.

Elizabeth P. Devens, that the city disclaim rights in land at South and Robert streets.

#### Executive.

Petitions were received for licenses to sell, rent or lease firearms, as follows:

Charles Einstein, 1060 Washington street, Ward 6.

Simon Freedman, 64 Salem street, Ward 5.

Samuel Friedman, 223 and 225 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Company, 155 Washington street, Ward 5.

Mrs. Fannie Miller, 115 Portland street, Ward 5.

Rosenberg & Maybury, 144 Northampton street, Ward 13.

Joseph Sonnabend, 2136 Washington street, Ward 12.

Subway Loan Company, 64 Pleasant street, Ward 5.

James Callahan and others, for sidewalks on Granger street, Ward 18.

William M. Farrington and another, for sidewalks on Farrington avenue, Ward 25.

Petitions were received for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at public places of amusement, as follows:

Hazel Boone, for Natalie Heustis and others, to appear at the Copley-Plaza Hall on the evening of May 25.

Miss E. G. Colleary, for Philip McCarron and others, to appear at Howe Hall on the evening of May 18.

Marcella G. Hackett, for Margaret Hughes and others, to appear at Brightheimstone Hall on the evening of June 1.

Delbert M. Staley, for Marian Crandell and others, to appear at Jordan Hall on the evening of May 23.

Benjamin Trask Riley, for Vicario Amricio and others, to appear at Samuel Adams School Hall, evening of June 1.

Mrs. Martha A. Kreutel, for Charles McTiernan and others, to appear at Lieder Kranz Hall on evening of June 1.

William Fallon, to be retired.

Joseph J. Patterson, to be retired.

Special Committee on Unclaimed Baggage.

Boston & Maine Railroad, for leave to sell unclaimed baggage.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, as follows:

Boston Protective Department, keeping of gasoline, rear 4 Appleton street.

Boston Protective Department, keeping of gasoline, 379 Atlantic avenue and 40 Purchase street.

Boston Protective Department, keeping of gasoline, 159 and 161 Roxbury street.

A. E. Chadbourn, keeping of gasoline, 20 Westville street, Dorchester.

Joseph L. Taylor, keeping of gasoline, 893 South street, Ward 23.

C. H. Cross, keeping of gasoline, 45 Selkirk road, Brighton.

W. P. Bullard, keeping of gasoline, 27 Kenwood street, Dorchester.

Alice V. McCormick, keeping of gasoline, 67 Alphonus street, Roxbury (two notices).

Ivie Smith Otis, keeping of gasoline, 90 Fletcher street, Roshndale.

South Boston Yacht Club, keeping and sale of gasoline, 1849 Columbia road, South Boston.

Emil E. Dietrich, keeping of gasoline, 563 Weld street, West Roxbury.

Abraham Snider, keeping of gasoline, 114 Homestead street.

Powdrell Manufacturing Company, keeping of gasoline, Binford street, South Boston.

Napoleon E. Tougas, keeping of gasoline, 6 Lindsey street, Dorchester.

Walter S. Eaton, keeping of gasoline, 21 Dorset street, Dorchester.

Charles J. Olsen, keeping and sale of gasoline, 14 Walnut avenue, Roxbury.

George E. Ficken, keeping of gasoline, 21 Arundel street, Dorchester.

Donald A. Allen, keeping and sale of gasoline, 3 Rockland street, Roxbury.

J. E. Frenning, keeping of gasoline, 519 Medford street, Charlestown.

Carson Trench Machine Company, keeping of gasoline, 16 Dorrance street.

Michael J. Lynch, keeping and sale of gasoline, 29 Vinton street, South Boston.

United Injector Company, keeping of gasoline, 23 Watson street, Roxbury.

#### CENSUS BY ASSESSORS' BLOCKS.

Notice of the forwarding to City Clerk Donovan of a tabulation of the population of the City of Boston by assessors' blocks, so called, as determined by the decennial census of the Commonwealth as of April 1, 1915, and also a set of the descriptions of said blocks, was received from Charles F. Gettemy, Director of the State Bureau of Statistics, pursuant to the provisions of section 3, chapter 692, Acts of 1914, and an order of the City Council passed October 26, 1914, and approved by the Mayor on October 28, 1914.

Placed on file.

#### ORGANIZATION OF BOSTON INFIRMARY DEPARTMENT.

Notice was received from Chairman McQuade, through City Clerk Donovan, of the organization on May 11 of the Boston Infirmary Trustees by the election of Thomas A. McQuade as chairman and Miss Mary A. Dierkes as secretary.

Placed on file.

#### PROBATION OFFICER, BOSTON JUVENILE COURT.

Notice was received from Justice Frederick P. Cabot of the Boston Juvenile Court of the granting

of leave of absence without pay to Mr. Kingman and the appointment temporarily as probation officer of Harry R. Lyon.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

#### SALARY OF DORCHESTER PROBATION OFFICER.

Notice was received from Justicé J. R. Churchill of the Municipal Court of the Dorchester District of the determination of the salary of Reginald H. Mair, probation officer of the Municipal Court of the Dorchester District, at \$1,800 per annum, beginning June 1, 1917.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

#### TRACKS ON BROADWAY AND HARRISON AVENUE.

Notice was received from the Street Commissioners of the passage of an order granting to the West End Street Railway Company its 491st location on Broadway and Harrison avenue, under date of May 15, 1917.

Placed on file.

#### SUMMER STREET EXTENSION TRUST—TRACKS ON FARGO STREET.

Notice was received from the Street Commissioners of the passage of an order, May 15, granting to the Summer Street Extension Trust its first location for tracks on Fargo street, South Boston.

Placed on file.

#### MRS. SLATER APPOINTED OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

A certificate of appointment of Mrs. H. N. Slater, 448 Beacon street, to the position of Overseer of the Poor was received from Mayor Curley.

Placed on file.

#### MR. FARQUHAR APPOINTED PARK COMMISSIONER.

A certificate of the appointment of John K. M. L. Farquhar, Hotel Tudor, as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission was received from Mayor Curley.

Placed on file.

#### BAY STATE RAILWAY RATE CASE.

Notice was received from the Massachusetts Public Service Commission of a hearing to be given on Friday, May 25, at 10 a. m., on the petition of the Bay State Street Railway Company for increase in its passenger fares.

Placed on file.

#### SERVICES OF STREET RAILWAY POLICEMEN NO LONGER REQUIRED.

Notice was received from President Brush of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, under the provisions of chapter 463 of the Acts and Resolves of 1916, part 1, sections 49 to 55, inclusive, that the company no longer required the services of certain street railway police officers.

Placed on file.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

Notice was received from City Treasurer Slatery of the approval of surety on Constables' bonds of Louis M. Bianco, Joseph P. Cutter, John A. Duggan, George L. Gilbert, William J. McDermott, Joseph E. Rollins and Davis Reinherz.

The bonds were severally approved by the Council.

#### REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

A certificate was received from Registrar of Deeds William T. A. Fitzgerald that certain persons had been employed in his office commencing with

April 23, 1917, that the work had been actually performed, etc., the total amounting to \$4,465.62, and the City Council voted that said pay roll be approved and ordered paid.

#### NEWSBOYS AND VENDORS.

Chairman BALLANTYNE submitted applications for minors' licenses of seven newsboys and four vendors, and it was voted that said licenses be granted.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Chairman BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order under chapter 179 of 1917 for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors in the German War and their families for the months of April and May.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### PURCHASE FOR POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

Under unfinished business, Chairman BALLANTYNE called up No. 5, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the sum of \$200,000 be appropriated to be expended in acquiring land and buildings, occupied as police headquarters at Pemberton square, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for such purpose.

On May 14 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### ENGINE HOUSE, EAST BOSTON.

Chairman BALLANTYNE, under unfinished business, called up No. 6, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars be appropriated for the erection of an engine house in East Boston, 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 such purpose.

On May 14 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### TENNIS COURTS AND SHOWER BATHS, MARINE PARK.

Chairman BALLANTYNE, under unfinished business, called up No. 7, viz.:

7. Ordered, That there be appropriated the sum of \$3,500 for the construction of tennis courts and the installation of shower baths, with lockers, at Marine Park, South Boston, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for such purposes.

On May 14 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passage, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### LAND, SHIRLEY STREET.

Chairman BALLANTYNE offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city, in form satisfactory to the Law Department and upon payment of the sum of \$11.60, to convey to Lucius A. Brown, owner of the adjoining land, a parcel of land situated in that part of Boston formerly Roxbury, and bounded northeasterly by Massachusetts avenue, about 2.24 feet, and southeasterly by Shirley street, about 13.28 feet; containing in all about 29 square feet.

Chairman BALLANTYNE—The Chair would say at this time that this order is simply to correct



an error in the order passed December 11, 1916, the naming of the price being omitted from the order.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 7, nays 0.

It will take its second and final reading and passage in not less than fourteen days.

#### COURT SALARIES, CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That chapter 330 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the salaries of the Justice and First Assistant Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Charlestown District of the City of Boston," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. COLLINS offered the following orders—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of King street, between Neponset avenue and Adams street, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Adams street, from King square to Ashmont street, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the westerly side of Richmond street, between Dorchester avenue and Adams street, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Rosemont street, between Adams and Gustin streets, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of West Selden street, from Crossman street, 2,200 feet easterly, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the westerly side of Dorchester avenue, between Park street and Peabody square, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the westerly side of Dorchester avenue, between Park and Freepport streets, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Belfort street, between Dorchester avenue and Sagamore street, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Orders severally passed.

Coun. WATSON offered the following orders:

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Lamartine street, between Green and Boylston streets, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Amory street, between Green and Boylston streets, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Brookside avenue, between Green and Boylston streets, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the westerly side of Evergreen street, between South Huntington avenue and Day street, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Orders severally passed.

Cbairman BALLANTYNE offered the following orders:

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Sycamore street, between Florence and Asbland streets, Ward 23, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Fairbanks street, between Washington and Faneuil streets, Ward 26, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Holton street, between Everett and Franklin streets, Ward 26, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Market street, between Sparhawk and Mapleton streets (easterly side), Ward 26, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Brooks street, between Faneuil and Hobart streets, Ward 26, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Orders severally passed.

#### INCREASED WAGES FOR SCRUB WOMEN.

Coun. ATRIDGE offered an order—That chapter 272 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the wages of the scrub women employed in the Suffolk County Courthouse," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## SALARIES OF COURT OFFICERS.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That chapter 335 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the salaries of the court officers in attendance upon the sessions of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court," is hereby accepted. Referred to the Executive Committee.

## SALARY OF SUPERIOR COURT ASSISTANT CLERKS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That chapter 273 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to Establish the Minimum Salary of the Assistant Clerks of the Superior Court for Civil Business in the County of Suffolk," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## SALARIES OF POLICE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That such portion of the General Acts, chapter 340, 1917, that applies to the County of Suffolk be and the same is hereby accepted, said act entitled "to establish the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts."

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## RECESS.

On motion of Coun. HAGAN, the Board voted at 2:29 p. m. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by Chairman BALLANTYNE at 4:23 p. m.

## CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman BALLANTYNE, under unfinished business, called up the following:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor May 14, 1917, viz.:

1. Frank I. Whiting, to be a Constable.
2. Herbert R. Plimpton, Dennis Keating and Joseph Beggelman, to be Weighers of Coal.
3. Thomas Earls and Thomas Green, to be Weighers of Coal and Measurers of Wood and Bark.
4. Wilbert T. Marshall, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Submarine Signal Company.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Watson and Wellington. Whole number of votes 6; yeas 6, and the appointments were confirmed.

## FANEUIL HALL, QUINCY MARKET AND OLD STATE HOUSE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

(1.) Report on the order (referred May 14) appropriating \$120,000 for which a bond issue was to be authorized, for Faneuil Hall Building (restoration, fireproofing and automatic sprinkler equipment, \$68,000), Quincy Market Building (reconstruction and fire protection, \$50,000) and Old State House (water curtain, \$2,000)—that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

In connection with the report Coun. ATTRIDGE asked to have incorporated in the record (1) the report to his Honor the Mayor by the Boston Society of Architects in the matter of the completion of the fireproofing and restoration of Faneuil Hall, and (2) extracts from report of a special examination made of Quincy Market by the Building Commissioner.

1. The report to the Mayor by the Society of Architects is as follows:

## REPORT TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR OF BOSTON OF THE BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLETION OF THE FIREPROOFING AND RESTORATION OF FANEUIL HALL.

A preliminary examination of the structural fabric of Faneuil Hall indicates the great importance and pressing need of taking the final steps towards the preservation of Faneuil Hall and its restoration. This work was begun some twenty years ago and carried to a definite point at an expenditure, we are given to understand, of over \$100,000. This work was excellent as far as it went, but without the completion of the work the building will continue to remain unsafe from a fire standpoint, and the money expended might entirely be lost through a conflagration starting outside the limits of this fireproofing.

For some inexplicable reason this fireproofing included only the roof, the upper two floors (the hall and the armory over) and the main staircase.

At present the entire market floor, and almost all of the work in the basement spaces beneath, is inflammable in the highest degree. The iron columns supporting the main floor are, in many cases, not even protected by fireproofing, and such a fire as might start at any time under the conditions of litter and refuse that always exist in the building, particularly in the basement, would undoubtedly so weaken these unprotected iron supports as to cause them to give way beneath the weight imposed from above, and so open the way to, if not indeed directly be the cause of, the destruction of the entire historic edifice. Not only should the columns themselves be durably and permanently fireproofed, in every case, but the present old and greasy wooden floor, and the floor timbers supporting the market space, should be taken out and entirely replaced with an indestructible fireproof floor construction with a sanitary covering, which would make any chance of conflagration in the stalls of the main floor an impossibility. This improvement should, at the same time, be extended to cleaning out the cellar, at present not only filled with flimsy board partitions resting on an old wooden floor, in most cases soaked with the grease and drippings of years from the meat and fat in the butcher's shops, but also crowded to the ceiling with material inflammable to the highest degree, including cardboard and thin wooden boxes and crates, old gunny-sacks and other similar litter and refuse. The importance and pressing necessity for this improvement cannot be too strongly stated, as the present condition of the lower portion of the structure is such as absolutely to negative and render ineffective the expense and care that has previously been expended in rendering the upper portion of this historic edifice fireproof.

It is most important that some process of regular inspection be guaranteed, such as will permanently keep free the passageways and approaches to switches and other centers of distribution of the current throughout the building, such space being, under present conditions, much encroached upon by various tenants. Furthermore, it should be made impossible for any tenant to accumulate in either the first, the basement story or in the attic such an amount of inflammable debris as is at present existent in all these places in an extreme degree. A thoroughly efficient inspection at regular and closely recurring intervals might serve the purpose, but any such inspection inevitably becomes automatic and perfunctory, and more drastic measures should be advocated. It might help matters if the space outside junction boxes should be inclosed with wire partitions, preventing boxes and bags from encroaching upon these free areas, and the separation of the unoccupied portions of the attic by a wire partition with a door which could be locked and the key intrusted to the custodian of the building, in order to prevent the collection of such inflammable litter as has gradually encroached upon this space by the tenancy of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery. That a thorough and rigid enforcement of the most modern fireproofing requirements—based upon the intention to make the structure reasonably indestructible—is of the utmost importance is easily realized on investigation of conditions.

Considering the great risk of possible fire from present conditions of storage immediately under the roof, including among many other things an accumulation of objects of much sentimental value to the occupants of the armory, it seems highly



desirable that the military organization in question obtain quarters outside the building for the storage of all discarded articles, and especially of such inflammable paraphernalia as is necessary for occasional banquets, *i. e.*, chairs, horses, tables, etc.

As this subject of fireproofing is the first consideration, the second is that of additional escapes or stairways in case of fire. So far as exterior fire escapes are concerned, these cannot of course be applied to the building, even under the best of conditions, without injuring its exterior appearance.

This injury is the more unfortunate, as it would necessarily have to occur either at the west end—that end most seen by the public—on both sides of the building near the west end, as this portion of the structure is the only portion not served by the present large and ample fireproof staircase at the east. That the fire risk is considered important by the authorities under present conditions is indicated by the many signs calculated to prevent smoking on the premises; yet a casual investigation will produce evidence of smoking of the most dangerous type, in that it is carried on more or less surreptitiously every day by the various employees scattered over the building. As fire escapes are generally recognized to be inefficient, because of the narrow outlet possible from any floor to the iron escape, admitting but one person at a time, the frail character inseparable from their structure, and the extreme danger of passage being cut off by flames coming from any of the windows by which connection with the interior is necessary, or across which the balconies or steps pass, it is obvious that if these exterior escapes are, by any interpretation of the law, considered necessary, the attempt to add these unsatisfactory adjuncts to the building must be undertaken with the greatest care in order not to further debase the structure or to spoil its value as an historic heritage to our city and a pilgrimage place for the country at large.

Permanent flights of iron steps would obviously be far more disfiguring and unsightly than balconies. Therefore balcony rails, of a light appearance and of a carefully determined architectural design, that would be so far as possible conformable to the historic type of the structure, constructed with tipping counter-balanced steps, would be the best arrangement to be considered for providing exits from the attic floor. It is absolutely imperative that no encroachment be permitted on the present entablature or cornice treatment, although it is equally obvious that no such egress can be obtained except at the expense of cutting through the wall and changing the proportions of some of the openings now of use for lighting the upper story, as well as cutting down the sills of windows below in order to obtain egress from the balcony and the floor of the hall, in each and every case where a connection to the fire escape is required. In connection with this fire escape it would of course be necessary either to provide maintaining a certain space on the sidewalk clear for the action of a swinging staircase, or provide for the location of a permanent structure, perhaps bridging over the awning out to the curb line of the sidewalk and there arranging steps down to the street below.

Since the receipt of the report of the special committee, further examination has been made of the building and the Society of Architects is strongly impressed with the possibility and the desirability of providing extra exits from the several floors, not by means of exterior fire escapes, but by interior iron stairways isolated from the rest of the hall by fireproof walls. These interior stairways can easily be provided at the end of the building on either side the rostrum of the main hall, and their introduction would not injure the architectural effect of the hall in the least. Indeed, it might add to its impressiveness through framing in the rostrum itself and so giving it greater dignity. These iron stairways should start from the floor occupied by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and continue down to the street level, with fireproof doorways at the gallery grade and at that of the main hall, with direct exits to the ground streets, one window on each side on the ground floor being cut down to form a door. With interior stairways of this kind, adequate exits from all portions of the building would be guaranteed. Moreover, it would not be necessary to use the little winding stairway from the ground to the rostrum which is inconvenient and actually in itself a fire menace. Apart from all other considerations, however, the Society of Architects desires to urge these interior fireproof stairways

on the ground that they would obviate the necessity of the inevitable disfigurement that would be caused by any form of exterior fire escape, while they would serve their purpose far more effectively than any such indifferent substitute.

It is also extremely desirable that the present disfiguring and unsightly metal coverings providing shelter over the sidewalks around the building, if retained, be recomposed and so redesigned as to fulfill two purposes. First, that they present a slightly appropriateness to the structure to which they are appended; and, second, that they be made not only more sightly but also more convenient by providing ample lighting space overhead to light the sidewalk below and the offices within, when—as now often happens—the curb line of the sidewalk may be piled with boxes to the eaves, or the outer awnings are let down to keep out inclement weather.

Finally, the committee respectfully urges the desirability of carrying on upon the exterior of the building a process of restoration that will render the building in harmony with the fortunately growing list of restorations undertaken on the part of the city for the Old State House, and on the part of the societies by the Old North, Old South and Park Street Churches. To effect this purpose it would be necessary to clean down the exterior of the building, relieving it from its present overcoating of paint, thereby restoring the original brick surface to view; and at the same time continuing the restoration so far as to repair certain disfigurements of the structure or detail which have occurred in connection with the unconsidered changes made from time to time around the lower stories, and ending with the cleaning and oiling of the old red brick and the repainting of the exterior trim in its original contrasting colonial color scheme of red brick and white detail.

In regard to the cost of making these changes, thorough fireproofing, water proofing and replacing the lower two stories, *i. e.*, the street floor and basement, in a clean, sanitary and noncombustible condition, could be done for a sum not to exceed \$25,000; the cleaning off of the paint of the exterior brick work and the restoration of the wood trim and its painting could be done for a sum not to exceed \$10,000 and probably for considerably less; new awnings of iron and glass could be provided over the sidewalks for a sum considerably under \$10,000, and finally, the fireproof interior stairways could be built for about \$8,000. If all these items were carried out at one time, it is the opinion of the Boston Society of Architects that the total cost would not materially exceed the sum of \$50,000.

The Boston Society of Architects further recommends that if the completion of the fireproofing and the restoration is determined upon, the whole matter should be entrusted by the City to the supervision and control of the Boston Society of Architects, under whose charge it is certain that due care, consideration and respect would be paid to maintaining this historic structure. The Boston Society of Architects further desires to offer its services to the City of Boston as architects for the carrying out of this work without charge to the city other than the cost of the services of draughtsmen that would be necessary to prepare the drawings and specifications that would be required. Should the city determine upon carrying out and completing the work at Faneuil Hall and should accept this offer of the society, the latter would provide for a committee of expert architects from amongst its own number who would act as architects for the work and who would give their time without charge and simply as a matter of public service.

If properly done, the architectural restoration proposed will make of this building a unique possession for our city. Besides being of nationwide interest because of the historic events which have either happened within its walls since 1742 or there been discussed in the typical and critical Boston manner—a manner already strongly in evidence at that early time; but that has been undoubtedly aided and abetted in its course by the presentation to the city of this New England Forum. It has long been the home of the oldest military organization in the country, an occupation which lends a certain romantic and ancient glamour which, under slightly changed conditions, it seems well to continue. Add to all this that interesting and picturesque quality that goes with a well-administered market, which occupation has also been continuous from the first building of Faneuil Hall, and it is difficult to recall another



instance in the United States of a building in which there would be that combination of fortunate tenantry and appropriate architectural setting which would ensue, if the City of Boston grasped this unusual and pressing opportunity to conserve for all future time, within a worthy example of Colonial architecture, so much of historic, romantic and picturesque value.

2. Following are the extracts referred to from the report of the Building Commissioner:

Iron beams, columns and plates.....	\$525 00
Labor, tearing out floor and setting iron,	350 00
Shoring second floor.....	200 00
Concrete slabs, walls, forms and reinforcing iron.....	1,000 00
Plumbing.....	500 00
Marble work.....	450 00
Temporary floor.....	425 00
Asphalt floor.....	350 00
Temporary refrigerators for storage..	120 00
Painting.....	125 00
Incidentals.....	500 00
Trusses to be reinforced (32 at \$30 each),	960 00
Top and under floors and timbers.....	3,850 00
Enclose elevator.....	500 00
Sprinkler system, two floors, including incidental cutting, patching, etc.....	10,000 00
New metal skylights (22 at \$25 each)...	550 00
Metal automatic doors (6 at \$75 each)...	450 00
Four new exit stairs.....	500 00

Estimated cost.....	\$21,355 00
10 per cent (architect's fee).....	2,135 00
<b>Total estimated cost.....</b>	<b>\$23,490 00</b>

**Sprinkler Cost.**

Four services from street.....	\$1,700 00
Additional cost for wet sprinkler system for second floor and attic, including alarms.....	3,000 00
Dry sprinkler system, first, including dry valves and inclosure for same.....	12,000 00
Repairs and changes in basement.....	900 00
Isolated sprinklers in basement.....	1,100 00
Curtain boards from ceiling on first floor.....	200 00

Total cost.....	\$18,900 00
10 per cent (architect's fee).....	1,890 00

Total.....	\$20,790 00
Estimate of May, 1916.....	23,490 00

Grand total..... **\$44,280 00**

To do the general repairs necessary (not including repair of fire damage to construction) it is estimated an additional sum of approximately \$6,000 will be necessary. In other words, to do the work outlined above, the sum of \$50,000 will be necessary.

For Faneuil Hall, Coun. ATTRIDGE also submitted the following figures:

Fireproofing, waterproofing, etc., street floor and basement.....	\$25,000 00
Exits.....	8,000 00
Galvanized iron coverings (glass replacement).....	10,000 00
Restoration (cleaning paint).....	10,000 00
Automatic sprinklers (water curtains)...	18,000 00

The report was accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(2) Report on order (referred February 12) appropriating \$50,000 for fireproofing and architectural restoration of Faneuil Hall—that no further action is necessary.

Report accepted.

**COUNTY ACCOUNTS.**

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

1. Report on communication from Justice Connelly of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District (referred January 15)—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Edward J. Drummond, probation officer of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, be approved at the rate of \$1,400 per annum, to date from June 1, 1917.

Report accepted; order passed.

2. Report on communication from Justice Cabot of the Boston Juvenile Court (referred May 28)—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Harry R. Lyon as temporary probation officer of the Boston Juvenile Court, at the rate of \$1,800 per annum, to date from May 1, 1917, in place of John M. Kingman, be approved.

Report accepted; order passed.

3. Report on communication from Justice J. R. Churchill of the Municipal Court of the Dorchester District (referred May 28)—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Reginald H. Mair, probation officer of the Municipal Court of the Dorchester District, determined by the Justice of the Dorchester Municipal Court at \$1,800 per annum, be approved, to date from June 1, 1917.

Report accepted; order passed.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions recommending the passage of orders that the Commissioner of Public Works 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, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917, on the following petitions:

Henry A. Mitchell and others (referred from last year), northwesterly side of Paul Gore street, from No. 12 to the corner of Chestnut avenue, Ward 22, artificial stone.

Arnold A. Roberts and another (referred from last year), Ashfield street, between Fairview and Walter streets, Ward 23.

Lydia L. N. Gaston (referred from last year), both sides of Orchard street, between Centre and Pond streets, Ward 22.

Charles A. Schmitt and another (referred from last year), both sides of South street, between Washington street and Archdale road, Ward 22, artificial stone.

Mary E. Stevens (referred from last year), Roslin street, in front of No. 24, and on the Ocean street side of said estate, Ward 21, artificial stone.

William H. Simpson and another (referred from last year), both sides of Corwin street, between Westville and Arcadia streets, Ward 20, artificial stone.

Emma Kerr and another (referred May 14), both sides of Cornell street, between Poplar and Orange streets, Ward 22, artificial stone.

Maurice Aronson and another (referred from last year), Wayland street, between Howard avenue and Magnolia street, in front of estates 48 and 70, Ward 17, artificial stone.

Chancellor C. Allen and others (referred from last year), both sides of Willow wood street, between Woodrow avenue and Robert street, Ward 21, artificial stone.

Charles McCarthy and another (referred from last year), both sides of Tencan street, between Freeport and Fulton streets, Ward 20, gravel.

Cecilia C. Dolan and another (referred from last year), both sides of Tower street, between Hyde Park avenue and Forest Hills Cemetery, Ward 23, artificial stone.

William O'Brien and another (referred from last year), southerly side of Spring Park avenue, between Centre street and Chestnut avenue, Ward 22, artificial stone.

Olive M. Corser and another (referred from last year), South street, between Washington street and Mosgrove avenue, Ward 22, artificial stone.

William McKinnon and another (referred from last year), Evans street, between Milton avenue and Lawton street, Ward 21, artificial stone.

Timothy Gearin and another (referred from last year), both sides of Lyon street, between Dorchester avenue and Adams street, Ward 18.

Petition for sidewalk (referred from last year) on Westville street, Ward 18, between Geneva avenue and Bowdoin street, artificial stone.

Reports accepted; orders passed.

(2) Orders were also reported for the construction of 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, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917, as follows:

Both sides of Washington street, between Walk Hill and South streets.

Both sides of Kittredge street, between Washington and Norfolk streets, Ward 23.

Northeasterly side of Blue Hill avenue, between Morton and Walk Hill streets, Ward 21, artificial stone.

Northerly side of Park street, between Clayton and Adams streets, Ward 20.

Both sides of Mapleton street, Ward 26, artificial stone.

Both sides of Blue Hill avenue, between Walk Hill street and the Milton line, artificial stone.

Ocean street, from No. 3 to 45, inclusive, and from No. 53 to 71, inclusive, also in front of No. 85 on said street, Ward 20, artificial stone.

Reports accepted; orders passed.

(3) Report on requests for transfers from various items in the segregated budget to other items, in conformity with requests of department heads (as submitted by the Mayor and referred today)—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said orders passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(4) Report on the order (referred today) that chapter 335 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the salaries of the court officers in attendance upon the sessions of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court," he and the same is hereby accepted—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(5) Report on the order (referred today) that chapter 272 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the wages of the seruh women employed in the Suffolk County Courthouse," he and the same hereby is accepted—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(6) Report on order (referred today) that chapter 340 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the salaries of the clerks of certain police, district and municipal courts," he and the same hereby is accepted—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(7) Report on the order (referred today) that chapter 273 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the minimum salary of the assistant clerks of the Superior Court for Civil Business in the County of Suffolk," he and the same is hereby accepted—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(8) Report on order (accompanying Mayor's message referred today) that the pumping station on Washington street, at Metropolitan avenue, at present in the control of the Water Service of the Public Works Department, be hereby transferred to the Public Buildings Department—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(9) Report on order (accompanying Mayor's message referred today) that the expenses incurred for the reception of the French Commission, the preparedness meetings and the various flag raisings be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(10) Report on order (referred today, accompanying Mayor's message) that under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor he and hereby is authorized to transfer \$262.50 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Children's Institutions Department, F-7, Pensions and Annuities—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(11) Report recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (referred today) to sell, rent or lease firearms on the street floor, as follows:

Charles Einstein, 1060 Washington street, Ward 6.

Simon Freedman, 64 Salem street, Ward 5.

Samuel Friedman, 223 and 225 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Company, 155 Washington street, Ward 5.

Mrs. Fannie Miller, 115 Portland street, Ward 5.

Rosenberg & Maybury, 144 Northampton street, Ward 13.

Joseph Sonnabend, 2136 Washington street, Ward 12.

Subway Loan Company, 64 Pleasant street, Ward 5.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(12) Reports on petitions (referred today) for permits for children to appear in public—recommending that leave be granted, as follows:

Delbert M. Staley, Jordan Hall, evening of May 23.

Marella G. Haekett, Brighthelmstone Hall, evening of June 1.

Miss E. G. Colleray, Howe Hall, evening of May 18.

Hazel Boone, Copley-Plaza Hall, evening of May 25.

Benjamin Trask Riley, Samuel Adams School Hall, evening of June 1.

Mrs. Martha A. Kreutel, Lieder Kranz Hall, evening of June 9.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(13) Report on order (referred today) that chapter 330 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the salaries of the justice and first assistant clerk of the Municipal Court of the Charlestown District of the City of Boston," he and the same hereby is accepted—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(14) Report on the petition (referred today) of William Fallon to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, William Fallon, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(15) Report on the petition of Joseph J. Patterson (referred today) to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Joseph J. Patterson, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### ORDINANCES.

Coun. FORD, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on ordinance (referred March 19) concerning salaries of officers at the County Jail—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; ordinance passed.

2. Report on ordinance (referred May 8) concerning removal of refuse—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said ordinance passed.

#### PENSION FOR MRS. ZELINGER.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered the following:

Ordered, That Special Act of 1917, chapter 367, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a pension to the widow of Louis A. Zelinger," he and the same is hereby accepted.

Passed.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 367 of the Special Acts of 1917, a pension of \$500 annually he allowed and paid to the widow of Louis A. Zelinger, said pension to continue so long as she remains unmarried, and to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

#### PROVISION FOR FAMILY OF DANIEL J. BRADY.

Coun. ATRIDGE offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 347, Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to provide for the family of Daniel J. Brady," he and the same is hereby accepted.

Passed.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 347 of the Special Acts of 1917, the sum of \$1,000

be allowed and paid to the family of Daniel J. Brady; said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners is again requested, as per order introduced in the City Council May 7, 1917, to report to the City Council, through his Honor the Mayor, if the site recommended by said department to the Mayor in a communication dated November 18, 1913, and recorded in page 333 of the minutes of the City Council of that year, for a bath house in the West End, is still an appropriate and available location for the bath house, and if in its opinion it is a suitable and a "good place to build it"; and that the City Council be informed by said Board as to the amount of money necessary for its acquisition and purchase.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, this order is similar to the one I introduced three weeks ago asking for information. We have received no reply from the Park and Recreation Department, and I think we ought to get some information from them in regard to the West End Bath House proposition. For that reason I have introduced

the order today, and I trust that we will have a reply from them at the next meeting of the Council, which I expect will be two weeks from today.

The order was passed.

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#### THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, the Council voted that when it adjourned it be to meet on Monday, June 11, at 2 p. m.

The motion was carried.

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#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. ATTRIDGE moved a general reconsideration of all business transacted at the meeting, hoping the same would not prevail. Lost.

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Adjourned, on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, at 4.39 p. m., to meet on Monday, June 11, at 2 p. m.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 4, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, presiding. Absent—Coun. Ford and Storrow.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

You are respectfully requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, June 4, 1917, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of providing for expense incidental to the equipping of Base Hospital Unit No. 7, and such additional sums as may be necessary for the administration of Soldiers' Relief during the current year.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The Council voted, on motion of Coun. WEL-LINGTON, to proceed to the election of a president *pro tem.*, and Coun. Ballantyne was unanimously elected.

## MONEY FOR CITY HOSPITAL UNIT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 4, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The City of Boston has been most generous in its contribution of money for Red Cross relief work. It has been equally generous in its contribution of women and men who are today making sacrifices on foreign battlefields.

Upon the occasion of the departure of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital Unit, headed by Dr. Harvey Cushing, as a consequence of a movement inaugurated by the city, it was possible to expend for the equipment of the unit some \$23,000 that had been raised among philanthropic women and men of Boston. The Massachusetts General Hospital Unit, which departs during the present week, under the direction of Dr. Frederick A. Washburn, will be amply supplied with uniforms, blankets and other equipment through the splendid efforts of Col. Jacob C. R. Peabody. The City Hospital Unit, which is scheduled to go abroad within the next ten days, is selected for assignment at a time when the funds in the hands of the Red Cross Committee at Boston are almost wholly exhausted and, unless assistance is furnished direct by the city, this unit will sail minus uniforms, blankets and other necessary equipment.

It is imperative in this emergency that action be taken to safeguard the health of the patriotic women and men representing the City Hospital Unit, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the expense attending the fitting out and equipping of Base Hospital Unit No. 7 of the Red Cross, not exceeding \$8,000, be charged to the appropriation of Boston Committee on Public Safety, Food Production and Conservation. Referred to the Executive Committee.

## TRANSFERS FOR SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 1, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Soldiers' Relief Commissioner on April 20 requested a special transfer from the Reserve Fund of \$30,000, to provide for additional expense that might be incurred in the department of State Aid in consequence of payments made to dependents of soldiers serving in the present war, as provided by chapter 179 of the Acts of 1917. To date these payments represent an expenditure of \$25,376.32, leaving a balance of only \$4,623.68.

In the opinion of the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner at least \$100,000 will be required, and it is imperative that this sum be provided in order that the dependents of patriotic men who have enlisted in the service of the country be protected from possible want during the remainder of the year. I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, F-8, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief and Burials.

## RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.18 p. m., on motion of Coun. WATSON, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order at 2.38 p. m., by the Chairman.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for appropriation of \$8,000 for fitting out and equipment of Base Hospital Unit No. 7 of the Red Cross—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the message was placed on file and the order was passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(2) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) transferring \$100,000 to appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the message was placed on file and the order was passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

## GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. FORD moved a general reconsideration, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 2.40 p. m., to meet on Monday, June 11, at 2 p. m.





CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 11, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—President Storrow.

It was unanimously voted that Coun. Ballantyne should be elected as president *pro tem*.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the terms ending April 30, 1918, viz.:

1. Constables of the City of Boston:
  - James R. Nolan, 130 Putnam street, East Boston.
  - Albert C. Norris, 23 Orkney road, Brighton.
  - Charles B. Palmer, 16 Seaver street, Roxbury.
  - Antony Laureana, 14 Kirkland street, Boston.
2. Weighers of Coal:
  - John F. Bowman, 6 Grant street, Dorchester.
  - James F. Townsend, 8 Buttonwood street, Dorchester.
  - Frank T. Hitchcock, Jr., 7 Boston avenue, West Medford.
  - Claude W. Birkenshaw, 6 Frank street, Watertown.
  - Frank E. Gilford, 53 M street, South Boston.
  - 3. Measurers of Wood and Bark:
    - Frank E. Gilford, 53 M street, South Boston.
    - Ernest C. Spence, 30 Lawrence street, Boston.
- Severally laid over under the law.
4. Weighers of Goods:
  - John M. Stewart, 89 Carolina avenue, Jamaica Plain, for the Kenneth Hutchins Company.
  - Albert H. Bowdy, 589 East Fourth street, South Boston, for Charles E. Clapp.
  - S. Pasternak, 286 Columbia road, Dorchester, for Hartman Brothers, Inc.
  - W. H. Hanson, 47 Brighton street, Charlestown, for the Quincy Market Cold Storage & Warehouse Company.
5. Peter F. Kerr, 95 Bennington street, East Boston, a Weigher of Goods for the Maverick Mills. Severally laid over under the law.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 11, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—At a recent meeting of your honorable body certain orders were passed which I have approved providing for increase in the salaries of clerks and other employees. In order, to provide for these increases and other minor expenses I recommend the passage of the accompanying supplementary appropriation order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1917, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance upon the County of Suffolk or the courts or officers thereof, the respective sums of money specified in the tables hereinafter set forth be and the same are hereby appropriated to be expended for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated, that the same be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore passed by the City Council relating to appropriations, taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

Ordered, That those portions of the several appropriation orders passed by the City Council April 30 and May 24 and approved by the Mayor May 1 and May 24, respectively, which contain Schedules A in the items for Suffolk County Jail; Superior Court, Civil Session, General Expenses; Municipal Court, Charlestown District; East Boston District Court; Municipal Court, South Boston District; Municipal Court, Dorchester District; Municipal Court, Roxbury District; Municipal Court, West Roxbury District; Municipal Court, Brighton District; Police Court, Chelsea, be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Ordered, That the amounts herein provided for and heretofore appropriated for Suffolk County Jail; Superior Court, Civil Session, General Expenses; Municipal Court, Charlestown District; East Boston District Court; Municipal Court, South Boston District; Municipal Court, Dorchester District; Municipal Court, Roxbury District; Municipal Court, West Roxbury District; Municipal Court, Brighton District; Police Court, Chelsea, be expended in accordance with the accompanying schedules.

JAIL.

A. Personal service as per schedule A.		
1. Permanent employees.....		\$1,472 34

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

B. Service other than personal:		
12. Premium on surety bonds.....		19 50

SUPERIOR COURT, CIVIL SESSION, GENERAL EXPENSES.

A. Personal service as per schedule A:		
1. Permanent employees.....	\$1,745 76	
B. Service other than personal:		
12. Premium on surety bonds.....	65 25	
		1,811 01

MUNICIPAL COURT, CITY OF BOSTON, CRIMINAL BUSINESS.

A. Personal service:		
1. Permanent employes, clerk, 1 at \$600 per annum.....		350 00

MUNICIPAL COURT, CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT.

A. Personal service as per schedule A:		
1. Permanent employes.....	\$700 01	
2. Temporary employes.....	88 80	
		788 81

EAST BOSTON DISTRICT COURT.

A. Personal service as per schedule A:		
1. Permanent employes.....		262 50

MUNICIPAL COURT, SOUTH BOSTON DISTRICT.

A. Personal service as per schedule A:		
1. Permanent employes.....	\$350 00	
2. Temporary employes.....	49 20	
		399 20



MUNICIPAL COURT, DORCHESTER DISTRICT.

A. Personal service as per schedule A:		
1. Permanent employees.....	\$364 59	
2. Temporary employees.....	29 03	\$393 62

MUNICIPAL COURT, ROXBURY DISTRICT.

A. Personal service as per schedule A:		
1. Permanent employees.....	\$743 75	
2. Temporary employees.....	66 30	\$810 05

MUNICIPAL COURT, WEST ROXBURY DISTRICT.

A. Personal service as per schedule A:		
1. Permanent employees.....	\$262 50	
2. Temporary employees.....	44 40	\$306 90

MUNICIPAL COURT, BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

A. Personal service as per schedule A:		
1. Permanent employees.....	\$175 00	
2. Temporary employees.....	27 44	\$202 44

POLICE COURT, CHELSEA.

A. Personal service as per schedule A:		
1. Permanent employees.....	\$262 50	
2. Temporary employees.....	42 92	\$305 42

Total.....		<u>\$7,121 79</u>
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SCHEDULE A.— COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.  
JAIL.

Jailer, 1 at \$1,000 per year.....	\$1,000 00	
Chief officer, 1 at \$2,000—\$2,100 per year.....	2,055 56	
Physician, 1 at \$1,500 per year.....	1,500 00	
Steward, 1 at \$1,350—\$1,450 per year.....	1,405 56	
Clerk, 1 at \$1,350—\$1,450 per year.....	1,405 56	
Van driver, 1 at \$1,000—\$1,200 per year.....	1,113 89	
First inside officer, 1 at \$1,250—\$1,450 per year.....	1,363 89	
Second inside officer, 1 at \$1,250—\$1,350 per year.....	1,308 33	
Third inside officer, 1 at \$1,200—\$1,350 per year.....	1,286 11	
Officers and watchmen, 4 at \$1,200—\$1,300 per year.....	5,033 32	
Officers and watchmen, 2 at \$1,100—\$1,300 per year.....	2,427 78	
Watchmen and engineers, 3 at \$1,000—\$1,200 per year.....	3,341 67	
Officers and watchmen, 16 at \$1,000—\$1,200 per year.....	17,822 24	
Matron, 1 at \$720—\$780 per year.....	755 00	
Assistant matrons, 5 at \$480—\$540 per annum.....	2,575 00	
Chaplains, 2 at \$600 per year.....	1,200 00	
Chaplain, 1 at \$240 per year.....	240 00	
		<u>\$45,833 91</u>

Temporary.

Officers.....	\$782 50	
Matron.....	110 67	
		<u>\$893 17</u>

SUPERIOR COURT, CIVIL SESSION, GENERAL EXPENSES.

Clerk, 1 at \$6,000 per year.....	\$6,000 00	
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$4,500 per year.....	4,500 00	
Assistant clerks, 2 at \$3,000 per year.....	5,983 64	
Assistant clerks, 9 at \$2,500—\$2,800 per year.....	24,184 02	
Chief deputy sheriff, 1 at \$2,100 per year.....	2,100 00	
Court officers, 36 at \$1,700 per year.....	61,200 00	
Messenger and clerical assistant, 1 at \$2,000 per year.....	2,000 00	
Stenographers, 10 at \$2,500 per year.....	25,000 00	
		<u>\$130,967 66</u>

Temporary.

Court officer at \$3 per day.....	\$939 00	
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MUNICIPAL COURT, CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT.

Justice, 1 at \$3,000—\$3,200 per year.....	\$3,116 67	
Clerk, 1 at \$1,800—\$2,400 per year.....	2,150 00	
First assistant clerk, 1 at \$1,200—\$1,400 per year.....	1,316 67	
Second assistant clerk, 1 at \$1,200 per year.....	1,200 00	
Chief probation officer, 1 at \$2,000 per year.....	2,000 00	
Probation officer, 1 at \$1,500 per year.....	1,500 00	
Probation officer for children, 1 at \$1,500 per year.....	1,500 00	
Court officers, 2 at \$1,200—\$1,300 per year.....	2,516 67	
		<u>\$15,300 01</u>

Temporary.

Special justices, 2 at \$9.87—\$10.53 per day.....	\$908 10	
Clerk, 1 at \$5.92—\$7.89 per day.....	236 70	
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$3.95—\$4.61 per day.....	110 44	
Second assistant clerk, 1 at \$3.95 per day.....	79 00	
Chief probation officer, 1 at \$6.58 per day.....	197 40	
Probation officer, 1 at \$4.93 per day.....	147 90	

Probation officer for children, 1 at \$4.93 per day.....	\$147 90
Court officers, 2 at \$3.95-\$4.28 per day.....	128 40
Clerical assistance.....	500 00
	<u>\$2,455 84</u>

EAST BOSTON DISTRICT COURT.

Justice, 1 at \$3,000 per year.....	\$3,000 00
Clerk, 1 at \$1,800-\$2,250 per year.....	2,062 50
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$1,200 per year.....	1,200 00
Second assistant clerk, 1 at \$1,000 per year.....	719 45
Probation officer, 1 at \$1,800-\$2,000 per year.....	1,916 67
Probation officer for wayward and delinquent children, 1 at \$1,500 per year.....	1,500 00
Court officers, 2 at \$1,300 per year.....	2,600 00
	<u>\$12,998 62</u>

Temporary.

Special justices, 2 at \$9.87 per day.....	\$690 90
Clerical assistant, 1 at \$800 per year.....	224 44
Probation officer, 1 at \$6.58 per day.....	197 40
Probation officer for children, 1 at \$4.93 per day.....	147 90
Court officers, 2 at \$4.28 per day.....	128 40
	<u>\$1,389 04</u>

MUNICIPAL COURT, SOUTH BOSTON DISTRICT.

Justice, 1 at \$2,750-\$3,200 per year.....	\$3,162 50
Probation officer, 1 at \$2,000 per year.....	2,000 00
Female assistant probation officer, 1 at \$1,500 per year.....	1,500 00
Juvenile probation officer, 1 at \$1,200 per year.....	1,200 00
Court officers, 2 at \$1,300-\$1,400 per year.....	2,716 67
Clerk, 1 at \$1,650-\$2,400 per year.....	2,204 16
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$1,100-\$1,500 per year.....	1,466 67
	<u>\$14,250 00</u>

Temporary.

Special justices, 2 at \$10.53 per day.....	\$537 03
Probation officer, 1 at \$6.58 per day.....	197 40
Clerk, 1 at \$6.58-\$7.89 per day.....	236 70
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$4.93 per day.....	98 60
Court officers, 2 at \$4.28-\$4.61 per day.....	202 50
	<u>\$1,272 23</u>

MUNICIPAL COURT, DORCHESTER DISTRICT.

Justice, 1 at \$3,500 per year.....	\$3,500 00
Clerk, 1 at \$2,100-\$2,625 per year.....	2,406 25
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$1,400 per year.....	1,400 00
Probation officer, 1 at \$1,600-\$1,800 per year.....	1,716 67
Court officer, 1 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year.....	1,258 34
	<u>\$10,281 26</u>

Temporary.

Special justices, 2 at \$11.51 per day.....	\$805 70
Clerk, 1 at \$6.91-\$8.63 per day.....	231 38
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$4.61 per day.....	92 20
Probation officer, 1 at \$5.92 per day.....	177 60
Court officer, 1 at \$3.95-\$4.28 per day.....	68 13
Clerical assistance.....	200 00
	<u>\$1,575 01</u>

MUNICIPAL COURT, ROXBURY DISTRICT.

Justice, 1 at \$4,000-\$4,500 per year.....	\$4,458 34
Clerk, 1 at \$2,400-\$3,375 per year.....	3,168 75
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$1,600-\$2,000 per year.....	1,966 67
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$1,200-\$1,500 per year.....	1,475 00
Clerical assistance.....	600 00
Court officers, 2 at \$1,300-\$1,600 per year.....	2,950 00
Probation officer, 1 at \$2,200 per year.....	2,200 00
Assistant probation officer, 1 at \$2,000 per year.....	2,000 00
Clerk in probation office, 1 at \$1,200 per year.....	1,200 00
Assistant probation officer, 1 at \$1,700 per year.....	1,700 00
Probation officer for children, 1 at \$2,000 per year.....	2,000 00
Assistant probation officer, 1 at \$1,800 per year.....	1,050 00
	<u>\$24,768 76</u>

Temporary.

Special justices, 2 at \$11.80 per day.....	\$2,960 00
Clerk, 1 at \$9.87-\$11.10 per day.....	333 00
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$6.58 per day.....	131 60
Assistant clerk, 1 at \$4.93 per day.....	98 60
Court officers, 2 at \$4.28-\$5.26 per day.....	157 80
Probation officer, 1 at \$7.24 per day.....	217 20
Assistant probation officer, 1 at \$6.58 per day.....	197 40
Assistant probation officer, 1 at \$5.59 per day.....	167 70
Probation officer for children, 1 at \$6.58 per day.....	197 40
	<u>\$4,460 70</u>



MUNICIPAL COURT, WEST ROXBURY DISTRICT.

Justice, 1 at \$3,000 per year.....	\$3,000 00
Clerk, 1 at \$1,800-\$2,250 per year.....	2,062 50
Officer for attendance, 1 at \$1,300 per year.....	1,300 00
Probation officer, 1 at \$1,500-\$1,700 per year.....	1,616 67
Probation officer for children, 1 at \$1,300-\$1,500 per year.....	1,416 67
	<u>\$9,395 84</u>

Temporary.

Special justices, 2 at \$9.87 per day.....	\$315 78
Clerk, 1 at \$5.92-\$7.40 per day.....	233 80
Officer for attendance, 1 at \$4.28 per day.....	64 20
Probation officer, 1 at \$5.59 per day.....	197 22
Probation officer for children, 1 at \$4.93 per day.....	147 90
Assistant clerk, \$100 per month.....	250 00
Clerical assistance.....	600 00
	<u>\$1,808 90</u>

MUNICIPAL COURT, BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

Justice, 1 at \$2,000 per year.....	\$2,000 00
Clerk, 1 at \$1,200-\$1,500 per year.....	1,375 00
Probation officer, 1 at \$1,200-\$1,400 per year.....	1,316 67
Court officer, 1 at \$1,000 per year.....	1,000 00
	<u>\$5,691 67</u>

Temporary.

Special justices, 2 at \$6.58 per day.....	\$217 14
Clerk, 1 at \$3.95-\$4.93 per day.....	169 64
Probation officer, 1 at \$4.61 per day.....	138 30
Court officer, 1 at \$3.29 per day.....	52 64
Clerical assistance.....	200 00
	<u>\$777 72</u>

POLICE COURT, CHELSEA.

Justice, 1 at \$3,000 per year.....	\$3,000 00
Clerk, 1 at \$1,800-\$2,250 per year.....	2,062 50
Probation officer, 1 at \$1,500 per year.....	1,500 00
Juvenile probation officer, 1 at \$1,100 per year.....	1,100 00
Constable, 1 at \$1,300 per year.....	1,300 00
Clerical hire.....	1,200 00
Janitor, 1 at \$480 per year.....	480 00
	<u>\$10,642 50</u>

Temporary.

Special justices, 2 at \$9.87 per day.....	\$1,184 40
Clerk, 1 at \$5.92-\$7.40 per day.....	220 52
Probation officer, 1 at \$4.93 per day.....	147 90
Juvenile probation officer, 1 at \$3.62 per day.....	108 60
Constable, 1 at \$4.28 per day.....	64 20
	<u>\$1,725 62</u>

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPAIRING OF CHEMICAL NO. 10.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The building formerly used as Chemical No. 10 is in such condition at present as to make necessary the expenditure of \$1,500 for repairing and placing it in condition suitable for use, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$1,500 from the Reserve Fund to an appropriation for Old Fire House, Eustis street, for repairing and improving building.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

STEEL FLOOR, BROADWAY BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 7, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Commissioner of Public

Works, relative to rebuilding steel floor of the Broadway Bridge over the Boston & Albany Railroad, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department, May 31, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor:  
I respectfully recommend that an appropriation of \$50,000 be made for rebuilding the steel floor of the Broadway Bridge over the Boston & Albany Railroad.

The Public Service Commission passed an order May 3 that Broadway Bridge over the Boston & Albany Railroad should be rebuilt so far as regards the floor system. On May 21 a copy of an agreement was received from Mr. George A. Flynn, Assistant Corporation Counsel, in which it was agreed between the City of Boston and the Boston & Albany Railroad Company and the West End Street Railway Company (Boston Elevated Railway Company, lessee) that the City of Boston should be the party to do the work prescribed by the Public Service Commission.

An estimate of the cost of rebuilding this floor has been made and it amounts to \$50,000. This estimate is much higher than the estimate made last year, as the price of steel has about doubled and the prices of all other materials have also advanced very much.

This steel floor, when built, should last for over twenty years and as the maintenance of the bridge has been annually taken care of out of the appro-

priation from taxes, the cost of rebuilding should be provided out of loan.

Yours respectfully,  
E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the construction of steel floor on Broadway Bridge, over the tracks of the Boston & Albany Railroad, 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 such purpose. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SALE OF CITY LAND, HYDE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 11, 1917.

To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed report from the Municipal Real Estate Expert, with reference to land located at Hyde Park, known as the Hyde Park pumping station tract, which land is no longer required for use by the Public Works Department.

A proposition has been received for the purchase of this property and, in the event of its acceptance by the city, it is proposed by the purchaser to establish a manufacturing plant employing upwards of 100 persons. I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to sell at public auction at an upset price of not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) a parcel of land, containing about 934,951 square feet, known as the old Hyde Park pumping station tract, and in the name and behalf of the city and in form satisfactory to the Law Department to execute and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers a deed of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

SALE OF LAND, SQUANTUM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 11, 1917.

To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—The City of Boston owns approximately 16.50 acres of land at Squantum, which is taxed in the city of Quincy, some 14.85 acres of which cannot be utilized to advantage.

Negotiations have for some time been under consideration between the Municipal Real Estate Expert and the city of Quincy with a view to the sale of this property for park or other purposes. In view of the fact that the land represents an annual maintenance charge without any return to the City of Boston, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to sell to the city of Quincy on such terms as he deems best, for not less than \$15,000, the land at Squantum Head in Quincy owned by the City of Boston and not used in connection with sewerage works, and in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to convey the same to the city of Quincy by deed in form satisfactory to the Law Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SALE OF CITY LAND, BRIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 11, 1917.

To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed report from the Municipal Real Estate Expert, with reference to the land located at Chestnut

Hill avenue, Brighton, and used as a Paving Division Yard.

In the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works this property is no longer required for the use of this department, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to sell at public auction at an upset price of not less than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), a parcel of land containing about 569,776 square feet, on the easterly side of Chestnut Hill avenue, and in the form satisfactory to the Law Department to execute and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers a deed of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ROSLINDALE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 11, 1917.

To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully yours,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Buildings Department,  
June 5, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I inclose to you a statement from Mr. Harrison H. Atwood, architect on the Municipal Building, Roslindale, showing the changes and additions necessary to complete said building in accordance with the original plans.

Of course, in order to pursue this work, it will be necessary to provide an extra appropriation covering same and I would suggest that the sum of \$20,000 be appropriated.

Awaiting your pleasure in the premises, I am,  
Yours respectfully,  
FRED J. KNEELAND,  
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Dorchester, Mass., June 5, 1917.

Mr. Fred J. Kneeland,

Superintendent Public Buildings:

Dear Sir,—In accordance with your verbal instructions I am herewith submitting prices for all changes and additions to the Roslindale Municipal Building to this date made or contemplated to complete and finish the building, also prices for the seating, gymnasium and library equipment, as follows:

Estimate and proposal of McGahey & O'Connor to complete the work in the basement left out when the general contract was awarded in finishing the wardrobe, also making certain structural changes and additions as mentioned in their communication of May 5, 1917.	\$10,163 00
Seats on auditorium floor, 640, No. 708, American Seating Company's catalogue, at \$1.95; wardrobe and gymnasium, 225, No. 708, American Seating Company's catalogue, at \$1.95, total, \$65, at \$1.95. Platform furniture, tables, chairs, etc., for the auditorium and the wardrobe, \$300,	1,986 75
Proposal received for a specified list of gymnasium apparatus similar to the equipment of the municipal building at the corner of Dudley and Vine streets, price, including delivery and installation.	2,950 00
Library fittings and furniture as follows: 214 feet 0-inch running single and 43 feet 0-inch of double ash shelving with back, 7 feet 0-inch high installed and finished, according to detail drawings.	1,375 00
Eight 5 feet 3-inch circular ash tables; four oblong tables 3 feet 6 inches x 8 feet 0 inches; two oblong ash tables 3 feet 0 inches x 6 feet 0 inches.	1,000 00

Attendants' ash desk, chair and index card rack.....	\$125 00
The above furniture and fittings to be as shown and laid out on the street floor plan, sheet No. 4, of best ash finishing stock or to correspond with the standing finish stock if changed to oak as proposed by the contractors at the same price.	
One hundred twelve library reading room chairs at \$5.....	560 00
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	\$3,060 00
For contingent and other expense, 10 per cent.....	1,815 97
Total.....	<u>\$19,975 72</u>

Respectfully yours,  
HARRISON H. ARWOOD.

Ordered, That the sum of \$20,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the completion and equipment of New Municipal Building at Rosindale, and that to meet said expenditure 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 Finance.

PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 4, 1917.  
To the City Council,  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication submitted by the City Planning Board and the Municipal Real Estate Expert, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

May 24, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The City Planning Board has carefully investigated the question of a Mothers' Rest and Playground in East Boston, as requested by you in a recent communication transmitting report from Mr. John Beck, Real Estate Broker and Appraiser, with reference to property on Saratoga and Bennington streets, near Moore street, which report, together with letter and accompanying sketch are returned to you herewith.

In the report of the City Planning Board on "East Boston, A Survey and Comprehensive Plan" (Document 116, 1915), it is recommended that the city take two large areas for local parks, one east and one west of the center. The area referred to in Mr. Beck's report is small and does not involve a large expenditure of money, yet in location and accessibility conforms to the highest requirements of a Mothers' Rest which, in order to attain to its greatest value, should be accessible from the largest number of tenements by the shortest possible walk.

We therefore indorse Mr. Beck's recommendation, which provides for the taking of the property on Saratoga and Bennington streets, near Moore street, together with the additional lots No. 693 and rear Saratoga street, and 1,250 feet of the rear of the Convent of Mercy land on Bennington street, making a total of 18,750 square feet of land as shown on the inclosed sketch.

This indorsement is made with the understanding that if this property is acquired by the city it is to be used exclusively as a Mothers' Rest, restricted to the use of mothers and children under twelve years of age; and that it shall not take the place of either of the playgrounds which we recommend shall be acquired in this district whenever it is possible to do so.

Yours very truly,  
R. A. CRAM, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended for the establishment of a Mothers' Rest and Children's Playground on Saratoga and Bennington streets, East Boston, 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 such purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

BUDGET TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 11, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith requests for transfers from various items in the segregated budget to other items, in conformity with requests of department heads, and recommend the approval of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers in Schedule A of the Hospital Department necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Board of Trustees dated June 11, 1917.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers in Schedule A of the Public Works Department, Paving Service, Sanitary Service and Water Service appropriations, necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Commissioner of Public Works dated June 7, 1917.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for the Children's Institutions Department, Suffolk School for Boys:  
From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Teachers, 3 at \$420-\$480 per year, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$100; D-16, General Plant, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$700 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, item B-18, Cleaning.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for the Municipal Court of the City of Boston:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistants Probation Officers, 16 at \$2,000 per year, to the appropriation for C-10, Library, \$100; C-12, Medical and Surgical Laboratory, \$100; F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$526.50.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers from the Reserve Fund to B-12, Premium on Surety Bonds:

Auditing Department.....	\$45 00
City Clerk Department.....	1 60
Collecting Department.....	489 01
Health Department.....	3 60
Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Central Office.....	1 00
Overseeing of the Poor Department, Way-farers' Lodge.....	1 00
Registry Department.....	1 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	17 50
Street Laying-Out Department.....	1 60
Treasury Department.....	292 00
Weights and Measures Department.....	1 80
Wire Department.....	1 20

Ordered, That to meet the expense of procuring surety bonds for the employees of the Collecting Department, Water Division, the additional sum of \$56 be and the same is hereby appropriated for B-12, Premium on Surety Bonds, said amount to be met by revenue from Water Service.

Ordered, That to meet the expense of the Printing Department for the financial year, beginning February 1, 1917, the following additional sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for B-4,



Transportation of Persons, \$100, and B-5, Cartage and Freight, \$100, said amounts to be met by revenue from the Printing Department.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for the Boston Infirmary Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital:

From the appropriation for Permanent Employees (Pupil Nurses) to the appropriation for D-9, Educational and Recreational, \$60.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Patriek F. McDonald, for compensation for damages at 46 Curved street caused by a broken water pipe.

Irwin Clarke, for compensation for damage to clothing while he was crossing the South Ferry.

James Burke, for compensation for injury to horse by a defective manhole cover in Brookside avenue.

Julia Sheedy, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on East Newton street.

Dennis C. Mahoney, to be refunded cost of cleaning sewer at 72 Decatur street, Charlestown.

Donald MacDonald, for compensation for injuries received in the park at Charlestown Heights.

Mary S. McCarthy, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Broadway.

Eli Olitzsky, for compensation for damage to automobile by a city wagon.

Mrs. R. A. Quimby, for compensation for damage to clothing by a defect at corner Richmond street and Dorchester avenue.

Annie C. Williams, for compensation for damage to clothing by a city watering cart.

Florence Cameron, for compensation for injuries received from a defect at corner Maywood street and Blue Hill avenue.

Henry H. Fay, for compensation for loss sustained on account of construction of sewer in Back street.

John McGilvray, for a hearing on his claim on account of injuries caused by a defect in Bowdoin street.

Mrs. Alice M. Ryan, for compensation for damage to clothing from a defect in Longwood avenue.

Julia Bertie Casey, for compensation for damage to rugs by street tar.

Sadie Peysor, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Washington street, near the Modern Theater.

Pasquale Sarpi, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by a horse belonging to the city.

Elizabeth Folsom, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Talbot avenue, near Codman square.

Mrs. Annie O'Connell, for compensation for injuries from a defect in Hanover street, near Washington street.

Mary M. Gorman, for compensation for damages caused by stoppage of sewer at 74 H street.

Rosa Lempert, for compensation for injuries received on Poplar street.

Charles H. Howard, for compensation for injuries received at the Rutherford avenue playground.

Bay State Dredging and Contracting Company, for compensation for loss sustained on account of defect in Meridian street drawbridge.

Dorothy A. Brown, for compensation for injuries received from defect in highway near the Readville Bridge.

James F. Boyle, Cornelius Donovan, James M. Harrington, Charles F. Hayes, Eben C. Lothrop, Michael Norton, David F. Sheehan, members of Fire Engine Company No. 21—severally to be paid for clothing lost at fire.

George H. Mortimer, for compensation for injuries caused by a city automobile.

Henry W. Brown, for compensation for damage to automobile by defect in highway near Readville Bridge.

F. W. Merrick, for compensation for expense incurred on account of drain broken by city employe.

County Accounts.

A petition was received from John P. Manning, Clerk of the Superior Criminal Court, asking for \$980 for extra clerical assistance in said court in accordance with the provisions of chapter 165, section 38, of the Revised Laws.

Public Lands.

Petition of the trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the town of Roxbury for the execution of a deed to them of certain land near Columbus avenue.

Executive.

Petitions were received for licenses to sell, rent or lease firearms, as follows:

Back Bay Loan Company, 379 Columbus avenue, Ward 7.

Marciano Ferri, 134 Salem street, Ward 5.

Jacob H. Kahn, 150 and 152 Main street, Ward 3.

Max Levin, 112 Merrimac street, Ward 5.

Levine Brothers, 11A Essex street, Ward 5.

Victor Schonfeld, 319 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Vara Brothers, 39 Prince street, Ward 5.

J. White's Sons, 148 Hanover street, Ward 5.

J. White's Sons, 288 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Petitions for retirement under provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914, viz.:

Michael McSweeney, Thomas J. Breslin,

Bridget Lyons.

Petitions for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

Mary F. Dowd, Steinert Hall, evening of June 29.

Eleanor M. Travers, O'Connell Hall, evening of June 29.

Mrs. Amy T. Rawson, Steinert Hall, evening of June 26.

Annette Epstein, Whiton Hall, evening of June 21.

Odelle de Beauvais Bailey, Huntington Chambers Hall, evening of June 20.

C. W. Fairbanks, Parish House, Mattapan, evening of June 28.

May E. Black Wells, Steinert Hall, on June 22.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives, or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Henric Laundry Machinery Company, keeping of gasoline, Forest Park, near Morton Street Station.

Rueter & Co., keeping of gasoline, corner Heath and Bronley streets.

Edwin M. Hobbs, keeping and sale of turpentine and other inflammable fluids at 111 Main street.

Patterson Lubricating Company, keeping and sale of gasoline and kerosene at 114 Broad street.

Hyde Park Garage, keeping and sale of gasoline, Hyde Park avenue, corner Everett street, Hyde Park.

George E. Ladd, keeping and sale of products of petroleum at 396 Columbus avenue.

N. R. Perkins, keeping of gasoline, 1122 Adams street, Dorchester.

Jacob Moshkowitz, keeping and sale of fixed ammunition at 14 and 16 Atlantic avenue.

C. Babcock & Co., keeping of gasoline, 36 Beverly street.

Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, keeping of oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 69 Eastern avenue.

Jenney Manufacturing Company, keeping, storage, manufacture and sale of petroleum and its products at First street, between D and E streets.

Jenney Manufacturing Company, keeping and sale of petroleum and its products at 8 India street and 146 Milk street.

Boston Ice Cream Company, keeping of gasoline, 34 King street, Roxbury (two notices).

Henry A. Fuller, keeping of gasoline, 14 Merlin street, Dorchester.

Harriet R. Eldridge, keeping of gasoline, 15 Monandnock street, Dorchester.

Edward H. Brunet, keeping of gasoline, 11 Moreland street, Roxbury.

Proprietors of Forest Hills Cemetery, keeping of gasoline at Forest Hills Cemetery on Morton street.

Orlando B. Lailer, keeping of gasolene, 15 Moultrie street, Dorchester.

Berwick Cuke Company, keeping of gasolene, 18 Palmer street, Roxbury.

Charles H. K. Skillin, keeping and sale of gasolene, 116 Park street, Dorchester.

Edward A. Grout & Co., keeping and sale of fixed ammunition at 111 Summer street.

Martha W. Whitney, keeping of gasolene, 82 Sutherland road, Brighton.

Annie E. Arzillo *et al.*, keeping of gasolene, 26 Thetford avenue.

Summerfield Company, keeping of gasolene, 105 Tyler street.

Walter Adlard, keeping of gasolene, 29 Virginia street, Dorchester.

Albert H. Curtis, keeping of gasolene, 18 Welles avenue, Dorchester (two notices).

John A. Mullin, keeping of gasolene, rear of 14 Woodworth street.

J. W. Strieder Company, keeping of gasolene, 178 Ruggles street, Roxbury (two notices).

Star Brewing Company, for keeping and storage of gasolene at 69 Shirley street, Roxbury.

W. B. Brophy, for keeping and storage of gasolene at 154 Temple street, West Roxbury.

W. Bowman Cutter, for keeping, storage and sale of gasolene at 2377 Washington street.

Placed on file.

#### STREET RAILWAY LOCATIONS.

Notice was received from the Metropolitan Park Commission of granting of locations to the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company on North Beacon Street Bridge.

Placed on file.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the appointment of Mrs. H. N. Slater as Overseer of the Poor to take the place of Mr. H. Staples Potter who resigned.

Placed on file.

Notice was received of the appointment by the Mayor of Walter S. Gerrish to be a member of the Board of Appeal.

Placed on file.

#### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of the following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

John J. Toomey, Election Commissioner.

Frank Seiberlich, Election Commissioner.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION.

Notice was received from the Schoolhouse Department of organization of same with Joseph P. Lomasney as chairman and William J. Hennessey as secretary of said commission.

Placed on file.

#### MINORS' LICENSES.

President BALLANTYNE submitted reports of petitions for minors' licenses for eight newsboys and four vendors—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### MANNING OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council how many men would be needed to fully man the Fire Department under present conditions, and also the number of men necessary to fully man the department should the ordinance be adopted granting one day off in three.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### CONSTABLE'S BOND APPROVED.

The constable's bond of Edward P. Rice, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

#### CONVEYANCE OF LAND.

President BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 7, viz.:

7. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city, in form satisfactory to the Law Department and upon payment of the sum of \$11.60, to convey to Lucius A. Brown, owner of the adjoining land, a parcel of land situated in that part of Boston formerly Roxbury, and bounded northeasterly by Massachusetts avenue, about 2.24 feet, southeasterly by Shirley street, about 13.28 feet; containing in all about 29 square feet.

On May 28 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

#### RESTORATION OF FANEUIL HALL, ETC.

President BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 8, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the purposes herein set forth, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount, viz.:

Faneuil Hall Building..... \$68,000 00

Restoration, fireproofing and automatic sprinkler equipment.

Quincy Market Building..... 50,000 00

Reconstruction and fire protection.

Old State House, water curtain..... 2,000 00

On May 28 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### PAYMENT TO GUARDIAN OF CLARE L. MCCARTHY.

President BALLANTYNE offered an order—That chapter 357 of the Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the legal guardian of Clare L. McCarthy"—be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

President BALLANTYNE offered an order—That under the provisions of chapter 357 of the Special Acts of 1917 the sum of \$2,500 be allowed and paid to the legal guardian of, and for the benefit of, Clare L. McCarthy, in compensation for injuries received by her from a fall in the yard of the Charles C. Perkins School on St. Botolph street, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SEIZURE OF FOOD AND FUEL.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to order the Corporation Counsel to appear before the Constitutional Convention, or its committees, and advocate the passage of an amendment to the constitution giving to the Governor of the Commonwealth, the mayors of cities and selectmen of towns in the Commonwealth, the authority and power, when in their judgment the public necessity warrants, to seize by and through its boards of health such food and fuel supplies as they may find within the boundaries of their jurisdiction, and sell and distribute the same to the residents of such jurisdiction at such price as they shall determine, and the owner of such food and fuel supplies shall be entitled to receive from the Commonwealth, the city or town that seized said food or fuel, such a sum of money for the same as may be reasonable, but speculative and fictitious market prices shall not be paid for the same.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PENSION FOR WILLIAM E. STAPLES.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That, under the provisions of chapter 149 of the Special

Acts of 1917, there be allowed and paid annually to William E. Staples a sum equal to one half of the annual compensation which he received from the city as call man in the Fire Department during the year prior to his retirement from the service, the payments to date from January 1, 1914, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

NAMING OF SQUARE, DORCHESTER.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That the open space at the junction of Hyde Park avenue and Walk Hill street be named and hereafter known as Richard E. Cochran square, and that the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to place suitable signs designating the same.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on petition of Elizabeth P. Devens (referred May 28) for a disclaimer and release of any possible rights acquired by the City of Boston in parcel of land bounded by South, Robert and South Walter streets—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city, and for a nominal consideration, to disclaim ownership or possession of any rights whatsoever in a parcel of land at the junction of South street and Robert street in that part of Boston called Roslindale, gained under or by the supplemental report to the Commissioners of Grade Crossings as recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2451, page 289, and to release to Elizabeth P. Devens and her heirs and assigns any possible rights which it may have acquired to said land under and by virtue of said commissioners' report.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, on behalf of the committee, I desire to say that, as the order reads, it is based on the petition of Elizabeth P. Devens for a disclaimer and release to her of any possible rights acquired by the City of Boston in a parcel of land bounded by South, Robert and South Walter streets. I might say that a ditch or culvert for the passage of water formerly existed across the point of said parcel of land near the junction of South and Robert streets, but the same has gradually become filled with dirt and is not used by the city, which has established a drainage system entirely independent thereof. I have a letter here which has been addressed to the City Council by the Commissioner of Public Works, as follows:

May 23, 1917.

To the City Council:

I return herewith order authorizing his Honor the Mayor, in the name and behalf of the city, to disclaim ownership or possession of any rights in a parcel of land at the junction of South street and Robert street, Roslindale, and in connection therewith respectfully report that there are no objections on the part of the Public Works Department.

Yours respectfully,  
E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

That, Mr. President, is filed with the paper.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 6, nays 0, and will come up for final reading and passage in not less than fourteen days.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

President BALLANTYNE, 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 June.

Report accepted; order passed.

MONEY FOR SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

President BALLANTYNE offered an order—That there be allowed and paid to the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner, and charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, the sum of three hundred dollars, said sum to be expended, subject to the approval of the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, by said commissioner in affording immediate relief to persons entitled to aid under chapter 79 of the Revised Laws and acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.27 p. m., on motion of Coun. WELLINGTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.27 p. m.

UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Coun. WATSON, for the Committee on Unclaimed Baggage, submitted a report on petition of Boston & Maine Railroad Company (referred May 28) for sale of unclaimed baggage—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Boston & Maine Railroad Company be hereby authorized to sell, at public auction, on or before July 14, 1917, and after publication of the time and place of sale, according to law, the articles left and remaining unclaimed in the possession of said company in the City of Boston.

Report accepted; order passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. McDONALD, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on message of Mayor, communications and orders (referred today) for transfers in accordance with the request of the department heads—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

Mary F. Dowd, Steinert Hall, evening of June 29.

Eleanor M. Travers, O'Connell Hall, June 29.

Mrs. Amy T. Rawson, Steinert Hall, evening of June 26.

Annette Epstein, Whittin Hall, evening of June 21.

Odelle de Beauvais Bailey, Huntington Chambers Hall, evening of June 20.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on order (referred today) that the Fire Commissioner inform the City Council as to how many men would be needed to fully man Fire Department—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) transferring \$1,500 from the Reserve Fund for the repair and improving of building formerly occupied by Chemical No. 10 of the Boston Fire Department—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(5) Reports on petitions of Bridget Lyons, Michael McSweeney and Thomas J. Breslin (severally referred today) to be retired under provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Bridget Lyons, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Buildings Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the



Special Acts of 1915, Michael McSweeney, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Thomas J. Breslin, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Park and Recreation Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on order (referred today) to name the open space at Walk Hill street and Hyde Park avenue Cochran square—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on order (referred today) appropriating \$300 to be expended by the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner for immediate relief of persons entitled to aid under chapter 79 of the Revised Laws, with the approval of the Committee on Soldiers' Relief—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for money for current expenses, County of Suffolk—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(9) Report on order (referred today) concerning seizure of food and fuel—recommending passage in the following new draft:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the advisability of having the Corporation Counsel appear before the Constitutional Convention, or its committee, and advocate the passage of an amendment to the Constitution giving to the Governor of the Commonwealth, the mayors of cities and selectmen of towns in the Commonwealth the authority and power, when in their judgment the public necessity warrants, to seize by and through its boards of health such food and fuel supplies as they may find within the boundaries of their jurisdiction, and sell and distribute the same to the residents of such jurisdiction at such price as they shall determine, and the owner of such food and fuel supplies shall be entitled to receive from the Commonwealth, the city or town that seized said food or fuel such a sum of money for the same as may be reasonable, but speculative and fictitious market prices shall not be paid for the same.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order, Coun. HAGAN asking for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed, yeas 5, nays 3, the vote being as follows:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ford, McDonald, Watson, Wellington—5.

Nays—Coun. Ballantyne, Collins, Hagan—3.

#### FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted a report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for \$75,000 for Wards E and A, City Hospital—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I have some doubt at the present time in reference to this order. As I stated in the committee meeting, the communication accompanying the order talks about repairs, while the order in chief, I think, talks about reconstruction. I think we are getting very close to the line and borrowing money for the purpose of making repairs. The Council itself, without going too far into the whole question, knows the principle that this involves; and, for my own part, I shall at the present time, in view of all the facts, vote "No."

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I might say that the communication from the trustees of the City Hospital, signed by A. Shuman, calls attention to the fact that Ward E, the one which was burned out in a fire, and Ward A were to be remodeled, reconstructed and fireproofed and the order itself calls for the use of this money for the reconstruction of these ward buildings E and A. It seems from reading the communication from the City Hospital Department as though the reconstruction of these two wards will mean increased accommodation for the hospital. As I understand it, the increased

accommodations are required at this particular time. The City Hospital Trustees say:

"If the proposed alterations are made, instead of having two wards accommodating twenty-six patients each, as now, these buildings will be so reconstructed that there will be four large wards capable of accommodating 104 patients and four sun parlors accommodating forty-eight patients, or a total of 152 patients."

So it would seem to me as though this money was really to be used for remodeling, reconstructing and fireproofing, being similar to the appropriations made for the Quincy Market, when there was a fire, the Faneuil Hall Market and the front of the Old State House.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, of course we have never yet in this Council borrowed money for current expenses, and I think we do not propose to begin to do so now. However, this struck me as an emergency measure, as in the nature of a complete remodeling and reconstructing job. If I find on further investigation that it is not, that it is for a current expenditure, and that we are expected to borrow money for it, I shall vote "No" at the next meeting. I shall vote "Yes" at this time.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 7, nays 1, Coun. FORD voting nay, and will come up for final reading and passage in not less than fourteen days.

#### BATH HOUSE, WEST END.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council if the site recommended by the Park and Recreation Department to the Mayor in a communication to the Mayor dated November 18, 1913, and recorded on page 333 of the minutes of the City Council of the year 1913 and May 7, 1917, for a bath house in the West End, is still an appropriate and available location for the said bath house, and if, in its opinion, it is suitable, and if it "is a good place to build it," that the City Council be informed by said Board as to the amount of money necessary to be voted for its acquisition and purchase.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I am going to ask a suspension of the rules that that order may go on its passage. On May 7, five weeks ago today, the Council passed an order similar to that. On the 28th of May, two weeks ago, we passed a similar order, and this order is now before us. Apparently the Park and Recreation Department, if the order has been received by it, does not intend to pay any attention to the request of the City Council in regard to this particular matter. It may be that the two orders we passed on May 7 and May 28 did not reach the Park and Recreation Department. It seems to me that this Council, which has passed this order twice, this making the third time, is surely entitled to an answer to a request it makes in good faith. If the officials of the city do not want to build a municipal building in this particular locality, why don't they say so? I am not fighting for any particular class. I am trying to get an appropriation for a bath house for the people of that district, no matter of what class they are. If the city officials in authority do not desire to give the people of that district a bath house or do not intend to do anything about it, why don't they say so? Why don't they tell the Council what they intend to do, if they intend to do anything? I think in justice to the Council, the Mayor and the Park and Recreation Department ought to make some reply to the orders we have passed in this body in regard to this particular matter.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

President BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 1 to 6, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor June 4, 1917, viz.:

1. Reuben Goren, to be a Constable.
2. Alfred A. Edwards, to be a Constable.
3. Joseph E. Rollins, to be a Constable.
4. Davis Reinherz, to be a Constable.
5. Arthur W. Hill, to be a Weigher of Coal.

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6. John F. Cullen, Earle C. Thurlow, Edward J. Smith, Edward Anthony and George Storan, to be Weighers of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Collins and Watson. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yeas 8, and the appointments were confirmed.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. McDONALD moved a general reconsideration, hoping that the same would not prevail.  
Lost.

Adjourned at 4.45 p. m., on motion of Coun. HAGAN, to meet on Monday, June 25, at two o'clock p. m.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Thursday, June 21, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, for the purpose of drawing jurors, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.30 p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, presiding and a quorum present.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear July 2, 1917:

Samuel J. Barron, Ward 7; Joseph W. Gifford, Ward 14; James W. Cole, Ward 7; Bernard J. Early, Ward 20; Francis H. McKenzie, Ward 14; William B. Foster, Ward 24; Paul D. Tracy, Ward 1; William A. Wells, Ward 3; Peter J. Mahon, Ward 12; Thomas H. Carroll, Ward 11; Charles F. Dougher, Ward 16; James E. Cussen, Ward 18; George Edwards, Ward 1; Samuel W. Boyden, Ward 12; William W. Monto, Ward 26;

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Forty traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear July 5:

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Adjourned at 7.43 p. m.





CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 25, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—President Storrow.

Coun. Ballantyne was elected temporary President, receiving the votes of all the members present.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Subject to confirmation by your honorable body, I appoint the following-named persons Constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1918.

Charles Florino, 159 Salem street, Boston; Lewis R. Sullivan, 108 Homes avenue, Dorchester.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

RESTORATION OF QUINCY MARKET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the appended communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, relative to work done for the restoration of Quincy Market after the recent fire, and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Office of Public Buildings Department,  
June 10, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I inclose to you a list of bills rendered this department for work done in restoring Quincy Market after the fire of March 15, 1917, and respectfully request that an appropriation of this amount be transferred to this department to meet the obligation.

I would add that there is a possibility of there being some litigation over one of the bills, which might possibly reduce the sum needed, but at the present writing I have no means of computing same.

Awaiting your pleasure in the premises, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

FRED J. KNEELAND,  
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Bills for Work in Restoration of Quincy Market After Fire of March 15, 1917.

Joseph A. Nelson.....	\$142 51
Timothy E. McCarthy.....	4,063 74
F. C. Creber & Son.....	4,157 69
Walter Sherman.....	230 05
John Bowen Company.....	954 69
H. J. Walper Company.....	152 05
Warren Brothers.....	181 47
Berger Manufacturing Company.....	535 58
Herbert S. Potter.....	98 37
McIntire Williamson.....	345 35
F. G. Hall.....	5 00
Ames Plow Company.....	2 60
Troy Brothers.....	71 06
John F. Clancy.....	58 93
George W. Walsh.....	399 15
Edison Illuminating Company (light),	226 10
Edison Illuminating Company (lamp),	20 64

L. Cunningham.....	\$84 06
D. Dugan & Son.....	1,649 69
Painting to be done August.....	125 00
E. Howard Clock Company.....	234 00
Watchman's clock and wiring.....	357 00

\$15,094 73

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Reserve Fund to a special appropriation for Faneuil Hall Market, Repairs.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

LOAN FOR PARK LAND, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith the inclosed communication from the owners of one of the two parcels of land taken for park purposes on Washington street, Dorchester, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order for an additional loan of \$3,000 for this purpose.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston, June 20, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In November, 1916, we gave to the city a price on our land on Washington street, Dorchester, to be used as a Mothers' Rest, of 50 cents a square foot. This was a very low price, lower than it had been offered, and it was acceptable to your real estate expert and to the Street Commissioners.

We made our offer understanding that the city would take this land immediately and the matter would be settled at an early date.

The City Council passed an order on your Honor's recommendation appropriating \$20,000 for the purchase of our lot and the adjacent property, consisting in all of approximately 40,000 feet. We find that the lot other than ours has been paid for in full, and at the rate of 60 cents a foot sometime since, while we are waiting for all of our payment and losing interest and in fact paying out the interest on a mortgage of \$4,000.

We are informed that on May 15, 1917, the Park Commission sent a letter to your Honor stating the following facts:

Paid Hall.....	\$14,000 00
Owing Carter.....	8,645 50

Appropriation..... \$22,645 50

Showing a shortage of..... 20,000 00

Showing a shortage of..... \$2,645 50

necessary to make up the payment to Carter, and asking you to send a message to the Council recommending an appropriation of the above amount to pay for the land taken.

As there has elapsed over six months since our offer was given and the appropriation was made by the Council, it should require..... \$8,645 50

Interest 6 months..... 259 36

\$8,904 86

to pay us in full.

As the Park Commission has now \$6,000 on hand towards the payment we respectfully ask your Honor to recommend to the Council an appropriation of \$2,904.86 to pay us for our land.

We fail to see the justice of one party receiving his money in full while we, who made a better price to the city, should wait indefinitely for ours.

As on July 1 we have to make a payment on the mortgage and the Council may adjourn for the summer at an early date, we ask that your Honor will recommend this appropriation at the next meeting of the Council, which we understand is to be held the 25th instant.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter we remain,

Respectfully yours,  
FRED L. CARTER.  
HERBERT L. CARTER.

Ordered, That the sum of \$3,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Commission for the purchase of land for park purposes in Dorchester Center, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**MONEY FOR COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication submitted by the chairman of the Committee on Public Safety, Admiral Francis T. Bowles, and in view of the fact that it is imperative that the work of the Public Safety Committee be continued, a personal rather than an impersonal matter for the need of the nation and the municipality, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Yours respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Committee on Public Safety, June 21, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—Referring to my letter of June 8, I present herewith a classified statement of the expenditures and obligations incurred by the City of Boston Committee on Public Safety against the appropriation of \$10,000 made on April 9, 1917, and showing a balance available today of about \$1,000.

The estimated cost of clerical service and minor expenses for six months is \$3,200. I recommend an additional appropriation.

Very truly yours,  
F. T. BOWLES,  
Chairman Executive Committee.

Statement of Expenditures and Obligations Incurred by the City of Boston Committee on Public Safety.

Printing and stationery.....	\$310 06
Aid to recruiting:	
Posters.....	\$2,462 10
Advertising, transportation and subsistence.....	807 03
	<u>3,269 13</u>
Registration day postals and printing... ..	1,227 45
General advertising.....	1,170 95
Trucks and motors, postage, etc.....	256 24
Writers' War Service expense.....	333 63
Clerical services.....	459 28
Miscellaneous.....	99 75
Equipping and painting office, City Hall.....	1,872 93
Total.....	<u>\$8,999 42</u>

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for Mayor, Conventions, etc., to the appropriation for Reserve Fund, to be expended by the Committee on Public Safety for the City of Boston, to meet the necessary expenses in the prosecution of their work.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**INFORMATION, WEST END BATH HOUSE.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Replying to your order of June 11, requesting information relative to orders approved by your honorable body on May 7 and May 28, I beg to submit herewith report received from the Park and Recreation Department.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
Boston, June 21, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In reply to the inclosed order from the City Council, requesting the opinion of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners relative to a location for a bath house in the West End, I would respectfully say that I have been waiting to hear from Mr. Peabody, who is sick in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. Mr. Peabody is the only member of the present Board who was a member when the report was made to the City Council on November 18, 1913.

I desire to have a full meeting of the Board in order to give this opinion, and when Mr. Peabody returns, which I expect will be in a short while, I will be pleased to send the opinion of the present Board to the City Council.

Yours very truly,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

**TRANSFER FOR FIRE QUARTERS, READVILLE.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication requesting the transfer of unexpended balance for Fire Station, Hyde Park, to the special appropriation for Fire Quarters, Readville, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Headquarters Fire Department,

June 15, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I respectfully request that the balance of \$1,125 in the appropriation for Fire Station, Hyde Park, be transferred to the special appropriation for Fire Quarters, Readville. The purpose of both appropriations is the purchase of a site, preparing plans and construction of a building in the Readville section of Hyde Park, and the two appropriations should be combined in one.

Yours very respectfully,  
JOHN GRADY,  
Fire Commissioner.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$1,125 from the appropriation for Fire Station, Hyde Park, to the special appropriation for Fire Quarters, Readville.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**VARIOUS DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed requests for transfers within department appropriations and recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, B-1, Printing and Binding, \$20; D-1, Office, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Library Department:

From the appropriation for C-10, Library, to the appropriation for B-22, Medical, \$30; B-11, Insurance, \$100; C-9, Office, \$300; C-17, General Plant, \$120.



Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfer in Schedule A of the Park and Recreation Department necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the chairman dated June 11, 1917.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Medical Examiner, Northern District, also to make the necessary changes in Schedule A to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Medical Examiner dated June 22, 1917.

From the appropriation for C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, \$27.09.

From the appropriation for D-13, Chemical and Disinfectants, to the appropriation for A-5, Cartage and Freight, \$75.

From the appropriation for C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, to the appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, \$2.

From the appropriation for B-37, Photographic and Blueprinting, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicles, Repairs and Care, \$50.

From the appropriation for C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicles, Repairs and Care, \$18.41.

From the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$186.29.

From the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, to the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicles, \$13.71.

From the appropriation for C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, to the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicles, \$2.50.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for the Municipal Court of the South Boston District:

From the appropriation for D-1, Office, to the appropriation for B-22, Medical, \$3; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$16.50.

Referred to the Executive Committee

**VETO—REMOVAL OF REFUSE.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 12, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my approval, the ordinance adopted by your honorable body on May 28 providing for the removal, at the expense of the Public Works Department, of all refuse from buildings occupied by the city.

The ordinance as drafted would require the said department to assume the expense of removing refuse from the school buildings, and in view of the fact that the portion of the city's taxes set apart by the Legislature for the support of the schools is fairly liberal, as compared with the amount available for the other municipal activities, I do not feel justified in imposing on the Public Works or any other department any expense which should properly be borne by the School Department.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

**OPPOSITION TO COAL POCKET,  
BRIGHTON.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, June 14, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I respectfully call your attention to a project which if executed will seriously affect the city's interests, in order that you may, if my reasons appeal to you, pass a resolve recording the city's official protest against the execution of said project.

The facts as reported to me are as follows:

The Metropolitan Coal Company owns certain parcels of land adjoining Cleveland circle, Brighton. These parcels abut on Chestnut Hill avenue and the City of Boston playground near Cleveland circle. The Boston and Albany Railroad has a branch running by the land of the Metropolitan

Coal Company and the latter company has applied to the railroad for the laying of a spur track across the coal company's land which is intended to be used in connection with a coal pocket which the coal company proposes to erect on this land.

If the coal pocket is erected on this land it will be in plain view of the playground and greatly mar the beauty of the surroundings. The city has plans for the completion of Cleveland circle which were intended to increase the attractiveness of this section and the erection of the coal pocket would greatly reduce the value of the city's project when completed. From Cleveland circle roads lead through the parkway, opening out into a beautiful vista of lake and forest scenery that is justly regarded as one of the most attractive in the city. The erection of an unsightly structure in this vicinity would rob the place of much of its aesthetic value and, in my opinion, would operate to reduce the values of land and buildings in the neighborhood.

Citizens of this section have already recorded their opposition to the execution of the coal pocket project and, in my opinion, the city would be justified in officially recording its protest. There appear to be no legal steps which can be taken to prevent this use of the land of the coal company, but I believe that if the city records its protest the coal company will not insist upon carrying its plans forward to completion in the face of such a strong, opposing public sentiment.

I suggest that it might be desirable for you to call a public meeting in order to give citizens an opportunity to be heard upon this question.

Respectfully yours,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

**Claims.**

Mrs. Fuller C. Blackinton, for compensation for damage to clothing by an oil sprinkler at Franklin Park.

Alton Blackinton, for compensation for damage to clothing by an oil sprinkler at Franklin Park.

Rebecca Covitz, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 427 Seaver street.

Rose Feldstein, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 427 Seaver street.

Michael S. Rosenbaum, for compensation for damages by overflow of basin at corner Pleasant street and Shawmut avenue.

Isaac I. Katz, for compensation for damages caused by overflow of basin at corner Pleasant street and Shawmut avenue.

Boston Protective Department, for compensation for damages to auto-wagon by truck of the Fire Department.

Lena Rubin, for compensation for injuries caused by her being struck by a street cleaning team.

Sarah M. Jacobson, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 22 Esmond street.

Denis F. Burke, for compensation for labor, etc., on the Polk Street Schoolhouse.

Frank H. Cowin, to be paid for extra labor in putting in sewer connection at 109 Queensberry street.

Nicholas Bodine, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Washington street, at Williams court.

Arthur Peterson, for compensation for damage and loss of property caused by employees of the Hospital Department.

Mary Fitzgibbon, for compensation for damage to clothing by being splashed with oily water by a machine working on Sumner street.

I. Young, for compensation for damages to automobile at a fire at the City Hospital.

Fannie Jacobs, for a hearing on her claim on account of the defective condition of Blossom street.

G. L. Fisher, for compensation for damages to automobile by the defective condition of Belgrade avenue and Centre street.

M. Harris Avery, for compensation for damage to automobile by city employees at Exeter street.

Mrs. Sarah Neitlich, for compensation for damages at 12 Deatur street by sewage.

Eleanor F. Somerby, for compensation for damage to clothing by a tree guard on Mt. Pleasant avenue.

Max H. Monks, for compensation for damage to automobile caused by tar on Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Bridget Murphy, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Dorchester street.

Gertrude A. Corrigan, for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

Rubin Porter, for compensation for injuries received at the City Hospital.

Agnes McMorrow, for compensation for injuries and damage to clothing by a defect in Chatham road, at Butler square.

Giulio Boretta, for compensation for damages at 338 Oakland street, Mattapan, by overflow of water.

Oscar Sterman, for compensation for damage to automobile by cart No. 848 of the Public Works Department.

C. Westergard & Co., for compensation for damage to auto truck by a defect in Wilmington avenue.

Anthony M. Reynolds, for compensation for damage to motor cycle by a defect in Vernon street, Roxbury.

Allan M. Brown, for compensation for damage to property, 2004 Dorchester avenue, caused by fire apparatus.

Rachel Muskovitch, to be paid for boiler which burst on account of cutting off water at 12 Parkman street.

Annie Donovan, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at corner of Washington and Avon streets.

#### Executive.

Thomas Bragan, to be retired under the provisions of chapter 63 of the Acts of 1915.

Petitions for permits to sell, rent or lease firearms, viz.:

Jacob Cohen, 16 Main street, Ward 4.

Solomon Gordon, 42 Shawmut avenue, Ward 5.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constables' bonds of Ruben Goren, David Reinherz and Abraham Susan.

Approved by the City Council.

#### APPOINTMENT OF PROBATION OFFICER.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Chief Justice of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston of the appointment of Bessie G. Kaufman as assistant female probation officer, such appointment to take effect August 1, 1917, at an annual compensation of \$1,500.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the following appointments, certified copies of the same having been sent to the Civil Service Commission, viz.:

Thomas D. O'Connor, Schoolhouse Commissioner.

J. Templeman Coolidge, Jr., Art Commissioner.

Placed on file.

#### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of the following appointments, viz.:

John K. M. L. Farquhar, Park and Recreation Commission.

Mrs. H. N. Slater, Overseer of the Poor.

Placed on file.

#### CHAIRMAN OF ELECTION COMMISSION.

Notice was received from the Mayor that he had designated Mr. John J. Toomey as chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners and member of the Listing Board of the City of Boston.

Placed on file.

#### ORGANIZATION OF CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

Notice was received from the trustees of the Consumptives' Hospital of election of Dr. John F. O'Brien as chairman and Dr. James J. Minot as secretary.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICES OF LOCATIONS.

The Board of Street Commissioners transmitted copies of orders granting locations to the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:

Summer street, 492d location.

Chelsea street and City square, 493d location.

Warren avenue and City square, 494th location.

Placed on file.

#### BOSTON MILITIA ENROLLMENT.

A communication was received from the Board of Assessors in accordance with section 8, chapter 604, Acts of 1908, that the number of persons in the city of Boston liable to enrollment in the militia is 129,430.

Placed on file.

#### CHARGE FOR BAGGAGE.

Notice was received from the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad of hearing before Public Service Commission on June 27, at 10.30 a. m., in regard to the company charging 10 cents for each piece of baggage received and carried.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of hearing on June 21, at 10.30 a. m., on proposed change of fares of Bay State Street Railway Company.

Placed on file.

#### CHANGE IN TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
In Board of Street Commissioners,  
June 13, 1917.

Voted, To amend article 2 of the Street Traffic Regulations by regulating sections 1, 2 and 3 of said article and substituting therefor the following section:

"Section 1. Every driver or operator of a vehicle in slowing up, or in stopping, or in turning while in motion, or in starting from a standstill, or in backing, shall signal to those behind, either by hand or whip or by mechanical or automatic electrical device, indicating the direction he is about to take."

Sections 4 and 5 of said article 2 are hereby re-numbered sections 2 and 3.

Voted, To amend section 3 of article 9 of the Street Traffic Regulations by adding to said section the following:

"Nor in Court street, southerly side, between Washington street and the westerly arm of Court square, except to let off or take on passengers," so that said section shall read:

"Section 3. Between the hours of 7 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m. no vehicle shall be left standing on the Common side of Boylston street, between Tremont and Charles streets; nor on the courthouse side of Somerset street, between Pemberton square and the most northerly point of Ashburton place, nor in Court street, southerly side, between Washington street and the westerly arm of Court square, except to let off or take on passengers."

JOHN H. DUNN,  
FRANK A. GOODWIN,  
FRANCIS J. BRENNAN,  
Street Commissioners.

Attest:

J. J. O'CALLAGHAN, Secretary.

Placed on file.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CITY HOSPITAL  
WARDS.

The following was received:

Boston City Hospital, June 23, 1917.

To the Honorable City Council,

Mr. James J. Storrow, President:

Dear Sirs,—On May 16, on behalf of the trustees of the Hospital Department, I sent a communication to his Honor the Mayor requesting that \$74,624 be appropriated for reconstructing and fireproofing Wards A and E, this being absolutely necessary in Ward E as the result of a fire on the night of April 14 which partially destroyed this ward. Ward A is a duplicate of Ward E, and since the fire hazard is just as great the trustees deemed it wise to request money to reconstruct both buildings.

It has been brought to my attention that there is an element of doubt in the minds of the Council as to whether or not this is a permanent improvement. Nothing but the four walls of these buildings will be left, and will then be carried up another story, making practically two new buildings. The wiring will be absolutely new throughout. The linoleum, about which there is some question, is the ideal hospital flooring. If this is not laid, it will be necessary to have new hardwood floors at a cost exceeding that estimated for linoleum, and the result would not be at all satisfactory for hospital purposes.

I have the honor to remain, on behalf of the trustees,

Very respectfully yours,

A. SHUMAN,

President Board of Trustees.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK SCHEDULES.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works submitting cost of constructing sidewalks along estates bordering on Shirley street, Ward 12, and Norfolk avenue, Ward 12, and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the persons named in the schedules be and the same are hereby assessed the sums set against their respective names as their proportional part of the cost of constructing sidewalks of artificial stone with granite edgestones along estates on Shirley street and Norfolk avenue, Ward 12, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid, the amount being \$771.48.

The order was passed.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

James H. Eager, keeping and sale of gasolene, 460 Albany street.

Joseph Barron, keeping of gasolene, 5 Arborway, Jamaica Plain (two notices).

Helen W. McElwain, keeping of gasolene, 390 Beacon street.

Auto Car Sales and Service Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 642 Beacon street.

Bryant G. Smith & Sons Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 661 Beacon street.

H. R. Kurrelmeyer, keeping of gasolene, 206 Beech street, Ward 23.

Thompson & Norris Company, keeping of gasolene, corner Braintree and Everett streets, Allston.

Mary A. Smith, keeping of gasolene, 7 Brookford street.

F. A. Gendrot, keeping of gasolene, 1 Buena Vista street.

J. Honer Pierce, keeping and sale of gasolene, 610 Columbia road.

Bay State Tire Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 306 Columbus avenue, rear.

Franklin Motor Car Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 616 Commonwealth avenue (two notices).

Louis McCarthy, keeping of gasolene, 120 Corey street, West Roxbury.

Kirkwood Brothers, keeping and sale of gunpowder, ammunition and primers, 23 Elm street.

Charles A. Davis, keeping of gasolene, 30 Fairview street.

Dorchester Yacht Club, keeping and sale of gasolene, 320 Freport street, Dorchester.

G. W. & F. Smith Iron Company, keeping of gasolene, corner Gerard and Island streets, Roxbury (three notices).

New England Newspaper Publishing Company, keeping of gasolene, 19 Granite street, South Boston.

Beacon Auto Garage, keeping and sale of gasolene, 21 Hampshire street.

Taxi-Service Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 49-65 Lansdowne street.

Warner & Co., keeping of gasolene, 8 Liberty street, South Boston.

T. Sch. Poelck, keeping of gasolene, 11 Philip street, Neponset.

Engel-Cone Shoe Company, keeping of gasolene, corner Porter and Orleans streets, East Boston.

Dahlquist Manufacturing Company, keeping of gasolene, 36-40 West Third street, South Boston.

Corey Road Garage Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, on proposed street between Wellington road and Washington street, Brighton.

Myer Dana, keeping of gasolene, 250 Seaver street.

Colman Levin, keeping of gasolene, 250 Seaver street.

Placed on file.

CLERK HIRE.

W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Registrar of Deeds, submitted a communication 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 May 21 to June 25 and that work had been performed to the amount of \$5,025.50.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS, CITY  
HOSPITAL.

President BALLANTYNE called up No. 8, unfinished business, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the City Hospital Trustees for the reconstruction of ward buildings E and A and that to meet said expenditures 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 amounts.

On May 28, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 1.

The question came on the second and final reading and passage of the order.

COUN. COLLINS—Mr. President, there was some discussion in the Council two weeks ago on this matter, and I said at that time that I was going to investigate it for myself. Consequently, I went to the City Hospital and looked over those two buildings. I found that the two buildings really consist of two antiquated wards. In one of the wards there was a fire, and it was practically gutted out. This order contemplates the putting on of two additional stories on each of the buildings and the complete renovation of those wards. In other words, by the time the trustees are through you will have two new buildings, with sun parlors, with facilities for beds for 100 or more persons. Of course, I would rather see money, even used for reconstruction, taken from taxes if possible, but, under the circumstances, the order strikes me as justifiable. I submit a letter from the Superintendent of the City Hospital, which he sent to me after my visit.

The letter referred to is as follows:

Boston City Hospital, June 21, 1917.

Hon. Walter L. Collins,

18 Tremont Street:

Dear Councillor,—To confirm our conversation of today when you were a visitor at the hospital, I would say, with reference to the reconstruction of Wards A and E, that these buildings have been a constant source of worry to the trustees and me because of the fire hazard involved. When the work is completed we will have, instead of two antiquated wards of 23 beds each, four large wards and four sun parlors, accommodating 150 patients. The major part of the cost, of course, will be in carrying the buildings up one story and construction of the sun parlors on the end. The work is of a permanent character, and, in my opinion, can in no sense be construed as alterations.



As I explained to you this morning, because of lack of beds in the hospital this winter, the conditions have been very far from ideal. Many days every bed and cot was filled, and rather than refuse deserving cases I was compelled to place 20 to 30 patients on mattresses on the floor. If this money is granted to the hospital, I feel very confident that you and your fellow councillors will be delighted with the result, as we will have four splendid wards and four large sun parlors, which we very sadly need at the present time.

Yours sincerely,  
JOHN J. DOWLING,  
Superintendent.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, when this order came before the Council two weeks ago I voted "No," on the ground that at that time I thought the work to be done was not in the nature of a permanent improvement. I think the trustees can blame themselves in that respect, because they very blindly used the word "repairs" in their first communication. For that reason I came to the conclusion that it was not a permanent improvement. But in view of the two letters that have been received, one from the trustees of the City Hospital and one from Dr. Dowling, I will now vote "Yes" on the proposition, because I am more or less convinced that this is a permanent improvement.

The order was given its second and final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### RELEASE OF LAND RESTRICTIONS.

President BALLANTYNE called up No. 9, unfinished business, viz.:

9. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city, and for a nominal consideration, to disclaim ownership or possession of any rights whatsoever in a parcel of land at the junction of South street and Robert street, in that part of Boston called Roslindale, gained under or by the supplemental report to the Commissioners of Grade Crossings, as recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2451, page 289, and to release to Elizabeth P. Devens and her heirs and assigns any possible rights which it may have acquired to said land under and by virtue of said commissioners' report.

On May 28, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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 June.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### PAYMENT OF BOND PREMIUMS, COURT OFFICERS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That chapter 71 of the General Acts of 1917 entitled "An Act relative to the payment of premiums on the bonds of court officers in the county of Suffolk"—be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SALARY OF ASSISTANT CLERK, ROXBURY COURT.

President BALLANTYNE offered an order—That chapter 291 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the salary of the second assistant clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston"—be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SALARIES OF OFFICERS, ROXBURY COURT.

President BALLANTYNE offered an order—That chapter 292 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act relative to the salaries of the court officers of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston"—be and hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SALARIES OF COURT OFFICERS.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That chapter 282 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the salaries of court officers in the South Boston, Dorchester and Charlestown Municipal Courts of the City of Boston"—be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.27 p. m., on motion of Coun. WELLINGTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the chamber and were called to order by the President at 3.48 p. m.

#### COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on pay roll of Registrar of Deeds, referred today, amounting to \$5,025.50—recommending the approval of the same.

Report accepted; pay roll approved and ordered paid.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) for permits to sell, rent or lease firearms at various places—that permits be granted, viz.:

Jacob Cohen, 15 Main street, Ward 4.

Solomon Gordon, 42 Shawmut avenue, Ward 5.

Reports accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on order (referred June 11) to pension William E. Staples, former call man in Fire Department—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on order (referred today) to accept chapter 71, General Acts of 1917, concerning bonds for court officers—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on order (referred today) to accept chapter 282, General Acts of 1917, establishing salaries of court officers in South Boston, Dorchester and Charlestown Municipal Courts—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on order (referred today) to accept chapter 291, General Acts of 1917, concerning salaries of second assistant clerk of the Roxbury Municipal Court—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for transfer of \$1,125 to special appropriation for Fire Quarters, Readville—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(7) Report on message of Mayor, communications and orders (referred today) for transfers within various department appropriations—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(8) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) transferring \$15,000 to special appropriation for Faneuil Hall Market, Repairs—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(9) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for appropriation of \$3,000 for purchase of land for park purposes in Dorchester Center—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

(10) Report on petition of Thomas Bragan (referred today) to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Thomas Bragan, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(11) Report on message of Mayor (referred today) relative to coal pocket at Brighton—recommending passage of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the City Council, his Honor the Mayor should give a public hearing, in which the City Council will join, in the matter of the proposed erection of a coal pocket in the vicinity of Chestnut Hill avenue.

Report accepted; resolution adopted.

PAYMENT TO JOHN CORRIGAN.

Coun. McDONALD offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 112 of the Special Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to John Corrigan"—be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 112 of the Special Acts of 1915, the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed and paid to John Corrigan, an employee of the Public Works Department, who was injured while in the discharge of his duty, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

President BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor June 11, 1917, viz.:

1. James R. Nolan, to be a Constable.
2. Albert C. Norris, to be a Constable.
3. Charles B. Palmer, to be a Constable.
5. John F. Bowman, James F. Townsend, Frank T. Hitchcock, Jr., Claude W. Birkenshaw and Frank E. Gilford, to be Weighers of Coal.
6. Frank E. Gilford and Ernest C. Spence, to be Measurers of Wood and Bark.
7. Peter F. Kerr, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Maverick Mills; John M. Stewart, Albert H. Bowdy, S. Pasternak and W. H. Hanson, to be Weighers of Goods for the Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Wellington and Attridge. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the appointments were confirmed.

NEXT MEETING.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. HAGAN, that when the Council adjourned it be to meet on Monday, July 9, at two o'clock p. m.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. ATRIDGE moved a general reconsideration on all matters transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 3.56 p. m., on motion of Coun. WELLINGTON, to meet on Monday, July 9, at 2 p. m.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, July 9, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Com. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—President Storow.

Com. Ballantyne was elected temporary President, receiving the votes, on a roll call, of all the members present.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following appointments were submitted to the City Council for confirmation, viz.:

1. Edward A. Hanly, 60 Dix street, Dorchester, a Weigher of Coal and Coke for the term ending April 30, 1918.

2. Weighers of Goods for the term ending April 30, 1918:

William DeVito, 64 Glenway street, Dorchester, for the John A. DeVito Company.

John P. Powers, 28 Sumner street, East Boston, for the Boston Storage Company.

Severally laid over under the law.

## BUDGET COMMISSIONER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The adoption of a segregated budget system from the standpoint of efficiency in administration is unquestionably one of the most important forward steps taken during the past decade in our city.

It is imperative that this department be made independent of every other department, and established as a separate division, with full powers to conduct its activities with absolute independence and for the best interests of the entire people, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying amendment to the city ordinances.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.

An Ordinance Establishing the Budget Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. There shall be a budget department under the charge of a budget commissioner who shall, under the direction of the mayor, prepare in segregated form the annual and all supplementary budgets to be submitted by the mayor to the city council. The commissioner shall further prepare, under the direction of the mayor, the form of estimate sheets to be used by each officer, board, commission and department, and each division of a department, for which the city appropriates money, and shall also prepare the form of monthly report of such officer, board, commission and department, and each division thereof, showing expenditures to date of all appropriations by item.

Sec. 2. Section 5 of chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1914 is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the clause fixing the salaries of the assessors, the following words—the budget commissioner, \$5,000.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

## SALE OF GREAT BREWSTER ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Federal Government is desirous of securing for defensive purposes the island

in Hull in Boston Harbor known as Great Brewster, and I am in receipt of a communication from Col. Charles L. Potter, U. S. A., Corps of Engineers, agreeing to the purchase of the property by the Federal Government for the sum of \$15,000.

I respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing the city to make this sale.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

War Department,  
Boston, June 29, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

My dear Mr. Mayor,—The offer contained in your letter of the 28th instant to sell to the United States the island known as Great Brewster, located in Boston Harbor and belonging to the City of Boston, for the sum of \$15,000, is hereby accepted. As the title must be approved by the Attorney General of the United States, this acceptance is subject to the city's furnishing title acceptable to him.

The purchase of the property for defensive purposes has been authorized by the Secretary of War, and it is the intention to utilize the island as part of the national defence.

It is understood that you have issued instructions to the Corporation Counsel to prepare the necessary title papers, including an abstract of title, and that you will secure such ratification by the City Council as may be necessary to properly complete the authorization of the sale of the property to the Federal Government.

I thank you for your very prompt and courteous action in the matter.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES L. POTTER,  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the city to convey to the United States of America by a suitable deed, in form satisfactory to the Law Department, and for the consideration of \$15,000, the island situate in Hull in the harbor of said Boston known as Great Brewster, excepting any portion of said island now owned by the United States of America.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## TRANSFER, WATER DIVISION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting an appropriation from water income for materials, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Public Works Department,

June 27, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor:

I respectfully request that an appropriation be made from the income of the Water Service for Materials E-6, in the amount of \$55,799.

This additional appropriation is requested in order that advantage may be taken of the clause in the contracts allowing us to increase the total quantity provided for in the contract by 30 per cent on small iron castings and composition castings and by 20 per cent on the cast-iron water pipe contract. From the best information obtainable from foundry managers, etc., it would appear that the prospect of obtaining material later in the year, due to the war, is very uncertain and that the prices will be much higher than the present contract price.

For these reasons I consider it advisable to ask for the additional amount stated above, \$55,779, so that advantage may be taken of the clause in the contracts referred to.

Yours respectfully,

E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That to meet the expenses of the Highway Division, Water Service, for the financial year beginning February 1, 1917, the additional sum of \$55,799 be and the same is hereby appropriated for E-6, Materials—Water, said amount to be met by revenue from the Water Service.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**TRANSFER, ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith request of the chairman of the Board of Assessors for the transfer of \$1,049.80 from the Reserve Fund to various schedules herein set forth, and I respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Assessing Department, June 16, 1917.  
Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—We would like a transfer from the Reserve Fund of \$974.30 to cover sending out of circulars regarding returns to taxpayers, addressing envelopes, postage, etc. No provision was made in the budget for this expenditure, and we found it absolutely necessary to send the notices out in a great hurry, owing to the failure of the taxpayers to make the necessary returns on time, as provided under the new law.

The following is itemized account of shortage:

B-2. Stamped envelopes.....	\$639 00
B-29. Addressing, folding and mailing circulars.....	118 00
B-1. Printing circular notices.....	48 00
B-1. Printing corner cards on envelopes.....	31 00
B-3. Advertising:	
Boston <i>Evening Record</i> .....	10 00
Boston <i>American</i> .....	7 00
Boston <i>Transcript</i> .....	16 50
Boston <i>Journal</i> .....	15 00
Boston <i>Herald</i> .....	27 20
Boston <i>Advertiser</i> .....	10 00
Boston <i>Globe</i> .....	32 00
Boston <i>Post</i> .....	20 00
	\$974 30
We also require \$75.50 additional for B-33, interpreters.....	75 50
Total deficit.....	\$1,049 80

We respectfully request your approval of said transfer.

Respectfully,  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
by EDWARD B. DALLY,  
Chairman.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Assessing Department:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Assessing Department, B-1, Printing and Binding, \$79; B-2, Postage, \$639.60; B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$137.70; B-29, Stenographic and Copying, \$118; B-33, Interpreters, \$75.50; total, \$1,049.80.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**TRANSFER, PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In anticipation of unusually large expenditures resulting from the holding of one hundred and twenty conventions in Boston this year, your honorable body, upon recommendation by me, included in the budget the sum of \$50,000 for conventions.

The declaration of war by the United States has made necessary the abandonment of parades, illuminations and other expensive features in connection with conventions, but it has also resulted in unexpected and great expenditures for the reception and entertainment of visiting war missions and foreign envoys.

The City of Boston has already participated in a reception and entertainment of the French envoys and the Italian War Mission, and a request has been received that invitation be extended to the Russian envoys and the Belgian envoys, with the probability in the not distant future that representatives of other allied nations may be likewise extended the hospitality of the city. Under these circumstances, it is necessary that a transfer of funds from the appropriation for Mayor, Conventions, etc., to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations, be made, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the appropriation for Mayor, Conventions, etc., to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**POWER PLANT, DEER ISLAND.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—On February 19 of this year I recommended an additional loan of \$50,000 for heating plant at Deer Island which was rejected by your honorable body on April 9, without prejudice.

The inclosed communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner indicates that the delay in providing this appropriation has resulted in an estimated increase of \$25,000 in the cost of making this improvement. In my opinion, the installation of a new central heating and power plant in the institution at Deer Island is vitally necessary for its proper conduct and I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Penal Institutions Department, June 26, 1917.  
Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I received this morning from the J. J. Hurley Company an approximate cost of the installation of the heating apparatus alone at the House of Correction, Deer Island, as per specifications furnished with the last advertisement.

You will recall that the lowest bid, which was furnished by this company, was \$69,130, which proposal was held in abeyance awaiting the passage of an additional loan order of \$40,000, which would furnish money enough to install the steam heating plant. Eventually their checks were withdrawn from this department, with which withdrawal their proposal was canceled.

I am informed today that the cost of installation as stated above has increased \$18,000, making a total of \$87,000 for that feature of the steam heating plant alone. For the furnishing of four boilers, as per specifications, the cost has increased from \$15,000 to \$22,000.

Yours respectfully,  
DAVID B. SHAW, Commissioner.

Ordered, That the sum of \$75,000 additional be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Penal Institutions Commissioner for Power and Heating Plant, Deer 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 or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

VARIOUS TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith requests for transfers from various items in the segregated budget to other items, in conformity with requests of department heads, and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Public Buildings Department:

From the appropriation for F-6, Military, to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$87.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Municipal Court, Roxbury District:

From the appropriation for D-1, Office, to the appropriation for C-9, Office, \$80.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

VETO—W. E. STAPLES PENSION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my approval, order of your honorable body passed June 25, 1917, providing for the payment of a pension to William E. Staples under the provisions of chapter 149, Special Acts of 1917, for the reason that this act requires the payments to date back to January, 1914, and a pension measure of this character, if approved, would establish a precedent under which a special act of the Legislature might require payment covering many years.

In my opinion legislative acts of this nature should provide that payments under them become operative upon adoption by the Mayor and City Council.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Katherine C. Aherin, for compensation for damages at 46 Sawyer avenue by backing up of sewage.

Mary E. Costello, for a hearing on her claim for damages at 42 Sawyer avenue.

Frank DeMarco, for compensation for damage by sewage at 37 Webster avenue, Ward 5.

John C. Duffey, for compensation for the bursting of a boiler caused by the shutting off of water.

Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited, to be paid for a plate glass window at 387 Tremont street broken by city employees.

Mary A. Faulkner, for compensation for the bursting of a boiler at 36 Neptune road caused by the shutting off of water.

Walter F. Gallagher, for compensation for damage to automobile by a city cart.

Patrick Kerrigan, for compensation for injuries caused by a street cleaning machine on Washington street, near Dover street.

E. Kirsten, for compensation for injuries, etc., to his wife and child caused by a city water cart.

Daniel J. Looney, member of Fire Engine Company No. 7, for compensation for a rubber coat destroyed at a fire.

Ralph MacNeill, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at corner Dorchester and Savin Hill avenues.

Minnie K. Mills, for compensation for damage to clothing by a street oiling cart.

D. Petrini & Co., for compensation for damages at 134 North street by sewage.

Sampson & Coleman, for compensation for damage to wagon by a cart of the Public Works Department.

Judith Saroto, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 36 Spring street.

Michael J. Shea, for payment for a garbage can broken by city employees.

Joseph Vicario, for compensation for injury from a fall on footbridge over Boston & Albany Railroad at Webster street, East Boston.

Frank T. Viles, for compensation for damages at 5 Warren avenue, Hyde Park, by change of grade of street.

Ira Wiseman, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 334 Harrison avenue.

Mary C. Norton, for compensation for damage caused by shutting off water at 62 Forest street.

John J. Foley, Jr., for compensation for injuries caused by an iron bar falling on his head at Roger Wolcott Grammar School.

C. P. McCaffrey, for compensation for damage by sewage at 73 Albany street.

Executive.

M. DeAngelis, for permit to sell, rent or lease firearms at 165A Salem street, Ward 5.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having approved of the same, submitted the constables' bonds of Thomas F. Brett and Charles B. Palmer.

Approved by the City Council.

NOTICE OF LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of granting a fifth location for tracks on North Beacon street, etc., to Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company.

Placed on file.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

G. W. Muldoon, keeping and sale of gasolene, 1619 Blue Hill avenue.

John F. Duby, keeping and sale of gasolene, 1348 Blue Hill avenue (two notices).

Norfolk Blanket Cleansing Company, keeping of gasolene, 113 and 115 Brookside avenue, Jamaica Plain.

Joseph Kalman, keeping and sale of gasolene, 361 Chelsea street, East Boston.

Delia M. Gornley, keeping of gasolene, 2004 Columbus avenue, Roxbury.

James R. Gornley, keeping of gasolene, 2012 Columbus avenue, Roxbury.

Alice K. Upham, keeping of gasolene, 27 Eldredge street, Roshindale.

Marks Angel, keeping and sale of petroleum and all its products at wharf on Granite avenue and Neponset river (two notices).

Peter Utsch, keeping and sale of gasolene, 75 Hastings street, West Roxbury.

Louis A. Curtis, keeping of gasolene, 14 Morrill street, Dorchester.

Claude E. Crout, keeping and sale of gasolene, 791 River street, Hyde Park.

Massachusetts Automobile Club Trust, keeping and sale of gasolene, corner Stuart and Clarendon streets.

Walter H. Collins, storage of gasolene, 51 Tona-wanda street, Dorchester.

Florence A. Collins, keeping of gasolene, 41 Tremlett street, Dorchester.

Placed on file.

MINORS' LICENSES.

President BALLANTYNE submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for twenty-two newsboys, one boothblack and nine vendors—recommending that the same be approved.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. WATSON offered the following, viz.:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Atherton street, between Amory and Lamartine streets, Ward 15, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered the following orders, viz.:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the westerly side of Neponset avenue, from Adams street to Gustine street, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Corbet street, between Norfolk and Morton streets, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Plain street, between Chickatawbut street and Pierce avenue, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Romsy street, between Dorchester avenue and Sydney street, Wards 11 and 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

#### LOAN FOR PARK PURPOSES.

President BALLANTYNE called up No. 4, unfinished business, viz.:

4. Ordered, That the sum of \$3,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Commission for the purchase of land for park purposes in Dorchester Centre, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On June 25, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### TRANSFER OF CITY LAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department,  
July 9, 1917.

To the City Council:

The Commissioner of Public Works, now having charge of a parcel of land in that part of Boston formerly Roxbury, taken for the purpose of the improvement of Stony brook, by an order of the City Council, approved June 26, 1880, and shown on plans filed in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds July 2, 1880, marked "Plans No. 1 and No. 2 for the Improvement of Stony Brook, April 15, 1880," hereby notifies your honorable body that, in his opinion, the rights and easement in the following portion are no longer required for public purposes, and requests that you will authorize his Honor the Mayor, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 25, section 50, of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, to declare said rights and easement abandoned, said declaration of abandonment to be made for a nominal consideration; said parcel being described as follows:

Bounded westerly and southerly by and deeded to the City of Boston by Henry Pfaff on January 31, 1893, by two lines, 21.93 feet and 9.59 feet in length, respectively; bounded northwesterly by other land of the Trustees of the Grammar School

in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury, 81.03 feet; bounded northerly and westerly by land of the West End Street Railway Company, by four lines, 21.76 feet, 6.38 feet, 23.76 feet and 21.53 feet, respectively; bounded easterly and southerly by land of the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury, by two lines, 37.34 feet and 117.45 feet, respectively; and containing about 2,046 square feet of land, more or less, and shown on plan on file in the office of the Public Works Department, Sewer Service, numbered K-1274, and marked "Plan Showing Land to be Released by the City of Boston to the Trustees of the Grammar School in the Easterly Part of the Town of Roxbury, Scale 10 feet to an inch, July 7, 1917."

Respectfully,

E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.25 p. m., on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.05 p. m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Report on petition of M. DeAngelis (referred today) for permit to sell, rent or lease fire-arms at 165A Salem street, Ward 5—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for sale of the island known as Great Brewster—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not earlier than fourteen days from date.

(3) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for appropriation from water income for materials, said sum being \$55,799—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(4) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of \$20,000 from the appropriation for Mayor, Conventions, etc., to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(5) Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) transferring sums of money in accordance with requests of department heads—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(6) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for transfer of \$1,049.80 to Assessing Department—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(7) Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred June 25) for transfer of \$10,000 from appropriation for Mayor, Conventions, etc., to appropriation for Reserve Fund to be expended by the Committee on Public Safety for the City of Boston—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(8) Report on order (referred June 11) to accept chapter 357, Special Acts of 1917, relative to payment of a sum of money to the legal guardian of Clare L. McCarthy—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(9) Report on order (referred June 11) to pay the sum of \$2,500 to the legal guardian of Clare L. McCarthy—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(10) Report on orders for sidewalk construction on various streets—that no further action is necessary, viz.:

Dickens street (referred 1913), Ward 24.

Florence street (referred 1913), Ward 23.

Braintree street (referred 1914), Ward 25.

Olney street (referred 1915), Ward 20.

Elmo street (referred 1913), Ward 20.

Reports severally accepted.

FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred June 11) for sum of \$25,000 for Mothers' Rest and Children's Playground, East Boston—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

2. Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred June 11) for appropriation of \$20,000 for the completion and equipment of new municipal building at Rosindale—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

3. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred May 28) for appropriation of \$4,000 for improvements at the War: 19 Playground—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

4. Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred May 28) for loan of \$28,000 for improvement of Savin Hill Playground and Beach—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

5. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 28) for loan of \$13,700 for purchase of land at Mozart and Bolster streets, Jamaica Plain, for playground purposes—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

ORDINANCES.

Coun. FORD, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor and communication (referred February 28) requesting approval and change of Park Regulations, Rule 2—recommending the passage of the following, viz.:

Ordered, That Rule 2 of the Special Regulations concerning the exclusion and use of motor vehicles in the Boston parks and parkways, as amended by the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners on January 28, 1916, be and the same hereby is approved; said rule, as amended being as follows:

"On Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington street and Beacon street, motor vehicles traveling in either direction shall use the driveway on the right of the parkway only."

Report accepted; order passed.

2. Report on ordinance (referred 1916) concerning the speed of street railway cars—recommending the passage of the following:

An Ordinance Relative to the Speed of Street Railway Cars.

Be it ordained, etc., as follows:  
The Commissioner of Public Works shall place and maintain a sign or signs displaying the words—Warning—Drawbridge—at such points on public streets as he may determine two hundred feet away from the gates on each side of all drawbridges crossed by street cars. No street cars shall proceed from said sign or signs to the place where the gate of the drawbridge is located at a speed exceeding six miles per hour.

Report accepted; order passed.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on the petition of the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury (referred June 11) for the execution of a deed to them of certain land, near Columbus avenue—recommending the passage of the following:

Whereas, The City of Boston, by order of the City Council approved June 26, 1880, took an easement for the improvement of Stony brook in a certain parcel of land situated in that part of Boston formerly Roxbury, belonging to the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury, Henry Pfaff, lessee, and shown on plans filed in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds, July 2, 1880, marked "Plans No. 1 and No. 2 for the Improvement of Stony Brook, April 15, 1880"; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of Public Works of said city, now having charge of said easement, has notified the City Council that, in his opinion, a part of said easement is no longer required for public purposes;

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 a part of the rights and easement so taken to be abandoned, said declaration of abandonment to be made for a nominal consideration; namely, bounded westerly and southerly by land deeded to the City of Boston by Henry Pfaff on January 31, 1893, by two lines, 21.93 feet and 9.59 feet in length, respectively; bounded northwesterly by other land of the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury, 81.03 feet; bounded northerly and westerly by land of the West End Street Railway Company, by four lines, 21.76 feet, 6.38 feet, 23.76 feet and 21.53 feet, respectively; bounded easterly and southerly by land of the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury, by two lines, 37.34 feet and 117.45 feet, respectively; and containing about 2,046 square feet of land, more or less, shown on a plan on file in the office of the Public Works Department, Sewer Service, numbered K-1274, and marked "Plan Showing Land to be Released by the City of Boston to the Trustees of the Grammar School in the Easterly Part of the Town of Roxbury, Scale 10 feet to an inch, July 7, 1917."

The report was accepted; the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

INFORMATION CONCERNING FIREMEN.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, as per order introduced in the City Council on June 11, 1917, to inform the City Council how many men would be needed to fully man the Fire Department under present conditions, and also the number of men necessary to fully man the department should the ordinance be adopted granting one day off in three.

Passed.

NEXT MEETING.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, that when the Council adjourned it be to meet on Monday, July 23, at two o'clock p. m.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. FORD moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4.22 p. m., on motion of Coun. WELLINGTON, to meet on Monday, July 23, at two o'clock p. m.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, July 23, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair and all the members present.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

One grand juror, Superior Criminal Court, to appear August 6, 1917:

Arnold B. Schlittler, Ward 22.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear August 9, 1917:

Frank W. Pfeiffer, Ward 14; Joseph F. Wessling, Ward 15; George A. Heyl, Ward 10; Patrick F. Roach, Ward 17; John E. Brooks, Ward 7; Leo F. Saunders, Ward 15; Christopher J. Flynn, Ward 9; Ralph O. Crickett, Ward 19; Harry L. Phipps, Ward 21; William H. Doherty, Ward 23; Michael D. Crosby, Ward 16; William L. Glavin, Ward 19; John W. McKenna, Ward 5; Thomas F. Fury, Ward 24; Timothy E. McCarthy, Ward 18; Thomas H. Dempsey, Ward 15; Edward J. Doolin, Ward 9; Frederick W. Keylor, Ward 26; Edwin C. Parker, Ward 22; Thomas J. McGrath, Jr., Ward 18; John A. Caulfield, Ward 9; William H. Pike, Ward 12; Thomas R. Bowler, Ward 15; Robert Gibb Wallace, Ward 1; Hyman H. Goldstein, Ward 16; David K. Stevens, Ward 8; Charles Porter, Ward 18; James F. Paul, Ward 9; Max Pauly, Ward 15; George R. Brackett, Ward 22; Joseph Weinacker, Ward 15; Harold D. Reed, Ward 25; David F. Gartin, Ward 7; Frederick Alton Giles, Ward 21; Thomas V. Coughlin, Ward 10; Daniel F. McCarthy, Ward 20.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1918, subject to confirmation by the City Council, viz.:

1. George F. Legender, 606 East Eighth street, South Boston, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston.

2. Frank M. Mayer, 19 Jefferson street, Winthrop, a Measurer of Grain.

3. Daniel M. Hannafin, 1607 Commonwealth avenue, Brighton, Mass., a Weigher of Coal.

4. William O. Bullard, 570 Albany street, Boston, a Weigher of Coal.

Severally laid over under the law.

## AMENDMENT TO REFUSE CONTRACT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

I am in receipt of the inclosed request for amendment to contract between the City of Boston and the Boston Development and Sanitary Company, approved February 1, 1912, and respectfully recommend that in accordance with the provisions of city charter amendments of 1909, chapter 486, section 6, a public hearing be held thereon.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

## AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.

The contract between the City of Boston and the Boston Development and Sanitary Company, approved February 1, 1912, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Insert after the word "station" in paragraph

(I), entitled "Work at Receiving Stations," the words, except as provided in the following paragraph.

2. Insert after paragraph (I), entitled "Work at Receiving Stations," the following new paragraph:

(J) Incineration of refuse and sorting of materials shall be permitted at the Ward Street Receiving Station on the following conditions, viz.: that the Contractor shall build upon the city's land at said station an incinerating plant, including conveyers, shafting, and other necessary machinery and appliances.

The design and plans for said incinerating plant shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Commissioner of Public Works, and when approved by him shall be submitted to the Health Commissioner for his approval before the work of construction is begun.

Before plans are submitted by the Contractor to the Commissioner of Public Works, the claims of the Contractor against the city for delays caused by the operation of the Ward Street Receiving Station, and the claims of the city against the Contractor on account of extra labor and teaming furnished at the station by the city, shall be adjusted for an amount approved by the Mayor and City Council. After said adjustment has been made the plans for the incinerating plant may be submitted by the Contractor to the Commissioner of Public Works and the erection of the plant may begin after the approval of the design and plans by the Commissioner of Public Works and the Health Commissioner.

The entire cost of preparing the plans for the incinerating plant and for the construction thereof shall be paid in the first instance by the Contractor, and the city shall reimburse the Contractor to the extent of one-third of said cost upon bills submitted by the Contractor and approved by the Commissioner of Public Works, and the incinerating plant shall become the property of the city upon completion of the construction of the incinerating plant, but the Contractor may use the same without charge for the remainder of the contract period.

73 Tremont Street,  
Boston, July 17, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir.—In reply to your request for a report on the proposal of the Boston Development and Sanitary Company dated May 18, 1917, I respectfully submit the following:

The contractor proposes that the city permit it to incinerate refuse at the Ward street receiving station, and that the contract be amended to permit that process. The contractor proposes also that the city pay the cost of erecting the incinerating plant, and that the contractor pay the cost of installing the necessary conveyers, shafting, etc. The contractor estimates that the cost of the conveyers, shafting, etc., will be \$30,000, and that the cost to the city for the incinerator will be less than \$10,000.

The Commissioner of Public Works in a letter to you dated June 29, 1917, approves the scheme but objects to the city paying any part of the expense. He also suggests an adjustment of the charges against the contractor which he states are due to the city on account of men and trucks furnished.

The supervisor of the Sanitary Division of the Public Works Department in a letter addressed to the Commissioner of Public Works dated June 28, 1917, a copy of which I inclose, approves the scheme of incineration for reasons stated therein.

In my opinion the Ward street receiving station is not the kind of station which was contemplated by the contract, and extensive alterations should be made if the work is to be continued on the plan outlined in the contract, viz., by having the material deposited in bins and from there carted to the dumps without the privilege of incineration of the materials and the sorting and final disposal of salable material which has been reclaimed.

The new process suggested, viz., of incineration, would, if permitted, make it unnecessary to alter the receiving station, and the city would thereby be relieved of this expense, which the contractor assumes will be not less than \$30,000. I am not informed as to whether the Commissioner of Public Works has made estimates of the cost of such alterations. It is probably true, however, that the city's share of the cost of an incinerating plant

as provided by an amendment to the contract which I herewith inclose would be less than the cost to the city of making alterations in the old receiving station. It is also clear that by permitting the incineration the city would be relieved of the expense of maintaining much of the labor now employed at the receiving station. The report of the supervisor of the Sanitary Division also makes it clear that the city would be relieved of some teaming expense through the shortening of hauls.

In the amendment which I suggest there is provision for public protection in the approval of the design and plans of the incinerating plant first, by the Commissioner of Public Works, and second, by the Health Commissioner. The amendment also provides a means of adjustment of the claims of the city against the contractor, and of the contractor against the city.

The whole matter can be threshed out by the City Council, and I believe a means is furnished for remedying a situation which has caused a great deal of trouble in the past. The proposed amendment, if approved by you and by the Commissioner of Public Works, should be transmitted by you to the City Council and there considered until such time as it appears that the parties can agree upon a definite proposition. After that the Council will be obliged under the charter amendments of 1909, chapter 486, section 6, to give at least seven days' notice in the *City Record* of a public hearing to be held on the question of amending the contract. If the amendment is approved by the City Council and by your Honor after such public hearing, plans for the erection of the incinerating plant may then be executed.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN A. SULLIVAN,  
Corporation Counsel.

Boston, June 28, 1917.

To the Division Engineer, Highway Division:

Dear Sir,—I inclose herewith communication from Charles Cranford, president Boston Development and Sanitary Company, addressed to his Honor the Mayor, regarding conditions at Ward street receiving station and suggesting that the existing contract between the city and his company be so modified as to permit the sorting and storage of salable materials and the installation of an incinerator at this plant. That part of the communication referring to the original contract on receiving stations and the various reports of the arbitrators and Finance Commission will no doubt receive consideration from the Law Department, but the section suggesting a modification of the contract is, in my opinion, one that should be accepted. While sections 11 and 13, chapter 40, Revised Ordinances, 1914, require a separation of ashes and garbage, this is ignored in the sections of the South End, Back Bay and Roxbury, all tributary to the Ward street station. Of course there are exceptions to the above, but the majority of the householders in the localities mentioned place everything in the same receptacle and this mass—ashes, garbage and rubbish—is finally disposed of on inland dumps, making the surroundings to the same obnoxious, offensive and unhealthy, as surely 20 per cent of the material collected is of an organic nature. Until our municipal authorities insist on at least two separations I strongly advocate from a sanitary standpoint the destroying of the municipal waste collected in certain sections of the city by burning in a destructor or incinerator.

Another reason for my advocacy of the request of the contractor is that it will not only reduce the cost of haul, but make working conditions easier. Inland dumps, even in the dry season, work havoc with the men, horses and trucks. During the wet weather, loads at times have to be diverted, owing to these dumps being impassable. Those South End, Back Bay and Roxbury North carts not dumping at Ward street now go to the Massachusetts avenue inland dump. Each day's work lengthens the haul to this place as the teams are working away from the entrance to the dump. At present the point of dumping is 1,000 yards in from the entrance on Massachusetts avenue. On the other hand, Ward street station is centrally located for the sections above noted, the cost of the haul would be lessened and I feel that with a modern destructor there the municipal waste collected in the districts mentioned, all contiguous to this station, could all be handled in a cleaner and more efficient manner.

If the request for the modification of the contract is to be presented to the City Council, no doubt some objections to the erection of a disposal plant at this location will be offered, but I believe that if the building is properly designed and operated no dust or odors can escape.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH J. NORTON, Supervisor.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### TRANSFERS WITHIN DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed requests for transfers within department appropriations and recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Boston Infirmary Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for D-10, Agricultural, \$2,200.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfer in Schedule A of the Consumptives' Hospital Department necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the chairman, dated July 7, 1917.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Children's Institutions Department, Placing Out and Office Division.

From the appropriation for A-1, Visitor and Nurse, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$475.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Suffolk School for Boys.

From the appropriation for A-1, Cottage Master, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$24.

From the appropriation for A-1, Cottage Master, to the appropriation for E-10, Electrical, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Superior Court, Criminal Session.

From the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., to the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, \$2,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Highway Division, Street Cleaning and Oiling Service.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$7.65.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Suffolk County Jail.

From the appropriation for B-27, Testing Materials and Supplies, to the appropriation for B-13, General Plant, \$15.

From the appropriation for B-29, Stenographic and Copying, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$20.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$132.80.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$75.

From the appropriation for C-6, Stable, to the appropriation for C-10, Library, \$28.80.

From the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$151.01.

From the appropriation for E-1, Building, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$924.93.



From the appropriation for E-1, Building, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$10.

From the appropriation for E-10, Electrical, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$75.

From the appropriation for E-12, Parks and Recreational, to the appropriation for B-18, Cleaning, \$5.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Municipal Court, City of Boston.

From the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., to the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, \$25.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Fire Department.

From the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, to the appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, \$300.

From the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, to the appropriation for C-11, Marine, \$200.

From the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, to the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Institutions Registration Department.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Visitor, 1 at \$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$355.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Wire Department.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 7 Inspectors at \$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$320.60.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 7 Inspectors at \$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$135.26.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 2 Clerks at \$840 per year, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$14.74.

From the appropriation for B-11, Insurance, to the appropriation for C-6, Stable, \$43.

From the appropriation for B-11, Insurance, to the appropriation for B-16, Care of Horses, \$12.

From the appropriation for B-11, Insurance, to the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicles, Repairs and Care, \$1.95.

From the appropriation for B-11, Insurance, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$35.78.

From the appropriation for B-40, Harness and Repairs, to the appropriation for C-6, Stable, \$15.

From the appropriation for C-3, Electrical, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$54.89.

From the appropriation for C-3, Electrical, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$45.11.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$204.86 from the appropriation for Park and Recreation Department, E-12, Parks and Recreational to the special appropriation for Park, Dorchester Center.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Park and Recreation Department.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 day, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$150; F-11, Workmen's Compensation, \$2,400; B-32, Towing, \$100; C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$1,100; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$500; D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$300; D-16, General Plant, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Municipal Court, Criminal Business.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 3 clerks at \$1,000 per annum, \$2,500, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$130; B-1, Printing and Binding, \$125.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—In accordance with the accompanying requests of the heads of various departments I recommend the passage of the appended orders making transfer from the Reserve Fund.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$3,278 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Children's Institutions Department, Placing Out and Office Division, as follows:

C-16, Wearing Apparel .....	\$2,000 00
B-17, Care of Persons .....	1,000 00
B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc.....	125 00
D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory.....	100 00
B-3, Advertising and Posting.....	53 00
	<u>\$3,278 00</u>

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$4,512 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Works Department, Paving Service, A-1, Permanent Employees, Supervisor of Permits, 1 at \$2,400 per year.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, A-3, Unassigned.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$345.20 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Election Department as follows:

B-6, Hire of Teams.....	\$143 00
D-1, Office.....	195 20
D-16, General Plant.....	7 00
	<u>\$345 20</u>

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$371 from the Reserve Fund to the Appropriation for Public Buildings Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, 11 Firemen and Oiler at \$21 per week, \$1,291, instead of 10 Firemen and Oiler at \$21 per week, \$10,920.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Suffolk School for Boys, F-13, Industries.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$3,714.25 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sewer Service, A-1, Permanent Employees, Superintendent of Main Drainage, 1 at \$2,500 per year.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

LAND FOR PARK, ROSLINDALE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.  
Gentlemen of the City Council:

I beg to submit herewith petition of residents of the Roslindale section of Boston, the report of the City Planning Board and the report of the Municipal Real Estate Expert relative to the taking of land for park purposes at Washington, Poplar, Ashland and South streets, Roslindale, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Department for land and buildings for construction of parks at Washington, Poplar, Ashland and South streets, Roslindale,



as set forth in accompanying plans of City Planning Board, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HEALTH UNITS, SOUTH AND EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The inclosed communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings furnishes the information that proposals for providing the Health Unit at East Boston and the Health Unit at South Boston are greatly in excess of the amount appropriated, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Buildings Department, July 19, 1917.  
Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In response to an advertisement in the *City Record*, under date of July 7, 1917, the Public Buildings Department, on July 18, 1917, publicly opened and read bids for alterations in the old police station, East Boston, and the old police station, South Boston, for the purpose of making same suitable for Health Units for the respective districts, and I submit below a result of the bids obtained at that time, also a statement showing the amount necessary before further progress can be made in the work. You will observe that in each instance the lowest bid exceeded the amount of the appropriation.

	East Boston Unit.	South Boston Unit.
P. H. Rose Construction Company.	\$6,780 00	\$6,500 00
Murphy Construction Company.	8,486 00	7,489 00
Crowley & Hickey.....	9,898 00	9,631 00
John Bowen Company.....	.....	9,940 00
Lowest bid received.....	\$6,780 00	\$6,500 00
Appropriations.....	4,500 00	4,000 00
Difference in appropriation and lowest bid.	\$2,280 00	\$2,500 00
Architect's services (10 per cent).	678 00	650 00
Advertising.....	5 00	5 00
Specifications.....	50 00	50 00
Blueprints.....	16 44	10 00
Totals.....	\$3,029 44	\$3,215 00

In accordance with the foregoing, I respectfully request that an additional appropriation in the sum of \$3,100 be provided for the East Boston Unit, and \$3,300 for the South Boston Unit.

Yours respectfully,

FRED J. KNEELAND,  
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$3,300 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, Health Unit, South Boston.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$3,100 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, Health Unit, East Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SALARY, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Supreme Court having upheld the decision of a judge of the Supreme Court in the matter of the appointment of a chief probation officer for Suffolk County it is necessary that funds be made available for payment of the salary of chief probation officer, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1917, of the Superior Court, Criminal Session, of the County of Suffolk, the additional sum of \$3,567.67 be appropriated for A-Personal Service, 1 Probation Officer at \$3,500 per year, that the same be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore passed by the City Council relating to taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FROM WATER REVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The Supreme Court having upheld the decision of a Municipal Court Judge in the matter of application for reinstatement to the city service, I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order providing for the payment of salary of said position.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the expenses of the Highway Division, Water Service, for the financial year beginning February 1, 1917, the additional sum of \$7,484.33 be and the same is hereby appropriated for A-1, Division Engineer, 1 at \$5,000 per year, \$5,984.33, and F-2, Damages, \$1,500, to be met by revenue from the Water Service.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER FOR CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The Consumptives' Hospital Trustees require \$600 additional for the completion of improvements contemplated in Ward O, Boston Consumptives' Hospital.

The original amount set aside for this work was \$9,224.32, and the lowest approximate bid received was \$9,763, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Consumptives' Hospital, July 23, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The Consumptives' Hospital Trustees have at the present time \$9,224.32 which is to be expended for erecting and completing Ward O on the hospital grounds, River street, Mattapan. Bids for such a contract as opened today (noon), together with the commissions, advertising, etc., that will have to be paid, amount to approximately \$9,763.

We would respectfully ask that a further appropriation of \$600 be granted us in order to meet the deficit that is now apparent.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN F. O'BRIEN, Chairman,  
by JAMES J. MINOT, Secretary.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$600 from the appropriation for Municipal Building, City Square, to the appropriation for Consumptives' Hospital Department, New Buildings.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER FOR CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.

To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—In accordance with the inclosed request of the Commissioner of Public Works, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order transferring the sum of \$5,317.35 from the appropriation for Cambridge Bridge, Painting and Repairing, to the appropriation for Public Works Department, Bridge and Ferry Division, Bridge Service, B-39, General Plant.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Public Works Department, July 19, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor:

I respectfully request that the unexpended balance of the appropriation for Cambridge Bridge, Painting and Repairing, amounting to \$5,317.35, be transferred to the appropriation for the Bridge Service, Service Other than Personal, B-39, General Plant, \$5,317.35. There is no more work to be done under the special appropriation for Cambridge Bridge, Painting and Repairing. The unexpended balance could be used to good advantage on the repairing of Blue Hill Avenue Bridge, over the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, the repairing of the bridge on Massachusetts avenue, over the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and also repairing Prison Point Bridge, between Boston and Cambridge.

Respectfully,  
E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$5,317.35 from the appropriation for Cambridge Bridge, Painting and Repairing, to the appropriation for Public Works Department, Bridge Service, B-39, General Plant.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS FOR BROADWAY BRIDGE.

The following were received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:  
From the original appropriation authorized by your honorable body for the rebuilding of Broadway Bridge there remains an unexpended balance of \$7,045.80, and I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order that the same may be utilized.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$7,045.80 from Broadway Bridge, Rebuilding, to Broadway Bridge, Boston & Albany Railroad.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, July 23, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:  
It having been deemed inadvisable to acquire the property 39, 41, 43 Pemberton square for Police Headquarters because of possible litigation due to lease executed prior to the appropriation of the money necessary for the acquirement

of the property, it will be necessary to transfer the full amount of \$200,000 appropriated from time to time until same has been exhausted. I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order transferring \$40,000 for purpose set forth.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the appropriation for Police Headquarters, Pemberton Square, to the appropriation for Broadway Bridge, Boston & Albany Railroad.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Mary H. Bancroft, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Norway street.

Antonia Capazzuti, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by gate at South Ferry.

Josephine Contrasciera, for compensation for damage to automobile by car of the Park and Recreation Department.

Frank E. Davis, for compensation for injuries received at the Congress Street Drawbridge.

James D'Angelo, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Mansfield street.

Eleopolous & Lefas, for compensation for damages caused by shutting off water at 1507 Washington street.

Lena Gilbert, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Blue Hill avenue.

Healey, Seaver Company, to be repaid for unused refuse tickets.

Helen B. Hopkins, for compensation for damage to clothing by being splashed with mud on Charles street.

Rose Hopkins, for compensation for damage to clothing by water from fountain on Boston Common.

Catherine Hunt, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Dorchester avenue.

David Johnson, for compensation for injuries caused by a loose plank on Dover Street Bridge.

Agnes Kuers, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Hamilton street.

Mrs. F. Muller, for compensation for injuries received by son in the Florence Street School.

Elmer P. Oakman, for compensation for damage to property at 41 Walnut street by bursting of water main.

Miss J. L. O'Neil, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 516 Beacon street.

Annie E. Scott, for compensation for damage to property 78 Auckland street by fire apparatus.

Barnet I. Siegel, for compensation for damage to automobile by fire apparatus.

Smith Piling and Teaming Company, for compensation for injury to horse by alleged defect in Byron Street Bridge.

Israel W. Sunderland, for compensation for injury to horse and damage to wagon on the East Boston Ferry.

Thomas Lennon, for compensation for damage to clothing by nail projecting from tree on Pond street.

James W. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to clothing by nail projecting from waste barrel.

Giuseppe Ringoh, for compensation for property stolen from locker at North End Park.

Petitions were received for compensation for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917, viz.:

State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party.

Central Branch of the Socialist Party.

Young People's Socialist League of Boston.

Malden Branch of the Socialist Party of Massachusetts.

Letchin Branch No. 1 of the Socialist Party.

Esthonian Branch of the Socialist Party.

Workmen's Council of Greater Boston.

Finish Workingmen's Association of Boston.

Elizabeth Goldstein.

## Executive.

Petitions for permits to sell, rent or lease fire-arms at various locations, viz.:  
 M. F. Rosenthal, 33 Border street, Ward 2.  
 Herman Rosenthal, 360 Washington street, Ward 25.  
 Sam Solstein, 109 Staniford street, Ward 5.  
 Moses Buhn, 112 Sudbury street, Ward 3.

## UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Eastern Steamship Line, Inc., for leave to sell certain articles of unclaimed baggage.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Frank B. Crane as Superintendent of Supplies.

Placed on file.

## APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notices were received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of the following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

Thomas D. O'Connor, Schoolhouse Commissioner.

J. Templeman Coolidge, Jr., Art Commissioner.

Walter S. Gerry, Board of Appeal.

Placed on file.

## NOTICE OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Public Service Commission of the following hearings on July 20, at 10.30 a. m., viz.:

Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company, 5th location.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, proposed shelter at City square.

Placed on file.

## VACANCY IN OFFICE OF SHERIFF.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth giving notice of vacancy in the office of sheriff of Suffolk County and specifying November 6, 1917, as the date for the voters to fill said vacancy.

Placed on file.

## STREET RAILWAY SERVICE, PLEASANT STREET.

A communication was received from the Public Service Commission transmitting report and order in the matter of the establishment of street railway service in Pleasant street under chapter 186 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Placed on file.

## STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, keeping of gasoline, Allston street, Brighton.

Charles H. Stewart, keeping of gasoline, 471 Blue Hill avenue (rear).

Harriet S. Hosford, keeping of gasoline, 10 Boxford terrace, West Roxbury.

Annie M. Stewart, keeping of gasoline, 56 Brooks street, Brighton.

Ernest H. Johnson, keeping of gasoline, 63 Brooksdale road, Brighton.

Joseph Gahn & Son Company, keeping of gasoline, 350 C street, South Boston.

Leila A. Scott, keeping of gasoline, 15 Child street, Hyde Park.

Columbia Yacht Club, sale of gasoline, Columbia road, at club house.

George Grow Automobile Company, sale of gasoline, 321 and 323 Columbus avenue.

Donovan Motor Car Company, sale of gasoline, 26-630 Commonwealth avenue.

The Texas Company, sale of gasoline, private land between Commonwealth avenue and Blandford street.

Sarah E. Cohen, keeping of gasoline, 42 Crawford street, Roxbury.

Gilmore C. Diekey, keeping of gasoline, 8 Florida street, Dorchester.

E. P. & A. J. Legg, sale of gasoline, 40 Geneva avenue.

E. P. & A. J. Legg, sale of gasoline, 41 Geneva avenue.

John L. Whiting—J. J. Adams Company, keeping of naphtha, 690-710 Harrison avenue.

Edmond Martineau, keeping of gasoline, 123 London street, East Boston.

F. N. Rock Iron Company, keeping of gasoline, 130 Magazine street, Roxbury.

Clarence G. Hughes, keeping of gasoline, 9 St. John street, Jamaica Plain.

Mabel F. Wood, keeping of gasoline, 117 Stratford street, West Roxbury.

Daniel J. Ford, sale of gasoline, 701 Walk Hill street.

William R. Gough, keeping of gasoline, 49 Walnut street, Neponset.

Charles D. Pray, sale of gasoline, 1839 Washington street.

Solon W. Bingham, keeping of gasoline, 146 Washington street, Dorchester.

W. H. Harlow & Sons, keeping of gasoline, 95 Pierce street, Hyde Park.

Placed on file.

## FOOD CONSERVATION, FRANKLIN PARK.

A communication was received from Joseph W. Townsend relative to food conservation results at Franklin Park.

Placed on file.

## IMPROVEMENTS AT WARD 19 PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

Boston, July 18, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission forwards for consideration to your honorable body a copy of a communication to his Honor the Mayor, in reference to the loan order of \$4,000 for improvements at the Ward 19 Playground.

The Finance Commission recommends that the order be not passed.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FINANCE COMMISSION,

by JOHN R. MURPHY,

Chairman.

Boston Finance Commission, July 18, 1917.  
 Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Sir,—The Finance Commission has learned that the City Council on Monday, July 9, gave a first reading to a loan order for \$4,000 for improvements at the Ward 19 Playground. This loan order was introduced and recommended for adoption by your Honor on May 28, 1917, and represents an addition to the \$200,000 loan order appropriated for the same playground in 1916.

If your Honor will recall the circumstances surrounding the loan order of \$200,000 you will remember that there was considerable discussion between the City Council, the Mayor and the Finance Commission relative to the manner in which the chairman of the Park and Recreation Department obtained its passage.

In refusing to withhold your signature for the order for the taking of certain land for the playground, as requested by the City Council, your Honor, in a communication to the City Council, dated November 16, 1915, and published in the *City Record* of November 20, 1915, page 1186, stated that the sum of \$200,000 in your opinion would be sufficient for the entire improvement and that you would not ask the City Council for any more money for this playground.

In outlining your Honor's decision not to appeal to the City Council for any more money for the Ward 19 Playground, your Honor said:

"I conceive that some members of the Council may seek to bolster their improper attitude in this playground matter by asserting that their efforts are due solely to their desire to prevent the city from resorting to further loans to complete the Ward 19 Playground. I have already stated my



belief that the \$200,000 appropriated will be sufficient. There can be no doubt about this unless the rapacity of the land owners should result in obtaining larger amounts from Suffolk County juries as damages for the land taken than the fair award made by the Street Commissioners—awards higher than the assessed values upon which these land owners have paid their taxes to the city. But if I should prove to be mistaken and the verdicts of juries should prove so great as to leave a balance of the appropriation insufficient for the grading of the playground and its equipment with gymnastic apparatus, etc., I assure you I shall not ask the City Council for another loan to complete this project. I shall direct the work of providing for the playground to proceed at once. If the existing loan is insufficient I shall ask the Park Department to make up the deficit out of its regular appropriation from taxes. If it should prove that the department's appropriation from taxes has not a balance large enough to meet the deficit I will undertake to procure the balance from the members of the St. Alphonsus Association and their coreligionists throughout the city by popular subscription and I will head this subscription by as large a personal contribution as my finances will permit."

The commission believes that your Honor has overlooked your communication of November 16, 1915, in which you bound yourself not to ask for any more money, and that now when its contents have been called to your attention you will probably wish to recall your order to the City Council, so as to carry out your intentions as expressed in the above communication.

The commission is sending copies of this communication to the City Council with a request that further passage of the loan order may be stopped.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Placed on file.

CLERK HIRE.

W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Registrar of Deeds, submitted a report in accordance with the provisions of section 33, chapter 22, of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office and that work had been performed to the amount of \$4,431.32.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

President STORROW called up Nos. 1 and 2, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor July 9, 1917, viz.:

1. Edward A. Hanly, to be a Weigher of Coal.
2. William DeVito, to be a Weigher of Goods for the John A. Devito Company, and John P. Powers, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Boston Storage Company.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Comm. Wellington and Watson. Whole number of ballots cast 6, yeas 6, and the appointments were confirmed.

CONVEYANCE OF ISLAND TO THE UNITED STATES.

President STORROW called up No. 3, unfinished business, viz.:

3. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the city to convey to the United States of America by a suitable deed, in form satisfactory to the Law Department, and for the consideration of \$15,000, the island situate in Hull in the harbor of said Boston, known as Great Brewster, excepting any portion of said island now owned by the United States of America.

On July 9 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 9.

RELEASE OF EASEMENT.

President STORROW called up No. 4, unfinished business, viz.:

4. Whereas, The City of Boston, by order of the City Council, approved June 26, 1880, took an

easement for the improvement of Stony brook in a certain parcel of land situated in that part of Boston formerly Roxbury, belonging to the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury, Henry Pfaff, lessee, and shown on plans filed in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds, July 2, 1880, marked "Plans No. 1 and No. 2 for the Improvement of Stony Brook, April 15, 1880"; and

Whereas, The Commissioner of Public Works of said city, now having charge of said easement, has notified the City Council that, in his opinion, a part of said easement is no longer required for public purposes,

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 a part of the rights and easement so taken to be abandoned, said declaration of abandonment to be made for a nominal consideration, namely, bounded westerly and southerly by land deeded to the City of Boston by Henry Pfaff on January 31, 1893, by two lines, 21.93 feet and 9.59 feet in length, respectively; bounded northwesterly by other land of the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury, 81.03 feet; bounded northerly and westerly by land of the West End Street Railway Company, by four lines, 28.76 feet, 6.38 feet, 23.76 feet and 21.53 feet, respectively; bounded easterly and southerly by land of the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury, by two lines, 37.34 feet and 117.45 feet, respectively; and containing about 2,046 square feet of land, more or less, shown on a plan on file in the office of the Public Works Department, Sewer Service, numbered K-1274, and marked "Plan Showing Land to be Released by the City of Boston to the Trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury, scale 10 feet to an inch, July 7, 1917."

On July 9 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 9.

COMPLETION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ROSLINDALE.

President STORROW called up No. 5, unfinished business, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the sum of \$20,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the completion and equipment of New Municipal Building at Roslindale, and that to meet said expenditure 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.

On July 9 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 9.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS PLAYGROUNDS.

President STORROW called up Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9, unfinished business, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended for the establishment of a Mothers' Rest and Children's Playground on Saratoga and Bennington streets, East Boston, 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 such purpose.

On July 9 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 9.

7. Ordered, That the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the improvement of Savin Hill Playground and Beach, to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Department, 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 July 9 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 9.

8. Ordered, That the sum of \$13,700 be and the same hereby is appropriated for the purchase of land located at Mozart and Bolster streets, Jamaica Plain, for playground purposes, and that to meet said expenditure the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

On July 9 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, before the vote is taken on this I would like to have read into the record a letter from Mr. John Beck in relation to the assessment on the land on Mozart street from 1905 to 1916. This is because of the fact that one or two members of the committee desired to know the assessed value of the land. The letter says:

“The assessments of the land on Mozart street from 1905 to 1916, inclusive, are as follows:

1905, 1906 and 1907.....	\$14,600 00
1908 and 1909.....	12,600 00
1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915.....	15,000 00
1916.....	13,700 00

That \$13,700 is the price the city is paying for the land. That information was secured for the committee by Mr. John Beck, the city's expert.

The order was given its second and final reading and passed, yeas 9, nays 0.

9. Ordered, That the sum of four thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Department for improvements at the Ward 19 Playground, 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 July 9 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 9.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. WATSON moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

DAY FOR PARK PICNIC.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the Park and Recreation Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to grant to all employees of the department whose services can be dispensed with a day off on the date of their annual picnic.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

FURNISHINGS, ROXBURY COURTHOUSE.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the City Council an order asking for an appropriation for the Roxbury Courthouse, to total \$650, and to be expended as follows:

1 steel filing case, 8 sections.....	\$320 00
1 safe for women's card case.....	125 00
1 letter file.....	11 00
1 glass cover for cabinet.....	14 00
1 safe and transportation.....	150 00
3 awnings.....	30 00

Total..... \$650 00

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REMOVAL OF REFUSE.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered the following:  
City of Boston.

In the year Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen. An Ordinance Concerning Removal of Refuse. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section one of chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Ordinances of 1914, as amended by

chapter three of the Ordinances of 1916, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “watered” in the tenth line of said section, the following words: “shall remove and dispose of, at the expense of the public works department, all refuse from buildings occupied by the city except those under the control of the school committee.”

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect February 1, 1918.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—Mr. President, I am going to ask a suspension of the rule that the ordinance may be placed upon its passage today, for this reason: A similar ordinance was passed unanimously by the Council several weeks ago and was vetoed by his Honor the Mayor, for the reason that it included the public schools. I have eliminated the public schools from the present ordinance.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along No. 157 Howard avenue, Ward 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 gravel, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along River street, from No. 1277 to No. 1297, Ward 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the westerly side of Neponset avenue, between King and Boutwell streets, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. HAGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along both sides of Pearl street, between Dorchester avenue and Pleasant street, Ward 11, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.32 p. m., on motion of Coun. BALLANTYNE, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 5.38 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating \$3,567.67 for chief probation officer, Suffolk County—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to make a statement at this time concerning this transfer for salary of a chief probation officer of the Suffolk Court. I would vote “No” on the proposition if it was not the fact that the money has been paid by an execution of the court and has to be replaced. I mean on the Catheron matter.

The order was passed, yeas 7, nays 0.



(2) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) transferring \$600 to Consumptives' Hospital Department, New Building.

Report accepted; order read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

(3) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) transferring \$5,317.35 to appropriation for Public Works Department, Bridge Service, B-39, General Plant.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(4) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating \$7,484.33 for A-1, Division Engineer, Highway Division—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(5) Report on message of Mayor and numerous orders (referred today) for transfers within department appropriations—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(6) Report on message of Mayor and various orders (referred today) for transfers from the Reserve Fund—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(7) Report on order (referred June 25) to accept chapter 112, Special Acts of 1915, relative to John Corrigan—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on order (referred June 25) for payment of the sum of \$100 to John Corrigan, employee of the Public Works Department, who was injured while in the discharge of his duty—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(9) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) to sell, rent or lease firearms at various locations—that permits be granted, viz.:

M. F. Rosenthal, 33 Border street, Ward 2.  
Herman Rosenthal, 360 Washington street, Ward 25.

Sam Solstein, 109 Staniford street, Ward 5.  
Moses Bahn, 112 Sudbury street, Ward 5.  
Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred June 11) for sale of city land at Squantum—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred May 28) for loan of \$160,000 for Police Station 2—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, the Committee on Finance took up the matter of the appropriation for Police Station 2 on Friday and voted to report this order back. On Friday they asked Mr. Beck, the real estate expert, who was present at the meeting, if he would find out from the owners of the building whether the property could be secured for this same price, \$160,000, and asked him to report to the committee today so that the committee could report to the Council. He has given to me a letter on his letterhead and I am going to read it quickly and then ask that this order be rejected, without prejudice, because you can see the reason for that action after I read the letter.

30 State Street, Boston, July 23, 1917.

Public Lands Committee, City Council:

Gentlemen,—In accordance with your request of July 19, 1917, relative to the proposed location on Franklin street for Police Station 2, I conferred

with Mr. J. Henry Russell to obtain the renewal of the offer to sell the property to the city for \$160,000 and submit the following report.

Mr. Russell said that he had given the city more time than he considered necessary to consummate the purchase, and not having received an acceptance of his offer from the city by July 19, 1917, concluded to dispose of this estate and all his clients' other holdings in this district to Messrs. Draper and Dowling in the form of a trade. I thereupon interviewed Mr. Mark Temple Dowling and tried to induce him to make the same proposition to the city that Mr. Russell made, viz., to sell for \$160,000. Mr. Dowling stated he was unable to make any such offer to the city as he had practically completed negotiations for the sale of the parcel which the city wanted, and that to all intents and purposes he was not the party to see as the property might soon be out of his hands.

I may be able to find out to whom Mr. Dowling is selling or trading this property and will try to induce the final owner to offer the estate to the city at the price which Mr. Russell was willing to. It may be unlikely that I can secure this, as notwithstanding nearly all of the sales may have been exchanges, I am of the opinion that \$160,000 was a very low price for the property, as it figures about \$46.50 a square foot.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN BECK,

Real Estate Broker and Appraiser.

So, Mr. President and members of the Council, after the receipt of that letter I feel that the Council has nothing to do but reject the order without prejudice.

The Council refused to pass the order, but without prejudice, yeas 0, nays 7.

2. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred June 11) for loan of \$50,000 for Broadway Bridge—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

The Council voted, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to lay the order on the table.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on pay roll of Registrar of Deeds (referred today) amounting to \$1,431.32—approving of the same.

Report accepted; pay roll approved and ordered paid.

RECONSTRUCTION OF FIRE HOUSE,  
CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That the sum of \$25,000 be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Fire Commissioner for the reconstruction and enlargement of the fire house on Winthrop street, Charlestown, 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 of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

ORDINANCES.

Coun. FORD, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted a report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred July 9)—recommending passage in the following new draft:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.  
An Ordinance Establishing the Budget Department. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. There shall be a budget department under the charge of a budget commissioner who shall, under the direction of the mayor, prepare in segregated form the annual and all supplementary budgets to be submitted by the mayor to the city council. The commissioner shall further prepare under the direction of the mayor the form of esti-



mate sheets to be used by each officer, board, commission and department, and each division thereof, showing expenditures to date of all appropriations by item, and shall report to the mayor on all subsequent revisions of the items in the budget.

Sect. 2. Section five of chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the clause fixing the salaries of the assessors, the following words—The budget commissioner, five thousand dollars.

The report was accepted, and the ordinance as amended was passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. FORD moved a general reconsideration on all business not previously reconsidered, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

#### NEXT MEETING.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, that when the Council adjourned it be to meet on Monday, August 6, at two o'clock p. m.

Adjourned at 5.48 p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, August 6, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair and all the members present.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Subject to confirmation by your honorable body, I appoint the following-named persons Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1918:

Ralph A. Hansen, 81 Hebron street, Mattapan;  
Ada S. Dicks, 45 Munroe street, Roxbury.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE, G. A. R. CITY EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the appended communication from the Secretary of the Committee of Arrangements for the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

State House, Boston, July 25, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

My dear Sir,—I am writing in behalf of the Civil War Veterans in the City of Boston, asking that if consistent with your ideas, that they be granted leave of absence from August 20 to 25, inclusive, with pay, in addition to their annual leave.

This is asked in order that they may take part in the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which is to be held in Boston during that week. The President of the United States has already issued an executive order granting this privilege to the Civil War Veterans in the United States service.

I most respectfully petition that you will grant the same privilege to the Veterans of the Civil War who are in the employ of the City of Boston.

Trusting you will give this favorable consideration, I am, in behalf of the Executive Committee of Arrangements,

Very respectfully yours,

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,  
Secretary.

Ordered, That the heads of the several departments be hereby authorized to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay, during the period of the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, August 20 to 25, to all employees who are veterans of the Civil War, in addition to their regular annual vacation.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## INFORMATION FROM FIRE COMMISSIONER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the appended

report submitted by Fire Commissioner Grady, the same constituting a reply to certain interrogatories propounded by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Fire Department, July 25, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In accordance with an order passed by the City Council on June 11, 1917, I beg to submit herewith a report on the number of men that would be needed to fully man the Fire Department under present conditions, and also the number of men necessary to fully man the department should the ordinance granting the one day off in three be adopted.

First.—Under "present conditions" must be considered the leaves of absence granted to members of this department who have responded to the call of the President of the United States and have enlisted in some branch of the Federal service for military duty. At present, six members of the department are serving the country, having been granted leaves of absence, and I believe that their positions should be filled during the interim, and at the earliest possible moment. Six men, therefore, are necessary to cover the present condition.

Second.—The number of men off duty for sickness and injury presents a very serious problem. Injured men are allowed to go back on light duty or light house duty as soon as their physical condition permits, but the service they are able to render is not service of much value. Men off duty for sickness must be completely recovered before going back on duty. The number of men off duty from these causes presents a problem difficult to solve. Something should be done to balance this difference in the working strength of the department, and the best solution I know of is to pass an ordinance creating a substitute list in the Fire Department of at least fifty men, taken from the civil service list, so that these men may act as substitutes in temporary vacancies throughout the fire fighting force, and as permanent vacancies occur they should be filled by appointments from among the substitutes. These men should be paid at the rate of \$900 per year. This is the same amount paid to men on probation now. While a man is serving as a substitute his pay would continue at \$900, and when he is appointed as a man on probation in the permanent force he would start on the sliding scale already established in the department. The cost of the plan per year, if the entire fifty men are appointed, would be \$45,000. By this plan this department would be benefited by being able to fill vacancies in the ranks of permanent members from its well trained and seasoned substitutes. I take this occasion to recommend and urge that the City Council take some action along the lines suggested above.

Third.—After careful study and consideration it is my opinion that if the ordinance granting one day off in three is passed, one hundred ninety-two men would be needed to maintain the efficiency of the fire fighting force.

Yours very respectfully,

JOHN GRADY, Fire Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

## FIVE-CENT FARE, HYDE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Hyde Park now being a part of Boston, and being but six and  $\frac{1}{10}$  miles from the center, it is indeed a great injustice to inflict upon that district the burden of the present excessive street railway fare of eleven cents. While fully appreciating the present financial condition of street railway companies, I feel strongly that the people of the Hyde Park district should pay but a five-cent fare as charged from all other districts of Boston, but owing to the present financial condition of the street railway companies this, at the present time, in all probability cannot be accomplished. I am firmly convinced that a

joint traffic rate can be established which will be equitable to all. I therefore recommend the passage of the inclosed order.

Yours respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to petition the Public Service Commission in the name of the City of Boston for the establishment of a joint traffic rate on the lines of the Bay State Street Railway and the Boston Elevated Railway, from Cleary square in the Hyde Park district, under which the fare charge shall not exceed five cents.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF FIRE HOUSE, EUSTIS STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—Under date of July 25 bids were opened for the improvement and reconstruction of Chemical Engine House 10, on Eustis street, the amount estimated as necessary for the work being \$1,500, and the lowest bid received was \$1,750.

In my opinion this is an extremely low bid and re-advertising would result in increased cost. Careful examination reveals the fact that there is no item that can properly be eliminated, and under the circumstances I believe the bid should be accepted, the contract awarded and the work completed at the earliest possible date. I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$250 from the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, B-39, General Plant, to the special appropriation for Old Fire House, Eustis Street.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### VARIOUS DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed requests for transfers within department appropriations and recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Hospital Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 58 Head Nurses, \$40 to \$65 per month, to the appropriation for B-27, Testing Materials and Supplies, \$6; D-9, Educational and Recreational, \$50; D-10, Agricultural, \$300; E-13, General Plant, \$1,500.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Health Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 1 Assistant Bacteriologist at \$15 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 1 Technical Assistant at \$1,200 per year, \$405.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 4 Deputy Commissioners at \$3,000 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 1 Technical Assistant at \$1,200 per year, \$229.42.

From the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, to the appropriation for C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$200.

From the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$300.

From the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, to the appropriation for B-18, Cleaning, \$208.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Police Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Janitors, 18 at \$912.50 per year, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary, \$140.

From the appropriation for B-18, Cleaning, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary, \$435.

From the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary, \$100.

From the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, to the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams, \$150.

From the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, to the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, \$600.

From the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, to the appropriation for C-18, Military, \$1,000.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SALE OF CITY LAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication, and respectfully request the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

30 State Street, Boston, August 6, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I herewith inclose a communication from James W. Rollins of 6 Beacon street, in which he offers the City of Boston \$7,000 for its land in Milton and Hyde Park, located on Milton avenue, near Reservoir street, adjacent to land owned by him.

He is willing to buy at public auction subject to whatever restrictions that are in force.

The Public Works Department in the inclosed communication states that it has no further need for the property other than the reservations contained in the letter of C. J. Carven, Engineer in Charge.

He intends to reserve a strip on Milton avenue, 40 feet wide by 503 feet long, aggregating 20,120 square feet, for street purposes, and the steel standpipe which he states should be sold for at least \$500 plus the cost of removal.

The Assessing Department shows on its records 206,020 square feet of land assessed for 4 cents a square foot, making a total of \$8,200.

Good land in this vicinity sells for about \$2,000 an acre, but as the reservoir will have to be filled in at a considerable cost and the land graded I consider Mr. Rollins's offer of \$7,000 a fair one for the lot, and advise that it be sold at public auction at an upset price of \$7,000.

I inclose also a plan of the land by G. L. Richardson, surveyor, dated November 18, 1907, and a snapshot showing the reservoir and standpipe.

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN BECK,  
Real Estate Broker and Appraiser.

Boston, July 14, 1917.

Mr. John Beck,  
30 State Street, Boston:

Dear Sir,—Confirming our conversation and previous negotiations, I would state that I would like to buy the property known as the Old Hyde Park Reservoir lot, on Brush Hill, in accordance with the plan sent from your office, which plan, however, is undated, but the supposed area is 195,378 square feet, and would pay for the same the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).

Yours truly,  
J. W. ROLLINS.

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department, August 4, 1917.

Mr. John Beck,  
30 State Street, Boston:}]

Dear Sir,—In answer to your communication with reference to the reservoir property under the



control of the Public Works Department in Milton avenue, Fairmount district, Hyde Park. I would state that the department has no further need of this property other than the reservations noted in attached communication and blueprint from C. J. Carven, Engineer in Charge of the Water Service.

Respectfully,  
E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

City of Boston,

Public Works Department, August 4, 1917.

To the Commissioner of Public Works:

Dear Sir,—The accompanying blueprints show the land situated on Milton avenue, Fairmount district, owned by the Public Works Department, acquired by same at the annexation of Hyde Park, said land formerly being the property of the Hyde Park Water Company. As noted on the blueprint, 1.68 acres are in the town of Milton, the remaining 3.31 acres being in Hyde Park. In disposing of said property it is very essential that a strip of land 40 feet in width, the continuation of Milton street up to the end of the property, be not sold. The reservoir on said property is of no value, simply consisting of a hole in the ground with earth embankment, the sides being ripped and the bottom covered with a poor quality of concrete. There is on the land, however, a steel standpipe, 50 feet in diameter and 35 feet high, with a capacity of one half million gallons of water. This standpipe is of value especially at the present time, and if the same conditions prevail as last year when the city disposed of a smaller standpipe situated at Mount Bellevue, West Roxbury, the city should at least obtain an amount approximating \$500 for said standpipe, the price to include the removing of same, etc. Owing to the increased water pressure now maintained in the Hyde Park district over that originally maintained by the Hyde Park Water Company the standpipe is practically of no value to the city. It is at the present time full of water simply kept as a reserve, but after the water remains in said standpipe a short period of time it naturally becomes brackish and foul and it is not worth considering as a reserve.

C. J. CARVEN,  
Engineer in Charge.

Ordered, That the land formerly used by the City of Boston for reservoir purposes, located on Milton avenue, near Reservoir street, in Milton and Hyde Park, be and the same is hereby ordered sold at public auction at an upset price of seven thousand dollars.

—Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Thomas E. Ahern, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Washington street.

Cologera Alonzo, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in North End Pier.

Frank Anastasi, for compensation for damages to property at 79 Dover street by breaking of water main.

Louis Badaracco, for compensation for damage to automobile by collision with automobile belonging to the city.

J. B. Blood Company, for compensation for damages to auto truck on the East Boston Ferry.

Celia Bloom, for compensation for damage to property 12 and 14 Chadwick street by overflow of sewage.

Minnie Bloomfield, for compensation for damage to fence by fire apparatus.

Julia Cariboto, for compensation for valuables lost at the North End Park.

Frank Cohen, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Lenox street.

Margaret Daley, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 328 Commercial street.

G. L. Fisher & Co., for compensation for damages to property 140 Dudley street by backing up of sewage.

Thomas J. Fitzgerald, for compensation for damage to property 757 Columbia road by backing up of sewage.

Catherine Fitzpatrick, for compensation for injuries received at the North End Park.

Bernard C. Gordon, for compensation for damage to automobile by an alleged defect in Stratton street.

Celia Gordon, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Stratton street.

Tillie Gudov, for compensation for damage caused by being splashed by water wagon.

Michael A. Jannini, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by street sign on Hanover street.

Michael Mahoney, for compensation for damage to property 31 Savin Hill avenue, by backing up of sewage.

Catherine Marley, for compensation for damage to property 55 Dover street by break in water main.

Joseph Meirovitz, for compensation for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

Bernard C. McArdle, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at junction of Warren and Dudley streets.

New England Newspaper Publishing Company, for compensation for damage to property 4 and 5 Winthrop square by leak in water pipe.

Carl Nilson, for compensation for injuries caused by rope stretched across the Arborway.

Lorenzo W. Peduzzi, for compensation for damage to automobile caused by being run into by city ash cart.

Philip Romano, for compensation for loss of a sum of money at the North End Park.

N. Schneider, for compensation for damage to property 29 Dover street by breaking of water main.

Margaret Shea, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Highland street.

Mary and Timothy F. Shea, for compensation for damage to property 807 East Third street by backing up of sewage.

Whipple F. Smith, for compensation for damage to property 234 and 236 Harrison avenue, caused by shutting off water by the city.

Mary A. Trusty, to be refunded amount of water bill paid twice.

Jessie F. Wyman, for compensation for valuables stolen from locker at Tenean Beach.

St. Clair A. Wynot, for compensation for damage to property 11 Eastman street by backing up of sewage.

Executive.

Theodore L. Stowe to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914.

Boston Chamber of Commerce, for a hearing on question of excluding cars from Washington street.

#### USE OF LAND FOR BURIAL PURPOSES, BAKER STREET.

A petition was received from the Boston Burial Society for permission to use for burial purposes certain land on Baker street.

In connection with the petition the following was received:

City of Boston,

Health Department, August 6, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen.—I transmit herewith the petition of the Boston Burial Society for permission to use certain land on Baker street herein described for burial purposes.

A hearing was given by me on July 20, 1917, after due notice to all persons interested, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 379 of the Acts of 1908, and in my opinion the location of said land is suitable for burial purposes from the standpoint of public health.

F. X. MAHONEY,  
Commissioner.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order.—That permission be hereby and is granted to the Boston Burial Society to use for burial purposes a parcel of land situated in that part of Boston called West Roxbury, bounded and described as follows:

Easterly on Baker street about six hundred and forty-two (642) feet; northwesterly by land of Isabella M. Hunter about ninety (90) feet; northerly by lands of Isabella N. Hunter and Daniel J. and Ellen Hynes about one hundred and fifteen (115) feet; northwesterly by Baker place about four hundred and twenty-two (422) feet; northerly again by Baker place about sixteen (16) feet; northwesterly by land of Sarah E. Crocker about one hundred and sixty-three (163) feet;

thence westerly about two hundred and fifty (250) feet; thence southerly about nine hundred and twenty (920) feet to the point of beginning, all as shown on plan herewith.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

A petition was received from Florence G. Bailey *et al* for a hearing relative to proposed burial ground on Baker street, West Roxbury.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

E. T. Gavin, keeping of gasoline, 546 Broadway, South Boston.

W. E. Smith, keeping of gasoline, 16 Cbauncy place, Jamaica Plain.

Boston Yacht Club, sale of gasoline, Columbia road, foot of O street.

Thomas G. Buckley, keeping of gasoline, 690 Dudley street.

Ansel C. Benson, sale of gasoline, 30 and 32 Massasoit street, Dorchester.

Frank L. Roberts, sale of gasoline, 320 Newbury street.

Marshall B. Hall, sale of gasoline, 277-293 Northampton street.

Alfred G. Peterson, keeping of gasoline, 25 Upland avenue, Dorchester.

George W. DeLap, sale of gasoline, 15 Ward street, South Boston (four notices).

Herbert L. Morse, keeping of gasoline, 9 Whittemore street, West Roxbury.

Placed on file.

#### APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the appointment by the Mayor of Carl Gerstein as a member of the Board of Appeal, a certified copy of the same being sent to the Civil Service Commission.

Placed on file.

#### RAILROAD POLICE.

Notice was received from the Police Commissioner of the appointments of Frederick C. Allen and many others as railroad police on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Placed on file.

#### HEARING ON SPEED OF STREET RAILWAY CARS, DRAWBRIDGES.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of hearing on August 1, at 10.30 a. m., on speed of street railway cars over drawbridges in the City of Boston.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF LOCATION.

A copy of an order was received from the Street Commissioners granting temporary location on Hyde Park avenue to the Bay State Street Railway Company, 14th location.

Placed on file and ordered printed.

#### AMENDMENT TO STREET TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
In Board of Street Commissioners,  
July 27, 1917.

Voted, To amend Article 5 of the Street Traffic Regulations by adding to said article the following section:

Section 16. On Beacon street, between the buildings numbered 653-682 and the Boston & Albany Railroad Bridge, drivers of vehicles may stand the same with the forward right wheel at the curb, the vehicle standing at an angle of forty-five degrees with the roadway.

JOHN H. DUNN,  
FRANK A. GOODWIN,  
FRANCIS J. BRENNAN,  
Street Commissioners.

Attest: J. J. O'CALLAGHAN, Secretary.  
Placed on file.

#### TRANSFER TO CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

President STORROW called up No. 4, unfinished business, viz.:

4. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$600 from the appropriation for Municipal Building, City Square, to the appropriation for Consumptives' Hospital Department, New Buildings.

On July 23, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 9, nays 0.

#### SALE OF CITY LAND, SQUANTUM.

President STORROW called up No. 5, unfinished business, viz.:

5. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to sell to the city of Quincy on such terms as be deems best, for not less than \$15,000, the land at Squantum Head in Quincy owned by the City of Boston and not used in connection with sewerage works, and in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to convey the same to the city of Quincy by deed in form satisfactory to the Law Department.

On July 23, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 9, nays 0.

#### SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. McDONALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Walk Hill street (westerly side), from Hyde Park avenue about 400 feet southerly, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Beech street (north side), from West Roxbury Parkway to Hobson street, Ward 23, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ridge street, from Brown avenue to Sycamore street, Ward 23, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Birch street, from Corinth street to Penfield street, Ward 23, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along No. 6 Edison green, Ward 11, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

#### STEEL FLOOR, BROADWAY BRIDGE.

On motion of Coun. Attridge the Council voted to take from the table No. 6, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for



the construction of steel floor on Broadway Bridge, over the tracks of the Boston & Albany Railroad, 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 such purpose.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, concerning this improvement and the nature of it, I am very much in favor, but the method of raising the money for it I disagree with. For years since we have been in the City Council the repairing of bridges, putting in of new floors, has been taken from maintenance, from the tax levy. This order is just what it states,—the putting in of a new steel floor on Broadway Bridge. Two years ago we had the question threshed out very thoroughly as to whether or not we ought to borrow money for the resurfacing of streets, and this Council voted against borrowing money for that purpose,—and properly so, I believe. If you resurface a street and place a permanent pavement thereon you are going to have that last for a good many years, possibly twenty years,—but it is a current expense. The same with the bridges. If you start in borrowing money for putting a new floor on this bridge the opening wedge will have been started and there will be no end to the number of orders which will come before this body. Consequently, first, because I do not want to establish a precedent, and secondly, although the improvement is meritorious and needed I believe the method is wrong; we ought to compel the Mayor to finance this from taxes. Accordingly, although I favor the improvement, I disagree with the method of raising the money, and I shall vote against it.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—Mr. President, I want to say that I am compelled to vote against this order, providing this money by loan, and I believe with the previous speaker that provision ought to be made for the repair of this bridge out of taxes. It is a principle which has been established here for a good many years, and I don't think that we have ever yet, to my knowledge, voted to borrow money for the repair of our streets or to repair the bridges. I am heartily in favor of the repairs to this bridge, and I hope that his Honor the Mayor will at a very early date find means of taking this appropriation from taxes.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I am just as much in favor of the principle which has just been laid down as either of the two gentlemen who have preceded me. I believe that for permanent improvements the money should be taken from loans, and in the case of repairs that it should be taken from taxes, from appropriations. I might say, in regard to this particular bridge, that the appropriation of the department has been used year in and year out for replacing the wooden floor on the bridge. It has been taken from taxes, from appropriations. Now we are asked to borrow some money for the purpose of practically putting in, as I understand from Mr. Carty, the Division Engineer of the Public Works Department, and in charge of the Bridge Division, a new bridge. He reported to the committee, when we had our meeting some weeks ago, that the bridge is in a very dangerous condition. This is not the ordinary wooden flooring, it is what is known as the steel flooring of the bridge on Broadway over the Boston & Albany Railroad. He says conditions are so bad there that the Boston & Albany Railroad has been compelled to wire up some of the beams in order to keep them in place. We asked Mr. Carty when he was before us his opinion as to whether this money should be taken from appropriations or should be borrowed by loan, and he thought, as an engineer, that this money could just as well be taken from loan because of the fact that this construction would last for more than twenty years, and he said that the wooden flooring which was wearing out every year could be taken care of by appropriation. He says that, furthermore, the Boston Elevated Railway Company at the present time can only run over to South Boston the small cars which it has. He says that in his opinion it would be dangerous for the city to allow the Elevated to run the heavy cars over the bridge, and I believe that the Elevated Railway has been notified to that effect, and it would seem to me that in this particular instance it would be perfectly proper and legitimate to take the money for the construction of this, what they call the steel floor, from loan. The city, of course, does not pay all of the expense; the expense will have to be shared by the city and by, I understand, the Boston & Albany Railroad and the

Boston Elevated Railway. Some bridge commissioners will be appointed by the court to assess the cost. And the Public Service Commission passed an order on May 3 that this bridge should practically be rebuilt as regards this steel floor system. And it seems to me that it would be perfectly proper and legitimate, looking at it from my viewpoint, to borrow the money for this particular purpose.

Coun. BALLANTYNE in the chair.

Coun. STORROW—Mr. President, I have listened very carefully to what Coun. Attridge has said, but on his statement of the facts I am afraid I cannot agree with his conclusion. This is a new flooring to an old bridge, it is purely a question of replacement. It is not a new bridge where no bridge existed before, but it is taking care of depreciation, wear and tear. Perhaps when we get the new floor it will be a better floor than we originally had, but it seems to me very clear that if this Council is going to have any real principle that current expenses should be met out of current receipts it should be applied to this case. I noticed that Coun. Attridge quoted the opinion of the engineer, but that does not weigh very heavily with me, because the engineer by training is not particularly fitted to cope with the questions of finance, and the duty lies directly upon each one of us here to decide for himself—there is nothing obscure about this—whether we will pay the current expenses out of taxes or whether we will run into debt. For a good many years the City Council applied in a very loose way this principle, or we might say that they applied the principle of paying many current expenses out of borrowed money. I think nothing whatever has been said about that. And now for some years—my impression is ever since this council of nine was created by the new charter—we have applied the principle that current expenses are to be paid from current receipts. And I think we ought not to depart from that principle. I think the facts as stated by Coun. Attridge, to me at least, would not justify it.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, it seems to me that this improvement is one of great necessity and might be called an emergency if what Coun. Attridge says is so, and I believe it to be true, that he was informed by the engineer of the Bridge Department that that bridge was positively dangerous to travel under certain conditions and I think that ought to be sufficient for certain members of this body who are followers of the so-called pay-as-you-go policy to break that set rule at this time, because I know they would feel very bad if because of our delay an accident of any magnitude or a slight accident should occur because of our failure to provide money. I do not quite see where the \$50,000 could come from at the present time. We certainly haven't it in the Reserve Fund, and we certainly will have to give some more money to many departments for the balance of the year, particularly the Overseers of the Poor, the Soldiers' Relief and the Children's Department. Therefore, there is no way of providing money for the immediate beginning of this great, necessary improvement. I will say nothing about the pay-as-you-go policy, but I don't think that members who have spoken on this proposition should take a stubborn position concerning it. The emergency should change the man's conduct at any time. Certainly it has done so in the matter of the war. Established principles are being set aside because of the emergencies that exist. And in my opinion the bridge to South Boston, its condition, is an emergency. And while I don't think that any words of mine will change any members' votes here, I nevertheless intend to go on record as voting in favor of the appropriation.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—I am one of those who, since the new Council came into being, and since the pay-as-you-go policy was established, always favored that policy. I believe in the policy today. But my opinion on this particular matter is that it is perfectly proper in this particular instance to take this money from loan. Now, if the Commissioner of Public Works came in here and asked us to appropriate money for laying a wooden floor on that bridge, which would wear out every year so that it was an annually recurrent expenditure, I would not vote for it. In this particular instance it is practically a new bridge. This money is to be used for steel, which the Commissioner of Public Works himself in a letter to the Council says will last for more than twenty years. And because of that—and I don't think I am stretching the principle very far because of that—I think it is per-



fectly proper and legitimate to borrow the money for this purpose, where I would not borrow money for wooden floors on that bridge which would wear out every year.

Coun. STORROW—Mr. President, I would like to say that I do not quite agree with my brother councilor who last spoke. His test, as he stated it, whether you borrow the money or pay it out of taxes, turns upon the question of whether you have got to refloor that bridge every year. To my mind that is not the test at all. If you should stick to that test it might perhaps prevent the city from issuing bonds against a coat of paint on a bridge, but if the coat of paint were going to last more than two years why you could borrow money for it. I don't mean that my brother would decide that particular question in that way, but I am speaking of the principle which he laid down, which I think is misleading. That is, if it is an annual expenditure it comes out of taxes, but if it is an expense which comes once in twenty years you can issue bonds for it. When this street is paved in front of City Hall it will last more than one year, and yet I am quite sure that the majority of the members see clearly that whether it takes one year for that pavement to wear out, or twenty-five years for it to wear out, it is a current expense of the city to maintain the pavement in School street, opposite City Hall. I don't know how many bridges the city has,—it is a very large number,—there is always something to be done to one or another every year. But reflooring that bridge to my mind is just as much a current expense as putting paving down here in front of City Hall. The councilor opposite me has indicated that the city hasn't the money. Personally I don't believe there is a member here but what believes that the Chief Executive of the city can find that money if he wishes to do so. His expert opinion on that subject in the past has not altogether served as a good beacon for this Council to follow, because I remember—I think it is less than twenty-four months ago—when the Chief Executive appeared before the Legislature of the Commonwealth and stated it was absolutely impossible—I think I am stating his position fairly—to secure the money needed to repair our streets, and urged the passage of a special bill authorizing the city to borrow a half-million dollars to repair or resurface our streets, saying the city didn't have the money and it couldn't be found. Now, I think the functions of this Council were never better illustrated than by the fact that all of us working together here succeeded in finding that half-million dollars and in showing to the Chief Executive that he was in fact mistaken. We not only found a half-million dollars, but if I recollect correctly, a still larger sum. Now, I am pretty well satisfied that the Chief Executive, although he was not able to find the \$500,000, will be able to find \$50,000. I am willing to trust him to do it. If our help is needed I haven't a doubt, any more than that I am standing here, that we can find it for him. But let us give him the chance, and I am pretty sure he can find it. Everybody here knows that we are now past the middle of the year and that the City Auditor has a well lined sleeve out of which later in the year he always has—or practically always has, I think, with few or no exceptions—shaken quite a little money at the end of the year. I think we are perfectly safe in leaving to the Chief Executive the job of finding that \$50,000 out of current receipts.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I did not propose to say anything on this matter until the councilor who preceded me began to talk about that saving of \$700,000, so called, out of the budget for street repairs. Now, this is one of the things that was hit at that time—the Broadway Bridge. They took the money away from the Broadway Bridge and put it into streets, and that is the reason the Broadway Bridge is in the condition it is now. Now, I don't know—I don't propose to say I know, and I think I know as much as at least either one of the gentlemen who spoke preceding me—whether this is reconstruction or whether it should be taken out of taxes. I know that the engineer told us the other day that it was a very, very close question. He said that possibly it was 90-10, that is what he said. He said the entire bridge, the steel work of the bridge, was to be rebuilt. And he said, of course the wooden run would wear out in one or two years and they would have to take the money out of taxes. We all are in agreement on that point. Now, I don't know whether the Mayor should get this money or not, but I do

know this: That it is a pretty close question according to the engineer and according to everybody with the exception of those members of the City Council who hold themselves alone in favor of the building of bridges, streets, and so on, out of taxes. Now, I made this statement on this Council floor before, that when the city didn't have the money I didn't care where they got the money, and I told the voters that at the last election and they sent me back here. Now, the city has not got this money, and, of course, we can wait until next February or March when we are making up the budget and probably the member who preceded me can find it out of something else. But the Mayor when he made that statement up at the State House stated he couldn't find it, and he didn't find it until we started to deal with the budget the next year and, of course, we found it. Now, we haven't got the money to fix this bridge. They tell us it is in a deplorable condition, it must be fixed or closed and the people in South Boston will not be able to use the bridge. And I am going to take the engineer's word for it, who thinks it is a very, very close question, 90 per cent of it is reconstruction, and that it will last for not only twenty years but longer than twenty years, and I am going to vote to borrow the money necessary for this work.

The order was rejected, yeas 3, nays 6, the vote being:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, McDonald and Watson—3.

Nays—Coun. Ballantyne, Collins, Ford, Hagan, Wellington and Storrow—6.

#### PLANS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BRIGHTON.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans for a municipal building in the Brighton district, at Brighton square, sometimes called Wilson Park, and that to meet 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 of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.42 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order at 5 p. m.

#### CABINETS FOR COURT DOCUMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The statute requiring that documents be placed in metal cases as a means of protection from fire and a request having been received from the Roxbury Court for a sum sufficient to provide necessary steel cabinets and other means of protecting public documents, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Office of the Public Buildings Department,  
August 6, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—Replying to your communication of July 28, 1917, having reference to necessity for an added appropriation to the Public Buildings Department (county buildings), in the sum of \$650, for the purpose of providing filing cases, etc., for the Roxbury Court, I would say that in my original budget I asked for an appropriation for \$1,500 to meet such conditions in the county buildings, but only \$500 was allowed on the completion of the budget. This amount is not sufficient to meet the needs absolutely required, according to law.

Mr. Keen, the Probation Officer at the Roxbury Courthouse, submitted this list of his requirements, stating that the law governing the keeping of his files in fireproof compartments necessitated the request.

Yours respectfully,  
 FRED J. KNEELAND,  
 Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1917, of the County Buildings, the additional sum of \$650 be appropriated for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, that the same be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston, and that all orders heretofore passed by the City Council relating to taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—On July 23 I presented an order requesting his Honor the Mayor to submit to the City Council an order asking for an appropriation for the Roxbury Courthouse to total \$650, and to be expended as follows:

1 steel filing case, 8 sections.....	\$320 00
1 safe for women's card case.....	125 00
1 letter file.....	11 00
1 glass cover for cabinet.....	14 00
1 safe and transportation.....	150 00
3 awnings.....	30 00

In compliance with this request his Honor the Mayor sends this order. The order of July 23 was passed unanimously by this body, and I would ask for a suspension of the rules in order that this order may be placed upon its passage today.

The rules were suspended and the order passed, yeas 9.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

President STORROW called up unfinished business Nos. 1, 2 and 3, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor July 23, 1917, viz.:

1. George F. Legender, to be a Constable.
2. William O. Bullard and Daniel M. Hannafin, to be Weighers of Coal.
3. Frank M. Mayer, to be a Measurer of Grain.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Attridge and Ford. Whole number of ballots cast 9, yeas 9, and the several appointments were confirmed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Theodore L. Stowe (referred today) to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Theodore L. Stowe, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Park and Recreation Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for leave of absence, without loss of pay, for G. A. R. veterans during encampment—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that the Corporation Counsel petition the Public Service Commission for establishment of joint traffic rate on lines of the Bay State Street Railway and the Boston Elevated Railway from Cleary square in Hyde Park district, under which the fare charge shall not exceed five cents—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) transferring \$250 to special appropriation for Old Fire House, Eustis Street—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed; yeas 9, nays 0.

(5) Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers within department appropriations—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed; yeas 9, nays 0.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

1. Report on communication from Municipal Court (referred June 25) concerning assistant female probation officer—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Bessie G. Kaufman, assistant female probation officer of the Municipal Criminal Court, determined by the Justices of said court at \$1,500 per annum, to take effect August 1, 1917, be and the same is hereby approved.

Report accepted; order passed.

2. Report on petition of John P. Manning (referred June 11) for additional allowance for clerical assistance, Superior Criminal Court—that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

DAY IN THREE FOR FIREMEN.

Coun. FORD, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on ordinance (referred February 19) for day in three for firemen—recommending the passage of ordinance in the following new draft:

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.  
 An Ordinance Concerning the Hours of Labor of Firemen.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter sixteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1914 is hereby amended in section one by striking out the whole of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 1. The fire department shall be under the charge of the fire commissioner, who shall exercise the powers and perform the duties provided by statute; and shall appoint a chief of department, deputy chiefs, district chiefs, engineers and other firemen, whose hours of labor for the city shall not exceed two days out of three, and who shall be allowed for meals during the two days on duty three periods of one hour each.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect the first day of February, 1918.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the ordinance.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—Mr. President, I am going to vote in favor of this ordinance. One of my reasons is that I take considerable stock in the statement made by the firemen who have given great consideration to the whole question, and the statement they make is that it would not be necessary to appoint additional men providing the Fire Department was manned-up properly today. That is, that if a sufficient number of men were appointed at the present time to put the Fire Department on a proper basis on a five-day plan, they believe that the same number of men could run the department efficiently on a three-day plan. That is one of the reasons why I am going to vote for the ordinance as reported by the committee. I, as one of the members of this Council, have no desire to do anything which will be contrary to law, I have no desire to cast any vote here on any ordinance which will lay myself or any of my colleagues liable under the law; and in order to protect ourselves on that subject—I, not being a lawyer—many of the members of the Board are, but I am not a lawyer—in order to protect myself—and the other members have taken the same precaution—we have asked the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. He is our rule and guide in these matters. And he has declared definitely in writing to this Council that we have authority to act upon such ordinances. And I am taking his word for it that I am not violating the law. So, therefore, I am doing that, and I believe my colleagues do the same—we pass this ordinance without intentionally violating any of the laws of the Commonwealth or any ordinance of the city. I am in favor of the one day off in three because I believe the men will work more efficiently, they will render better service, even if the larger number of men are not present at all times. I believe that we will be better satisfied and we will find that the results will be similar to the experience that they have had in other large cities in the United States. I haven't any doubt whatever but in the course of a year after this ordinance has been put in operation every member of this Council will be perfectly satisfied that they have done the right thing, not only for the firemen but for the City of Boston.



Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, last year this proposed ordinance was discussed very thoroughly, public hearings held, as well as this year, and on November 8 of last year the then Council of this city voted 5 to 3 against the passage of this ordinance. My reasons, as stated that day, for voting against it may be found in City Council Minutes, 1916, pages 302 and 303. In the first place, the question now is not any substantially newer than it was then. The question may be divided, as I said then, into two parts,—first, whether we have the legal title to act on this matter; secondly, assuming that we do have the legal right, what are the merits of the proposition. I believed then, and I do now, that this is a purely executive and administrative matter, over which the Mayor and Fire Commissioner have absolute control. The Mayor, apparently, judging from a public statement made in the Press on November 27, 1915, was also of that opinion. I read an excerpt from the Boston Post of November 27, 1915, at the end of which he stated, in respect to the ordinance for one day off in three for the firemen: "The City Council will have nothing to do with the matter in case I decide to put the one day off in three plan into force," said the Mayor. "Under the City Ordinances the Fire Commissioner has the right to install this system with the approval of the Mayor." Since then, as stated by you, sir, in the meeting just now, the Corporation Counsel has given another opinion, to the effect that the City Council may pass on this proposition. I disagree with him absolutely. The regulation of hours of labor of members of any city department is an executive matter which should be handled by the executive and not a legislative matter on which the City Council should pass. Without at this hour repeating the arguments which I made last year, I ask that there may be included in the minutes of this meeting all the arguments that I made as to the legal reason why the Council has no authority in the premises. But, Mr. President, I do not believe on a matter of this kind, which has been thrashed out on its merits, that I should hide behind a technicality, although I submit it would be perfectly proper, assuming as I do believe that the Council has no jurisdiction in this matter, for the Council to refuse to act and for me to refuse to vote in favor of it on the ground that we were without jurisdiction, that we did not have the power to act in the premises. That was the opinion held by former Councilman Kenny and by, I believe, the five members of the Council who voted against the proposal last year. Now, as to the merits. The advocates urge that this plan can be put into effect without adding a single man to the department, and thereby not entailing any additional expense, and that the efficiency will be as good as at present. I submit, sir, that it is a plain problem in simple arithmetic that if one third of the members of the department are off duty each day of the year that there will be more men off duty than if only one fifth of the men are off duty each day of the year. The firemen come forward and state that they are willing to forego certain meal hours and, sir, I think that is public spirited of them to do so. I believe that in the doing away with certain meal hours, which they suggest, that the man strength of the force will perhaps be about as good if this ordinance is put into effect as it is now under the present system. But that is only a part of the story. If you have one third of your department off duty for twenty-four hours a day instead of one fifth off duty each day it leads one to the conclusion absolutely that at nighttime there are fewer men in the department protecting the property and the lives of our citizens as they exist today. Consequently, after listening to all the evidence I am compelled much against my personal desire because I would rather give than deny—I am forced, I say, to the conclusion that more men will have to be added to the force. This, Mr. President, is arrived at from reading and hearing the evidence. But, sir, that is not my personal opinion unsupported by any authority. It is the opinion of the chief officer of the Fire Department, Commissioner Grady, the present Fire Commissioner, who has fought his way from the ranks to chief and now is the administrative head of that department. He stated that if this ordinance were put into effect it would mean an additional 192 men added to the service in order to keep the efficiency of the department up to its present standard. I do not believe anyone will argue that the department today is overmanned; consequently, if you add 192 men to the department you are going to have an additional initial annual

expenditure, according to Mr. Crady, of \$155,520, and, reading from his report to us of last year, after the maximum had been reached at the end of five and a half years the cost would amount to \$268,000. He further stated: "In the compilation of these figures only salaries of new men have been taken into consideration; it is possible that after the system was put into operation other expenses incident to the plan would arise." So that according to the official administrator of the Fire Department it is going to cost evidently a sum not less and probably more than \$268,000. That being his conclusion and that being mine after hearing all the evidence, I submit that much as I would like to be in favor of this ordinance, much as I would like to please many of my good friends, one of them being a relative of mine, in the department, I believe it is my public duty at this time as a trustee of all of the property of all of the citizens of this city to take this stand, namely: That the present finances of the city will not warrant it, that it cannot be put into effect and the efficiency of the department maintained without materially adding to the force and therefore entail an expenditure of substantially a few hundred thousand dollars on the citizens of the entire city. But, sir, there are other facts, many of them doubtless will be brought out here this afternoon in this debate. I believe that on thorough investigation of all the facts the conclusion is certain that this cannot be put into operation without adding materially to the force and increasing the expenditures of the department. The firemen of Boston are brave and gallant, they have rendered conspicuous service for bravery in the past, and I, as a humble citizen as well as a member of this Council, wish to extend to them my appreciation of their services as well as my admiration for their bravery. But I cannot conscientiously see my way clear on the merits to favor this proposition, because I believe the proponents have not made out their case, to wit, that the change when placed into operation can be made without additional men and without the additional expenditure named. Today in the Committee on Ordinances an amendment was framed which provided that this ordinance would be operative on the first of February of next year. Mr. President, as I stated early in my talk, I believe this is an executive matter. The first of February of next year is practically the verge, yes, the beginning, of a new administration. I believe that the way to handle this proposition is to vote on it at the time when the measure is sought to be effective. We can only judge of today, because we don't know what the financial status of the city will be the first of February next. Today you have a reserve fund of about \$30,000; the beginning of the month you had substantially \$50,000 odd, but most of that has been used on a new expenditure concerning the development of the work pertaining to the Public Safety Committee. That is a new expenditure and today when you have much of the year yet to run you have a reserve fund of but \$30,000. What will be the state of affairs of the city from a financial standpoint at the beginning of the next fiscal year I can't say, but I do know and you know and every member of this Council knows that we are in the throes of an European conflict. This is a period of sacrifice and it being so and the city being called upon to defray expenses never dreamed of in normal times, may in all probability be called on to pass many additional appropriations of a novel character brought on by this war. In view then of all the evidence and in view of all the facts this is not the time to pass this ordinance. I said last year it was no time; surely if it was not the time last year it is not the time this year when we are in the midst of this terrible conflict, which threatens the life of democracy.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I am very sure that in discussing this proposition now before the Council that any or all words of mine are going to have very little effect in changing the attitude of mind of the majority of the members of this Council. When this matter was thrashed out here a year ago in the Council of last year, at that time Coun. Kenny sitting here voted against this proposition, having gone into it with a great deal of care, with an able mind, a trained legal mind, to explain his reasons as to why he couldn't vote for the proposal to grant this one day off in three. The argument as presented by Mr. Kenny is an able one and fully covers the ground. It is in the records of the City Council of last year, and probably every member of this Council has read that argument. The most surprising thing to me is that having read that argument that there is any



vote here today for this proposition upon its real merits. It was my intention, believing that it was not going to prevail or have any effect, but as a part of the argument and complimentary to Mr. Kenny, because it is an able argument—I was going to read it here today. The hour is late and I am not desirous of taking up your time any more than I can help. I am going to ask that the argument of Mr. Kenny be incorporated in the record as a part of the argument today on this same proposition. Supplementing what Mr. Kenny said there was an argument presented by Coun. Storrow, who has covered the points that Mr. Kenny did not take up, and again he has presented able, logical, sensible reasons as to why we should not at that time have adopted the ordinance. I presume members of the Council have read this argument as well, and yet somehow it has had no effect upon their minds. It seems strange to me that such should be the case, but such has been the case as reflected in the committee meeting today. I am going to ask that the arguments presented by Coun. Storrow be likewise incorporated in the record of today. If I thought, Mr. President, that there would be any weight given to it, that it would be apt to change the vote here today, I would gladly go in and read these two arguments in detail; but I feel that it would not. I believe—and it is my honest opinion—that this case today is of vital importance to the community, and particularly to the tax-paying portion of the community, and it is my honest opinion that this case is not being decided upon its merits. I am well aware that we have an element in our membership, men who by temperament will be inclined to approve a measure of this sort without any regard whatsoever to the cost, without any regard whatsoever to the merits of the proposition, and they are here as representatives, and very properly so, of an element in the community who think as they think. And I am just a good enough Democrat to believe that all elements in the community should very properly be represented in the city government of the city. It is not of any use to argue to that element in our community which simply looks on this subject purely and entirely from the humanitarian standpoint,—as to what they can do for one group of men, losing sight entirely of the fact that in favoring one group of men they may be doing a gross injury to a larger group of men in the community. As I recognize my duty as a member of the city government it is to stand up for and to vote for that which will mean the greatest good to the greatest number, and not to pick any particular group because they may have political influence, or for any other reason to favor them as against the best interests of the citizens at large. I know we have other men in our ranks, as members of this Council, who are going to vote for this ordinance today, believing in it from purely conscientious motives, and I want you all to know that I am going to vote against it for the selfsame reason. I don't believe in it. I don't approve of it. I don't think that this is the time, at least, to do it. I would prefer to consider it at a time when it can be considered on its merits rather than just prior to a political mayoralty campaign. I am led to the conclusion again, Mr. President, that this matter is not being considered entirely as it should be, because of its weight and its importance to the citizens, on its merits, because in committee today when I asked for a postponement until fall so that additional evidence that has been compiled by the Chamber of Commerce in a concise, accurate way—so that the members of this body might have an opportunity to properly digest that evidence—the postponement was voted down, showing plainly and beyond question of a doubt that there was no desire on the part of the majority of the members of this Council to gain all the evidence possible that might help them in their conclusion. The case has been prejudged. Two months ago, weeks before we had any public hearing or any evidence was submitted to the Committee on Ordinances, I was told then what was recorded in yonder room today—"There are six votes for this measure." Is that judicial, Mr. President; is that wise; is that a proper proceeding for members who are here as trustees of the entire citizenship of the city? Is there anything judicial in the temperament of any man who will prejudice a case before any evidence whatever has been submitted? And yet I was told then what proved to be true, and I have read it repeatedly in the Press during the last two months—"Six votes will be recorded in favor of this proposition." It is because of

these reasons that I believe the case has been prejudged, has not properly been considered upon its real merits. I have tried to arrive at a reason why this case has been prejudged and not decided upon its merits, what has prompted any member of this Council. And for want of a better reason I came to the conclusion that it was really a political reason. There is fear in the hearts of some that the Russell Club and the votes of the firemen will be injurious to them. I know they are a weight and a power. I know that a year ago when I voted against this proposition I was told that I was personally on their blacklist, that my private, individual business was to be affected. That didn't affect me from voting then conscientiously, and as I believe it will not prevent me from so voting today. I have no fear of the leaders of the Russell Club,—an organization within the ranks of the Fire Department that, in the words of Chief Grady, is an insidious force in the department; it is causing insubordination, it is causing chaos in the department and is decreasing the efficiency of the department. That man knows, and he is willing to stand up and so testify. And I want to register publicly my disapproval of the tactics of at least the leaders of the Russell Club. I am personally convinced as regards the rank and file of the firemen today that they are an able body of men and one which I respect. I am perfectly convinced that if the resolution which was submitted in committee today, and was refused passage by the majority votes there, was offered to the membership of the entire Fire Department of Boston—I am inclined to believe that they would vote for that resolution which the majority members of this committee have turned down and voted against today. Believing that, I hope before this matter is decided that issue will be threshed out, that you will not decide this question here today until that resolution presented by Coun. Storrow is submitted to every member of the Fire Department and we receive a reply from every member who will reply, to register and record the approval or disapproval of the members of the Fire Department, and I believe they are as strong and as patriotic a body of men as we have—I am convinced, satisfied, that they will vote to postpone any consideration of this problem until after the war and follow the wording of the resolution. I make this plea believing so and because I have confidence in the members of the department, believing likewise that it will give each and every one of you an opportunity to consider the proposition which I have argued—and argued because I believed it, whatever my opinions—that the merits of the proposition have not received proper consideration, that the political aspect of the case has dominated and controlled your minds.

Coun. WATSON.—Mr. President, notwithstanding what may be said by other members of this body on the floor today concerning the motives that actuate them in voting in favor of this proposition, I want to say as emphatically as I can that I am voting for the proposition on its merits, as much as any other member of this body, whether they are for or against the proposition. This question of one day off in three has been well threshed out. It has been before the City Council off and on for upwards of two years; every argument in favor and against the proposition has been presented by able and competent witnesses on each side of the question. And I have not heard one single argument either before the committee or on the floor of this Council, or in the highways or byways, that has changed my opinion in the least but what the firemen are entitled to one day off in three, not only for their own benefit but for the benefit of the community at large, because I am one that believes that the best employee and the best workman is the most contented workman. When a workman is not contented you are not getting 100 per cent efficiency from his labors, and that will be admitted undoubtedly by every member of this body. And consequently I am satisfied that the members of the Fire Department are uneasy. There is decided unrest there because of the confining hours that they must put in within the four walls of the several fire headquarters. Now, Mr. President, I am as patriotic an American as there is in the City of Boston. I can't throw any bunkum about what I want to do with my services in this great conflict, but I am here within the confines or the boundaries of this city and I am at the service of the government in any occupation that I am fitted to fulfill. Of course I can't serve because I am beyond the age—I think I would if the opportunity presented,

and I think that is true of all the members of this body. But, Mr. President, you want to bear in mind that every member of the Boston Fire Department is continually, twenty-four hours out of twenty-four hours, in the trenches here in Boston, ready to protect the lives and property of the community at any hour of the night or day. And I say that that ought to be taken into consideration; it has been taken into consideration by me. The political aspect has not veered me one particle from my duty. I believe that they should have the day off in three politically or otherwise, and for that reason today I shall vote so. The gentleman speaks of a resolution introduced in a committee. Now, there was a resolution talked over there and read to the members; it was not before the committee. But a motion was made to postpone action, and a resolution offered as sort of an argument for postponing, and the committee voted it down. Now that resolution provided that we postpone consideration of the one day off in three until the conclusion of the war, whether early next year or early or late in the years to follow. But when I asked the father of the resolution, presumably speaking for the minority members here today on this question, whether or not he would vote for the ordinance if it contained a proviso that the one day off in three should take effect sixty days after the conclusion of the war, I didn't get them to agree to vote that way, which shows that they are in no condition of mind either now or in the future to vote in favor of one day off in three for the firemen. That resolution will in all probability be introduced here today. It is well drawn, patriotic, but it has its purpose, which is to put those on record who will favor the proposition as not being in favor of doing something to uphold the hands of the President. It is an unfair advantage to take of other members who are voting in favor of this proposition. But I shall stand up and vote fairly and squarely against it, not against the principle of standing behind the President, but against dodging this proposition, and that is all it is being done for. Something will be said, and has been said, about the man power necessary in this great conflict. The members of this body know that the man power and strength of this country cannot and will not be affected by the passage of this ordinance, even though 192 men are added to the department, because under a ruling, as I read in the paper, by General Crowder, in charge of the selective draft, he states that the firemen and policemen between the ages of twenty-one and thirty are not exempt from the draft and probably will be called upon. Therefore the mere fact that we must add 192 men to the force does not change the situation even if that number is necessary, and I have heard it stated by Mr. Grady that it is, and also by a man who appeared for the underwriters, who said, "Why, we are undermanned now, we need 150 or 160 more men to bring the force up to the proper number." So, as a matter of fact, in order to properly man our department it may be a good thing to pass this one day off in three, because it will have the effect of adding perhaps the 150 or 160 men to bring the department up to the standard that it should be brought up to today—the efficiency standard we should have now with the one day off in five which is not maintained because of lack of men. Now, the man power argument in my opinion is wasted. You are not going to decrease the man power in this country in this great conflict even though men are added to the Fire Department, because the authorities at Washington have said that the men in the Fire Department and the Police Department between the ages of twenty-one and thirty are not exempt from the draft and in all probability will be called upon to serve. Now, Mr. President, I want to say a word at this time—it is aside from the subject, perhaps—in the matter of the Chamber of Commerce. It might be well for the leaders of the Chamber of Commerce to use their diligence and foresight and activities along the line of preventing the sons of some influential men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty from getting into munition plants and shipbuilding plants and thereby dodging draft duty. That would be a very patriotic thing for them to do, rather than to be up here interfering with and obstructing the action of this Council in the matter of giving a worthy body of men what I consider, and the average man believes, is the proper kind of treatment. Now, Mr. President, one word and I am through. A gentleman appeared here before our committee representing the Chamber of Com-

merce and made a very strong and vicious attack on the Fire Department as a whole by saying in substance that they were slackers. He was asked to withdraw his statement and he wouldn't change it a particle. Therefore, I want to say publicly that in view of the fact that General Crowder says that the members of the Fire Department between the ages of twenty-one and thirty are liable to the selective draft completely does away with this vile statement that it means the making of slackers to have the one day off in three. Mr. President, I am prepared today to vote, and I shall vote in favor of the ordinance as reported by the committee.

Coun. BALLANTYNE in the chair.

Coun. STORROW—Mr. President, I am going to speak against the order, and I believe there are three votes here against the order. Two have already spoken against the order. It seems to me it is becoming, if any more members of the Council wish to favor the order, to give us a chance to close, or at any rate to hear fully their argument, therefore if any other members are going to speak in favor of it I would like to ask them if they will not advance their views at the present time.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—I don't think there is any question of fairness before this body at the present time. As I noted the members getting up there was first one in favor and then the next gentleman opposed. But I am not going to say much, so that if by doing so I will give the gentlemen who oppose it a chance to argue more at length against our reasons for voting for it, all well and good. In the first place, I desire, Mr. President, to request that all of the arguments which were made pro and con last year on this proposition, which are contained in the minutes of the Council, be incorporated in this record. That, of course, includes my own argument which I made last year in favor of this proposition.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—If there are no objections the request of the councilman will be complied with and the arguments of a year ago will be incorporated in this record. I hear no objection and it is so ordered.

(This record appears at the end of the meeting.)

Coun. ATTRIDGE—I am not going over all this argument but I do want to say this: That I think that the members of the Council have given a great deal of time and consideration to this particular matter. A gentleman on the other side of the chamber seemed to believe that some members had prejudged this proposition. There are in this Council today six men who were in the Council last year and who heard the arguments last year and attended all the hearings and voted upon the proposition. I voted as I thought was right; the gentleman on the other side of the chamber voted as he thought was right—opposite to the way I voted, mind you, Mr. Chairman, and I don't think that even today he has changed his mind on the proposition, and surely I have not changed mine after a year and after a second hearing on the matter. I am not going to go into all the arguments presented last year, it is not necessary. I only wanted to say one or two things. Of course, at the hearing this year we heard that the men only work about ten minutes actual time, all the rest is pleasure, all the rest is sunshine for the men of the Fire Department. I suppose that same argument could be advanced against the men who are in the Coast Guard Service, for day after day they do nothing but take things very, very easy. But I think that the man who made that statement made an incorrect statement. I think that the man who is on duty, on call, ready for the bell—like the Coast Guard man ready for the call, he is on duty and he is doing his actual work just as much as if he is tearing down a wall or a ceiling, or on his way to a fire. In other words, he is on the job and he is working when he is on the job. Now, we heard this year a great deal about the draft, and that the members of the Fire Department would be exempt. One gentleman on the other side of the chamber called attention to the fact that General Crowder of Washington had sent out word that the members of the Fire Department and members of the Police Department would not be exempt from service. I think that the man in Washington speaking for the Army and the Navy knows what he is talking about. So the argument about these men being slackers and being unpatriotic is not a good argument to use at this particular time. Mr. President, it was only the other day that Mr. Grady, the Fire Commissioner of Boston,



said that he was proud, I will quote his words: "I am proud of the patriotism manifested by the members of the Fire Department." Today we heard that six of them had enlisted and are doing their bit, and I think more of them would do their bit if allowed to do it. In fact, according to the article which appeared in the paper, the Fire Commissioner wanted to discourage these men from going on the firing line, willing to lay down their lives in the war as well as they are willing to lay them down in times of peace. I think that shows that the firemen are patriotic. I am going to vote for this as I voted for it before, because I believe that they deserve it. From the humanitarian standpoint, yes, if necessary. These men are always, in my opinion, willing to do their share. How many times have we heard of the men who were on their day off doing their bit in case of an alarm of fire? And then up at Ayer, at the great camp which is being built for the United States Government, the department was a volunteer fire department, and the men were from neighboring towns and cities, and were willing during their vacation time even to do their little bit. That, I think, disposes of the patriotism of the members of the Fire Department, and I for one hope and trust that when this ordinance is passed that it will be put into operation, and I believe that it can be done without the expenditure of any additional money and without adding other men to the rolls. The first argument was about the slackers. Nothing was said the other day when the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston, an able man, added twenty-one or more members to the Police Department. But that all is done away with by the statement from the General at Washington, General Crowder, that the firemen and the policemen are all subject to the draft. And, Mr. President, I am going to vote for the passage of this ordinance today.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I am not going to say very much because I think that we have been doing too much talking. Coun. Storrow says that he wants to close, and he certainly can as far as I am concerned, provided he does not say anything which I think needs an answer. I am sorry that some things came into the argument today, especially out here, that did because I thought that we were going to pass this ordinance today, each believing that no matter how we voted, we voted as our conscience dictated. I can say that I am voting that way, and I am voting that way because I believe sincerely that the firemen are entitled to more time off, and the best we can give them is one day in three. One of the things that was said here today by Coun. Hagan,—I am sorry he said what he did about the officers of the Russell Fire Club,—he said that "Even if my business was threatened, my business was boycotted, I am going to vote today as I voted last year." Now, I don't think that that statement ought to go unanswered. Last year's officers are not here to answer it, and I am going to do it if I can. When Coun. Hagan told me last year that somebody went into his brother's store, or his store, up on Washington street, and threatened him with the blacklist if he didn't vote for the day off in three, I immediately called the then president of the Russell Club, got him up here in the Council Chamber, and he told Coun. Hagan in my presence that that was not so, and if he could name any member of the Russell Club that went in and threatened his brother, or threatened that he would have the Russell Club take action against him, it was absolutely objectionable, they didn't want that to go out, they wouldn't stand for it, they didn't propose then or at any time to blacklist any member of the City Council or hurt him in any way if he voted against the day off in three. Coun. Hagan and Mr. Stükel, then president of the Russell Club, talked in the anteroom the day he made the statement to me. I telephoned him and he had come up here. And if that is not true Coun. Hagan can tell the Council so afterwards. Now, I don't think it is a very nice thing to put on the record here, or for the newspapers to run it, to have the public think that the members or the officers of the Russell Club are threatening anybody with the blacklist because of his vote here. I think Coun. Hagan is voting against this measure because he doesn't believe it should be put into force; and I am voting for it because I believe that the firemen should get more time off. Now, as I said when I started, I am not going to take up the time of the Council in discussing the merits of the question, but I do want to protect myself on the

resolution that was introduced in there and is going to be introduced here. As far as standing behind the President in time of war, we are willing to do that, as the member said who spoke. We all want to do it as far as we are able. And I don't think that putting the one day off in three for firemen into effect would have any effect on the war we are now waging, because all those men on the civil service list are subject to the draft if they are within the age, and when they become too old they go off the list, they can't be appointed. But all the men within the department, whether this ordinance goes into effect or not—if we pass it here today—all the men within the department who are subject to draft will be drafted if the country needs them. Now, it doesn't make any difference how we act on this ordinance. Our patriotism ought not to be considered, no matter how we act, because those men on the list are subject to the draft, the men in the department are subject to the draft, and if they are drafted between now and February first some other condition will have to be brought about in order to have us protect our buildings and our property here. And I suppose the old-time situation of making use of call firemen might be used, and I am willing to say here now that I will be a call fireman and respond to any alarm that is necessary in order to protect the property if those men are drafted. And it may be necessary to do that, no matter whether this ordinance is put into force or not, we may have to do that before February if all these men they talk about are going to be drafted and the list is exhausted up in the State House. What can they do? The only thing they can do. What did they do years ago when the property was protected. It may not be protected as well but protected satisfactorily to everybody concerned. Now, I want to say in conclusion that I sat here night after night this year and last year and listened to every argument presented for and against this day off in three ordinance, and I am in favor of it, no matter whether I am prejudging the case or not as Coun. Hagan said—he said in the anteroom he voted against it last year and we ought to know how he is going to vote this year. Now, I am of the same opinion. I voted in favor of it last year and I listened to Coun. Kenny's argument that has been put in the record here; I voted for it because I believed absolutely that it was for the best interests of the men and the community. And I believe that way today. I did not prejudice the case. I sat here and listened, and I have not heard one argument,—one new argument advanced here by those who oppose this ordinance that was not advanced last year against it. They have not brought forth one new argument with the exception of the war. They came here and told us that the firemen were going to be exempt, and I said to the gentleman, Mr. Fay, "Who told you that?" And he said, "I know it." Now, we have waited until we have found out that they are not going to be exempt. They are not exempt. And then we passed it, and then they tell us finally—present a resolution that we are not patriots, and it is a well drawn resolution. It means a whole lot, and it is put in few words. But I contend that it does not make any difference if it does require 192 men. And next February if the war is still on and they have put on 192 men it won't hurt the situation an awful lot, because those 192 men will have to be put on from those who are not within the draft age, because in my opinion that list up there will be exhausted.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I was not going to speak but I want to reserve my right to talk even after Coun. Storrow, if I see fit.

Coun. STORROW—Mr. Chairman, I never for one moment supposed that I would be successful in cutting off debate if any poor, little remarks that I might make seemed worth while. But I did think that as this is a case of affirmative action the gentlemen who are in favor of it should fully open the case and present their views. I have an order here which I would like to ask the Clerk to read.

The order offered by Coun. Storrow reads as follows:

Whereas, The President of the United States is engaged in mobilizing the entire man power of our country, both on the firing line and quite as necessarily behind the firing line, to the end that our soldiers who are offering their lives to the country may be supported to the fullest possible extent and the most dangerous attack ever launched against democracy in the history of the world may



be defeated in the least possible time, and with the least loss of lives and maiming of our soldiers; now

Therefore, To the end that the City Council may fully discharge its patriotic duty and not deprive the members of the Fire Department, whose patriotism is unquestioned, of the opportunity to discharge their duty during the war; be it

Ordered, That further consideration of one day off in three for the firemen be postponed until sixty days after the termination of the war and the return of our soldiers to the United States.

Coun. STORROW—Coun. Collins has spoken of the legal aspect of this case. We have been advised by very eminent counsel that this attempt to change the hours of the firemen was not within our legal authority. I am inclined rather to that opinion, particularly, probably, because it seems to me to be common sense. The question of the hours of city employees looks to me like an executive matter and not a legislative matter. But without arguing that point—and I am not the right person to argue such a point; I have to leave that primarily to the lawyers who are members of this body—I want to say that I think this Council is absolutely entitled to the recommendation or disapproval of the Chief Executive of this city in regard to this order. I wish very much that the six men who are going to vote for this order would stand with the minority and insist that the Mayor get on one side of this fence or the other side of this fence. He has been sitting on that fence now for two years. The only indication, so far as I know, of his views relating to any phase of this question, was his statement in the campaign two years ago that, in substance, it was not the affair of the City Council at all, that when he got ready he would settle the question without consulting us. But without regard to that, he is the Chief Executive of this city. He appoints the head of the Fire Department who must report to him, and so far as this Council is advised we are acting upon the most momentous question without knowing what he thinks about it. I wish we could postpone action today and ask for his views. There has been very little attempt on the part of the majority here today to press the statement that this could safely be done without adding 192 men to the Fire Department. I want to say straight to the face of each one of my fellow councilmen that the Fire Department is undermanned today, that it cannot spare a single man, and any member of this body who takes any step towards reducing the number of men, or reducing the number of men in active service at any time without concurrently supplying that gap, is accepting a very grave responsibility, and in my opinion is derelict in his duty to the citizens of Boston. I happened to be some years ago chairman of the committee appointed at the time of the Chelsea fire. In what seemed almost a few minutes—I suppose a few hours—18,000 people, householders—men, women and little children—were turned out of their homes, and every bit of property they had was destroyed. Their beds were gone, their clothes were gone, except what they wore, their kitchen stove was gone—everything they had was cleaned out with practically a few minutes' notice. That fire was not stopped by any fire department, primarily at least, and I think literally; it was stopped by Chelsea creek, and if that creek had not been there it could not have been stopped. That is not criticism of the fire department. I think it even jumped the creek and the fire department put it out on the other side; but without that creek it would have burned across East Boston and put perhaps 50,000 people more out of their homes and deprived them of everything they had in the world. And we had a second warning—I was not within the state at that time—at the time of the Salem fire, of the helplessness of our fire departments in the kind of construction which we have so many acres of here in Boston, if the fire takes place at a time of a high gale of wind. We are living here in Boston—not so much downtown with the merchants, but for the poor people in the suburbs—in the case of a constant fire risk, real and great. We have had two serious warnings. And I think that no member of this Council has the right for one minute to take one step to reduce the number of men in our Fire Department. Of course, Mr. Chairman, I am not going to sit here and argue to men of this intelligence that if you increase the number of hours of you will have the same number of men available in the fire house. There has been a little talk along that line, but, of course, that can't be so, and it is not so, and each one of you knows that it is not so. And the Fire Chief has pointed

out that not only are you in effect reducing the number of men in the Fire Department, or literally reducing the men on active service, but that the reduction has a particular effect at night when the hazard is greatest, when fire gets most under way. Any fire can be put out if you get there soon enough. The great hazard of the two is at night, and this measure is particularly objectionable from that point of view. But I don't understand that any member is sitting here and arguing that two and one make four. It seems to be admitted that they don't. If this takes effect next February and you do not replace the men you have taken, you will be assuming a greater responsibility than I believe you gentlemen will take. And then the question comes up, "Well, we will vote for this, and before it takes effect, or simultaneously with its taking effect, we will increase the number of men by this 192, as we are advised by the Fire Commissioner"—and no one has seriously set up any other number. Then I suppose you six gentlemen will see that those 192 men are there, and you won't go home a single night without their being there. It seems to me—and this is in the line of my resolution—that this is not the time for the City of Boston to be calling upon 192 more able-bodied men unless it is to cure a case of hardship.

I think nobody pretends that it is a case of undue hardship which cannot be borne for a limited time. Those who are advocating this, state their arguments as strongly as they please, can only say that on the whole it is fair, it is humane that the men should be with their families longer and have more hours off—and I agree to the force of that argument. But no case whatever has been made out for an emergency. Now, two of the councilors in their statements have undertaken to clear their skirts of what I charged them with as a lack of patriotism in casting this vote. They say that the firemen are subject to draft. That is true. Everybody, practically, is subject to draft. I think there are going to be very, very few exemptions on the ground of occupation. But war is not carried on—they overlook that, these gentlemen—war is not carried on simply by the men who are drafted and go to the front trench. Coun. Watson and Coun. McDonald spoke as though that was all there was to the war—that firemen are subject to the draft and that is all there is to it. But it is not all there is to it; that is only the beginning of war. War today, as we all know, is a mobilization of the entire man resources of the nation, and most of the women, too. You can't fight the war any other way. The way Germany got such a long start was not merely because she had the guns and the soldiers, but she had her whole man and woman power mobilized for war purposes. If we are serious about this war, if we resent the crimes and the bloodshed and the suffering that is going on over there, if we want to bring it to an end in the least possible space of time without an unnecessary day of delay, we cannot say, "Why, the firemen are subject to draft, and that being so, if we subtract 192 more able-bodied men who are needed for other war purposes it is nothing to us, it is no concern of ours, we are doing our duty." We are not. The problem of the President is to mobilize the entire man power of this country, and every member of this Council knows it. Now, the proposition is that we should take 192 strong, physically fit, sound men, the cream of what we have, which is what constitutes the men selected for the Fire Department, and take them out of their work and put them into the Fire Department on the first day of next February. That is most distinctly not upholding the hands of the President in his efforts to mobilize this nation for the war. There is no sophistry of argument that can dissuade anybody, not even the man who is making the argument, that we are taking 192 physically fit specimens of manhood and putting them out of their occupations into the Fire Department for the sake of what?—not protecting our homes, but for the sake of giving these men a relief which is not essential—it may be desirable; I don't say it is not—but it is not essential during this war. I think I have some right to say it is not essential, because in all humility I fancy that I am seeing during this war much less of my own family than these firemen see of theirs. I don't know how I could contribute any more or work any harder or more hours than I am doing. Everybody ought to do that if they get the chance. Everybody here, I think, would do it. It is hard sometimes to fit in. It is a big job to get everybody fitted in. Well, I think I have made it clear so that it can't be questioned that you gentlemen are voting to take

192 men, superb physical specimens, away from the purposes to which the President has asked everybody to contribute, for the purpose of making it easier for these men. You should not do it during this war, and I am amazed that you are willing to do it. And that is not hot air. That resolution is not just put here for the fun of it. It is put here because that is what it means exactly. Some argument has been made here that after all it is only 192 men, and 192 men will not make a very big hole in the President's program. That doesn't excuse you, that doesn't excuse me. I am only one man. I will subtract myself from the President's program and I will do what I like and amuse myself by going fishing or whatever I want to do. It is a moral issue. It is not the number, it is what you do. If I take myself off it is only one. And when you talk that way, why we will all go off. Each one can make the argument about himself. So that there is absolutely no weight, no moral basis for the argument, in my judgment, that Coun. McDonald makes, that it is only 192 men. Because you have the moral issue. If there is anything he can do he ought to do it; you can't get away from it by saying that "I am only one." I do not think that you can get away with this as a moral issue by saying that it is only 192 men which we are taking away from the President and from the mobilization of the forces of this nation in this war where democracy has been attacked in a way and with a danger that it has never been since the world began.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I think that the Fire Department is a part of the President's program in the big program of mobilization. And if you take 192 men and put them in the Fire Department it is as essential as any other thing that you can put them in. I don't care what business you take them from. Of course we will all give the gentleman credit for doing what he is doing, but we have not had the opportunity. I am willing to give just as much of my time to the country as he is, and no doubt every member of the Council here is. Because he is fortunate to be made chairman of a committee that is doing grand work, and we appreciate what he is doing, that does not say that I would not do the same thing if I had the opportunity, the privilege. When he made such a great big thing out of the 192 men that have to be taken from the civil service list and put in the Fire Department to give these men better conditions, I did say in the other room that he was making a great big baby out of it, and I didn't put it as he said I put it. I didn't mean as much as he said I meant. I think they are just as essential in the Fire Department as in any other. I think we are all ready and willing to do anything that the President wants us to do. I know we are, I know I am. Of course we all appreciate the work that this gentleman is doing. That does not say, because he is doing it, that I or any other member of this Council is not ready to contribute as much; and because I vote for this thing should I be accused of not being willing to stand behind the President in his mobilization of mankind in this war? Why, I think that is an absurd argument to present to any intelligent body of men. There is not a man here in this room who would not go over to the trenches if necessary to protect this country, to help the President in anything that he wants to do to make a success of this war. I know I would, and I don't think there is another man here that wouldn't do it. And I don't think we ought to make an issue of those 192 men. I said, let that be so, I don't admit it is true, but if that was true it would not hurt the situation any, and I don't think it will. And, as I said before, I as a citizen will be willing to do anything, to act as a call fireman, go and help Mr. Storrow in his grand work, or help anybody else to help this country to be a success in the war that it is now engaged in.

Coun. WATSON—I am opposed to postponing the resolution until sixty days after the war, and I challenge the fairness of the gentleman who offered the resolution to offer an amendment to his order that sixty days after the war the ordinance that is introduced here be in force. He won't accept that challenge, he has already refused to meet it or consider it. He speaks particularly of two members of this body as being unpatriotic because of their conduct in this particular matter, and he cites them by name—Coun. McDonald and Watson. I intended to remain silent during the balance of this session, but I cannot with that charge.

Coun. STORROW—May I interrupt a minute?  
Coun. WATSON—I will gladly yield.

Coun. STORROW—I certainly did not mean, Coun. Watson, to cite you two gentlemen as being in any different category in that respect from the other six members. I was attempting to answer your argument that because these men were subject to draft that took care of the situation. Now, may I say this: I don't say that any one of these six men here is less patriotic than I am, not for a minute. I am not made that way. I am only pointing out to you that good intentions are not always enough. I wish to say to you with all the emphasis that I can that your intentions are exactly as good as mine. I think very likely they are better, but that as a matter of fact with those good intentions you are doing, in my opinion, something that is very, very wrong.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, the gentleman started out as though he was going to modify his remarks and I felt quite pleased, but his last sentence took all the good from it. He does mean that we are doing something that is wrong, which in his opinion means something unpatriotic, when we refuse to postpone consideration of this proposition until sixty days after the war. Now, Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman, the chairman of the Committee on Public Safety, what his organization has done with my offer of services made three months ago, on which I received an answer from them stating "Kindly fill out the inclosed card, what you might do." I presume that it went along with a lot of other proffers of services. Mr. President, there is no need of the gentleman replying, because if he can't make it any clearer than he did the other reply I don't want any at all. Now, Mr. President, I would like to suggest here and now to the gentleman that he talk a little plainer in the matter of his intentions and let us know whether he really meant that the six members of this body who are going to vote "Yes" on this proposition are unpatriotic, or in his opinion we are doing something that is a trifle off color. I would like to have him make a distinction between being patriotic and not being patriotic, if he can. Now, Mr. President, I am through. I am just as patriotic, or I want to be—I am human like the other members of this body, I will err, and I may have weak spots—we have all got them—but I have not been tried. It is a mighty easy matter to be selected by some high official and made the keystone of a movement, but I would like to know how many members of this body would respond to the call of patriotism if they were to occupy an ordinary, humble position in the organization, not one where perhaps they might absorb all the interest and control. The gentleman speaks about being home with his family not perhaps as much as the firemen. More power to him. It is his duty and my duty to do something in this crisis without talking about it, although we are human and we must. But I say the resolution offered by the gentleman,—and it is not a resolution, it is nothing more nor less than a subterfuge to hide behind to defeat this proposition and I am going to vote against the passage of that order and for the original ordinance because I am just as patriotic as any other member of this body.

The question came on the order accompanying the resolution offered by Coun. Storrow as follows: That further consideration of one day off in three for the firemen be postponed until sixty days after the termination of the war and the return of our soldiers to the United States. The order was declared lost. Coun. STORROW asked for a roll call. The roll was called and the order was rejected, yeas 3, nays 6, the vote being:

Yeas—Coun. Collins, Hagan and Storrow—3.

Nays—Conn. Attridge, Ballantyne, Ford, McDonald, Watson and Wellington—6.

The ordinance was passed, yeas, Coun Attridge, Ballantyne, Ford, McDonald, Watson, Wellington—6; nays, Coun. Collins, Hagan, Storrow—3.

Coun. WATSON moved a general reconsideration of all business transacted, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

2. Report on message of Mayor and communication (referred today) relative to men needed in Fire Department—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; message and communication placed on file.

#### UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Coun. WATSON, for the Committee on Unclaimed Baggage, submitted a report on petition of the Eastern Steamship Company, Incorporated



(referred July 23), for sale of unclaimed baggage—recommending passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Eastern Steamship Lines, Incorporated, be hereby authorized to sell at public auction, on or before August 31, 1917, and after publication of the time and place of sale, according to law, the articles left and remaining unclaimed in the possession of said corporation in the City of Boston.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### VALUATION OF LAND, ROSLINDALE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Board of Assessors be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish to the City Council the assessed valuation by years for the past ten years of the lot of land bounded by Washington street, Poplar street, Ashland street and South street, Roslindale.

Passed.

#### CONDITION OF CHARLESBANK.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place the Charlesbank Gymnasium in condition for playground purposes.

Passed.

#### NEXT MEETING.

Coun. HAGAN moved that when the Council adjourned it be to meet on Monday, September 10, at two o'clock p. m.

The motion was carried.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, at 6.35 p. m.

Record of meeting of November 8, 1916, on the matter of one day off in three for firemen, is as follows:

#### "ONE DAY IN THREE FOR FIREMEN.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on ordinance (referred February 28) relative to hours of labor for firemen—that the ordinance ought not to pass.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, consideration of the ordinance before us regulating the hours of labor of members of the Fire Department, upon which hearings have been held by the Committee on Ordinances, it seems to me may properly be divided into two parts. The first question that confronts the City Council is, what are our legal rights in the matter? The second question pertains to the merits of the proposition of one day off in three for members of the Boston Fire Department. In discussing the first proposition, the legal one, it seems to me to be proper at this time to suggest that under the charter of 1885 there is no doubt that the regulation of the hours of labor of members of the Boston Fire Department is an executive duty. We have had here during the hearings, and particularly in a communication sent to this Council from the Finance Commission, a statement to the effect that the Corporation Counsel back in 1901 set forth what he considered to be the duty of the executive pertaining to the hours of labor of firemen. It may be noted on page 6 of the Finance Commission's report to the Council. The Corporation Counsel said then that he was of the opinion that clearly the hours and what hours the members of the Fire Department worked was a matter of executive responsibility and ought to be exclusively exercised by the Fire Commissioner under the general supervision and control of the Mayor. In 1904, however, a general statute was passed, which statute provided, in few words, that any city or town in the Commonwealth may pass such rules and regulations as it sees fit pertaining to the days off for members of the Fire Department. Perhaps I ought to read specifically, Mr. President, at this time the words of that statute, which is chapter 315 of the Acts of 1914: "Section 1. Any city may, by ordinance passed by its city council and approved by its mayor

and any town may, by by-law, establish the hours of labor of the members of its fire department." It is a general rule of law borne out by specific cases in this Commonwealth, to wit, Copeland vs. Springfield, 166 Mass. 498; that a later general act does not abrogate an earlier special act by mere implication and that there is necessary particularly strong language to bring about such a repeal. A general act without express words of repeal will not repeal a prior local or special act on the same subject. The Act of 1904 is distinctly permissive, as it begins with the words 'Any city may,' while the Charter Act of 1885 specifically forbids the Boston City Council to interfere in the administrative business of the city. It is then, therefore, in my mind at least an open question whether the Act of 1904 repealed the prohibition in the Charter Act of 1885. The charter provision forbidding interference with the executive work was enacted into law by the Legislature of 1909 in section 8 of chapter 486 of the Acts of that year. This chapter was reported by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs on May 20 and approved by the Governor on June 11. In the same session the law giving any city permissive authority to regulate the hours of labor of the members of its Fire Department was incorporated in an act, 'To edify the laws relating to labor,' which was approved by the Governor on June 18, 1909, as chapter 514 of the Acts of that year. Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1909 was to take effect on October 1, 1909, while chapter 486 embodying the charter amendments of 1909 did not take effect until February 1, 1910. If the question whether the special Charter Act repealed the General Act is to be decided by the date of its passage it seems fairly well established that for the purposes of construction, the time in which an act is to go into effect is to be taken into consideration rather than the exact date upon which it passes a legislative body, with the result that from this point of view the act amending the Boston Charter is a later act than the codification of the labor laws. Furthermore, in section 8 of chapter 486, Acts of 1909, we find the words, 'except as otherwise provided in this Act.' This would seem to be evidence that the Legislature considered the possibility of exceptions to the charter provision forbidding the City Council to interfere in the conduct of the executive and administrative business of the city, and after due consideration decided that there should be no exceptions which were not provided in this specific act, to wit, chapter 486. This is borne out by the fact that the words, 'except as otherwise provided in this Act,' were not contained in the original recommendations of the Finance Commission but are found in the bill as reported by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. There is a possibility that this insertion may have been due to the fact that the general labor law had, on April 29, been reported in the House of Representatives while the charter was not reported until May 20. Furthermore, when the same legislative body in the same legislative session passed two acts, it was a rule of law that, if possible, effect should be given to both, and this can only be done by admitting that the General Act does not apply to the City of Boston and therefore is no repeal of the special charter legislation. It must be remembered that Boston is the largest city in the Commonwealth and it is no unusual practice for the Legislature to pass acts which apply in the rest of the Commonwealth, but not in Boston. It seems to me that the charter amendments of 1909 are this kind of special legislation and that a further study of all the cases in the Commonwealth and of the briefs submitted by both parties press one to the conclusion that the Council has no legal authority to regulate the hours of labor of members of the Fire Department. So much, Mr. President, for the résumé of these statutes. It may be rather trite, but I think what I have said has been to the point. We now come to the next and the important consideration in this case—namely, whether or not by the passing of this ordinance, entirely aside from the legal proposition, any additional expense will have to be borne by the citizens at large in order to make effective the change? There has been a wealth of testimony on this proposition, for and against. If one reads all of it carefully, it seems to me he is led to this conclusion. The responsible head of the Fire Department is Fire Commissioner Grady. Fire Commissioner Grady was asked by this Council to look into this matter and make a report. The commissioner did so, and what did he say?



He said that today the fire-fighting force of the City of Boston comprises 965 men. This report was made in March of this year. He said that one fifth, or 193 men, are off duty daily under the present one day off in five system; that under a one day off in three 322 men would be off duty every day, or 129 more men than are off duty under the present arrangement; that, in order to counteract this difference and maintain the department at its present standard of efficiency, no less than 192 more men would be necessary; that one day off in three could not be granted the men of the department under the present conditions without materially affecting the efficiency of the department. Mr. President, that statement of the situation strikes me as very important, coming from a man who has worked his way up to the position of Fire Commissioner from a humble member in the ranks. No one can say that the Fire Commissioner is not in sympathy with the firemen; no one would say that he would not do all he could reasonably to alleviate their condition and promote their welfare. He has concluded that this change would necessitate the addition of 192 men to the Fire Department in order to maintain the efficiency of the department at its present standard and that it would cost, reading again from his report to us, \$155,520 the first year; that when the maximum had been reached, at the end of five and one-half years, the cost would amount to \$268,000. Commissioner Grady further points out that it is possible that other expenses incident to the plan might arise after the system was put into operation. Mr. President, we all realize the difficulties we had this year in providing adequate sums of money for the respective departments, sufficient money for many needs of the city, and I am sorry to say that in many cases the amounts given were not sufficient. In other words, we did not have enough money for those purposes. In view of the fact that at present our reserve fund is only \$29,000, in view of the further fact that during this year we have not had sufficient money to meet any such additional expense as Commissioner Grady suggests would be required, I say, frankly, how can we pass this ordinance and put this expense upon the city? Without sufficient money for the purpose we would not be doing justice to the members of the Boston Fire Department—whom no one respects and admires more than I—by taking the proposed action, because if we cannot supply the necessary money to keep the department at proper efficiency, we will, in the words of Commissioner Grady, have a department that will not be as efficient as it is today. Therefore, as I say frankly, bearing in mind the statement made to us by Commissioner Grady, and waiving the legal technicality, I am convinced, on all the evidence, that this plan cannot be put into operation, still maintaining the efficiency of the department, and acting in fairness to the men themselves, without materially increasing the expenditure of the department. The best expert on whom we may rely is the man I have mentioned, Fire Commissioner Grady, the responsible head of the Fire Department, and what he has had to say to us has much weight with me in the action I am taking. It seems to me, Mr. President, in view of all these facts, that this is not the time to act favorably upon this proposed ordinance.

Coun. KENNY—Mr. President, my first and, on the whole, my most firm and abiding conviction on this subject is that it is not properly before the City Council. We have an ordinance presented, not by the Mayor,—who has also the right to present ordinances and who is interested in this matter,—but by one of our members. The whole responsibility (except for the Mayor's signature, which is, of course, required) is laid upon the City Council. Our jurisdiction is questionable, to say the least, and affirmative action would likely be challenged by an appeal to the courts. I incline strongly to the opinion expressed by the Finance Commission and Attorney George B. Nutter that after our full consideration of this measure through hearings, petitions and resolutions of public bodies and communications of every sort, an appeal would result in vacating and setting aside our action. The court, in my judgment, would decide that we had exercised an administrative function, thereby trespassing on the field reserved by the statutes to another branch of the city government. Apart from the merits of this particular question, it has been my policy (I believe my fellow members, even those who have differed with me most, will credit me

with consistency in this) to observe closely the separation or distribution of functions required by the city charter. I do not mean, however, to dodge behind a legal technicality or to refuse to give my vote on the proposed ordinances and my reasons for it. The firemen have come before us and asked us to reduce their hours of work. They are naturally enthusiastic about the matter and sincerely convinced that what they ask is simple justice. They are supported by a petition which, from the number of its signers and the high character of many of them, must command respect. They have the warm approval of the Central Labor Union, the representative organization of wage-earners. Back of all this, as a kind of atmosphere in which the whole question is enveloped, is the good will, the pride, the confidence, which the citizens of Boston, and ourselves among them, feel for this devoted body of public servants. It would be an easy and, perhaps, a popular solution for each of us to give way to the current, to run with the crowd, and lose our personal responsibility in the general drift. But this is not, as I understand it, what we are elected for. Even if a full referendum of the citizens had been taken and my single vote were needed to decide the fate of some measure, my conception of my duty as a member of this body would constrain me to express my own judgment instead of merely confirming that of the majority. This is, of course, an imaginary case. There has been no referendum. We all know that a signature to a petition is not always given seriously, and, while there are public bodies recorded in favor of the ordinance, there are other public bodies, no less entitled to respect, opposed to it. In the end we are thrown back on our individual judgments and will be expected to give the reasons which led us to form them. In doing so I shall try to bring all I have to say on the subject under a few simple heads. I shall consider:

1. The actual situation in the fire houses.
2. The safety of the public.
3. The burden of cost, and
4. Some general consequences if the ordinance were passed.

1. The advantages of the fireman's position in Boston are so many that to the ordinary clerk, salesman, laborer or mechanic, to the members of the Protective Department doing similar work for private employers, to many business and professional men, to firemen in nearly all the other cities of the country, they must seem particularly fortunate. The full pay of the regular fireman is \$1,400 a year, but an unusually large percentage of the force—nearly a quarter, I believe—are chiefs, captains, lieutenants and engineers, receiving substantially more. The prospects, then, for rapid advancement are excellent—better than in most trades and most city departments. The great majority of the older men of the Fire Department are officers. At fifty-five the firemen may be retired on half pay. If he is still in the ranks, the amount is \$700; if he is an officer, it is proportionately greater. Retirement on half pay is also allowed in some cases after fifteen years of service and in cases of serious injury the pension is two thirds of the regular pay. The lowest pension, then, is \$700 a year. This is equivalent to the income of \$20,000 invested at 3½ per cent. In other words, the city agrees to set aside for each fireman who has reached the age of fifty-five at least \$20,000 (and usually more) and to pay him the interest on that sum as long as he lives. That is a reassuring prospect for any man at the end of his working days. One reason for such liberal treatment, as I take it, is principally the long hours of service which the firemen are required to give. No one contends that their skill is greater than that displayed in other occupations in which the yearly earnings average a good deal less; or that the periods actually spent in preventing and extinguishing fires constitute more than a small fraction of a day's work (less than one run a day is the average); or even that the hazards of the occupation are not paralleled in other lines of employment, among the railway trainmen, for example, or among structural iron workers, roofers, miners, soldiers, sailors, fishermen and life-savers. The fireman is paid, of course, for all these things, though I confess I do not know how their bravery can be measured and paid for. That is something quite outside of the multiplication table. No true fireman would feel like presenting a bill for saving human life. The best reward for that is the well-deserved trust and admiration of his fellow-men. But the peculiar

and distinguishing element in the fireman's service is time. He must be always there, close at hand, near his apparatus, the living mainspring of the machine. At the fire itself he is a drilled and trained workman; between times he is a sort of watchman or sentinel. It is for these long terms of sentry duty, as well as for his skill and discipline when the emergency arises, that he receives his generous compensation. He is paid, then, in some measure for his unoccupied time. But this, not his pay, is the very thing he wants reduced. No one wishes to reduce his pay, but the fireman would thus be giving less of the particular service for which he is paid. The plea is made on the score of the interruption of home relations, especially in the case of married men. It is our duty to examine this plea, put forward so earnestly by intelligent workers, who ought to understand the circumstances of their own lives better than any outsiders, but who, at the same time, may be swayed by natural bias, like the rest of us. There is nobody here, I suppose, who hasn't often prayed for relief from the tedium of drudgery and long hours. The trouble is we are all involved in the general network and few of us can escape our burdens merely by showing that a respite from them would be agreeable and well deserved. We all have to keep going sometimes at the very moment when we would particularly like to stop. Let us consider the Boston police force, another department of the city's administration. A Boston police officer, for instance, has only one day off in fifteen. I think we all would agree that here is an opportunity for meritorious legislation before additional consideration is given to the Boston fireman. An act which passed the 1916 session of the Legislature of Massachusetts provided that members of the police force of this city should be relieved of police duty, without loss of pay, once in every period of eight days, but I regret to say the Governor saw fit to veto this act. This legislation provided that before becoming effective it should receive the approval of the City Council of the City of Boston. If that bill had received the sanction of the Governor and had been presented to the City Council for its ratification, it would have afforded me great pleasure to have voted in favor of its acceptance, and I sincerely hope that in the case of the Boston Police Department it is only justice deferred, and that the Boston police officer may soon be given the privilege of enjoying one day off in eight as the rest of us enjoy one day off in seven. At present the Boston fireman is allowed one full day off in five. In the four days of service he has twelve meal periods of one and a quarter hours each, or fifteen hours in all, making a deduction of thirty-nine hours in 120. But he also has church periods on alternate Sundays and other minor allowances, which would make the total deduction at least forty hours in 120, or one third. He has besides sixteen days of vacation every year. The actual time, then, given to the city is about two thirds of all the time for fifty weeks out of fifty-two. If it were spread out evenly, it would mean sixteen hours on duty every day of the year, except the two weeks or so of the summer vacation. But of this sixteen hours a good part is spent in sleep,—subject, of course, to calls,—a good part in recreation, chatting and waiting round. This problem is not in any sense the problem of an overworked, fatigue-worn body of men asking for relief from excessive hours of drudgery. Many firemen, in fact, have to exercise in order to keep fit. Their fire houses are provided with gymnasiums, pool tables and reading matter. They complain, not of hardship, but of monotony, and that, as I look at it, is an element, unfortunate, no doubt, but hard to separate from the whole arrangement. It is their part, their disagreeable part, of the contract which in some other respects is so favorable to them. If the fireman, when he is married, sees his children only at meal times, or when they visit him, as they are allowed to at the stations, and for one full day in five and for sixteen days of the annual vacation, he has, at least, the satisfaction, denied to the vast majority of men, even in this prosperous country, of knowing that his prolonged absences and the sacrifice they represent are the very means of providing well for the material wants of his family and of giving them the opportunities that go with a steady and substantial income. With the best disposition in the world toward the firemen and with no pretence that I understand their peculiar trials better than the men who have to live through them and bear them, I cannot see that their burden in life is an intolerable one. Everyone has to bear some burdens. Consider,

for example, the two great industrial armies, numbering millions of men and women,—the farm laborers and the factory operatives. To such persons, struggling all the time to keep their heads above water, the lot of the Boston fireman must seem to have compensations as well as drawbacks.

2. At the same time, the drawbacks are undeniably there; and if I were convinced that the firemen are correct in their contention that their hours of service can be reduced without increasing the fire risk, I should approve of granting their request as promptly and heartily as anybody here. But the overwhelming weight of testimony—and I may add the dictates of reason—forbid us to accept the conclusions which they have drawn. We have the testimony of the present Fire Commissioner and two of his predecessors and of the fire underwriters, all unanimous in opposition to the proposed rearrangement of hours. There is some testimony on the other side, but comparatively little—not enough I think, to impeach such a powerful consensus of expert opinion. The concession of meal hours by the firemen is creditable to their sense of public responsibility; but it is more than offset by the reduction of numbers at other times, and there is, at least, a possibility that this feature may not work well in practice. As for the diminished fire loss in St. Louis, following a change similar to the one proposed, the period of trials is too short to permit us to draw conclusions. In a fluctuating item, like the annual fire loss, it is hardly convincing to present the figures for one or two years. In Boston we know that the fire losses compared for five-year periods are increasing rapidly. We are putting in motor apparatus and high pressure service; we are training the public and the school children and enforcing more strictly the building laws, but still the figures of loss, already scandalous as compared with European cities, and high even for an American city, are climbing. It is the best expert opinion that we need more men, not fewer men, in the department. What the petitioners propose, to put it bluntly, is to take away men. That is the net result. What with the present day off in five, vacations, meal periods, church leave, sick leave, funerals, odds and ends of subtracted time, the actual working force is today well below the safety lines. With the full quota present at all times the stations would not be overmanned. As things are, with the absences now permitted (and, of course, legitimately permitted) they are undermanned. Any Boston fire commissioner would welcome a substantial increase of his force and would feel safer if it could be granted to him. It is certainly no time to talk of reductions. We may imagine the feelings of the present commissioner upon this petition. He is divided between his sympathy for the men, with whom he has been associated as a practical fireman all his life, and his concern for the public safety. His courageous and conscientious decision sets an example for all of us and his conclusions should be disputed only by those who can speak with higher authority than his. He has informed us that nearly two hundred men will be needed to make good the loss to the present strength of his department. Such a depletion, such a void, cannot be created by any serious body of officials merely on the assurance of enthusiastic employees that their computations are more accurate than those of the commissioner and of other experts whose speciality happens to be accurate computation.

3. The only way to meet this depletion of the force and keep the Fire Department up to the present standard of efficiency would be to add the necessary 200 men. The cost of this addition would be about \$300,000 a year. The advantage would accrue solely, or almost solely, to the firemen. We are asked to devote the annual tax return on some \$17,000,000 worth of property—more than the whole valuation of several of the city wards—to an expenditure which would make life a little easier for the firemen, but would produce no visible benefit to the community. Let us understand, then, clearly what the financial effect of this action would be. It would mean a round twenty cents added to the tax rate. Or, let us put it a little differently, by cutting it out of the map, so to speak. The maintenance of the Fire Department now calls for the entire tax return from East Boston, Charlestown and Ward 9. I am using the old ward lines for quicker appreciation. We are asked to throw in the entire return from Ward 18 as a bonus to the firemen. If the ordinance were passed and pronounced legal, Ward 18 would be rendered permanently unproductive as a source



of municipal revenue. Its territory would pass out of our hands and would be set aside for purposes which would add nothing to the health, safety, beauty or prosperity of the city as a whole. Financially it would become dead territory. This sum would be a heavy addition to the burdens of the taxpayer, and the real taxpayer, whether it is the cost of municipal government or of the national government that is considered, is the man of small or moderate income. He is in the majority; he and his compose the mass of the population. Have we a right to make his burdens heavier, to assess him so much more, in order that a class of employees whom he may well regard as fortunate, comparing their situation with his own, may have things a little more to their liking? With food prices and all commodity prices in America soaring almost to the level of the war countries, we should be able to give better reasons than any I have seen for passing the proposed ordinance, which virtually, by its implications and inevitable consequences, would impose a new twenty-cent tax on the tax-ridden public of Boston. We are already told that the city government (and the national government as well) is managed too much in the interest of its employees and too little in the interest of the citizens, who outnumber them ten to one. Whatever tincture of truth there may be in this very prevalent opinion would not be diminished, I think, by the passage of the proposed ordinance.

4. The result of such action would be a permanent loss to the city treasury of some \$300,000 a year, every dollar of which we need for immediate and crying public necessities. The streets alone will readily swallow that amount, and still reflect no special credit on the city. I need not enumerate the other calls for money. You are familiar with the annual estimates of department heads and the thousand and one meritorious demands of the citizens, which are the vexing problems of every mayor and city council. I shall merely suggest that the possibilities behind this ordinance are more formidable even than the measure itself. If we gave them encouragement by setting a favorable precedent before them, other organized bodies of employees might bring similar pressure to bear and we shall have to meet in every case special reasons, perhaps quite as plausible as those which have been offered on behalf of the firemen. One unproductive measure would be the parent of other unproductive measures and we would be more than ever put to it to find the funds which are necessary for the upkeep and advancement of the city. My conclusion, therefore, is that the passage of this ordinance would have inevitably and immediately impaired the protection which we owe as a duty to the lives and properties of the citizens; and that, if it were passed, a large addition would have to be made to the fire-fighting force and imperative improvements postponed or adopted only through the imposition of an extra twenty-cent tax. My vote against the ordinance implies no lack of appreciation of the firemen's services and, I hope, no lack of sympathy for the special sacrifices which they are called on to make. It merely records my judgment that we have gone as far as we can in liberality of this sort, in view of the many urgent problems affecting, not a small group of a thousand men, but our whole city of three quarters of a million people.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, after listening to the argument of the gentleman who has preceded me, I wonder whether the rest of the members of the Council or myself had not better resign membership here and become members of the Fire Department. If I thought that I would enjoy all the good things he has told us about that the firemen enjoy in each of the fire houses—that possibly I might have a Turkish bath and a rubber—I think I would become a fireman, if I were eligible, and not too old to take the civil service examination; and if I thought the firemen enjoyed all the privileges and good things the gentleman who preceded me has told us about, I would hesitate before introducing the ordinance giving them further time. I don't think he believes that they enjoy those nice things and that they have such nice times in the fire houses; that they have recreation three-fourths of the time and that they only respond to alarms, on the average, once a day or once a week.

Coun. KENNY—No, not more than one run a day, on the average.

Coun. McDONALD—I think, instead of listening to the arguments presented by the firemen, my learned friend—for whom I have a great deal of

respect—must have read the report of the Chamber of Commerce and the recommendations of the Finance Commission, and that he prepared his statement from their reports instead of preparing it from the testimony introduced here by the firemen. I am not going to discuss the legal side of the question with my learned friend, because I am not a lawyer. While my legal opinion might have as much weight as that of some of the lawyers who have given us their opinion as to the legality of the matter—with myself, anyway—I don't think the ordinance should be considered along the lines of the legal aspect of our rights, whether we have a right to consider the matter or not. I think we should cast our votes here today having in mind the question whether the firemen are entitled to more time off. My friend who preceded me said he would vote for a day off in eight for policemen. I would, too. But I would be conscious of the fact when I was doing so that I was giving the policemen more privileges than the firemen are enjoying—and would be willing to do it. There is, however, no question in my mind, and I don't think there is any question in the mind of anybody, that the firemen are not enjoying in this respect the same privileges that the policemen do. When they are having a day off in five they are not enjoying the same privileges that the policemen are when they are getting a day off in fifteen. I think a policeman should get a day off in seven, the same as everybody else; but a day policeman, when he is through at six o'clock, after working eight or nine hours, goes home several days in the week and reports the next morning, the same as I do, the same as everybody here does. When a fireman, however, returns from his day off, a man in one of the downtown districts, living in Dorchester, cannot again go home until the next five days are up. That is true, no matter whether they do any work or not. They do not enjoy the privileges that other citizens enjoy, no matter what kind of a job they have got, and I think they are justified in asking for the privilege I enjoy of seeing my family at least an hour or two each day. You cannot dispute me when I say that that is the issue. One of them said here, and it is true, that it is a pretty tough job. I think it is. It is a tough job to stay in a place for twenty-four hours, even if you are permitted to go out three times in the twenty-four hours. It is a tough job to be unable to go to sleep without a chance of interruption, with the expectation of being waked up any time during the night, perhaps to go out for twenty-four or thirty-six hours. The firemen here said it was a tough job, and that is true. I don't think some of the questions that have been brought up in regard to the firemen's life should be considered. The question is, whether they are entitled to some time off. Even if the brief of the attorney for the Chamber of Commerce, Nathan Matthews, is to be followed, I see no reason why the firemen should not be given a day in three. He says they have nothing to do, that they are simply hanging around the fire houses. Well, if they are only hanging around the fire houses it is not going to hurt the fire underwriters, the insurance companies or the citizens, to give them a little more time off. If we are to believe what my friend here says, that they only respond on the average to one fire a day, it is not necessary to put on any more men to loaf around the fire houses, I have had some experience along the line of shortening the work hours, and the arguments presented ever since the printers were working for ten hours a day has been that to reduce the hours from ten to nine meant a ten per cent increase in the force. But we did reduce the hours, and it did not increase the force a bit. Again, the hours went from nine to eight and the same argument was presented, that it would be necessary to increase the force a corresponding percentage in order to secure the same output that they were securing under the nine-hour working day. But they never increased the force; and if the Boston Fire Department were put on a day off in three basis they would not have to increase the force. That is the contention of the firemen, and I believe it to be the fact. It is proven so by the experience in St. Louis and Chicago. The experience in Chicago shows it, notwithstanding that the Chamber of Commerce or Chief O'Connor said that it required 129 men. It did require 129 men ten months before the firemen went onto the day off in three basis, but that was because of the condition my friend here refers to as prevailing in the present fire department, that there were not before men enough to do the work required of them, and they had to put



on these men to bring the department up to the proper standard of efficiency. If they can do it in St. Louis they can do it in Boston; if they can do it in Chicago they can do it in Boston. The reports that came here came based on the same contention, that it would require 198 additional men. The Finance Commission said so. I suppose they got their report from Commissioner Grady, and he got his report from some of the clerks up there. I suppose the Chamber of Commerce must have got its report from Commissioner Grady. I understand that the whole thing comes from somebody by the name of Quinn, who is the chief clerk up there, who says whether the thing should be done or not. My friend, Coun. Collins, says that nobody will dispute that the commissioner worked his way up through the department and that he knows something about fire fighting. I agree with him that Commissioner Grady was a fireman, and when he was a fireman he felt like a fireman and wanted a day off in three, and complained about conditions. Since he got to be commissioner he is not living up to the ordinances as they exist today, because he is fining firemen for fooling in the bunk room three days' pay, and taking two days off of them, which is a violation of law and the ordinances as they exist today. He does those things and if anybody inquires he will find out that the present Fire Commissioner is not popular with the firemen, I don't know why, but possibly the firemen may be able to tell some of the members. If that is true, he should give his decision as a fireman and not as a commissioner, and if he gave his opinion as a fireman, as John Grady, as deputy chief or captain, he would say, as he said when he was a fireman, deputy chief and captain, that the firemen were entitled to a day off in three, and should be given a day off in three. We see a lot in looking over the Chamber of Commerce brief here, to the effect that the job is so easy, and also to the effect that the men in the day off they do get indulge in doings which are questionable. That is, they don't say that it is so, but say that 'it has been said' that they do so and so, and that they are not in condition, that because of the things they do in that day off they are not in shape to work when they report the next morning. There has not been any evidence submitted here at this hearing to substantiate that, and in my opinion there has not been any evidence introduced to substantiate anything that has been said by either the chairman of the committee or the gentleman from South Boston, who preceded me. It is true that there was evidence on both sides, but the evidence submitted by the Chamber of Commerce was, with one or two exceptions, that of members of the Chamber, the majority living outside of Boston, who did not, in my opinion, deal with the question at issue. They brought a man over here from New York who was an ex-chief of the department. He did not know what conditions existed in New York; he did not know whether they had petitioned for a two-platoon bill or not; he did not know what the meal hours were; he did not know anything about the department. He knew that Chief O'Connor was a good and a responsible chief, but he did not know when asked why if this could be done in St. Louis and Chicago it could not be brought about in Boston, why it could not be brought about here. The only answer he would give to a question was 'Well, it isn't practical.' I think, instead of coming here and talking about the railroad trainmen, who have just been given an eight-hour day by the President of the United States and our Congress, and who get \$35 and \$40 a week, and instead of holding them up as an example and holding up the ironworkers, who work an eight-hour day for \$5.80 a day, as a reason why the firemen should not be given off a day in three and work 24 hours each on the other two days, we should deal with the question as it should be dealt with. As to the legal question, whether our action is to be considered legal or not, I dare say if it were considered legal by the gentleman of the committee and I should then ask him if it was legal to vote for it, he would not do so. I don't think he would vote for it whether it was legal or not. The other members have just as much right to their opinion as I have. I am not disputing that. But I say we should not duck behind the question of legality. We should come out in the open and deal with the ease as we dealt with it at the hearing. If the firemen have proven their case we should say so, and if they have not proven it, we should say that they have not. I think that they have. I don't think there was any evidence introduced by the Chamber of Commerce that would warrant the

report of the committee, and I think we ought to deal with the matter as the evidence submitted indicates that we should deal with it. If we are to take the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, who said that we had a right to act in the matter jointly with the Mayor and the Fire Commissioner, I feel that we should amend the ordinance. We had an opinion from the Finance Commission. I don't know which attorney of the Finance Commission gave the opinion, but we had the opinion from the Finance Commission that we did not have the right to act in this matter. In the face of those two opinions we require these men to come here, hiring a lawyer, night after night, and give evidence showing why we should grant them a day off in three, and after doing that we finally sat down in committee and said, 'Well, legally we have no right to do it. We are not going to take up the merits of the case, but, because we have no legal right, we are not going to consider it.' That was the position of some of the members of the committee. I do not consider that that is the proper attitude to take. I will say, in conclusion, that I think the evidence as submitted by the firemen at the hearing warrants us in giving them what they ask for. I don't think the membership of the Boston Fire Department, as far as the men are concerned, would have to be increased one man. The firemen are willing to give the matter a trial. They ask us to give it a trial for six months, if necessary, without increasing the department one man, and say they will prove to the 37,000 and more citizens and to the members of the City Council that the same amount of efficiency will prevail in the Fire Department with the present force under the day off in three as prevails now under the day off in five system, and nobody will say that the Boston firemen are not efficient, courageous men. I trust that the Council will disapprove of the report and will give these men a day off in three, because in my opinion they proved their case at the hearing. I trust that the committee's report, 'Ought not to pass,' will not prevail.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. COLEMAN—Mr. President, I do not intend to take any time to rehearse the arguments on either side or to repeat the evidence. I do, however, want to say one or two things by way of indicating the opinion I have arrived at after hearing all the evidence and listening to the arguments on both sides. When the proposition was first placed before the Council by former Coun. Watson that the firemen have one day off in three, I will frankly say that it appeared quite ridiculous to me. I looked at it in the way in which it has been frequently referred to—one day off in three as compared with the one day off in seven which most of us have—and looking at it in that light it seemed to be treating the firemen rather generously. But when I looked into the situation and especially when I heard the firemen present the matter from their own point of view, I saw it in an entirely different light—just as I think one would see the police situation in an entirely different light if, after hearing that they simply had one day off in fifteen, he found out what other time they have off that the firemen do not have off. So, after hearing the statements of the firemen, showing that they were able to spend with their families the evening and night only one day in five, I came to the conclusion—and I am quite positive in regard to it—that those conditions are not desirable. They are not good for the fireman himself; they are not good for the family of the fireman, and they are still less a good thing, I think, for the community. For a man to be separated from his family at night, four nights out of five, right through the year, for year after year and perhaps decade after decade, is a very bad thing for the man and a very bad thing for the family, and it is not a good standard for the community to uphold. I realize, as has been pointed out by the counselor from South Boston, that many men are not as favored as they even, and do not get as much time as the firemen have with their families. It is true in my own case. The firemen undoubtedly are with their families a great deal oftener than I am at my home, but I do not consider the example I am setting as one that should be followed and set up for the community. I think I am setting a very poor example in that respect, and I am sure if I had three or four little ones at home I would find some way to remedy the situation and get home more often than I do. But I am quite satisfied that the firemen ought to have more time off than they

have, especially at night, with their families. I don't think they ought to have more than one day off in five, when you make it daytime, but when you make it day and night it is a very different situation. So much for that. On the other hand, I am perfectly satisfied from the evidence presented both by the firemen and the Chamber of Commerce that the change cannot be effected from one day off in five to one day off in three without either reducing the efficiency of the department noticeably or adding greatly to the expense, or both. I do not believe the city at the present time is in a position where it can afford to add materially to its expense for maintaining the Fire Department, and of course we will all grant that the city cannot for a minute reduce the effectiveness of its Fire Department. I believe, as has been pointed out, that it will be desirable to have it a little more effective than it is, to have more men or rather than less, and it was made perfectly clear by the opponents of the proposed ordinance—and nothing to the contrary was shown by the firemen—that giving the firemen one day off in three instead of one day off in five would materially reduce the men in active service at times when the city most needed protection, at night. In fact, one simply has to look at the matter in a reasonable way to have it appear perfectly obvious that you cannot give more time off and still have the same number of men on service for the same length of time. Therefore, while I shall feel obliged to vote against the ordinance if it comes before us for action today, I do so with the reservation that I believe, just as soon as the finances of the city make it possible, some readjustment of the time allowed off to the firemen should be made, so that they will have more time with their families. I am also entirely persuaded that it is a matter we ought not to act upon at all in the Council, but that it is purely an executive function. I agree with the opinion rendered by Nathan Matthews and Mr. Nutter, and would be perfectly willing to rest the matter there; but I also feel, as expressed by the councilor from South Boston, that we ought not—and I don't believe any of us care to do so—to hide behind that technical legal consideration. I think most, if not all of us are willing—I am sure I am perfectly willing—to have every one understand exactly where we are placed in the matter. Feeling positive that the firemen ought to have more time off, and feeling equally positive that the city cannot at the present juncture afford to pay any more money for the fire service, I feel constrained to take the position I have stated.

Coun. STORROW—Mr. President, I think perhaps I owe an apology to the body for trespassing on the time of the members upon this matter, as I presume everybody's mind is made up. Yet it is of vital consequence, I think, to the City of Boston that this should be decided right. We are in the position of trustees. We must choose between two sets of people. If this ordinance goes into effect it is not going to cost my friend opposite, who has favored the ordinance, or myself anything. We are dealing with other people's money and our only anxiety ought to be to deal as justly and fairly with it as we possibly can. The weight of legal opinion now before us seems to distinctly incline against the authority of this Council to pass the proposed ordinance. The chairman has discussed that matter and I do not personally wish to get into that discussion. I do not feel fitted, as a matter of fact, to go into the questions of law. But it does seem pretty clear that the weight of the legal authority before us, the preponderant weight, is against the authority of the Council to take this action. I do want to say, Mr. President, that on any theory of the law—whether it is Coun. McDonald's theory or our chairman's theory—as a matter of proper executive administration, before this order comes up here for final legislative action by the legislative branch of the city, the Mayor, as the chief executive of the city, ought to get off the fence and tell us whether he favors or is opposed to this ordinance. I have been looking into some of the elements of cost of maintaining our Fire Department. I do not mean to say that they are conclusive on this question at all, because if, in order to be generous and fair to these men, the city ought to have an added burden laid upon it, then the city should foot the bill. Nevertheless, it is worth while at this time, I think, to stop a few moments and look at the expense of our Fire Department. The fact is that the increase in the cost of the Fire Department during the last ten years has been at a rate more than 100 per cent greater than the increase

in our population or the increase in our valuation. I think that is a correct statement. In 1905 the department spent \$1,341,448.01; in 1915, \$2,053,084.16, an increase of \$711,636.15, or 53 per cent. During this time the population of the city increased 21 per cent and the total valuation 24 per cent. If those figures are correct, as I believe they are, it is then an accurate statement to say that the expenses of our department have increased more than twice as rapidly, or over 100 per cent as rapidly as the increase of this city in either population or in assessed valuation; and it may be stated in passing that the high figures for the year 1915, which I just gave, are not due to any abnormal increase in the purchase of equipment, as the total expense for equipment in 1915 was only \$77,581. I believe that sum is no more, and probably less, than the City of Boston should spend every year, and therefore must be looked upon as a fixed expense and one that cannot be regarded as abnormal. Turning to the Police Department, the increase in expense during those same ten years was 38 per cent, as compared with 53 per cent for the Fire Department. I have taken a comparison of the per capita cost of the Boston Fire Department with a number of the other larger cities of the country. I have taken the figures from the United States Census Report on Financial Statistics of Cities for the year 1915, and I assume that those must be correct. In that year the cost of maintaining the fire department of Philadelphia, a city with a larger population than Boston, was \$1,502,000, compared with \$2,053,000 spent by the City of Boston, giving Philadelphia a per capita cost for its fire department of 91 cents. The per capita cost for Cleveland was \$1.32, for Chicago \$1.38, for St. Louis \$1.65, for Baltimore \$1.72, for New York \$1.73, for Pittsburgh \$1.82, for Detroit \$1.94, and for Boston \$2.45. If those figures are correct it is now costing the City of Boston two and one half times as much per capita to maintain its Fire Department as it is costing the city of Philadelphia, and it is costing the City of Boston more, and very substantially more, per capita than any other large city in the United States. Now, if that increased cost of our Fire Department has kept step with a corresponding increase in the number of men to fight our fires, much might be said for it, but that is not the fact. Between 1905 and 1915 the increase in the number of firemen in the City of Boston was 183, or 22 per cent; the increase in fire alarms in that period was from 3,115 to 5,437 or 74 per cent. Therefore the number of men in our Fire Department has not kept step, in proportion, with the burdens thrown upon them. According to the opinion of the chief engineer of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, dated June 5, 1916, the present force is inadequate by 166 men to maintain the minimum strength of companies which in the opinion of their boards would be adequate. That is an outside opinion of an organization which I think may be credited with looking fairly at the City of Boston and regarding it as only one city of many with which they have to deal. We are now below the safe standard, according to that authority. Nothing has been said here, so far as I have been able to gather,—and I have listened carefully to the arguments in favor of this ordinance—to cause me to change my mind and belief that Commissioner Grady is right when he points out that if we are to maintain our Fire Department at its present state of efficiency, this proposed ordinance in the course of a few years will cost the city over a quarter of a million dollars per year. Personally, I want to go on record at this time as saying that I believe we are motorizing our fire apparatus too slowly. This Council, if I remember the figures correctly, cut down the figures for motorizing the department in the last budget from \$90,000 to \$75,000. That did not sound good to me at the time, and I felt that it was making a mistake. Still, with a majority, and, as nearly as I can remember it, a unanimous vote of this Council, it was done. But I am not going to do that again. This year I am not going to be content with the sum of \$75,000 for motorizing the city's apparatus. I think we ought to get there sooner. I am not sure that we all understand the great conflagration risks that exist here in Boston. It happened to be connected with the relief committee following the Chelsea fire, and I had occasion to spend a good deal of time over in Chelsea looking over the field of that conflagration and hearing about it. That fire started in a gale of wind, as we all remember. It got to



going among some of those wooden buildings, and nothing under heaven enabled the firemen to stop that fire except its burning to the water's edge. I think substantially the same thing happened at Salem, and we are in a condition today, I take it that there is no question about it, where we could have a fire four times as big as either the Chelsea or the Salem conflagration, if we should get the particular conditions. A short delay, the firemen not getting there in time, a gale of wind, shingles, clapboards and cinders blowing from these wooden houses for perhaps a quarter to half a mile away, fires breaking out in a dozen places, might very well be the circumstances attendant upon a terrible conflagration in this city. That is the risk we are running here in Boston, and I believe it is a very serious risk, because of the possibility of fires getting away from our Fire Department at any time, not through any fault of theirs, but through the very dangerous conditions that exist here in Boston. We all know that we have not a bottomless well here to deal with. We cannot lower the bucket and hoist up unlimited sums of money. We are kept within very narrow limits in what we can do, and it is rather a question of spending a very definite sum in the fairest possible way to meet the claims of all. Certainly the people living in these hundreds of acres of wooden buildings in our suburbs need protection, and we must consider their situation. We must think of the possible suffering that might result from a conflagration, and I saw a good deal of that at the time of the Chelsea fire. There were 18,000 people burned out of their homes without five minutes' notice, and we might have 40,000 people in that condition here in Boston. It is entirely possible. It is not wholly a question of ordinary comfort, here. I believe that the present conditions under which our firemen are working are at least not ungenerous. I believe Commissioner Grady himself to be a humane and generous commissioner, interested, as he ought to be, in the welfare of the firemen. I notice that in an article on the Fire Department, published in the *City Record* of October 31, 1914, he summed up Boston's treatment of its firemen as follows:

'The City of Boston takes better care of its firemen than any city of the country.'

Then he went into details, to show why, and wound up by saying:

'On the whole, the firemen of this city are treated as well, if not better, than those of any other city of the country.'

I think we all know that during the decade from 1905 to 1915 salaries have been substantially increased; the daily periods for meals have been gradually increased. In 1913 the pay of our firemen was increased \$100, of the higher officers somewhat more; and in 1914 the pay of privates was advanced another \$100. I agree with Coun. McDONALD that it is not wholly a question of whether we can get men at this compensation to discharge these duties, because if that argument were pushed to an extreme you could defend practically any length of hours and almost any inadequate degree of pay. We know that in our factories, in our industrial establishments and in many other places, the hours certainly would be very much longer than they are and than they ought to be, if people working in them had not been protected by legislation. Still, we have a straw which furnishes some line on conditions, as bearing on the attractiveness of the employment. It is worth noticing that in 1915, out of nearly 1,000 men in the department only seven resigned, a negligible number; in 1914 out of nearly a thousand men in the department, to be precise, 978, only eight resigned. If we look, at another test, the civil service examinations in 1915, 99 passed the examination, and there were vacancies for less than half of that number, 43; in 1914, 119 passed the examination, and there were only eight vacancies to be filled in the department. I do not want to over-emphasize either of those two features, but I think in reviewing all the evidence, which it is our duty to do, those things ought to be looked at. It has been mentioned here that the policemen get one day off in fifteen. This is an ordinance which proposes to give the firemen one day off in three. I agree that the firemen should have his day off come around oftener than the policemen, because his duty is continuous practically, or nearly so, during the twenty-four hours. But my impression is that one day off in fifteen, on the whole, is a greater hardship for the policemen than one day off in five for the firemen. I confess that the policeman who most often attracts my attention is the man stand-

ing at the crossing, and I cannot see why the City of Boston should give that man only one day off in fifteen. I doubt very much if there can be advanced any sound argument for that. I am inclined to agree with the others who have called attention to that fact, that it is really the policeman's turn, if it is anybody's turn, and that, if it is possible to find the quarter of a million dollars necessary for the firemen—and I don't see where it is coming from, in justice to the other people of Boston, and nobody has pointed out just where it can come from—we should use that money first to improve the position of our police officers and give them one day off in seven or eight. Personally, my present state of mind is that if that bill for one day off in eight for the policemen, which came before the Legislature recently, were before me for action, I should vote for it. Of course, I think we ought to look into those questions. I don't think it is proper for me or anybody else today to give a final opinion. There may be some factors about it of which we do not know. But it is a pretty good bet, as I see it, that if we had before us the question of giving the policemen one day off in eight I should feel that it was my duty to vote for it. So, Mr. President, without attempting to deal with the legal end of this thing, which, however, I think ought not to be overlooked for a minute, and without putting to one side the fact that the Mayor, so far as I know, is on the fence and in my judgment ought to get off the fence, I am willing to say that my position today is that it is not expedient and I don't think it is fair to take up this question of the firemen and deal with it, giving the firemen one day off in three, until at least we have given the policemen one day off in eight. So I shall vote against this ordinance on its merits, as well as being influenced by the advice of our chairman, so well expressed, on the question of law.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, the gentleman who has just taken his seat, as far as I am concerned, at least, has left the matter in the air as to the reason for the increased cost in maintenance of the Fire Department, which he says has taken place in the last ten years. He said that the cost of running the department has increased over 100 per cent, and then he says it is not because of apparatus. My impression is that he wanted us to believe that it was because of the men, increases in pay or additions to the department. But he gave it as a reason why the men should not be granted further time off. He also says that Commissioner Grady should know, and he thinks does know, what he is doing and saying, in sending his report to the Council. I asked Commissioner Grady, under date of March 27, how many men were in the department December 1, 1905, when the department went from a day in eight to a day in five without the addition of one man to the department, and I asked him how many call men were in the department December 1, 1905. I also asked him how many men were in the department March 1, 1916, and how many new companies were added from 1905 to 1916. He reported to the City Council that on December 1, 1905, there were 775 permanent men and 60 call men, making 837 men altogether, and he said that on March 1, 1916, there were 966 permanent men and no call men. But during that time he added 12 new companies of 93 men, which made, including call men, about an equal division, taking men employed in 1916 and men employed in 1905. That is, they have granted the men a day off in five instead of a day off in eight, and there has not been a man added. If that is true, the increase must have been for something else besides the men. It is true that the firemen have received \$200 increase, the lieutenants \$200, captains \$200, and the district chiefs \$800, I believe, and it may be that that figures up 100 per cent increase for the ten years. But I don't think it does.

Coun. STORROW—Mr. President, I don't know whether the councilor wants to have me interrupt him at this time, correcting the figures?

President HAGAN—Does the councilor yield for a question?

Coun. McDONALD—I don't care.

Coun. STORROW—I think perhaps the councilor had better finish.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, another question cropped up in the argument. The gentleman wanted to know where the Mayor stood, why he did not come off the fence. I have never looked at the Mayor's position in this matter in that light. I simply thought that the ordinance would be vetoed or signed by him finally. I don't know as he has told the Council how he feels, but



if we pass the ordinance and put it up to him he will tell us his position, possibly through his Corporation Counsel. I don't think we ought to ask the Mayor where he fits on the thing at this time and try to get him off the fence, as the councilor says, before we take action. I think we ought to act on the matter. The gentleman, in trying to show that this is such a nice job, says that only seven men resigned in one year and eight in another year. Well, I know some poor unfortunate fellows over my way, and no doubt the gentleman knows some poor unfortunate fellows over his way, who have worked on certain jobs twenty-five years for \$12 a week, and are not getting as much pay as a city laborer, and they have not resigned. That is no reason for saying that the job is a nice job, because a fellow does not resign. The gentleman tells us that a lot of fellows are taking the civil service examination for this job. Well, if there is a call for a civil service examination for any place, you will get a large number of applicants for inspector, probation officer or any other place. Two or three weeks ago there was a chance to take an examination for probation officer, and 300 took the examination. The salary was \$1,200 a year, and those applying were, they tell me, lawyers, engineers, men from the Institute of Technology, fellows who had a college training. I don't know whether it is true or not, but one of the successful men told me that out of the 300 applicants there were only fourteen who passed. Of course, there are a good many young men who apply for the position of firemen and who take the civil service examination. They have got to be young men, because there is an age limit, and there is a height limit and a weight limit, established by this City Council. You have got to be a young man to take the examination, and I suppose these young men are following other walks of life where they do not at their age get as good a stipend as a fireman enjoys. Therefore, they think they would like to be firemen, and that is the only reason why they apply. There was another matter that the gentleman who preceded me brought up. I have a note of it here, but had almost forgotten about it. He said he would favor the day off in eight for policemen if he had a chance to vote for it—that he thought at least the policeman he had come in touch with more often than others, the fellow on the crossing, ought not to have to work fifteen days before getting a day off. I understand and I think I am right about it, that the crossing officers work only six days, and they have Sundays and holidays off. They do not work on Sundays and holidays because of the job they hold during the week. Therefore, that man has a better job than the fireman, because he has Sundays and holidays off, and the fireman has only one twenty-four hours off out of every five days and is working the rest of the time.

Coun. STORROW—Mr. President, I would be very sorry to have any figures I have given misunderstood, and I think the councilor who last spoke was perhaps misled by an expression that I used, which was that the expenses of the Fire Department had been increasing 100 per cent faster than the population. He translated that in his mind into a statement that the expenses had increased 100 per cent. That, of course, is another proposition. The expenses in 1905 were \$1,341,000 and in 1915, \$2,053,000, or an increase of \$711,000, amounting to a rate of 53 per cent increase for the ten years. I gave those figures, but perhaps misled the councilor a little bit by using the term 100 per cent as showing that the expenses had increased at more than twice the rate of the increase in population.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, the reason why I was misled was because of the fact that the councilor said that in Philadelphia the increase was only 30 per cent, while in Boston it was 100 per cent. I did not hear him say, in regard to Boston, that the increase was 100 per cent over the increase in population. But he didn't say anything about the Philadelphia increase being only 37 per cent over the increase in population, and that is why I thought he meant that the department increase here had been 100 per cent.

Coun. STORROW—Mr. President, the last speaker sees no reason why the Mayor should get down off the fence before the Council takes action on this ordinance. I do not look at it in that way. Whatever the precise and somewhat intricate question of law may be, it cannot be successfully contended that we are not dealing with an executive or administrative matter, and the Mayor is the Chief Executive. Coun. McDonald, it seemed

to me, himself furnished one very good argument why the Mayor, as the Chief Executive of the city, should get down off the fence and tell us what he thinks about this before it comes up here for final action, because the councilor opposite pointed out that, while the expenses of the department had increased something like three quarters of a million dollars in the last ten years, apparently only a small part of that increase has gone towards increasing the compensation of the firemen. That is not a legislative matter; that is a matter which the Chief Executive of the city should look into. If it is true, as Coun. McDonald apprehends, that we have had a great increase here with a very small increase in the number of men and a small increase in the rate of pay, which does not explain the large increases in expenses, then the money must be going in some other direction and possibly it may be wasted. That is an executive matter, the manner of spending the city's money, finding out where the city's money has gone, and the Mayor is responsible for the spending of that money. The Mayor should look into the matter, confer with the head of the Fire Department, appointed by himself, and find out how and where that money is being expended, and he might indeed find that a very large part of the money that would be necessary for the proposed changes would be obtained, as seems to be the councilor's impression, already in the department, by perhaps saving some unnecessary expenses. So it seems to me a mere trifling to say that this is in form an ordinance. In effect it is an executive matter. In fact, it may be that the money already exists in the department for giving the men added time off, and the Mayor, it seems to me, ought to come out squarely and say where he stands and advise us of his views and of the possibilities of the case, before we are asked to take this final vote.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I feel that every member of the Council has made up his mind on this particular proposition, after having been present at the various hearings held by the Committee on Ordinances, after having read the testimony which was taken at the hearings, after having read the briefs submitted by the attorney for the fireman, and also by the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, and I don't believe that I can convert any one today to my way of thinking if he does not already agree with me. I have my own opinion in reference to our power and authority to pass such an ordinance as is before this Council today. In 1909 two acts were passed which, of course, were cited by counsel on both sides. One was the General Act referring to laws relating to labor; the other Act was the Act amending the city charter of Boston. The Legislature, when it passed the Act relating to labor, knew of the report of the Finance Commission in regard to the administration of the City of Boston; but, nevertheless, the Legislature passed that Act, which said that any city may by ordinance and any town may by law establish the hours of labor of the members of the Fire Department. I think if the Legislature intended to give this power to every city and town in Massachusetts with the exception of Boston the Legislature would have said, in so many specific words, 'any city except Boston, and any town may by law establish the hours of labor of the members of the Fire Department.' That is but my own individual opinion. I feel that that right which was given to every other city and town should be given to the City of Boston, through its City Council. Of course, we hear a great deal about the violation of the city's charter, and I believe I myself am possibly one of those who did violate the city charter, and I never went to jail for it. Section 3 of the charter says that all appropriations shall originate with the Mayor. A great many people believe that we violated the charter when we put up to him three or four different times a segregated budget for the Sewer Service. It was really an administrative function in the minds of many citizens of Boston, and there was in the minds of many a direct prohibition against the City Council originating an appropriation for the Sewer Service of the city. But the majority of the members of the Council did not pay much attention to their legal rights in the matter. Of course, the object to be obtained was to be the benefit of the city, but, as I say, a great many people in this city believe that we violated the city charter. We have heard about section 8, which says

'Neither the City Council, nor any member or committee, officer, or employee thereof shall, except as otherwise provided in this act, directly

or indirectly, on behalf of the city or of the County of Suffolk take part in the employment of labor,' and then, further on, 'nor in the conduct of the executive or administrative business of the city or county.'

In the first instance, I have always believed that that provision which says that neither the City Council nor any member thereof shall take part in the employment of labor was for the purpose of remedying the abuse that might result from holding up the Mayor of the city and holding up the administration for jobs and asking for places on the pay roll. I think that was the idea of that particular section of the city charter. It was not long ago that the majority members of this Council passed an order which contained a list of streets of the city which were to be paved, and that list settled how the streets were to be paved and what particular kind of pavement was to be used. Some of us believed that by that act the majority members of the Council had violated the city charter and the provisions of section 8. I thought when that matter was before the Council that it was executive work, belonging to the Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Works, the Commissioner receiving \$9,000 a year to look after the city's streets. But, as I say, the charter in the opinion of some people has been violated, and there is always a question of our legal rights, and perhaps always will be, so long as the City Council is in existence and there is a city charter, a question as to the relative rights of the Mayor and of the City Council in transacting the city's business. But, as I said in the beginning, I feel that under the law which says that any city may by ordinance establish the hours of labor of the members of the Fire Department, this Council has the right to act in the manner proposed and is not intruding upon the executive or trying to exercise an executive function. When this matter was before the committee we received a number of letters, I received 52, three of them from one firm, all on the same style paper and in the same language, and the majority of those letters in tone opposed the establishment of a day off in three for the members of the Fire Department. Most of the letters said that we should appropriate more money for the streets, and, as the citizens of Boston know, more than \$500,000 was appropriated. The main argument that they put before the Council then was that the city's streets should first be fixed up, even though the firemen themselves had said that, by a re-arrangement of hours and their giving up some of the hours they now have, this plan could be put into operation in the City of Boston without the expenditure of any additional money on the part of the city. We were told at the hearings and have been told at other times that there was always a long list of applicants for the Fire Department, and I think I called attention to the fact that at the State House a person can find at the labor office, where Mr. Gilbert is in charge, that 2,265 laborers on June 7 of this year had registered for ordinary laboring work, 1,077 teamsters, 189 chauffeurs, 116 carpenters, 120 engineers, and so on down the line. You can always find at the Civil Service office at the State House, where people have taken examinations for the state and city services, that there are a great many men and women taking all kinds of examinations for clerkships and for stenographic work, and I have a list here of those who were on the list and had passed the examinations on June 7, 1916. But I am not going to burden the members of the Council by reading the entire list. I believe there is a humanitarian side to this question, and I feel that ninety-six hours on duty is too long for the members of the Fire Department. I believe the majority of the men are married. I was at Engine 10 one night and asked about the men of the company, trying to find out what men were married and what families they had, and I found that taking the eleven men in the company, all but two had children. One man had three children, one had two, another three, and two and three seemed to be the usual number of children that each fireman had. One man who was not married was supporting a sister and brother, one of them an invalid. That brings me to this point, that these men have asked for time off for the purpose of being with the members of their families a little more, a little longer. When the eight-hour day was given to the firemen and the railroad men by the United States Congress, and the bill was signed by the President, the real argument that was advanced by the presidents of the various brotherhoods and

orders of railway conductors, trainmen and engineers, was that this bill would give them the opportunity to be more at home with the members of their families, would give them an opportunity to live in human companionship with their families, to be relieved of inhuman hours, to gain the benefits, socially, hygienically and industrially, that come with a reasonable time for employment and for rest and recreation. They stood for the shorter hours as a humane, just proposition, and all of these statements—and there are four of them, with which I will not burden the record—use the same argument, that the granting of the demand meant a little more time off with the members of their families. I remember when Mr. Grady was appointed Fire Commissioner of the city, and a reporter from the Boston Post visited his wife and had an interview with her. The whole tone of that interview with Commissioner Grady's wife was to the effect that she was happy because of the fact that he would be more at home, and I am going to burden the record with this statement, which I got from the Boston Post of March 8, 1914, reading it so that it will appear in the record. This was when his name was before the Civil Service Commission for approval as commissioner. The article is headed, 'Why Fire Chief Grady's Wife is Happy,' and it goes on:

'Radiant with joy at the thought that she would soon have the companionship of her husband much more than ever before in their married life, Mrs. John Grady, the wife of the now acting chief, consented to tell a *Sunday Post* reporter of a side of Mr. Grady's life that has not before been brought to public attention. Mrs. Grady has been ill more or less of late, and when she was told that her husband had been named by the Mayor as the commissioner, the joy nearly caused a reaction. "You see, it is not because I am glad he has been promoted or because of the increased salary that he will receive that makes me happy," she told the reporter, "but because I will see more of him. One day off in five isn't much for a man to spend with his wife and it makes me very happy to think that John will be at home every night. I can hardly believe it. Why, for years he has not spent a Sunday with me except on the few times that his day off has come on that day. We have been comrades all through our thirty-three years and it has been kind of hard to live this way, but maybe our reward has come at last."

She said that the lot of the wife of a fireman was not an easy one and that the people of Boston as a whole do not realize what it is to be the wife of a fireman, and especially of one who is all the time taking risks. If a fireman's wife or children are sick at home he must return to quarters just the same. I say that the City of Boston can put this into operation if other cities have done it, with the men giving up some of their time. They do take chances. All men, I suppose, will admit that. A young fellow who used to work with me went into the Fire Department and lost three toes by being run over by the engine of old Ladder 3, Harrison avenue. Another friend of mine who lived at the South End, well known to the City Clerk, a young man in the prime of life, would probably be alive today if he had not lost his life in the fire at the Dagny apartments. Of course, the city gave his wife the ordinary annuity of \$300 a year so long as she remains unmarried, but he lost his life. These men do take chances. Every time they go on the street to a fire they take their lives in their hands. I believe all the members realize that, and that no argument along that line is necessary. But I believe if St. Louis could put this into operation the City of Boston can put it into operation without any loss of efficiency. Boston will not be leading the way in this regard, and has not led the way. Chicago has a day off in three, and so has St. Louis, Cleveland, Dayton and Schenectady, and Boston could at least try the experiment and demonstrate whether or not it can be put into successful operation. My opinion is this, that if a day off in three is not put into operation, sooner or later we will see not only in Boston but in most of the cities of Massachusetts a two-platoon system which will be much more expensive to the cities and the towns. We heard arguments at the hearing about there not being enough men in the Fire Department at the present time. Nevertheless, the city uses men of the Fire Department in flushing the streets sometimes—two men, and sometimes three or more—and those men are sometimes sent out with the hose carts, men have been detailed to the Fire Alarm Service from the branch of the Fire Department; men have gone out salting



hydrants, ringing fire alarm boxes, and so on. If that is weakening the department possibly it may be necessary for the commissioner to change his rules and not have anything more of that kind done in the future. At the hearing there was an intimation that if the day off in three was put into operation a rise in insurance rates might result. I, for one, think there is plenty of work for the insurance companies to do without raising their rates at this particular time, or even if this should go into operation. We have been told that the fire losses are greater now than they used to be. I think the insurance companies themselves could reduce the fire losses a great deal if they would be a little more particular as to whose property they insure. I understand that in many cases they insure property that they never see. I have been told, for instance, with reference to household furniture, that a man will buy furniture for a small amount and get insurance upon it, and that then a fire will conveniently start in that particular place. A fireman told me once about a fire where that thing, in his opinion, took place, and where there were powder marks on the floor which gave him the idea that the fire was set to get the insurance. Possibly if the fire insurance companies were a little more particular the fire losses would not be as great. As to the efficiency of the one day off in three system, I have a few letters which I have received, one from St. Louis, two from Schenectady and one from Chicago, and, referring to those letters, I am going

to read a short statement into the record as to the efficiency in those particular cities. Mr. Henderson, the chief of the fire department in St. Louis, said, 'It is absolutely efficient from the very fact that the first year fire losses were reduced more than one million dollars.' Then, Chief Henry R. Yates, chief engineer of the Schenectady department—and, of course, I admit that Schenectady is a small city and has a small department,—says 'It is working out very satisfactorily.' Further he says, 'It is working to perfection in every particular. We get better service from the men and they are all well pleased. We would not think of returning to any former systems.' Then, in a letter to me he says, 'We have found that it works out to perfection.' Thomas O'Connor, fire marshal of Chicago, under date of November 9, 1915, says, 'As regards this affecting the efficiency of the department, I feel that it has brought it up to a higher standard.' Mr. President, in view of the fact that these men are on duty and, in my opinion, at work ninety-six hours of 120, I feel that I, for one, have the right under the law and am justified in voting to make their condition a little better, and I intend to vote for the passage of the ordinance.

The ordinance was rejected, yeas 3, nays 5:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, McDonald—3.

Nays—Coun. Coleman, Collins, Hagan, Kenny, Storrow—5.'





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Thursday, August 16, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair in the absence of President Storrow. Absent—Coun. Attridge, Collins and Storrow.

Coun. Ballantyne was elected as President *pro tem.*, receiving the votes of all the members present.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 14, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

You are respectfully requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, August 16, at 2 p. m., to consider the matter of providing \$50,000 for the reconstruction of Broadway Bridge and such other business as may properly come before your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## RECONSTRUCTION OF BROADWAY BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 16, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Public Service Commission has ordered the Boston Elevated Railway Company to discontinue running cars over Broadway Bridge at the Boston & Albany Railroad on the ground that the bridge is unsafe, and has also recommended that it be closed to travel by vehicles. This is a serious situation and I feel compelled to again request your honorable body to concur with me in providing the necessary money for the reconstruction of this bridge without further delay. In this connection the attention of the Council is called to the following facts:

1. The appropriating power of the city for this year, other than by loan, is exhausted.
2. That a large sum, possibly \$100,000, will have to be provided for soldiers' relief, and that deficits may reasonably be expected in several departments on account of the high prices of fuel, food and other supplies.
3. That these emergencies can only be met by transfers from appropriations already made or from the Reserve Fund.
4. That principally on account of unexpected expenditures necessitated by the war the Reserve Fund is now less than \$50,000, with the year but half gone.
5. That the City Auditor cannot shake his sleeve and produce \$50,000 for Broadway Bridge out of current receipts, as intimated by one of your members, for the reason that current receipts have absolutely nothing to do with the appropriating power of the city for the year.
6. That it will be a matter of at least two months after the money is appropriated before the bridge can be reopened.

Whether or not the reconstruction of the bridge falls within the particular definition of a permanent improvement set up by the members of the Council who voted against the loan at the last meeting is beside the point.

It is unquestionably an improvement which may fairly be met by loan under the pressure of an emergency and in the present condition of the city's finances, and a loan for this purpose has at least as much merit as the various loans for the reconstruction of fire houses and other buildings which have been voted by your honorable body in several instances.

With these considerations in mind, I am not prepared to believe that any member of the Council will care to assume the responsibility of delaying the reopening of this bridge for at least eight months with the resulting hardship to the people of South Boston, and I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be and hereby is appropriated for the reconstruction of Broadway Bridge over the Boston & Albany Railroad, and that to meet 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 Finance.

## APPROPRIATION FOR COURTHOUSE, FOREST HILLS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 16, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, requesting an appropriation for the erection of courthouse at Forest Hills and respectfully recommend the passage of the appended order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Public Buildings Department, August 14, 1917.  
Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—On December 28, 1916, an appropriation in the sum of \$10,000, was made for the purchase of a site and the preparation of plans for courthouse, Forest Hills.

Since that time the site has been procured, an architect, in the person of Mr. T. G. O'Connell, 18 Boylston street, has been appointed and plans for the proposed building have been prepared.

The plans submitted call for a building to cost approximately one hundred and fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars and I respectfully request that an appropriation in this sum be made.

Awaiting your pleasure in the premises, I am,

Yours respectfully,

FRED J. KNEELAND,

Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Ordered, That the sum of \$115,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the construction of a courthouse, Forest Hills, and that to meet said expenditure 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 Finance.

## COMPLETION OF ALTERATIONS, ENGINE I AND LADDER 5.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 16, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner, requesting an additional sum of \$2,313.49 for the completion of alterations at quarters of Engine I and Ladder 5, South Boston, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Fire Department, August 13, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I respectfully request that an additional amount of \$2,313.49 be provided to complete the alterations to the quarters of Engine Company 1 and Ladder Company 5 at the corner of Dorchester and West Fourth streets, South Boston. This amount is necessary to cover extra work recommended by the architect, Mr. Joseph McGinniss.

Yours very respectfully,

JOHN GRADY,

Fire Commissioner.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$2,313.49 from the appropriation for Municipal Building, City Square, to the appropriation for remodeling Municipal Court Building, Dorchester Street.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR WEST DEPARTMENT, CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, August 16, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication, with financial statement, from the City Hospital Trustees, requesting an additional appropriation of \$53,000 for the completion of the new West Department, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The Boston City Hospital, July 24, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In order to complete the West Department and furnish the same for occupancy in October it is necessary that the following work be completed. These estimates were furnished by the architects, Messrs. Wells & Dana, other than that for Edison service, which was furnished by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, and for feed wires between buildings, which was furnished by the Safford Electric Company.

Mortuary .....	\$5,000 00
Columbarium .....	500 00
Refrigerators .....	3,500 00
Lighting fixtures .....	3,600 00
Mosquito screens, windows and balcony,	4,000 00
Pharmacy .....	750 00
Window shades .....	1,600 00
Runway inclosure .....	1,000 00
Edison service from the street to switch	
board .....	1,910 00
Feed wires between buildings .....	3,500 00
Sprinkler system .....	3,600 00
Watchman's clock .....	500 00
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	\$29,460 00
Architect's commission, 5 per cent .....	1,473 00
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	\$30,933 00
10 per cent contingencies .....	3,093 30
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Total .....	\$34,026 30

Besides the above work the following amounts will be necessary:

Road construction .....	\$5,000 00
Bakery utensils .....	80 00
Crockery and kitchen supplies .....	3,000 00
Furniture .....	7,246 00
Linen, clothing, bed gowns .....	4,313 00
Adult beds and cribs .....	2,156 58
Towels and rubber goods .....	500 00
Large sterilizer (mattress) .....	1,400 00
Ward sterilizers (8) .....	200 00
Bedpan sterilizers (8) .....	1,200 00
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	\$25,095 58
10 per cent contingencies .....	2,509 55
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Inclosed you will find a financial statement of the \$200,000 transferred from the South Department to the West Department. From this you will see that there is an unexpended balance of \$8,901.49. I therefore respectfully request, on behalf of the trustees, from your Honor and the City Council, an appropriation of \$52,729.94, to be expended as above.

I have the honor to remain, on behalf of the trustees,

Yours very respectfully,  
A. SHUMAN,  
President of the Trustees.

Ordered, That the sum of \$53,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the City Hospital Trustees for the completion of the West Department and furnishing same for occupancy, and that to meet said expenditure 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 Finance.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1918:

1. Weighers of Goods, viz.:  
Patrick Curran, 9 Wordsworth street, East Boston, for the Maverick Mills.
  - Michael J. Frawley, 393 Main street, Charlestown, for Dewey, Gould & Co.
  - James Burke, 305 Rindge street, Cambridge.
  - Daniel Burke, 660 Somerville avenue, Somerville, for J. Kosland & Co.
  2. Edward F. Havlin and John M. Wilder, Weighers of Goods for Cordingley & Co.
  3. Simon J. O'Connell, 84 Southampton street, Boston, a Weigher of Coal.
- Severally laid over under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Brophy Barrabee Company, for compensation for damages by flooding by sewage of basement of building 46 Columbus avenue.

Abraham Berlin, for compensation for damages by the bursting of a water pipe at 70 Fayston street.

Mrs. Mary Connors, for compensation for damages at 42 Erie street by sewage.

Cummins Pharmacy, for compensation for damages by sewage at 43 Bunker Hill street.

Peter Devlin, for compensation for damages by sewage at 128 and 506 and 508 Sumner street, East Boston.

Thomas E. Drohan, for compensation for injuries caused by being trampled by the horse of a mounted policeman.

Jacob Finkleman, for compensation for damages at 29 Dover street by the bursting of a water pipe.

Paul Frangos, for compensation for damages at 17 Dover street by sewage.

Sadie Goldfadden, to be paid for clothing taken from locker in the North End Park Bath House.

Orlando Greco, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Gove street, at corner Geneva street.

Fred Hunnefelt, for compensation for damages at 10 Armory terrace by sewage.

Johnson Educator Food Company, for compensation for damages by backing up of sewage at 37 Batterymarch street.

Joseph Lancillo, for compensation for damages by the backing up of sewage at 53 Chelsea street, East Boston.

Philomena Maorigi and daughter, for compensation for injuries caused by their being struck by a city automobile on Hanover street.

William F. McCarthy, for compensation for damages by backing up of sewage at 258 West Fourth street.

Michael B. O'Donnell, for compensation for damages by sewage at 60 South Huntington avenue.

Mrs. Gaetana Reppucci, for compensation for damage by sewage at 500 Sumner street, East Boston.

Lillian Silverman and Fanny Wilner, for compensation for damage to property at 17 Longfellow street, caused by a defective sewer.

Mrs. Bella Tennis, for compensation for damages by break in water main in Dover street.

James H. White, for compensation for damage by sewage at 31 O street, South Boston.

Nicholas Wilhelm, for compensation for damages by sewage at 22 Leroy street.

Joseph Snyder, for compensation for injuries caused by an excavation in front of 17 Dover street.

Rosie Toibb, for compensation for injuries received because of a defect at 50 Bower street.

Isabel Sheehan, for compensation for injuries received by treading on broken glass at Savin Hill Beach.

Nickolas Masinaki, for compensation for injuries received because of a fall on St. Botolph street.

Samuel Tarplin, to be repaid fee paid for a permit to dig up street at 6 Bulfinch street, which permit was not used.

Mrs. Emma Hammell, for compensation for damages at 19 Canfield street, by being flooded by sewage.

Mrs. Helen Hennrikus, for a hearing on her claim for injuries received from a fall on Parker street.



Mary E. Wood, for compensation for damages to her estate by the change of grade of Florence street, on account of the construction of granolithic sidewalks.

Sam Goldman, for compensation for damages at 46 Brook street, East Boston, by being flooded with sewage.

George H. Brown, for compensation for damage to automobile by a city team.

Mrs. Susan H. Millett, for compensation for damages at 15 Dover street by the breaking of a water main.

Morris J. Hirsch, for compensation for damages by water flooding premises 9 Albany street.

Mrs. Margaret Daley, for compensation for injuries caused by a depression in highway at 323 Commercial street.

Mrs. Kimball, for compensation for damages at 42 Erie street by overflow of surface water.

Mrs. W. B. Crocker, for compensation for damages at 569 Boylston street by backing up of sewage.

Gideon Beek & Son, for compensation for damage to their premises by the overflow of sewage.

Sarah Mahan and Patrick A. Dolan, for compensation for damage to clothing by being spattered with mud and oil on Franklin street.

Mrs. James Leonard, for compensation for damages by overflow of sewer at 12 Union avenue, Jamaica Plain.

#### Executive.

P. G. Daniels, for permit for children under fifteen years of age to appear at Majestic Casino on the evening of August 16.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Alfred Cutler Morse & Co., keeping and sale of gasolene, 701-705 Beacon street.

Albert Geiger, Jr., keeping and sale of gasolene, 708-718 Beacon street.

Cadillac Automobile Company of Boston, keeping and sale of gasolene, 70 Brookline avenue.

Cadillac Automobile Company of Boston, keeping and sale of gasolene, 664 Commonwealth avenue.

Standard Oil Company of New York, keeping, storage and sale of oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum:

Chelsea street, East Boston.

8 Custom House street.

Freeport street, formerly No. 250.

Wolcott street, Hyde Park.

Nora Frances Barnes, keeping of gasolene, 432 Columbia road.

Farnham Garage, keeping and sale of gasolene, rear 568 Columbia road.

Auto Owners' Supply Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 370 Columbus avenue.

The Winton Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 674 Commonwealth avenue.

C. E. Fay Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 1110 Commonwealth avenue.

Taylor-Palmer Garage Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 169 Huntington avenue.

Taylor-Palmer Garage Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 171 Huntington avenue.

Frieda K. H. Forde, keeping of gasolene, 63 Leon street.

Samuel Altman, keeping and sale of gasolene, 20-24 Malvern street.

Frank J. Gethro, keeping and sale of gasolene, Marine Park Boat Landing.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, keeping of gasolene, 1165 Massachusetts avenue.

Forrest S. Smith, keeping of gasolene, 15 Selkirk road.

E. M. Randolph, keeping of gasolene, 63 Stanton street (two notices).

Eugene W. Godfrey, keeping and sale of gasolene, 117 and 119 Park street, West Roxbury.

Placed on file.

#### CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Jonathan Wetherbee, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received.

Approved by the City Council.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Notice was received of the appointment by the Health Commissioner of Thomas A. English and Richard F. Sheehan as sanitary inspectors.  
Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received of a hearing before the Public Service Commission on August 15, at 10.30 a. m., on petition of Bay State Street Railway Company, to operate one-man cars.

Placed on file.

#### CLAIMS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on the petitions of the New England Newspaper Publishing Company (referred 1916 and 1917) for compensation for damage to property—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the New England Newspaper Publishing Company the sum of eleven hundred fifty-four dollars and sixty-one cents (\$1,154.61) in compensation for expenses and damages to property at Nos. 4 and 5 Winthrop square caused by leak in water pipe in Devonshire street, from June 12 to June 23, 1916, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.  
Report accepted; order passed.

#### PAYMENT TO PATRICK SHEEHAN.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:  
Ordered, That chapter 113 of the Special Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Patrick Sheehan," be and the same is hereby accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.  
Ordered, That under the authority of chapter 113 of the Special Acts of 1915 the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Patrick Sheehan, an employee of the Park and Recreation Department, who sustained injuries while in the discharge of his duty, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up No. 1, unfinished business, viz.:

1. Ralph A. Hansen and Ada A. Dicks, to be weighers of coal for the term ending April 30, 1918.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Watson and McDonald. Whole number of ballots 6, yeas 6, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted reports recommending the passage of orders for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the months of June, July and August.

Reports accepted; orders passed.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.25 p. m., on motion of Coun. WELLINGTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the chamber and were called to order by the President at three o'clock p. m.

#### HEATING PLANT, DEER ISLAND.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted a report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred July 9) for loan

of \$75,000 for heating plant, Deer Island—that the same ought not to pass, without prejudice.

Report accepted; order rejected, without prejudice.

In connection with the above report, Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the sum of \$75,000 additional be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Penal Institutions Commissioner for Power and Heating Plant, Deer 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 or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for transfer of \$2,313.49

to appropriation for remodeling Municipal Court Building, Dorchester Street—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order read once and passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

2. Report on petition of P. G. Daniels (referred today) for permit for children under fifteen years of age to appear at Majestic Casino on evening of August 16—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. McDONALD moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 3.03 p. m., on motion of Coun. McDONALD, to meet on Monday, September 10, at 2 p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Friday, August 24, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of drawing jurors, Coun. BAL-LANTYNE, senior member, presiding and a quorum present.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Forty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear September 6, 1917:

Philip Cabot, Ward 8; Patrick Clifford, Ward 8; William L. Woods, Ward 10; George F. Murray, Ward 12; John R. Byrne, Ward 17; Paul J. Weber, Ward 19; Benjamin Hirshon, Ward 14; Frank C.

Humphrey, Ward 1; Charles T. Williams, Ward 16; Henry L. Dunker, Ward 11; John S. Whittemore, Ward 23; Edward L. Bonner, Ward 1; Edward F. Foley, Ward 16; Patrick Doran, Ward 5; George H. Cummings, Ward 17; George S. Melville, Ward 24; Edwin G. Farrar, Ward 19; Olaf O. Anderson, Ward 9; William J. Sullivan, Ward 15; John P. Whitman, Ward 5; Michael Fitzpatrick, Ward 13; Nathan R. Hutehins, Ward 12; George L. Howe, Ward 24; John L. Thomas, Ward 7; John W. Murphy, Ward 18; William R. Wilson, Ward 12; Edward R. DeLong, Ward 13; Daniel F. Nugent, Ward 8; Frank A. Mahoney, Ward 9; Gustave A. Henning, Ward 15; Edward J. Lennon, Ward 12; James R. Butler, Ward 13; Tim Regan, Ward 11; Thomas J. Heaphy, Ward 11; James C. Curren, Ward 22; Albert L. Pemberton, Ward 11; Harry Standard, Ward 18; Patrick J. Cunningham, Ward 14; Joseph W. Townsend, Ward 20; Henry W. Erickson, Ward 20; Alexander Spitzer, Ward 15; Robert W. Harrington, Ward 2; John J. Mulvey, Ward 5; Daniel J. Cotter, Ward 6; Edward D. Foley, Ward 1; William F. McGowan, Ward 6.

Adjourned at 1.16 p. m.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, August 27, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at one o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, presiding (having been elected as President *pro tem.* by a unanimous vote). Absent—Coun. Collins, Storrow, Watson, Wellington.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 25, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

You are respectfully requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, August 27, at 1 p. m., for further consideration of an appropriation of \$50,000 for the reconstruction of Broadway Bridge and to consider the establishment of public markets throughout the city.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC MARKETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 25, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—It is desirable that public markets be established in order that the producer and consumer may benefit without paying tribute to the middleman, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That in accordance with the provisions of chapter 119 of the General Acts of 1915, public markets for the sale of farm produce be established at the following places:

Monday. Madison Park, Roxbury.  
Tuesday. Columbus avenue, Roxbury Crossing.  
Wednesday. Central square, East Boston.  
Thursday. Andrew square, South Boston.  
Friday. Monument square, Charlestown.  
Saturday. Gibson street, Dorchester.  
Passed, yeas 5, nays 0.

## LOAN FOR COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—The Chair is in receipt of a further communication from the Mayor, not included in the call for the meeting. By unanimous consent the document may be received and referred to the Committee on Finance. The Clerk will read the communication and if there is no objection it will take that course.

The Council voted unanimously to admit the following communication:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, August 27, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Park and Recreation Department, and it being desirable that this work be completed at the earliest possible date, I respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park and Recreation Department,

August 27, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—On May 14, 1917, the City Council appropriated by loan the sum of \$80,000 for the laying out and construction and improvement of Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West.

Bids were opened at this office on August 17, 1917, for the second time and the lowest bidder submitted a bid approximating \$98,703.60.

In order to award this contract, it will be necessary to have an additional loan of \$20,000, and you are respectfully asked to provide a loan for this amount.

Yours very respectfully,

JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

Ordered, That the additional sum of \$20,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Department for the laying out, construction and improvement of Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West, 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.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

## BROADWAY BRIDGE.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—The Chair will state that inasmuch as the order previously received from the Mayor for the reconstruction of Broadway Bridge is in the hands of the Committee on Finance, and the six votes necessary to pass the loan are not present, the Council can take no definite action on the matter today.

## PAY ROLL, REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—The Chair is in receipt of the pay roll of the Register of Deeds. By unanimous consent this may be received.

It was unanimously voted to receive the pay roll of the Register of Deeds, under the provisions of chapter 22 of the Revised Laws, for work performed in his office to the amount of \$4,413.91.

Approved and ordered paid.

## GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. McDONALD moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 1.28 p. m., on motion of Coun. FORD.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, September 10, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, presiding. Absent—President Storrow.

It was unanimously voted that Coun. Ballantyne be elected as president *pro tem*.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Fifty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, October Sitting, to appear October 1, 1917:

William Pink, Ward 19; William J. Horan, Ward 17; Fred H. George, Ward 14; Hugh R. McCurtain, Ward 11; Thomas C. Mureh, Ward 6; Frank T. Manning, Ward 3; Charles P. McCaffrey, Ward 13; John S. Bany, Ward 13; William A. Fallon, Ward 4; Thomas McCabe, Ward 12; James A. Beath, Ward 2; George S. Calder, Ward 13; Clifford D. Sawyer, Ward 8; Richard J. Dermody, Ward 7; John E. Singleton, Ward 16; Walter Carson, Ward 20; Thomas R. Doran, Ward 12; Charles J. Olson, Ward 24; Walter E. Corbett, Ward 24; Edward J. Deveney, Ward 15; John J. Sheran, Ward 12; Louis C. Brueggmann, Ward 8; F. William Kuhn, Ward 9; Martin F. Cavanagh, Ward 12; Frank R. Beede, Ward 10; Edmund T. Glover, Ward 20; Herbert M. Roberts, Ward 8; Charles M. Brebner, Ward 24; Percy L. Hinds, Ward 20; Percy C. Frisbie, Ward 11; Charles M. Edgar, Ward 20; William H. Winslow, Ward 13; Peter J. Ketterle, Ward 11; Luke H. Drew, Ward 8; Daniel F. Lyneh, Ward 18; Frederiek P. Rhell, Ward 7; Arthur F. Morris, Ward 18; Walter A. Ford, Ward 19; Thomas F. Sullivan, Ward 11; Allen McLeod Brown, Ward 20; Francisco Baega-lupo, Ward 5; George Hilton, Ward 1; John Coreoran, Ward 5; Joseph D. Stukas, Ward 10; John Nicholson, Ward 20; Clarence M. Snow, Ward 20; James D. Gates, Ward 5; Anders G. Ludin, Ward 20; Gabriel A. Ruud, Ward 15; Robert Slavin, Ward 19; Charles Duncan, Jr., Ward 12; Philip M. Brunet, Ward 12; Warren L. Stokes, Ward 23; Charles E. Kelley, Ward 1.

Fifty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, October Sitting, to appear October 1, 1917:

Michael M. Dolan, Ward 6; Nathaniel W. Whittmore, Ward 23; Angelo Franceshi, Ward 5; Robert H. Wade, Ward 17; Ernest F. Malone, Ward 18; James F. Powell, Ward 12; Samuel Bloom, Ward 19; Frank S. Hayden, Ward 7; C. Oswald Housman, Ward 22; William Riee, Ward 2; Harry W. Taber, Ward 20; Jerome C. Murphy, Ward 3; John J. Madden, Ward 25; John A. Walsh, Ward 12; John H. Connors, Ward 22; William W. Reynolds, Ward 12; Albert N. Fields, Ward 16; Albert E. Shepherd, Ward 24; Arthur J. Gallagher, Ward 1; William N. Bailey, Ward 13; Harry Krensky, Ward 16; William M. O'Brien, Ward 12; Frederiek A. Bartlett, Ward 13; George D. Beatty, Ward 21; Jeremiah B. McNamara, Ward 13; John H. Kane, Ward 3; William C. Reade, Ward 13; W. Clifton Jones, Ward 5; Timothy J. Noonan, Ward 10; John J. Sullivan, Ward 24; Edward J. Mahoney, Ward 18; Nicholas L. Clancy, Ward 3; Patrick J. O'Brien, Ward 10; John O'Reagan, Ward 18; Lester L. Straw, Ward 1; Frederiek M. Finn, Ward 4; C. Frank Hunting, Ward 25; Thomas James Grant, Ward 5; Edwin M. Charlton, Ward 23; Joseph C. O'Brien, Ward 7; Isaac Van Dam, Ward 9; Thomas F. Weleh, Ward 25; Charles E. Lennon, Ward 16; Andrew Peterson, Ward 14; Frank P. McGrate, Ward 11; John F. Driscoll, Ward 4; Albert Lewis, Ward 17; Weldon J. Murray, Ward 18; Michael Donahue, Ward 8;

John J. Donovan, Ward 16; Max Rosenberg, Ward 5; Bernard Lamb, Ward 4; Charles E. McDonald, Ward 17; Frank L. Haney, Ward 8.

Fifty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, October Sitting, to appear October 1, 1917:

John W. H. Stokinger, Ward 23; David Jacobs, Ward 7; Fred H. Bailey, Ward 8; Joseph L. Hohman, Ward 10; George H. Ripley, Ward 3; Francis D. Degnan, Ward 9; John E. Hartnett, Ward 12; John P. Freeman, Ward 1; Ward S. Allen, Ward 13; William Carroll, Ward 9; Samuel P. West, Ward 20; Alfred J. Butler, Ward 4; Anthony A. Pastorelli, Ward 8; Chandler W. Ireland, Ward 17; Lewis Barker, Ward 18; Martin O'Tool, Ward 11; Mortimer H. Murphy, Ward 4; John Baybutt, Ward 10; Osear J. Kent, Ward 10; John J. Kelley, Ward 12; John H. Forde, Ward 16; Justus R. Kinney, Ward 25; Isaac Charak, Ward 25; James D. Adams, Ward 25; Daniel Sweeney, Ward 13; Thomas F. Collins, Ward 5; John E. Bryan, Ward 4; George H. Marshall, Ward 22; James J. McGee, Ward 1; James A. Reddington, Ward 4; Jerome C. Tyler, Ward 21; George B. Freethy, Ward 20; Walter G. Lugton, Ward 24; Fred Guinasso, Ward 5; George T. Hayes, Ward 9; Thomas F. Shea, Ward 7; Michael Little, Ward 9; Clarence W. Gray, Ward 10; John H. Riley, Ward 3; Cornelius Mahoney, Ward 12; James H. Quinn, Ward 21; Harry A. Pellett, Ward 24; Thomas J. Sheerin, Ward 11; Rodoriek J. D. Cushman, Ward 3; Isaak Brooks, Ward 19; George R. Cavanagh, Ward 20; Herbert J. Young, Ward 7; John A. Quinn, Ward 18; Hugh M. Fox, Ward 12; Frank E. Bowie, Ward 24; Karl J. Lindvall, Ward 20; John Varnerin, Ward 11; Fred W. Brown, Ward 13; Alfred A. Banquer, Ward 21.

Fifty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, October Sitting, to appear October 1, 1917:

Charles W. Jaquith, Ward 18; John Fossell, Ward 10; Thomas H. Marsland, Ward 7; Arthur E. Reed, Ward 24; William B. Long, Ward 26; Frank LeCain, Ward 16; Miles C. Qualter, Ward 12; Max Posner, Ward 16; Israel Feldman, Ward 5; Charles H. Parker, Ward 7; Fred E. Davis, Ward 11; Frank H. Giles, Ward 19; Philip Task, Ward 21; William S. Appleton, Ward 8; William F. Stecher, Ward 19; Peter A. Metzler, Ward 15; John E. Gaughran, Ward 11; James A. Martin, Ward 10; John E. Swanson, Ward 22; Michael Walsh, Ward 21; Julius Lipman, Ward 18; Charles Goodman, Ward 6; Arthur L. Oakman, Ward 20; John T. Griffith, Ward 20; Thomas J. Kelly, Ward 26; Alexander W. Bailey, Ward 11; Thomas W. Roulston, Ward 21; William F. Keen, Jr., Ward 18; Solomon Waldstein, Ward 18; Thomas H. Walsh, Ward 25; Arthur G. Bailey, Ward 19; James T. Mooney, Ward 11; Albert W. Reitschlin, Ward 22; Jeremiah F. Driscoll, Ward 14; George S. McKenna, Ward 19; Richard McLaughlin, Ward 11; William A. Grimes, Ward 8; Thomas F. Galvin, Ward 13; Harry Butters, Ward 19; John Farnen, Ward 3; Albert E. Harris, Ward 16; Gentry Clark, Ward 22; John J. Madden, Ward 10; Charles A. Barr, Ward 3; Terrence F. McGowan, Ward 3; Daniel J. Costello, Ward 7; George E. Clark, Ward 16; Daniel J. Clifford, Ward 14; Fred D. Allen, Ward 25; George W. Eggleston, Ward 11; Rubin Ohrenberg, Ward 13; Jacob Rubinowitz, Ward 5; Edward Charles Howard, Ward 18; John Page Cotton, Ward 15.

Fifty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, October Sitting, to appear October 1, 1917:

John F. O'Malley, Ward 14; Alfred J. L. Ford, Ward 10; Michael Burke, Ward 21; Giuseppe Casale, Ward 5; John J. Cahill, Ward 8; Ernest B. Kelleher, Ward 16; Fred English, Ward 8; Charles Diemer, Ward 23; Hyman Rittenberg, Ward 5; William B. Sherman, Ward 17; Joseph T. Ridge-way, Ward 25; John M. Brauneis, Ward 22; Frederiek L. Bauer, Ward 23; John Kosch, Ward 26; William P. Turner, Ward 16; Dennis Cohanol, Ward 19; Evan C. Somes, Ward 23; Frank J. Berghaus, Ward 22; James A. Coffey, Ward 20; John L. Murphy, Ward 9; Budd B. Colby, Ward 2; Fred C. Bacon, Ward 25; John J. Vogel, Ward 16; William M. Murphy, Ward 17; Charles F. Webb, Ward 19; Herbert R. Williams, Ward 15; John C. Foley, Ward 5; Michael Henchey, Ward 8; Herbert Copeland, Ward 8; Owen McMahon, Ward 14; William H. Harvey, Ward 19;

Frank E. Bertram, Ward 13; Charles W. Sealander, Ward 7; Jacob S. Freedman, Ward 8; William L. Teulon, Ward 17; Robert Anderson, Ward 14; John Keenan, Ward 16; James F. Donovan, Ward 18; Patrick H. Brennan, Ward 10; William M. Burke, Ward 1; Charles L. Young, Ward 18; Robert Moore, Ward 26; Edward F. Carroll, Ward 1; Bernard A. Shalit, Ward 19; Amos H. Barnes, Ward 23; Robert Gallagher, Ward 16; Cornelius F. Merrigan, Ward 11; Albert M. Stearns, Ward 20; John A. Whittemore, Ward 23; William A. Marsh, Ward 16; John Hunter, Ward 23; Marvin T. Goodwin, Ward 1; Frank C. Odenweller, Ward 11; Patrick J. Curley, Ward 18.

Fifty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, October Sitting, to appear October 1, 1917:

Otto Yetter, Ward 15; John A. Wescott, Ward 18; John J. Austin, Ward 14; Patrick McKenna, Ward 12; Charles P. Moloney, Ward 15; Richard C. Shinnick, Ward 9; John H. Sanborn, Ward 7; Walter V. Pierce, Ward 11; Frederick J. Shine, Ward 13; George E. Fitzgerald, Ward 16; Joseph F. McCarthy, Ward 6; William E. McArthur, Ward 23; Edward J. Meleedy, Ward 20; George A. Giannotti, Ward 5; Thomas J. Gorman, Ward 2; William Armstrong, Ward 15; James H. Gilmore, Ward 22; William A. Thurston, Ward 12; Louis C. Schultz, Ward 17; Joseph J. Houston, Ward 24; William J. Lannon, Ward 11; Peter O'Neill, Ward 3; William T. Hughes, Ward 3; John L. Qualters, Ward 3; Charles T. Bovell, Ward 5; Robert J. Maynard, Ward 19; Constantine P. Yurgelun, Ward 10; William I. Fogarty, Ward 16; Max P. O. Kretschmer, Ward 24; Harold W. Smith, Ward 22; Thomas J. Bolger, Ward 20; Benjamin F. Andrew, Ward 6; Michael Casey, Ward 17; Patrick J. Conley, Ward 24; Murray Silverstein, Ward 19; John T. Landers, Ward 10; John G. Frech, Jr., Ward 12; Harry M. Rubin, Ward 5; Daniel J. Maher, Ward 9; Joseph E. Wolf, Ward 16; Joseph Daniels, Ward 5; Connell Ward, Ward 10; Thomas F. Burns, Ward 9; Philip A. Hastings, Ward 18; Simon Markel, Ward 23; Edward T. Davis, Ward 25; Thomas C. Kelly, Ward 23; Frank E. Wells, Ward 17; Edward P. Welch, Ward 15; James G. Lawrence, Ward 18; William F. Troy, Ward 15; George D. Bucklin, Ward 14; Carl O. L. Berg, Ward 20; George S. Fallon, Ward 22.

Fifty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, October Sitting, to appear October 1, 1917:

Jeremiah Murray, Ward 12; Howard T. Sweasy, Ward 19; Thomas F. Waters, Ward 12; Richard A. Topham, Ward 24; Joseph Tighe, Ward 26; Leon A. Thomas, Ward 12; Victor Loschi, Ward 1; John M. Dwyer, Ward 22; Frederick Slader, Ward 22; Daniel T. Ryan, Ward 24; James N. Roach, Ward 2; Frank L. Turner, Ward 1; William J. Steele, Ward 3; Thomas F. King, Ward 25; Henry Drury, Ward 5; Augustus Kilman, Ward 16; Stephen A. McMahon, Ward 10; John G. Donovan, Ward 22; J. Edwin Chellman, Ward 23; Hugh Duffy, Ward 19; William C. Tompkins, Ward 4; Joseph A. Fein, Ward 13; William O. Kimball, Ward 8; William J. Cunningham, Ward 5; Solomon H. Ansel, Ward 19; Robert F. Sawyer, Ward 12; James Sullivan, Ward 11; Elmer E. Monroe, Ward 25; John Callahan, Ward 10; Heber S. Frasel, Ward 21; James F. Healy, Ward 23; Bartholomew P. Keaney, Ward 23; Hugo R. Hillner, Ward 15; Walter F. Spencer, Ward 9; Arthur H. Tibbetts, Ward 15; Thomas C. Eden, Ward 4; Frank W. Buttrick, Ward 26; Elmer V. Metcalf, Ward 26; Daniel W. Buckley, Ward 13; John J. Reddick, Ward 9; Dennis F. Sheehan, Ward 16; Harry A. L. Fleming, Ward 12; James Cotter, Ward 25; Daniel L. McDonald, Ward 23; Samuel Kruskall, Ward 6; Benjamin K. Tice, Ward 19; Henry J. Orchard, Ward 9; Frank W. McLaughlin, Ward 16; Frank P. Congdon, Ward 4; Henry J. Denning, Ward 4; Andrew F. Wall, Ward 3; James F. Madden, Ward 12; Charles H. Schofield, Ward 7; William A. Huebener, Ward 20.

#### COST OF SHOWER BATHS, FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:  
City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, August 27, 1917.

To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith report of

the Park and Recreation Department, the same being a reply to order of your honorable body of April 30, 1917.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
August 20, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—Inclosed please find an estimate of the cost of installing a sufficient number of shower baths in the Overlook Building, Franklin Park, for the use of adults and children of the immediate district as per request made by the City Council at a meeting held April 30, 1917.

Very respectfully yours,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
August 11, 1917.

Mr. John H. Dillon, Chairman,  
Park and Recreation Commissioners,  
33 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Sir,—The following is my estimate of the cost of installing five shower baths for men and four shower baths for women in the Overlook Building on Franklin Park:

One 400-gallon hot water tank.....	\$325 00
One No. 200 Pierce Giant heater.....	125 00
Plumbing and water supply.....	825 00
Plastering and carpenter work.....	370 00
Concrete floor.....	150 00
Twenty-seven lockers.....	270 00
Electric wiring of whole building.....	400 00
Underground electric light cables to building.....	1,832 00
Painting.....	100 00
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	\$4,397 00
Contingencies about 18 per cent.....	803 00
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Total.....	\$5,200 00

The steam heating plant for the building has been in use twenty-nine years, and since winter quarters for birds were provided here the heating at the building has been very unsatisfactory.

I recommend that a new steam boiler be installed and the remainder of the heating plant be overhauled and put in good repair. My estimate of the cost of this work is \$1,000, making a total estimated cost of \$6,200 for shower baths, electric wiring and heating plant.

Respectfully,  
C. E. PUTNAM, Engineer.

Placed on file.

#### VARIOUS DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 10, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed requests for transfers within department appropriations and recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Municipal Court, Charlestown District:

From the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, Clerical Assistance, to the appropriation for C-10, Library, \$20.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Municipal Court, Dorchester District:

From the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$50.

From the appropriation for D-1, Office, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., \$30.



Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Suffolk County Courthouse, County Buildings:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$300.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Street Laying-Out Department.

From the appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$25.

From the appropriation for C-9, Office Equipment, to the appropriation for D-1, Office Supplies, \$175.

From the appropriation for C-10, Library, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 3 Clerks at \$1,400 per year, 2 Messengers at \$15 per week, to the appropriation for D-1, Office Supplies, \$200; D-1, Office Supplies, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Consumptives' Hospital Department.

From the appropriation for B-17, Care of Persons, to the appropriation for C-9, Office, \$94.33; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$164.02; D-8, Laundry, Cleaning Toilet, \$399.02; D-10, Agricultural, \$27.11; D-11, Motor Vehicles, \$200.32; D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$200; D-16, General Plant, \$263.94; D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$1,455; E-10, Electrical, \$264.02.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for E-9, Machinery, \$94.04.

From the appropriation for G-2, Special Investigations, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employee, Technician, \$532.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 4 Assistant Resident Medical Officers at \$1,000 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Physician to Out-Patient Department, \$250.01.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Overseeing of the Poor Department.

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-28, Expert and Architect, to the appropriation for Central Office, B-12, Premium on Surety Bond, \$5.

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for Central Office, B-12, Premium on Surety Bond, \$35.

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for Central Office, B-39, General Plant, \$10.

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for Central Office, D-3, Fuel, \$125.

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for Wayfarers' Lodge, B-39, General Plant, \$20.

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for Temporary Home, B-39, General Plant, \$60.

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for Temporary Home, D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$10.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Building Department.

From the appropriation for D-1, Office Supplies, to the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, \$100; C-9, Office Equipment, \$85.05.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for steamer "George A. Hibbard."

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 4 Deckhands at \$480-600 per year, to the appropriation for F-11, Workingmen's Compensation, \$42.86.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Hospital Department.

From the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, to the appropriation for E-10, Electrical, \$600.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers in Schedule A of the Hospital Department necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Board of Trustees dated August 28, 1917.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1918, viz.:

1. Constables of the City of Boston:  
James F. Mudden, 21 Clifton street, Roxbury.  
Patrick H. Purcell, 13 Marion street, Charlestown.

J. Paul Canty, 5 Harbell terrace, Dorchester.

2. Weighers of Coal:  
Earl J. Smith, 9 Royal road, Mattapan.  
Solomon Gross, 9 Gross court, Lynn.

J. Frank Aldrich, 98 High street, Charlestown.  
Dennis F. Navin, 781 Commonwealth avenue, Brookline.

J. Chester O'Donnell, 20 Coral avenue, Winthrop.  
3. Michael B. Gleason, 130 Chelsea street, Charlestown, a Measurer of Grain for the Boston & Albany Railroad.

4. Measurers of Wood and Bark:  
Dennis F. Navin, 781 Commonwealth avenue, Brookline.

Solomon Gross, 9 Gross court, Lynn.

5. Weighers of Goods:  
C. Thurston Peterson, 45 School street, Gloucester, for the International Glue Company.

Edwin C. O'Neil, 10 High street, Boston, for the Wonalancet Company.

Ramond Bacon, 9 Forest street, Roxbury, for Sands & Leckie.

George W. Blinn, 17 Pleasant street, Salem, for the Putnam Stores.

Arthur E. Planten, 24 Cottage street, Melrose, for the Putnam Stores.  
William B. Harper, 27 Kenwood road, Everett, for the Putnam Stores.

Severally laid over under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Mrs. H. A. Beeler, for compensation for damage to clothing by water from a hose at fire station on Main street, Charlestown.

Maurice O'Brien, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by a ladder truck of the Fire Department.

Mrs. Margaret Todd, for compensation for damage to her own and her son's clothing by street oil.

Julia Nolan, for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

Dorothy Croasdale, for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

Ellen F. Buckley, for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

William McCarthy, for compensation for injuries caused by broken glass on beach at City Point.

Catherine Fitzpatrick, for compensation for injuries received because of a window pane falling upon her at the North End Park bath house.

Edna May Pauley, for compensation for injuries received in the playground of the Dudley School.

Emma Ruth L. F. Gragg, to be paid her share of annuity from the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Walter Pickford, for compensation for damage to automobile by a city team.

Maria Albaneci, for compensation for injuries received at the North End Park Pier by being run into by a bicycle.

William F. Sievers *et al.*, for compensation for the bursting of a boiler, caused by shutting off water in Parkton road.



Martha J. Spiers, to be paid for a boiler burst at 300 Ashmont street, caused by shutting off water.

Ruby Byers Clare, for compensation for injuries received on Boston Common by a pipe projecting above surface of pathway.

Lena Goren, for compensation for clothing taken from Commercial Beach bath house.

Rose Reni, to be paid for clothing taken from her locker at the North End Park.

Eugenia Cerisola, to be paid for clothing, etc., taken from her locker at the North End Park.

Karl Lehn, to be paid the amount of money taken from him when entering the City Hospital as a patient.

Sands, Taylor & Wood Company, for compensation for damage to auto truck on ferryboat "Governor Hancock."

Margaret B. Cuseek, for compensation for alleged improper treatment at the City Hospital.

Petitions were received for compensation for injuries received because of defects in the highway, viz.:

Mrs. Mary A. Tatten, defect at North and Blackstone streets.

Dora Weiner, defect at 108 and 110 Homestead street.

Charlotte W. Getz, defect in Columbus avenue, opposite Coventry street.

Clarence A. Leishman, defect in Roslindale square.

Ethel Kershen, defect at 44 Spring street.

Mrs. Isabella McGeorge, defect at 11 Templeton street.

Joseph Wiseman, defect in Hammond avenue.

William Kelley, defect at Hyde Park avenue and Tower street.

Harry J. Paine, defect at 2 Union street.

Edward S. Graham, defect at 48 Erie street.

Mrs. Sarah Cortissoz, defect at Cabot and Ruggles streets.

Charles Shields, defect at Kilby and Milk streets.

Annie Levine, for a hearing on her claim on account of a defect in the highway.

Bessie Janiger, for a hearing on her claim on account of a defect in the highway.

Sarah Levitch, for a hearing on her claim on account of a defect in the highway.

Morris Segal, for a hearing on his claim on account of a defect in the highway.

Percy R. Rideout, for compensation for damage to clothing by a defect in highway at 1434 Dorchester avenue.

Andrew C. Fabian, for compensation for damage to his motor cycle in Beacon street, by a defect in the highway.

Elmer E. Chapman, for compensation for damage to automobile by a defect in Beacon street, opposite No. 175.

T. W. Hodges, for compensation for damage to automobile by a defect in Commonwealth avenue, near the Armory.

Petitions were received for compensation for damages caused by flooding by sewage, as follows:

William C. Healey *et al.*, at 510 and 512 Sumner street and 243 and 245 Everett street, East Boston.

Bridget A. Wellings, at 502 Sumner street.

Alfred A. Woodside, at 504 Sumner street.

Mrs. Emma Payne, at 504 Sumner street.

George N. Bosworth, at 1628 Tremont street.

John J. McNamara, at 1630 Tremont street.

White Lunch Company, at 7 La Grange street.

John A. Costello Company, at 108 Water street.

Louis Brenner, at 74 South street.

Samuel J. Barron, at 196 Huntington avenue.

Edward C. Connell, at 136 and 138 Heath street.

A. J. Case, at 696 Columbia road.

Mrs. Sarah McCarthy, at 120 Adams street, Dorchester.

Julia A. Finnegan, 76 Adams street.

Mrs. Emma Hammell, at 9 Cawfield street.

Mrs. Thomas J. Barry, at 70 Mayfield street.

George E. Doane *et al.*, at 195 Westville street.

Elizabeth Romanow, 44 Erie street.

Brown-Wales Company, Westwood street.

Daniel and Catherine Shea, 213 West Fifth street.

Michael J. and Catherine E. Fay, 168 West Fifth street.

Edward T. Harrington, 871 Broadway.

James McDermott, at 140 D street.

Timothy F. Cadogan, at 114 Winthrop street, Roxbury.

Louis H. Jacobs, at 57 Boylston street, Jamaica Plain.

Annie Timmins, at 240 Lincoln street, Allston.

Mrs. Annie J. Nagle, at 1772 Columbia road.  
John Anderson, at 21 Thornley street.  
Petitions were received for compensation for damages caused by leak in, or bursting of, water mains, as follows:

Frances R. Lefavour, at 16 Groton street.

Mrs. Rose Stevens, at 17 Dover street.

Estate of Henry W. Bigelow, at 17 Dover street.

Patriek Sullivan, at 236 Shawmut avenue.

Mary A. Parent, at 39 Dover street.

Arthur Krivitsky, at 889 Washington street.

Lieb & Simon, at 5 Briggs place.

Theodore Jacobson, at 224 Shawmut avenue.

Arthur W. Cole, Trustee, at 236 Shawmut avenue.

Nettie Pope Cunningham, at 222 Shawmut avenue.

Nettie Pope Cunningham, at 236 Shawmut avenue.

Hyman Rothman, at 238 Shawmut avenue.

Mrs. Vincent Floyd, at 11 Dwight street.

L. F. Abbott, at 2973 Washington street.

Park Square Theater, Providence street.

A. Sandler, 47 Cross street.

David Silverman and Jacob Saunders, at 238 Shawmut avenue.

Harriet K. Lamb, for compensation for damages at 5 Harvard terrace, Allston, by turning off water (boiler burst).

Charles B. Chevor, to have refunded amount paid for garbage tickets which he will be unable to use.

#### Executive.

Petitions were received for licenses to sell, rent or lease firearms, as follows:

Giovanni Mongardi, 19 Prince street, Ward 5.

David Pearlstein *et al.*, 20 Beach street, Ward 5.

Louis Segal, 184 Hanover street, Ward 5.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, as follows:

Aberdeen Street Garage, keeping and sale of gasoline, at 20-28 Aberdeen street.

Carpenter-Morton Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, Alden street, side of 77 Sudbury street.

Beacon Motor Car Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 660 Beacon street.

F. Amelia Erratt, keeping of gasoline, 26 Beale street.

Clifton Manufacturing Company, keeping of gasoline, 65 Brookside avenue.

Roessle Brewery, keeping of gasoline, 1250 Columbus avenue.

Locomotive Company of America, keeping and sale of gasoline, 700 Commonwealth avenue (two notices).

Kelly-Springfield Motor Truck Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, corner Commonwealth avenue and Blandford street.

New England Motors, Inc., keeping and sale of gasoline, corner Commonwealth avenue and Harvard avenue.

Lazarus Golden, keeping of gasoline, 20 Crawford street.

Simon Goodman, keeping of naphtha, 68 Ceylon street.

Harriet A. Baldwin, keeping and sale of gasoline, Glenville terrace.

I. C. Wright, keeping of gasoline, 24 Grampian way.

Fred F. Hodgkins, keeping and sale of gasoline, 153 Liverpool street.

Buick Boston Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 379 and 381 Newbury street (five notices).

William H. Sloeum, keeping of gasoline, Pond street, corner Avon street.

Laura Sloeum, keeping of gasoline, Pond street, opposite Avon street.

W. B. Parnell, keeping and sale of gasoline, 57-61 Stanhope street.

A. T. Stearns Lumber Company, keeping of gasoline, Taylor street, Dorchester.

Hotel and Railroad News Company, keeping of gasoline, 787 Tremont street.

John H. Burns, keeping and sale of gasoline, 4 New England avenue.

Frank W. Quinn, keeping of gasoline, 87 Arlington street, Brighton.

Boston Oil and Gasolene Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 10 Green street, Jamaica Plain.

Boston Oil and Gasolene Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 148 Berkeley street.

Rosindale Hardware Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 29 Poplar street, Rosindale.

J. K. Downing Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 128-134 Kenrick street.

Boston Cemetery Department, keeping of gasolene at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Placed on file.

PAVING OF COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Finance Commission, September 10, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission reports as follows on the order of his Honor the Mayor requesting an additional appropriation of \$20,000 for paving Commonwealth avenue.

Two sets of bids have been received for this work. When the first set of bids was opened on August 3, 1917, Michael Meehan was the lowest bidder, the price being \$84,426.50 for bitulithic and \$84,683 for sheet asphalt. All bids were rejected, the reason given being that Meehan had made a mistake in one item of his bid. The commission is informed that nothing appeared in the form submitted to indicate any mistake.

In the second set of bids, opened on August 17, 1917, James A. Sullivan was the lowest bidder, at \$98,703.60 for bitulithic pavement and \$96,993.60 for sheet asphalt. John H. Dillon, chairman of the Park and Recreation Department, in a communication to his Honor the Mayor dated August 27, 1917, stated that the lowest bid received on August 17, 1917, was \$98,703.60. This statement is misleading. That amount was the lowest bid for bitulithic, but the lowest bid was, as stated above, \$96,993.60 for sheet asphalt. It is the announced intention of the Park Commission to award the contract to Mr. Sullivan for bitulithic pavement.

The available appropriation for the work is \$80,000, and the order of his Honor the Mayor submitted to the City Council requests an additional appropriation of \$20,000 before the work can be awarded.

If the additional appropriation is granted Commonwealth avenue will be paved, when completed, with bitulithic sheet pavement, although a saving of \$1,710 will be made if the lower bid for sheet asphalt is accepted.

It is reported to the Finance Commission that, in connection with this contract, the Park and Recreation Department has arranged to employ two inspectors from a firm of chemists at an expense of \$12 a day. One inspector will be stationed at the asphalt mixing plant and the other will inspect the work on the ground. If this is done it will increase the cost of paving Commonwealth avenue.

The city now has a well-equipped laboratory for analysis and inspection of bituminous pavements in charge of a competent chemist. It also has a competent plant inspector.

The Finance Commission believes that, as the Park and Recreation Department asked for bids on three different kinds of asphalt pavements, it should award the contract to the lowest bidder, namely, the bidder for sheet asphalt.

The commission further believes that there is no reason why the present competent chemist and plant inspector in the employ of the city cannot do the inspection work, and that it is a needless expense to hire the employees of an outside firm of chemists, as is contemplated.

The Finance Commission recommends that not more than \$18,000 be appropriated for the paving of Commonwealth avenue, instead of the \$20,000 requested by the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of James R. Nolan.

Approved by the City Council.

RAILROAD POLICE.

Notice was received from the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company that Everett F. McLaughlin and James P. Cannon were no longer employed as railroad police officers.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the appointment by the Mayor of Thomas J. Dawson as Superintendent of Supplies, a certified copy of the same having been sent to the Civil Service Commission.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of appointment of Carl Gerstein as a member of the Board of Appeal of the City of Boston.

Placed on file.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Public Service Commission of the following hearings, viz.:

August 29, 10.30 a. m., on petition of West End Street Railway Company for location on Columbia road.

September 6, 10.30 a. m., on petition of Bay State Street Railway Company for change of fare rates.

Placed on file.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE submitted a report on petitions for minors' licenses for twenty-six newsboys, two bootblacks and twelve vendors—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor August 16, 1917, viz.:

1. Simon J. O'Connell, to be a Weigher of Coal.
2. Edward F. Havlin and John M. Wilder, to be Weighers of Goods for Cordingley & Co.
3. Patrick Curran, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Maverick Mills; Michael J. Frawley, to be a Weigher of Goods for Dewey, Gould & Co.; James Burke and Daniel Burke, to be Weighers of Goods for J. Koshland & Co.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Collins and Ford. Whole number of ballots 6, yeas 6, and the several appointments were confirmed.

TRANSFER TO COURT BUILDING,  
DORCHESTER.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, viz.:

4. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$2,313.49 from the appropriation for Municipal Building, City Square, to the appropriation for remodeling Municipal Court Building, Dorchester Street.

On August 16 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred July 23) for loan of \$25,000 for fire house, Winthrop street, Charlestown—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

2. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred August 27) for loan of \$20,000 for laying out, etc., of Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will be given its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 23) for loan of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for park at Roslindale—recommending reference of same to the Executive Committee.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred August 16) for loan of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for reconstruction of Broadway Bridge—recommending reference of same to the Executive Committee.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

#### REGULATION OF SOUTH STREET, ROSLINDALE.

Coun. BALLANTYNE presented a petition signed by Henry T. Bertsch and a number of others, asking that South street, Roslindale, be placed in proper condition.

In connection with the petition, Coun. BALLANTYNE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to regulate and place in proper condition that portion of South street, Roslindale, as set forth in the accompanying petition from the residents of said section.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Beacon street, between Raleigh street and the Boston & Albany Railroad, Ward 8, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along South street, between the Arborway and Washington street, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Roxbury street, between No. 270 and the corner of Gardner street, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon, said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Brighton avenue, between Commonwealth avenue and Cambridge street, Ward 25, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

#### EXCLUSION OF CARS, WASHINGTON STREET.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to continue until January 15, 1918, the exclusion of cars from Washington street, between Essex and

Franklin streets, on week days, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to continue the exclusion of cars from Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets, on week days, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.20 p. m., on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the chamber and were called to order by the President at 4 p. m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to sell, rent or lease firearms at various locations—that licenses be granted, viz.:

Giovanni Mongardi, 19 Prince street, Ward 5.

David Pearlstein *et al.*, 20 Beach street, Ward 5.

Louis Segal, 184 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on order (referred today) that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to continue until January 15, 1918, the exclusion of cars from Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order, Coun. FORD asking for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed, yeas 7, nays 1, Coun. FORD voting nay.

(3) Report on petition and order (referred today) that South street, Roslindale, be regulated and placed in proper condition—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on message of Mayor and various orders (referred today) for various department transfers—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed.

(5) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for loan of fifty thousand dollars for reconstruction of Broadway Bridge—that the order ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order, Coun. FORD asking for the yeas and nays.

The order was rejected, yeas 3, nays 5, the vote being:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, McDonald, Watson—3.

Nays—Coun. Ballantyne, Collins, Ford, Hagan, Wellington—5.

(6) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for loan of fifty thousand dollars for park in Roslindale—that the order ought not to pass without prejudice.

The report was accepted and the order was rejected without prejudice.

Coun. COLLINS—Mr. President, by vote of the Executive Committee, I was instructed to put in the following order so the matter may be considered at some other time by the Committee on Finance. That is the only purpose in offering the order at this time. At a later time the subject will receive the careful consideration of the Committee on Finance.

In short, the Executive Committee has not had sufficient time to investigate and report on the merits of this improvement. Hence, this order.

The order is as follows:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Commissioners for land and buildings and construction of park at Washington, Poplar, Ashland and South streets, Roslindale, as set forth in the accompanying plans of the City Planning Board; 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 of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.



**INFORMATION ASKED CONCERNING BATH HOUSE, WEST END.**

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council if the site recommended by the Park and Recreation Department to the Mayor in a communication to the Mayor dated November 18, 1913, and recorded on page 333 of the minutes of the City Council of the year 1913 and May 7, 1917, for a bath house in the West End, is still an appropriate and available location for the said bath house, and if, in its opinion, it is suitable and if it "is a good place to build it," that the City Council be informed by said Board as to the amount of money necessary to be voted for its acquisition and purchase.

The question came on the passage of the order. Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I simply want to say this order is similar to the one which was passed by the Board on June 11, about three months ago. Two weeks after that we received a communication from the Park and Recreation Department that we would get a reply within a short time, and the reply has not come to the Council today, and it was three months ago since that order was passed. I think the Council ought to have some sort of report.

The order was passed.

**REPAIR OF BROADWAY BRIDGE.**

Coun. FORD offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to send to the City Council a request for a transfer from funds already appropriated in his department, from taxes and revenue, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the repair of the Broadway Bridge, so called.

The question came on the passage of the order. Coun. FORD—Mr. President, on the other order that the Mayor sent in for the \$50,000 for repair of the Broadway Bridge, I voted no, because of the reason that I was convinced, and am still convinced, that the money for the bridge should come out of taxes and not be appropriated by way of a loan. Without discussing the theory of it in full, I want to say merely that it is a recurrent outlay and should be taken out of taxes. In the Executive Committee meeting, and prior to today, I, with probably some of the other members of the Council, thought, and still think, that it is possible for the Mayor to get the \$50,000 out of taxes, and I introduce this order for the purpose of showing that personally I am very much in favor of repairing the Broadway Bridge, because I think it should be done, and I think that the Mayor can get the money; and I am asking the Commissioner of Public Works to send in an order to have a transfer made from some of the projects that they had in mind, so the work might be done.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President—

Coun. FORD—May I interrupt? I want to say further, in anticipating the councilor at my left, that I realize the possible danger there is in introducing any order that might interfere with the executive or administrative duties of any department of the City of Boston. This may encroach upon that ground, but I am getting into the mood of disagreeing with some others so far as the interpretation of the charter is concerned, and I think we have been interpreting it in a very broad manner. However, the order is drawn in such a way that it is a mere request for sending in the transfer, and I think, summing the whole thing up, it doesn't even interfere with anybody's duties, whether administrative or executive.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, the gentleman is entirely right when he says there is grave danger in passing any such order as that. I think that is the most ridiculous order I ever heard introduced here. I do not see why we should ask the Commissioner of Public Works to send, through his Honor the Mayor, \$50,000—an appropriation for \$50,000 from funds in his department. Under our system of segregated budget-making, we took care of each item, and we interrogated the head of the department, Mr. Murphy, and he absolutely told us that the money that we were providing for him was what he needed to run his department. Now, because of the fact that we had some transfers sent into us today,—the chairman of the committee said that within the

department they are making transfers because they weren't allowed money in those particular items and that they had to get it some place in order to run the department successfully. I am not going to vote for an order like that, because I do not think we have any right to vote for or introduce an order like that into the City Council. Why should we request the Commissioner of Public Works, through his Honor the Mayor, to send in \$50,000 to take care of the Broadway Bridge from within his appropriation. I think the order ought to be ruled out of order. I do not think we have got any right to introduce such an order, and I do not propose to vote for it. Of course, there is grave danger in it, as the gentleman knew there was when he introduced the order. I do not think he is, but I know if he was somebody else and didn't have as much courage as he has, I would say he was trying to duck the issue and trying to get under cover in voting against the original appropriation for the Broadway Bridge. He knows—everybody here knows—they need that money they got to repair that bridge; they got to have the money. He knows as well as I do that there isn't money enough there,—there isn't money enough there within the department to fix the bridge, and the bridge has got to be fixed. Of course, if we can fool the public—the people in South Boston and the public generally—by introducing and passing such an order we can say we have tried to get the money and can't get it, but I do not propose to vote for an order like that, and I trust that the order will be defeated and that we will stand on our original vote to reject the Mayor's order asking for the money.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I do not see any great harm in the order, but I do see the motive back of it, I think. I do not blame the member from South Boston a bit for introducing this order. He is in the position of voting against his own district when he refuses to vote for the \$50,000 loan. In order to save his skin he has got to do something, of course, in order to make them believe he is not neglecting South Boston. Therefore, he puts in an order calling for the transfer of \$50,000 from probably 500 items, a dollar here and ten dollars there; but he loses sight of the fact that the City Auditor told us today that he would need \$76,000 from somewhere over and above the sum in reserve (which is about \$34,000) to take care of the dependents of those who have enlisted to fight for democracy, so called, in France. Now, that \$76,000 must be picked up somewhere. The Public Works Department will be one of the departments where they will go in and dig for some part of that \$76,000, and on top of that the gentleman wants to take \$50,000 more from that department. He knows very well that it isn't there, or if he doesn't, he ought to know. I think he ought to be congratulated on his ability to skate on thin ice. He is doing it in great shape. Votes against \$50,000 for an improvement in his district, and puts in an order for \$50,000 for that improvement. In the first, because it can be had, and in the second, because there are grave doubts about it being secured in that way. Now, I say I do not blame him. He is playing the game like a professional; playing it almost like a red-blooded politician rather than a reformer. I hate like the deuce to vote against the order, but it is worthless—don't amount to anything. He knows it, but as a personal favor to him, I may consider voting for it.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, what the councilor on my right has said doesn't disturb me in any degree, because of the fact that he gives me credit for acumen that really I didn't think I possessed, but what the councilor on my left has said in reference to the order does disturb me, because what he said is not in good faith. Everything I said was in good faith, but his terming—saying that the order is the most ridiculous he ever heard of or that was introduced in the Council—does disturb me because of the fact that the councilor himself has voted for the same kind of order before. I wonder why did the councilor on my left vote for the order when the money was requested to send in the \$3 a day for laborers. When I voted for the order and when we were criticised by the Finance Commission, it did not disturb the councilor on my left at that time. It didn't disturb him at all at that time. Does he ever interfere with the administrative or executive duties of some department? Of course not, and it doesn't disturb him at this time. The trouble

with the two councilors who have preceded me is this: That they think my order might embarrass the Mayor of the City of Boston and they spoke thus.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I didn't expect any such reply. It is true I voted for the \$3 a day order for the city laborers, but that order was passed before we made up our annual budget, and we took care of it in the budget, as we have taken care of every other item, as far as the Public Works Department is concerned; and still I say, Mr. President, that it is a ridiculous order, because the Public Works Commissioner cannot, and he knows it, and the gentleman knows it,—he can't, and the gentleman knows it, send in \$50,000, and when he introduced the order he knew he could not provide the money. He knew he could not, but is simply trying, of course, as the last councilor said, in a little plainer language than I had, to duck the issue and trying to make it possible for the people of South Boston to get the bridge repaired, in order to tell them that he tried, when he knows he cannot get the money that way, and it cannot be done.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, one suggestion there with reference to getting money is this: We haven't heard from any of the departments where they are spending millions of dollars, with reference to slack in the department. I still think that in such a large department as the Public Works Department, and other departments, there must be thousands of dollars in slack. We haven't heard from it as yet. I am wondering what is going to be done with the slack. I think if the Mayor and the heads of departments would get together, then the slack of the departments might help out some. And then in addition to the slack of the departments, there are some things that do not have to be done so pressing as this that the money can be got from. It is a very simple thing to get the money, as I see it.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, regarding the slack, Coun. Ford attended all the meetings of the Committee on Appropriations when Chief Clerk Kelley of the Public Works Department (as also did the other clerks) told us they had taken care of the slack as far as his department was concerned, and he reduced the appropri-

tion to meet any slack that might take place within the Public Works Department appropriation. He told us that he had taken care of it. So far as slack is concerned, there isn't any slack. There won't be any slack. We were told by City Auditor Mitchell today that last year in the entire Public Works Department that they only had \$10,000 left, and this year, when the \$3 a day for laborers and other increases are paid that were granted, the amounts allowed by the Committee on Appropriations is going to take up some of them, the money they had last year. My prediction is there won't be any money left, and that the Public Works Department will need money in order to successfully carry out the work of the department for the remainder of the year.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I am very glad that the gentleman from South Boston admits that the bridge condition is a pressing matter. As pressing as he admitted, he ought to hurry it a little by voting for an order that is proper and correct.

The question came on the passage of the order.

The order was passed, yeas 6, nays 1, the vote being:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, Collins, Ford, Hagan, Wellington—6.

Nays—Coun. McDonald—1.

#### NEXT MEETING.

The Council voted, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, that when it adjourned it be to meet on Monday, September 24, at two o'clock p. m.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. HAGAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4.56 p. m., on motion of Coun. WELLINGTON.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Thursday, September 20, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of drawing jurors, at one o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair and a quorum present.

Coun. BALLANTYNE was unanimously elected as president, *pro tem*.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear October 3, 1917:

John J. Rogers, Ward 22; Dennis F. Murphy, Ward 17; Ernest J. H. Mellng, Ward 22; Daniel J. Sullivan, Ward 6; Henry S. Jackson, Ward 12; James J. McCarty, Ward 14; Arthur F. Choate, Ward 23; Frank Winterall, Ward 9; Frank J. Medeiros, Ward 11; John H. McCormick, Ward 11; Louis G. Myers, Ward 24; Robert Hamilton, Ward 18; Matthew Byrnes, Ward 20; Alfred E. Joy, Ward 25; Ralph S. Thompson, Ward 22; Hugh H. Fagan, Ward 9; William E. Holden, Ward 13; Harry Powers, Ward 25; Ernest L. Drew, Ward 20; Joseph Watson, Ward 23; Bernard A.

Brogan, Ward 2; George J. Regan, Ward 11; Frank J. Goodwin, Ward 18; Frank W. McKenna, Ward 24; Frank B. Wilde, Ward 25; Charles D. Finn, Ward 19; John Kiley, Ward 16; Melville E. Murphy, Ward 21; James B. Gaylord, Ward 18; Anthony Sullivan, Ward 9; George W. A. Bradlee, Ward 1; Francis T. Russell, Ward 18; John J. Donohue, Ward 3; Maurice J. Kiley, Ward 26; Thomas I. Robie, Ward 26; Richard A. Murray, Ward 9.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear October 4, 1917:

James L. Hughes, Ward 10; John J. Downey, Ward 15; Paul R. Radford, Ward 24; Samuel Margois, Ward 6; Patrick J. Maguire, Ward 26; John T. Taylor, Ward 8; Joseph F. Lawless, Ward 5; Harry Waterfall, Ward 26; Samuel Hermanson, Ward 19; Charles W. Schayer, Ward 14; William J. Higgins, Ward 14; John J. Coughlin, Ward 15; William T. Martin, Ward 16; Thomas Sullivan, Ward 4; Donald C. R. Gray, Ward 20; Frederick P. Falk, Ward 24; Bernard J. Arntz, Ward 10; Alfred Y. Mitchell, Ward 5; John F. Thornton, Ward 18; John Hofman, Ward 15; John McDevitt, Ward 12; Albert Haines, Ward 7; David E. Welch, Ward 9; Barnett Kaufman, Ward 13; Arthur D. Jones, Ward 23; Benjamin J. Kaplan, Ward 16; Patrick Rogers, Ward 20; Charles S. Stone, Ward 6; George W. Blaney, Ward 3; Frederick J. Halt, Ward 10; Benjamin R. Ross, Ward 26; Peter Burns, Ward 15; James H. Welsh, Ward 5; James H. Barron, Ward 1; David J. Hurley, Ward 11; Frank I. Barry, Ward 5.

Adjourned at 1:24 p. m.





CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, September 24, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair and all the members present.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council the Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 3, 1918, viz.:

1. Mathew A. Dalton, 129 West Concord street, Boston, a Measurer of Wood and Bark.
2. Weighers of Coal:  
Henry Baron, 15 Neptune road, East Boston.  
Rae Woolf, 23 Saratoga street, East Boston.  
Severally laid over under the law.

SIDEWALKS, WALWORTH STREET BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 15, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Walworth street, West Roxbury, is carried over the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad by a wooden bridge approximately 21 feet wide between curbs without any sidewalks. There are a large number of children using this bridge on their way to school in Roslindale, and with the teaming and automobile traffic which goes over the bridge conditions are at the present time dangerous to foot travel. There has been an insistent demand from improvement societies in Roslindale for sidewalks on this bridge, and in my opinion it is an extremely desirable improvement, the entire cost of which is estimated by the Bridge Division of the Public Works Department at not more than \$1,200.

I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, Walworth street, a public way in the West Roxbury district of the City of Boston, crosses the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad by an overhead bridge; and

Whereas, We are of the opinion that the security and convenience of the public require that an alteration which does not involve an abolition of the crossing at grade should be made in said overhead bridge and its approaches;

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, in the name of the City Council of Boston, apply to the Public Service Commission for its decision upon the necessity of such alteration, and for prescribing the manner and limits within which it shall be made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

COST OF REPAIRING STEAMER "GEORGE A. HIBBARD."

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 24, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the trustees of the Infirmary Department requesting an appropriation to meet the estimated cost of repairs on the steamer "George A. Hibbard," and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Infirmary Department,  
September 18, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston;

Dear Sir,—The trustees wish me to call to your attention the fact that additional funds will be necessary for repairs to the steamer "George A.

Hibbard," over and above the allowance under B-39 on that appropriation.

When the budget was made up the sum of \$2,500 was requested for this purpose. The amount granted for minor repairs was \$300, the understanding being that the more extensive repairs contemplated would be taken care of by a special appropriation. I believe this was the recommendation made by the Finance Commission.

Repairs to boiler, engine and steering gear in January, February and March amounted to \$240.05. In January repairs to pump and in February repairs to plumbing amounted in all to \$11.56, and in February repairs to copper on hull amounted to \$10.84. Total amount spent under B-39 to date is \$262.45, leaving a balance of \$37.55. In March an accident to the boat made necessary further repairs amounting to \$308.84. This bill has not been paid owing to lack of funds.

Before deciding upon the larger repairs the Finance Commission desired to have their engineer make an examination of the boat in dry dock. This has been done and it is estimated that \$4,000 will be necessary to cover repairs which should be undertaken at once and meet the bill of \$308.84 above mentioned.

I would respectfully request that an additional appropriation in the sum of \$4,000 be granted for B-39 under the maintenance appropriation of the steamer "George A. Hibbard" for the present year.

Very truly yours,  
THOMAS A. MCQUADE,  
Chairman.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$4,000 from the appropriation for Health Department, B-17, Care of Persons, to the appropriation for Steamer "George A. Hibbard," B-39, General Plant.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FROM PARKMAN FUND FOR PARKS, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 24, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Park and Recreation Commission and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
September 24, 1917.

To the Committee of the City Council on the Income of the Parkman Fund:

Dear Sirs,—The Park and Recreation Commission respectfully asks that the funds available from the income of the Parkman Fund be appropriated for the following work:

Replanting on Parkways:	
Continuation of oak tree planting on the Riverway and the replanting of shrubbery borders from Simmons College on the Riverway to Franklin Park.....	\$25,000 00
Building Improvements and Water Supply at Franklin Park:	
Changing the stable recently burned at Franklin Park into a garage, the building of a paint shop, the fireproofing of the carpenter and machine shops and the reconstruction of an antiquated water supply for the protection of the buildings from fire.....	30,000 00
Walks on Boston Common:	
Concrete walks on the Boylston street and Charles street malls....	15,000 00
Permanent Park Roadway Improvement from Boylston street to Commonwealth avenue:	
15,000 cubic yards pavement from Commonwealth avenue to Boylston street through the Fens, at \$2 per cubic yard.....	30,000 00
	<u>\$100,000 00</u>

Yours very truly,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$100,000 be and hereby is appropriated from the income of the Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Commission, for the maintenance and improvement of the Common and parks in existence on January 12, 1887, to be expended as follows:

Replanting on Parkways:

Continuation of oak tree planting on the Riverway and the replanting of shrubbery borders from Simmons College on the Riverway to Franklin Park.....	\$25,000 00
Building Improvements and Water Supply at Franklin Park:	
Changing the stable recently burned at Franklin Park into a garage, the building of a paint shop, the fireproofing of the carpenter and machine shops and the reconstruction of an antiquated water supply for the protection of the buildings from fire.....	30,000 00
Walks on Boston Common:	
Concrete walks on Boylston street and Charles street malls.....	15,000 00
Permanent Park Roadway Improvements from Boylston street to Commonwealth avenue:	
15,000 cubic yards pavement from Commonwealth avenue to Boylston street through the Fens, at \$2 per cubic yard.....	30,000 00
	<b>\$100,000 00</b>

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST CITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 24, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting additional funds for the payment of claims against the City of Boston, resulting from damages due to breaks in water mains, etc., and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the expenses of the Highway Division, Water Service, for the financial year beginning February 1, 1917, the additional sum of \$2,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated for P-2, Damages, to be met by revenue from the Water Service.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR PURCHASE OF TOOLS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 24, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting an appropriation of \$11,000 for the purchase of tools and instruments, and respectfully recommend the passage of the appended order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department,  
September 22, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor:

I respectfully request that an appropriation be made from Water Income to the appropriation for:

Water Service.....	
C-13, Tools and Instruments.....	\$11,000
Respectfully, E. F. MURPHY, Commissioner of Public Works.	

Ordered, That to meet the expenses of the Highway Division, Water Service, for the financial

year beginning February 1, 1917, the sum of \$11,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated for C-13, Tools and Instruments, to be met by revenue from the Water Service.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR SITE, POLICE STATION 2.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 24, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication submitted by the municipal real estate expert, with appended communication from the Police Commissioner and others, from owners of certain properties that are acceptable to the Police Commissioner as a site for Police Station No. 2, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

30 State Street,  
Boston, September 22, 1917.  
Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:  
Dear Sir,—I return herewith the communication from the Bankers Realty Company, relative to the estate numbered 41 and 45 Arch street, and the estate in Hawley place adjoining, offered as a site for Police Station 2, at a price of \$145,000.

These properties consist of 4,762 square feet of land with the brick building thereon, occupied by various tenants, and substantially bounded as follows:

A frontage of 45 feet on Arch street, 100 feet on Hawley place, 51 feet on a line nearly parallel to Arch street and about 100 feet on a slightly irregular line parallel to Hawley place, the actual dimensions being shown on a plan which I submit herewith.

This estate, in close proximity to Washington, Milk and Franklin streets, and in the midst of substantial banking, business and store properties, is admirably located for the needs of Police Station 2, and with its fine frontage on Arch street and Hawley place affords an excellent opportunity for light and air.

It is owned by the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, Trustee, *et al.*, and is assessed for \$117,000.

The city is fortunate in being able by the consolidation of an attractive corner property and a parcel directly in the rear thereof, to acquire by such consolidation a large corner parcel affording all of the essentials, such as light, air and accessibility for the development of a new building.

I consider the price of \$145,000, which is less than \$31 a square foot for the 4,762 square feet of land, a fair one, and recommend that you present the proposition to the City Council for their early consideration, as the owners of the estate are not anxious to sell, and are likely to make other disposition of the property at any moment.

I also inclose herewith a communication from Stephen O'Meara, Police Commissioner, approving the site, and communications from the Bankers Realty Company.

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN BECK,  
Real Estate Broker and Appraiser.

City of Boston,  
Police Department, September 20, 1917.  
Mr. John Beck,

30 State Street, Boston:  
Dear Sir,—Referring to our conversation of yesterday, I beg to say that I have inspected the premises 41 and 45 Arch street and the connecting property in Hawley place which you suggested as a site for a new station house for Police Division 2. According to the atlas, the Arch street property contains 2,027 square feet and the Hawley street property, 1,670 square feet. I regard the two parcels as satisfactory in situation and area and should approve them as a suitable site for the purpose.

Respectfully,  
STEPHEN O'MEARA,  
Police Commissioner,



Boston, September 14, 1917.

John Beck, Esq.,  
30 State Street, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Sir,—We desire to offer you to purchase for a site for the proposed new Station 2 of the Police Department, at a price of \$145,000, the following parcels, containing 3,700 square feet, which we believe to be exceptionally well located for the new station:

a. The estate at the corner of Arch street and Hawley place, now numbered 45 Arch street, with a frontage of 40 feet on Arch street and 40 feet on Hawley place, containing 2,027 square feet.

b. The estate on Hawley place, adjoining No. 45 Arch street, with a frontage of 80 feet on Hawley place, containing 1,670 square feet.

We believe that upon careful analysis these parcels will be found to afford very distinct advantages as a location for a police station in the following respects:

1. That, being a corner site, they embody all of the features which are fundamental in building development for all purposes, namely a high percentage of light and air, convenient access and general utility and efficiency.

2. The close proximity to the financial and high-grade retail district of the city, and the convenient access either through Arch street or through Hawley street by way of Hawley place or any combination arrangement of access on Hawley place either by way of Hawley street or by way of Arch street.

3. The location of the site, just off prominent retail thoroughfares, thus absolutely eliminating all objections which would be certain to arise in respect to a site on any street rapidly developing into financial and high grade retail uses.

While technically we are obliged to offer these parcels subject to two leases of small portions of the properties, expiring June 1, 1918, and to the ability of the owners to adjust certain heating arrangements for the coming season, we believe there will be no difficulty in arranging for the full possession of the parcels to permit construction whenever you desire to go forward.

We believe that upon consideration you will find this site exceptionally well adapted for the purpose in question, and measured by the usual fundamental standards in building development, namely facilities for light, air, convenient access and a high percentage of general efficiency, this site is distinctly superior to any other in this district available now or in the near future.

Owing to certain plans which are now under consideration for immediate disposition of the parcels, which would render purchase impossible, we should be glad to receive some expression of your views or feelings in the matter at the earliest possible moment. Should you desire any further information, we will endeavor to furnish you.

Very truly yours,  
BANKERS REALTY COMPANY.

Boston, September 19, 1917.

John Beck, Esq.,  
30 State Street, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Mr. Beck,—After our conversation this morning and your suggestion that I see the owners of the Arch street and Hawley place property and endeavor to secure a reduction in price, I had a conference with the owners and submitted to them the arguments which you made against the price of \$145,000. The owners stated that the present leases on the property have only a few months to run, and at the expiration of these leases they feel absolutely confident of being able to secure substantially larger rentals than those now received, and on this ground as well as on the ground that the property is a corner parcel with exceptionally favorable conditions for development, they absolutely decline to accept or consider a lower price.

As I stated to you this morning I believe that for development purposes for a good commercial type of building, this corner in the midst of the financial and retail section is particularly attractive, and I question very much the possibility of getting any reduction in price.

As I said to you personally, I should be entirely willing to take the property at this price for development purposes and that there would be no difficulty in showing handsome returns on the investment. As a matter of fact the owners have already contemplated a development of the property and are likely to go forward with these plans in case a sale is not effected without delay.

I trust that you will see your way clear to recommend the property at the price offered.

Very truly yours,  
BANKERS REALTY COMPANY.

Boston, September 20, 1917.

John Beck, Esq.,  
30 State Street, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Mr. Beck,—Following your suggestion this morning to the effect that you desired to obtain, if possible, a survey or plan of the property on Arch street and Hawley place, offered as a site for Police Station 2, I obtained from the owner's conveyancer today a plan showing the boundaries and dimensions. This plan shows that you are correct in your statement that the Commercial Atlas is incorrect, both as to areas and dimensions. I inclose the plan herewith. You will observe that the parcel on Hawley place according to this plan contains about 2,735 square feet, making a total area in the property offered of 4,762 square feet.

The plan which I am sending you herewith was obtained from the records of the owner's conveyancer, Charles S. Rackemann.

I find that in our previous letter offering the property, through a clerical error we inserted the area shown on the atlas instead of area shown on the plan.

Very truly yours,  
BANKERS REALTY COMPANY.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$145,000 from the appropriation for Police Headquarters, Pemberton Square, to an appropriation for Police Station 2, Site.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF CERTAIN  
PROPERTY, ROSLINDALE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 24, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to transmit herewith communication from the Assessing Department, same constituting reply to interrogatories submitted by your honorable body under date of August 6.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Assessing Department, September 21, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—Complying with the order of the City Council, under date of August 6, 1917, the Board of Assessors give below the assessed valuation by years, for the past ten years, of the lots of land bounded by Washington, Poplar, Ashland and South streets, Roslindale.

Block 169-A. South side, South street, junction, and west side, Washington street, northwest corner, and north side, Ashland street (Branch Public Library).

Block 169-B. Numbered 2 to 24 Poplar street, southwest corner Ashland street, and west corner Washington street.

	Total Value.	Area, Square Feet.	Value Land.	Value Building.	Price per Foot.
Block 169-A..	\$9,600	10,792	\$7,600	\$2,000	\$0 70
Block 169-B..	21,500	14,382	11,500	10,000	80

Both parcels have been assessed from 1908 to 1917, inclusive, at above figures to Frances A. Wise, wife of Charles H. Wise.

Respectfully,  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
by EDWARD B. DAILY,  
Chairman.

Placed on file.

MONEY FOR COMPLETION OF BUILDINGS,  
CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 24, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the trustees of the Boston City Hospital, requesting additional funds for the completion of ward buildings E and A, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The Boston City Hospital,  
September 17, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—On May 16, 1917, on behalf of the trustees, I requested \$74,624 for the reconstruction of Wards A and E. A copy of that request I inclose herewith. There was appropriated as a result of this, on June 26, \$75,000.

On August 11 the trustees advertised in the *City Record* for bids for the work to be done on Wards A and E, and two bids were received as follows:

John Bowen Company.....	*\$89,990 00
	†89,900 00
Crowley & Hickey.....	80,444 00

\* In figures. † In words.

At a meeting of the trustees held on August 28, inasmuch as both bids exceeded the amount appropriated, it was voted that these bids be rejected, and the superintendent was instructed to confer with the architect, and if possible make such changes in the plans as would reduce the cost. Both the superintendent and the architect, Mr. Joseph McGinniss, after carefully examining the plans, decided that there was nothing that could be eliminated, as no luxuries were incorporated in the first place. As a result the trustees re-advertised on September 1, and three bids were received as follows:

Joseph Imhof.....	\$97,342 00
Crowley & Hickey.....	78,845 00
John Bowen Company.....	75,500 00

It is very necessary that this work should be done immediately, as the hospital is short one ward as a result of the fire, and with the winter season coming on many worthy patients will have to be denied admission because of lack of room if this work is not started in the immediate future. I therefore respectfully request, on behalf of the trustees, from your Honor and the City Council an additional appropriation of \$8,805 to provide for the difference between the \$75,000 already appropriated and \$83,805, the total amount necessary to complete this work. This is to provide for the architect's commission at 6 per cent, which is \$4,530, 5 per cent for such contingencies as may arise (\$3,775), plus \$500, the amount by which the lowest bid exceeds the amount already appropriated.

I would respectfully request that speedy action be taken on the above request.

I have the honor to remain, on behalf of the trustees,

Very respectfully yours,  
A. SHUMAN,  
President Board of Trustees.

Ordered, That the additional sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the City Hospital Trustees for the reconstruction of ward buildings E and A, and that to meet said expenditure 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 Finance.

VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 24, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed

requests for transfers within department appropriations and respectfully recommend the approval of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Health Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Deputy Commissioners, 4 at \$3,000 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Epidemiologist, 1 at \$3,000 per year, \$750.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Chauffeurs, 3 at \$21 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Technical Assistant, 1 at \$1,200 per year, \$460.20.

From the appropriation for B-17, Care of Persons, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicles, Repairs and Care, \$200.

From the appropriation for B-17, Care of Persons, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$700.

From the appropriation for B-17, Care of Persons, to the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, \$150.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Boston Infirmary Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Pupil Nurses, 60 at \$120-\$144 per year, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$500.

From the appropriation for C-10, Library, to the appropriation for D-6, Library, \$10.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Suffolk County Jail:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers and Watchmen, 16 at \$1,000-\$1,100 per year, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$70.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Second Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,350 per year, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$80.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Second Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,350 per year, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$150.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Second Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,350 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forge and Animal, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers and Watchmen, 4 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forge and Animal, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers and Watchmen, 4 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers and Watchmen, 4 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, First Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, First Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,350-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$250.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,350-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for F-9, Care of Dependents, \$50.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Institutions Registration Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Visitor, 1 at \$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicles, Repairs and Care, \$125.

Referred to the Executive Committee.



**SALARIES MUNICIPAL COURT JUSTICES.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, September 24, 1917.  
To the City Council:

In order to comply with the provisions of chapter 262, General Acts 1917, "An Act to establish the salaries of the justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston," it will be necessary to provide an additional amount of \$2,250.

I am informed by the court that this amount may be transferred from the item, in the appropriation, which reads, Assistant Probation Officers, 16 at \$2,000 per year, \$30,526.60, as there is a balance remaining due to the nonappointment of two additional officers.

In accordance herewith, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$250 from the appropriation for Municipal Court, City of Boston, Criminal Business, A-1, Assistant Probation Officers, 16 at \$2,000 per year, to the appropriation for Municipal Court, City of Boston, A-1, Chief Justice, 1 at \$5,500-\$6,500 per year, and the sum of \$2,000 from the appropriation for Municipal Court, City of Boston, Criminal Business, A-1, Assistant Probation Officers, 16 at \$2,000 per year, to the appropriation for Municipal Court, City of Boston, A-1, Associate Justices, 8 at \$5,000-\$6,000 per year.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company, for compensation for damages at 71 Pearl street by bursting of a water main.

Harry Rosen, for compensation for damages caused by shutting off water at 97 Ruggles street.

Michael Mullin, for compensation for damages at 16 Southwick street by surface water.

David H. Calder, for compensation for damage by surface water at 2780 Washington street.

Ralph Sacco, for compensation for damages caused by overflow of sewer at 3186 Washington street.

John Golden, for compensation for damages at 19 Cawfield street by backing up of sewage.

Harry Wollman, for compensation for damages at 3162-3176 Washington street by backing up of sewage.

Mrs. Thekla Hugel, for compensation for damages at 47 Batchelder street because of a defective sewer.

Hanner B. McLaughlin, for compensation for damages at 28 Olmstead street by overflow of surface water.

James Manary, for compensation for damages at 36 P street by sewage.

Robert McCaffrey, for compensation for damages by water from sewers at 43, 47, 51, 63, 80 Bunker Hill street.

Brown-Wales Company, for compensation for damages to property by a defective sewer in Westwood street extension.

Silia Alabiso, for compensation for injuries received on an East Boston ferryboat.

Salvatori Scira, to be paid for loss of a pony, buggy and harness caused by alleged negligence of employees of the Ferry Division.

Olson's Garage, for compensation for damage to automobile on an East Boston ferryboat.

Philip DiBlasi, for compensation for damage to team on a ferryboat.

Jerry Indingaro, for compensation for damage to automobile on ferryboat "John H. Sullivan."

Bridget C. Quirk, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Dorchester street at Third street.

Fannie Rubin, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 82 Phillips street.

Eva Rice, for a hearing on her claim on account of injuries from a fall on Sherman street, Roxbury.

Margaret G. Leonard, for injuries received from a fall caused by oil on street on Columbia road.

Mrs. A. C. Williams, for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and water.

Esther B. Fitton, for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

Anna Mackenzie, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at City Hall.

A. G. Pearce, for compensation for damage to truck by Fire Department apparatus on Roach street.

Mrs. Bridget Griffin, for compensation for damages to estate 23 Delle avenue by alleged negligence of the city.

Abraham Berg, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Summer street.

Joseph H. Breen, for compensation for damage to clothing by a street traffic sign.

F. Manning, for compensation for illness caused by his being drenched with water from a hose at fire house on Western avenue.

Mrs. Charles Whitley, for compensation for damage to her daughter's clothing by a street flushing machine.

Isaac Cohen, for compensation for damages at 3359 Washington street by a defective water main.

Mrs. C. V. Sharpe, for compensation for damages by a team of the Public Works Department in front of 95 Mill street, Dorchester.

Frema R. Clark, for compensation for damage to clothing from water from a hose in front of fire station on Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Mrs. Charles Robertson for compensation for injury to her child while on city property.

Walter S. Milliken, for compensation for damages at 1444 Columbus avenue caused by overflow of catch-basins.

Patrick Kelly, for compensation for injuries received while employed in the Public Works Department, Water Division.

Camello and Mary Romano, for compensation for damages at 69 Webster street, East Boston, by reason of flooding of gutters.

Edward H. Whitney, for compensation for injuries received from a fall in front of 12 10 Dorchester avenue, October 10, 1910.

Margaret A. O'Brien, for compensation for damage to property at 27 Murray Hill road.

Joseph F. Healy, for compensation for damage to property at 31 Murray Hill road by overflow of Stony brook.

Minnie Bernstein, for compensation for damages at 3186 and 3188 Washington street by overflow of sewers.

George A. Lanfranchi, for compensation for damages at 57 Batchelder street by overflow of sewer.

John O'Donnell, for compensation for damages at 81 Draper street caused by a defective sewer.

Charlotte W. Montgomery, for compensation for damage to clothing by street oil and mud.

Ellen Z. Quigley, for compensation for damages by bursting of water pipe.

**PUBLIC LANDS.**

George N. Douse, for release to owners of land in Orchard, Althea and Palm streets of certain rights relative to laying water pipes in said land.

Harry I. Brooker, for release of conditions in deed of estate 1704 and 1706 Washington street.

**CONSTABLE'S BOND.**

The City Treasurer, after duly approving of the same, submitted the constable's bond of John F. Welch.

Approved by the City Council.

**NOTICE OF HEARING.**

Notice was received from the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands of hearing on extension of D street to Summer street on Tuesday, September 25, 1917, at eleven o'clock a. m.

Placed on file.

**TRACK LOCATION, GRANITE STREET.**

A copy of an order was received from the Street Commissioners granting permission to the American Sugar Refining Company to lay tracks for private use upon and crossing Granite street, South Boston (fourth location).

Ordered printed and placed on file.



## REPAIR OF BROADWAY BRIDGE.

A communication was received from the South Boston Citizens' Association urging the passage of a loan for the early repairing and reopening of Broadway Bridge.

Placed on file.

## STORAGE OF GASOLENE.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Boston Oil and Gasolene Company, keeping and sale of gasolene at 22 and 24 Piedmont street and 13 and 15 Winchester street.

Henry A. Frost, keeping of gasolene, 11 Frost avenue, Dorchester.

Edward Voelker, keeping of gasolene, 134 Minden street, Roxbury.

Nelson Curtis, keeping of gasolene, 57 Eliot street, Jamaica Plain.

A. W. Hastings & Co., keeping of gasolene, 134 Friend street.

Henshaw Motor Company, keeping of gasolene, 915 Boylston street.

Charles P. Bowditch, keeping of gasolene, 91 Moss Hill road, Jamaica Plain.

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, keeping of gasolene, 32 and 34 Chestersfield street and 36 and 38 Lansdowne street.

Frank E. Peabody, keeping of gasolene, 328 Newbury street.

George E. Keith Company, keeping of gasolene, 288 A street, South Boston.

S. A. Woods Machine Company, keeping of gasolene, 27 Damrell street, South Boston (two notices).

Helliwell Garages, Inc., keeping and sale of gasolene, 55 Bickerstaff street.

George R. White, keeping of gasolene, 14 Aberdeen street.

Thomas G. Plant Company, keeping of gasolene, Centre and Bickford streets.

Herbert O. Perkins, keeping and sale of gasolene, 114 Colonial road, Brighton.

George M. Proctor, keeping and sale of gasolene, 36 Ferdinand street (two notices).

Longwood Garage, Inc., keeping and sale of gasolene, 142-146 St. Mary's street.

Estate of John D. Long, keeping and sale of gasolene, 1358 Commonwealth avenue.

Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Company, keeping and sale of shells, cartridges, primers, caps, gunpowder and carbide at 155 and 157 Washington street.

Commissioner of Public Works, City of Boston, keeping of gasolene, Highland street, Roxbury.

Placed on file.

## REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS.

The following was received:

Finance Commission,  
Boston, September 20, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission was requested by the City Council "to consider the annual reports of the more important city departments, with a view to standardizing the reports, so far, at least, as seems advisable, and also eliminating unimportant details and including therein units of operation and cost and such other important information as may better enlighten the citizens of Boston and the Council as to the merits of the work supervised or carried on by the several departments." The commission reports as follows:

The subject of annual reports of public officials of Boston has received the attention of the Finance Commission on several occasions in past years, at which times criticism was made of the form and substance of these reports, and recommendations submitted to the city government for correcting the methods of handling the work. In a report dated January 2, 1909, the commission recommended the abolition of the Registry and Statistics Departments and the creation of a new department of records and statistics, with control over the reports of the departments and supervision of the compilation and publication of municipal records and statistics of all kinds.

This recommendation, however, was not adopted and the present situation of many of the annual reports is similar to the condition existing when the

commission issued its report on January 2, 1909. What improvements have been made in the annual reports have been isolated and have not been extended to all departments.

Briefly the present system of publishing the departments' annual reports in Boston is as follows:

City officials in charge of departments are required by section 24, chapter 3, of the Revised Ordinances of 1914 to file with the Mayor within thirty days after the close of the financial year a report of the acts and doings, receipts and expenditures for the previous year. No provision exists in the ordinance limiting the official to any definite scope in his report, nor does the ordinance provide in precise language what material and information shall appear in the departments' reports. Discretion of a large nature is left to the officer, both as to the form of the report and the character of the material presented. In addition to doings, receipts and expenditures of the department which he must report the ordinance also allows him to add whatever he may deem to be of public interest.

The looseness of the ordinance requirements and the lack of any supervising authority over the reports, either before they reach the Mayor or before they are printed at the public expense, has produced documents which, to a large extent, are rendered useless by unnecessary duplication, by the omission of useful and the inclusion of useless data, and by lack of proper analysis. Statistics relating to the total cost or net results of the various public undertakings described are almost wholly lacking or are so scattered over the reports that it is impossible to assemble the data in any complete units.

Of each annual report 400 copies are printed by the Printing Department and paid for out of the appropriation called "City Documents Appropriation." Three hundred copies of this edition are sent to the City Messenger for public distribution, 100 copies are retained by the Printing Department and later assembled with other city documents for a particular year and published, generally one or one half years after the fiscal year, in bound form. This edition consists of a four-volume set. These 100 copies are distributed by the City Messenger, most of the edition going to members of the Boston city departments.

Formerly another edition of bound reports, called "Report of the Executive Department," was annually issued to the extent of 30 copies of two volumes, but last year, when attention was called to the unnecessary waste and duplication between this edition and the "Boston City Documents," the former was discontinued. Moreover, it had formerly been the custom for city departments to order from the Printing Department many hundred additional copies of their annual reports. The cost of these additional reports was borne by the department's own appropriation. When the Finance Commission called the attention of the City Council to the fact that the 300 copies sent to the City Messenger's office were hardly ever used and that it was a waste of the city's money for the departments to order additional copies, the practice ceased and the departments now receive their copies from the City Messenger. One great saving in the elimination of useless and unnecessary duplication is seen in the Registry Department's report, which prior to 1910 consisted of upwards of 248 pages. In that year the Finance Commission published a report on the department, calling attention to the duplication and variance between its report and the same statistics in the Health Department, with the result that the report was reduced from 248 pages to 4 pages and has continued in the reduced size to the present time.

The defects which exist in the present system in Boston are laxity in definite requirement for the material to be published in the annual reports and the absence of any supervision over the composition of the reports themselves.

The primary purpose of a report is to furnish the Chief Executive, the City Council and the citizens of Boston information, so that all these agencies may have a definite basis for an intelligent understanding of the problems affecting a particular department. To be of distinct and useful help they must be an accurate and complete picture of the past year, as well as timely in their appearance. If both these factors are missing, the value of the report is largely lost. The Boston reports have been in many cases offenders in both particulars, but especially in the lateness of their publication. Reports generally do not appear for months after the ending of the fiscal year and in some cases for years after. At the present time the report of the

Park and Recreation Department for the year 1916-17 has not yet appeared and the report for the year ending January 31, 1916, was so late in publication that no date was given in the letter submitting the report to the Mayor.

Furthermore, on September 12, 1917, there were thirteen departments' reports for the last fiscal year 1916-17 which had not been published.\*

Reports in general should be so arranged as to present the following facts:

1. The main purpose of each report—narrative in form with a discussion of the year's work; the purpose of the department; the growth of the department; changes in administration, in organization and in condition. The year's work should be reviewed either for the department as a unit or by its various divisions, and the needs of the department and its problems should be presented.

2. The presentation of facts and the grouping of statements in logical order and sequence so as to show forcibly these facts.

3. The statistical and financial tables. If an attempt is made to apply this formula to the reports of the City of Boston departments, it will be seen that no very serious consideration has been given by many department heads to sketch out a method for a good annual report. This criticism, however, does not apply to all departments, for in some care has been given to the reports. In most of them, however, opportunity exists for elimination and improvement.

In order to get the best possible thought on these documents, the commission submitted a selected number of annual reports for the year 1915 (the last reports available at that time) to experts in various parts of the country, and their comments are as follows:

**LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.**

There is no unnecessary, superfluous or useless matter contained in the report. It presents such information as should properly be included in such a report, in excellent form, with dignity, directness and good taste. The only chance for improvement is that, because of the triple nature of the report—one part from the trustees, another part from the examining committee, and a third from the librarian—the matter on many of the subjects is loosely grouped and scattered through the book. For example, anyone studying the finances of the library must look on pages 1, 2, 5-9, 16-19, 68-70, instead of being able to find all the finance information in one body. The library report should be in two principal parts—the narrative and the statistical. The former should discuss the growth, the use, the finances of the library, and should record changes in methods of administration, in organization and in condition of work. The statistical part should present clearly the relatively few figures necessary to show the increase of the library, its circulation and reference use, its revenue and expenditures in detail.

**OVERSEEING OF THE POOR AND INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENTS.**

The reports of the Overseers of the Poor, as well as the Institutions Registration Department, contain a minimum of the information that should be published. Certainly the following items should be published by these departments:

1. The number of families or individuals aided.
2. The expenses of the department.
3. Nature and investment of funds held, such as the trust funds held by the Overseers of the Poor.
4. Any tendencies of unusual interest during the year.
5. Disabilities which bring families into poverty.

**CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.**

It is open to question whether the tables on pages 34, 38, 47, 48, 49 and 50 mean enough to the reader to warrant publication every year.

**INFIRMARY DEPARTMENT.**

No intelligent discussion of the social problems involved appears in the report of the trustees. The value of publishing the complete tables of diseases of inmates on pages 43 to 53 is questionable. A brief summary of outstanding facts—a page—would be sufficient. It is unnecessary to publish every

\* Assessing, City Planning, Health, Hospital, Library, Market, Park and Recreation, Public Works, Registry, Schoolhouse, Statistics, Street Laying-Out and Supply Departments.

year the laws on pages 54 to 57. Equally unnecessary are the several pages (33-36) for a publication of salaries and farm products. The publication of a list of graduate nurses (pages 15-20) is unnecessary, especially if the old list has been given in previous reports. The graduates of the current year should be given.

**CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.**

A page containing a summary of statistics should be included in the report. In order to obtain certain facts it is necessary to search the whole report and if this material were contained in one page it would give a brief outline of the work of the department. This page should give the following statistics:

**Summary of Statistics**

Boston Consumptives' Hospital, Mattapan.  
Total number of beds at Mattapan.....

**Adult Wards.**

Number of patients in hospital beginning of year.....  
Number of patients admitted to hospital during year.....  
Number of patients discharged from hospital during year.....  
Number of patients in hospital at end of year,

**Children's Ward.**

Number of patients in hospital beginning of year.....  
Number of patients admitted to hospital during year.....  
Number of patients discharged from hospital during year.....  
Number of patients in hospital at end of year,

**Other Hospitals.**

Number of patients in other hospitals during year:  
Holy Ghost Hospital.....  
St. Monica's Home.....  
.....

**Nurses.—Hospital.**

Number of nurses beginning of year.....  
Number of nurses at end of year.....

**Nurses.—Out-Patient Department.**

Number of nurses beginning of year.....  
Number of nurses at end of year.....

**Waiting List.**

Number of patients on waiting list for Mattapan beginning of year:  
Male.....  
Female.....  
Number of patients on waiting list for State Sanatoria:  
Male.....  
Female.....

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

It would be possible to condense the tables in this report somewhat, without destroying anything of value, as there seems to be quite a good deal of duplication in different parts of the report. The tables of medical inspector on pages 17-39 might be combined with the tables under the head of vital statistics. The photographs serve no useful purpose and might be omitted, while the diagrams now printed in colored lines might be made less expensive by substituting black lines of different character. In general the report should have, first, the report of the commissioner, giving in general form a statement of the amount of work, its cost, and a general summary of the vital statistics for the year, especially with reference to those diseases which are controllable and which may be said to reflect the work of the department. This should be followed by very brief reports by the heads of the different divisions, and following that a section devoted to statistics. In a general way this is the present practice, but the commissioner's report might be very much improved, the reports of some of the division chiefs might be shortened and the statistics condensed.



## HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Two thirds of the report contain superfluous and immaterial data for publication; all the data under the statistical tables could be eliminated without impairing the report. Physicians do not read hospital departments' reports, but if they need data on any special subject generally write direct to the hospital chief for it. Hospitals should have elaborate systems of records and statistics, but there is no necessity for printing and publishing them.

Other reports of the city have been examined and variances in figures and an unnecessary amount of duplication have been discovered. Thus the City Treasurer reports (page 16) that the debt paid and canceled during the financial year 1915-16 was \$4,592,350. The auditor's report (page 197) gives figures for the same period of \$4,613,016.66.

Again, on page 242 of the auditor's report, it is stated that the debt of the city amounts to \$127,405,697.68, while page 17 of the treasurer's report gives the debt of Boston as \$127,394,697.68. The duplication of the tables in these two financial reports and the variances therein confuse the reader. While the auditor's report is, in the main, commendable, it contains a great many tables and data which might be eliminated and thus save expense both in cost of printing and in the size of the volume.

Thus, the auditor and treasurer publish each year a list of the trust funds held by the city, with a description of the purpose of the trust. This is a duplication of the same material in two different reports. Other reports also repeat yearly material which needs no repetition. The Building Department publishes a large number of photographs of buildings in dilapidated condition. The photographs are chiefly ornamental and serve no useful purpose. The Assessing Department gives each year assessment districts, ward line boundaries, and a list of the property of the City of Boston, with valuation. It is questionable whether all this material should be printed yearly.

As an example of a model plan for a report, the National Committee on Prisons, after reviewing at the request of the commission the report of the Penal Institutions Department, submitted an outline for making a report on the Deer Island institution. As the outline is detailed it is given in an appendix hereto.

This comprehensive outline, when compared with the form of the report of the Penal Institutions Department, serves to illustrate the supervision which should be given to annual reports before they are passed for publication. Such supervision can only come from a board charged with the proper authority in advising a department head as to the form and composition of his report, and in editing and revising it after it has been written and before it is submitted to the Mayor for publication. If such supervision were exercised, a department report would present its activities in brief compass, in intelligent form and in careful analysis, and would conserve the finances of the city by eliminating costly photographs and drawings and unnecessary compilations.

Boston is backward in this matter. States and other cities have given some attention to the subject and have provided, either by statutory requirement or by city ordinance, regulations governing the size and number of annual reports of state and city departments. As far back as 1902 Governor Crane of Massachusetts, on January 2, recognizing the growth of the state departments' reports, urged as follows their curtailment:

"The public documents printed by the Commonwealth have increased so rapidly, both in numbers and in size, that it is desirable to consider whether the material they contain may not be presented in a more condensed form without impairing its value. These publications, to be of the greatest usefulness, should be simple, comprehensive and brief. In order to promote these ends, I recommend that a board of publication be established, to be composed of three state officials, to be appointed by the Governor and Council, who shall serve without additional compensation, and shall have clearly defined advisory and supervisory power regarding the scope and size of all public reports."

The Board of Publication recommended was appointed (see chapter 438 of the Acts of 1902),

consisting of the Tax Commissioner, the Clerk of the House and another state officer, and as a result of their work secured in the first year of their supervision a reduction of 1,581 pages over the reports of the preceding year, or about 12 per cent. "The Board, in reporting on its success, stated: 'It does not appear that the result has in any way impaired the value of these documents,' and after several years again reported that 'Extraneous matter has been largely excluded and the reports more closely limited to a succinct description of the work of the year. Illustrations and maps have not been lavishly used and have been confined to the subject at hand.'"

The state of Utah also provides a state board of examiners, consisting of the governor, the secretary of state and the attorney general, and authorizes it to procure the publication of as many copies of the state officers reports as they may deem necessary.

Tennessee provides a commission of public printing, with control over all department printing, including annual reports.

The laws of South Carolina direct heads of the various departments and boards, in making their reports, to give statistical matter and their recommendations in as brief a form as possible and that they must not embrace in one report the report of another state officer, nor print the general correspondence of their office.

South Dakota authorizes a commissioner of public printing (the governor) to determine the number of copies of the biennial reports to be printed.

Some cities have also studied the question and have written into their charters or ordinances regulations over department reports.

Thus, the city of New Bedford has an ordinance which gives the clerk of committees power over the editing of all annual reports before they are submitted to the City Council, with authority to strike out, add to, or change any report when such action may lead to brevity, uniformity or usefulness of the report. If objection is made by the head of a department to the action of the clerk of committees in changing his report, the report, together with the recommendations of the clerk of committees, is sent to the City Council, which determines the point at issue.

The city of Providence joint standing committee on finance of the City Council approved in writing the printing and the number of copies of the annual reports, and the city clerk reports to the Finance Commission that this committee has sanctioned the publishing of only a few of the most important reports.

In New York City there is a board of city records, consisting of the mayor, corporation counsel and comptroller, which through a supervisor appointed by it reviews and revises all annual reports of departments before they are printed. Regular conferences are held with the heads of departments in relation to the possible elimination of repetitious matter contained in the reports and in reference to the rearrangement of text, with a view to improving their form, as well as to effect economies in printing expenses.

Cleveland provides for a commissioner of information and publicity, one of whose duties is to compile an annual report, giving a summary of the council proceedings and a summary of the operations of the administrative departments for the previous year.

These examples furnish excellent models for the City of Boston to study, so as to bring from the present state of disorder and irregularity its system of publishing its annual reports. The city should adopt the model of the state government of Massachusetts, and by ordinance provide for the creation of a board of publication, consisting of city officials, serving *ex-officio* and without further compensation.

The commission has not analyzed the cost of printing these city documents and annual reports, but has tabulated the figures for the last eight years. These figures, which appear on page 205, are exclusive of the cost of the copies of the annual reports which the various departments have ordered and paid for from their own appropriation.

Without doubt this annual cost could be cut considerably by the supervision and control exercised over the annual reports by a board of publication.



COST OF REPORTS OF CITY OF BOSTON CALLED CITY DOCUMENTS.

YEAR.		Amount.
1916-17.....	Printing and binding city documents.....	\$36,233 33
1915-16.....	Printing and binding city documents.....	30,065 00
1914-15.....	Printing and binding city documents.....	29,999 80
1913-14.....	Printing and binding city documents.....	36,008 60
1912-13.....	Printing and binding city documents.....	35,992 35
1911-12.....	Printing and binding city documents.....	35,968 92
1910-11.....	Printing and binding city documents.....	36,900 85
1909-10.....	Printing and binding city documents.....	43,717 68
1909-10.....	Printing and binding revised index.....	1,536 70
Total.....		\$286,424 28

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That an ordinance be passed by the City Council providing for the creation of a board of publication, to consist of three city officials, serving *ex-officio* and without further compensation, with ample power and authority over the annual reports of the city departments in the line of editing, revising and elimination of material and data, so that the reports will be brief and concise.

2. That the present ordinance requiring the submission of the annual reports within 30 days of the close of the fiscal year be amended, so as to provide for submission to the board of publication within the same period.

Respectfully submitted,  
 THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
 by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
 Chairman.

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APPENDIX.

National Committee on Prisons,  
 Broadway and 116th Street, New York, N. Y.

OUTLINE FOR REPORT.

Summary.

Recommendations for Improvement.  
 (Classified under Headings.)

I.

Inspection.

(Comments of Inspectors.)

II.

Administration.

Buildings.

New buildings.

Improvement and repairs.

Needed improvements.

Housing of inmates<sup>‡</sup>

Fiscal statement.\*

Assets.

Invested assets.

Land and buildings.

Machinery and equipment.

Steamer "Monitor."

Improvements.

Other.

Total invested assets.

Liabilities.

Surplus.

‡ Surplus capital.

‡ Surplus revenue, per Exhibit B.

Total surplus.

Current assets.

Cash on hand and in banks.

Accounts receivable.

Inventories.

Authorizations not appropriated.

Total current assets.

Total assets.

Current liabilities.

Vouchers payable.

Total current liabilities.

Total liabilities.

\* As suggested by Perley Morse & Co., Certified Public Accountants, New York.

‡ Equals amount of invested assets.

‡ Difference between Current Assets and Current Liabilities.

Exhibit A.

Statement of Revenue and Expenses.

For the period — to —.

Revenue.

Appropriations.

House of Correction.

Office expenses.

Steamer "Monitor."

Total appropriations.

Income from industries, per Schedule 1.

Other.

Reimbursement for loss of cows by disease, etc.

Transfers from reserve funds.

Transfers from city debt, requirements, interest.

Total revenue.

Expenses.

Maintenance of plant.

Repairs to buildings.

Repairs to machinery and equipment.

Insurance.

Labor and expenses on grounds.

Operation of plant.

Salaries and wages (engineers, firemen, house-keepers, etc.).

Fuel.

Light.

Oils.

Household supplies.

Library supplies.

School supplies.

Laundry supplies.

Photographic work.

Miscellaneous.

Care of inmates.

Salaries, physicians, nurses, orderlies.

Food.

Clothing.

Bedding.

Ice.

Medical and surgical supplies.

Liquors.

Tobacco.

Soap.

Disinfectants.

Religious services.

Entertainment.

Administration and general.

Salaries and wages (superintendents, office, etc.).

Printing and stationery.

Advertising.

Postage.

Telephones.

Auditing.

Fees to justice of peace.

Miscellaneous.

Pensions.

Transportation.

Gratuities.

On account Uniform Desertion Act.

Steamer "Monitor."

Salaries.

Fuel.

Repairs.

Repairs on wharf.

Rent of dock.

Steamer hire.

Light.

Chandlery and supplies.

Telephones.

Printing and stationery.

Postage.  
Advertising.  
Total expenses.  
Surplus revenue, per Exhibit A.

Exhibit B, Schedule 1.

Income from Industries; Store; Total Clothing;  
Tools and Farm Products; Shoe Department;  
Stone; Piggery; Implements.

Gross sales.  
Cost of goods sold.  
Inventory at beginning.  
Purchases.  
Total.

Less inventory at end.  
Total material used.  
Wages to inmates.

Operating expenses.  
Salaries and wages for superintendence.

Light, heat and power.  
Maintenance of machinery.  
Insurance on buildings.  
Maintenance of buildings.  
Miscellaneous expense.

Total operating expenses.  
Total production cost.  
Add inventory of finished goods—beginning.

Total.  
Deduct inventory of finished goods—end.  
Total cost of goods sold.

Net income.  
Statistics regarding inmates.\*  
Number in institution—sex, age, crimes.  
Length of sentence—longest, shortest, average.  
Social statistics—families, environment, etc.  
Methods of classification.

Dietary.  
Discipline.  
Provisions for religious ministrations.  
Recreation.

III.

Medical Department.

Examination of inmates at entrance.

Medical.  
Mental.

Hospital care (how afforded).  
Segregation of infectious diseases.

Treatment.  
Methods of banding venereal disease, tuberculosis, eye, ear, nose and throat troubles, drug and drink addictions, etc.

Examination of outgoing patients.  
Sanitation of institution.

IV.

Employment.

Work history of inmates.  
Plan of allotting to industries.

Farm work.  
Production for food.

Industries.  
Production for maintenance.  
Production for sale.

Output.  
Receipts.  
Wages to inmates.

V.

Education.

Educational history of inmates.

School.  
Academic.  
Trade.

VI.

Methods of Caring for Discharged Inmates.  
For securing employment.  
For affording temporary relief.  
For connecting up with social agencies.

AMENDMENTS TO STREET TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Communications were received from the Board of Street Commissioners submitting votes in regard to regulations for street traffic, viz.:

\*The statistics regarding inmates could be summarized in short paragraphs, rather than printed in tables which few people read.

Voted, to amend section 11, of article 5, of the Street Traffic Regulations, by inserting after the word "warcs" in the twenty-sixth printed line of said section the following:

"Nor to hawkers or peddlers who may stand their vehicles in McKinley square, India street and Broad street, between State and Milk streets, beyond the said twenty minutes, between the hours of six and nine-thirty o'clock a. m."

Voted, to amend section 1, of Article 8, of the Street Traffic Regulations, by adding to said section the following-named highways, as one-way streets to vehicular traffic.

Lovering street, easterly from Wasbington street.

Asylum street, westerly from Harrison avenue.

Voted, to amend section 1, of article 10, of the Street Traffic Regulations, by striking out in the first and second printed lines of said section the words "accompanied by music" so that said section shall read:

Section 1. No procession or parade, containing two hundred or more persons (except in the forces of the United States army or navy, the military forces of the Commonwealth and the Police and the Fire Departments) shall occupy or march on any public street of the city except in accordance with permit issued by the Board of Street Commissioners. Said permit shall designate the time and place of formation of such procession or parade and the streets through which it is to pass, and the chief officer or person in charge of said procession or parade shall be held responsible and liable for any deviation from the conditions set forth in said permit.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the appointment by the Mayor of Thomas K. Reynolds as a member of the Board of Examiners of the Building Department, a certified copy of the same having been sent to the Civil Service Commission.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Notice was received from the Health Department of appointment of Dr. Philip Castleman as deputy commissioner in charge of the division of laboratories.

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PAY ROLL, REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

A communication was received from W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Registrar of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of section 33, chapter 22, of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons had been employed by him from August 27 to September 24, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$3,922.47.

Referred to Committee on County Accounts.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor September 10, 1917, viz.:

2. Earl J. Smith, Solomon Gross, J. Frank Aldrich, Dennis S. Navin and J. Chester O'Donnell, to be Weighers of Coal.

3. Michael B. Gleason, to be a Measurer of Grain.

4. Dennis F. Navin and Solomon Gross, to be Measurers of Wood and Bark.

5. C. Thurston Peterson, to be a Weigher of Goods for the International Glue Company; Edwin C. O'Neil, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Wonalancet Company; Raymond Bacon, to be a Weigher of Goods for Sands & Leckie; George W. Blinn, Arthur E. Planten and William B. Harper, to be Weighers of Goods for the Putnam Stores.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Watson and Atridge. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the several appointments were confirmed.

LAYING OUT, ETC., OF COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 6, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the additional sum of \$20,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Department for the laying out, construction and improvement of Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West, 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.

On September 10, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

RECONSTRUCTION OF FIRE HOUSE, CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business No. 7, viz.:

7. Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Fire Commissioner for the reconstruction and enlargement of the fire house on Winthrop street, Charlestown, 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 of Boston to said amount.

On September 10, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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 September.

Report accepted; order passed.

SALARIES, MUNICIPAL COURT JUSTICES.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That chapter 262 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the salaries of the justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the City Messenger be directed to make arrangements for receiving election returns on the days of the coming state and city elections, and that the Mayor's hearing room be opened on the evenings of said days for the announcement of the returns, the expense attending the same be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses, G-3.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.17 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 3.48 p. m.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on the pay roll of the Registrar of Deeds (referred today) for payment of \$3,922.47 to employees—that the pay roll be approved and ordered paid.

Pay roll approved and ordered paid.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 23) for transfer of \$40,000 from police headquarters to Broadway Bridge—that the order ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was rejected.

Later in the session Coun. McDONALD said: Mr. President, if I had been present I would have spoken upon the matter, and I now wish to be placed on record as in favor of the passage of the order, my position being based on the same argument I used before, that the bridge needs repairing and should be attended to, no matter where they get the money. I think the place suggested is the proper place to get it.

Coun. McDONALD was declared by the Chair as recorded in favor of the passage of the order.

(2) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 23) for transfer of \$7,045.80 to Broadway Bridge—that the order ought not to pass.

Report accepted; order rejected.

(3) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfers to appropriation for Municipal Court, City of Boston—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(4) Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred today) appropriating \$11,000 for tools and instruments for Highway Division, Water Service—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(5) Report on message of Mayor and various orders (referred today) for transfers within department—that the orders ought to pass, viz.:

Transfers in Health Department.

Transfers in Boston Infirmary Department.

Transfers in Institutions Registration Department.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(6) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) appropriating \$2,500 from water income for damages, etc.—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(7) Report on message of Mayor and preambles and order (referred today) for sidewalks on Walworth Street Bridge, West Roxbury—that the preambles and order ought to pass.

Report accepted; preambles and order passed.

(8) Report on order (referred today) that the City Messenger make arrangements for receiving election returns at the coming state and city elections—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(9) Report on order (referred today) that chapter 262 of the General Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the salaries of the justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston," be and the same hereby is accepted—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, in connection with that order I would like to have incorporated in the records some matter I have here in relation to the work done by that particular court. If there is no objection I would like to have it printed in the records.

There being no objection the following matter submitted by Coun. ATTRIDGE was ordered incorporated in the records:

JURISDICTION OF BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT.

Civil.

The jurisdictional limit in amount when the court was created in 1866 was \$300, which was increased in 1877 to \$1,000, and in 1894 to \$2,000. That of all other inferior courts is \$1,000. In 1912 the Boston Court was given further duties, peculiar to itself among inferior courts. Its findings of fact are final, and it must correct its own errors of law through an appellate division of three of its members with appeal over direct to the Supreme Court. Before this last change, 9 per cent of all entries, and 40 per cent of all findings, were appealed to the Superior Court. Since the change, an annually declining proportion of cases removed to the Superior Court for jury trial reached 2.7 per cent of all entries in 1915. All these jurisdictional



changes have operated to the relief of the Superior Court, but they have added enormously to the work and responsibility of the Municipal Court. Work on the appellate division is the same in kind, even if not in quality, as that performed by the Supreme Judicial Court sitting *en banc*. Its creation has lessened the work of the Supreme Court; that it is a more effective filter than existed before is shown by the fact that the appeals from it to the Supreme Court in 1915 were about half in number of those cases which under the old system originated in this court and finally reached the Supreme Court through the Superior Court. But its creation has greatly increased the labors and responsibility of the Municipal Court. In 1915, 16,077 civil cases were entered; 437 were removed to this Superior Court; 1,587 were actually tried; 107 reached the appellate division, of which 82 were heard; 10 of those were appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court with 2 reversals. Between January 1, 1913, and January 1, 1916, 255 cases were heard in the appellate division, and out of a total of 38 appeals there were 6 reversals in the Supreme Court. In the year 1915 the court, entered plaintiff judgments aggregating \$1,060,328 and in 1916, \$1,117,059.

Criminal.

The criminal jurisdiction of this court, like that of other inferior courts, has grown from the old justice of the peace jurisdiction of misdemeanors and of larcenies up to \$50, to a jurisdiction over all felonies not punishable by more than five years imprisonment. These increases of jurisdiction have operated to transfer much Superior Court business to this court, and to lighten the labors of the former, since less than one fifth of actual sentences in the Municipal Court, representing about one thirtieth

of its original entries, ever reach the Superior Court. But these jurisdictional increases have correspondingly increased the work and responsibility of the Municipal Court.

JUDICIAL SALARIES IN COURTS OF SIMILAR JURISDICTION IN OTHER STATES.

Philadelphia Municipal—C. J., \$6,500. Associate, \$6,000. 9 judges.

Civil jurisdiction, up to \$600 in contract, and \$1,500 in tort.

Criminal, none in arson, murder, manslaughter, burglary, treason, election laws, or embezzlement by public officers.

Business—1915:

Civil entries.....	8,612
Criminal.....	26,764
	35,376

New York Municipal. Salary, \$8,000.

Only civil jurisdiction, limited to \$1,000.

City Magistrates—C. J., \$10,000. Associate, \$7,000.

Criminal jurisdiction only, subordinate to Court of Special Sessions. Salary, \$9,000.

Which has criminal jurisdiction only, of anything less than felony.

Chicago Municipal—C. J., \$12,000. 30 Associates, \$9,000.

Civil jurisdiction, unlimited in contract, and up to \$1,000 in tort.

Criminal—All misdemeanors not punishable in the penitentiary.

Business—1915:

Civil.....	66,529
Criminal.....	137,091
Total judicial salary cost, \$213,422.	
Total judicial salary cost per entry, \$1.07.	

JUDICIAL SALARIES IN LARGEST MASSACHUSETTS COURTS.

Supreme Judicial.	Superior.	Land.	Suffolk Probate.	Boston Municipal.
1870, \$5,000.	\$4,200.		\$3,000.	\$3,000.
1872, \$6,000.	1872, \$5,000. 1879, \$4,500. 1882, \$5,000.		1871, \$4,000.	
			1885, \$5,000.	1887, \$4,000.
1892, \$7,000. 1900, \$8,000.	1892, \$5,500. 1900, \$6,500.	1900, \$4,500.	1904, \$6,000.	1904, \$4,500.
		1906, \$6,000.		
1911, \$10,000.	1911, \$8,000.	1913, \$8,000.	1912, \$7,000.	1912, \$5,000.

Since 1888 these two courts have also had \$500 for traveling expenses.

COMPARISON SUPERIOR AND BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURTS.

Business and Judicial Salary Cost. 1890-1915.

	1890.	1895.	1900.	1905.	1910.	1915.
Superior (State) all entries.....	15,466	19,746	21,910	24,840	23,401	29,666
Superior (State) all entries Municipal.....	26,741	38,110	33,328	42,210	60,183	71,871
Total judicial cost, Superior.....	\$75,000	\$88,500	\$117,500	\$150,000	\$163,000	\$224,000
Total judicial cost, Municipal.....	\$20,832	\$24,570	\$34,670	\$38,870	\$39,110	\$50,735
Unit cost per entry:						
Superior.....	\$4 85	\$4 48	\$5 36	\$6 04	\$6 96	\$7 55
Municipal.....	78	65	1 04	95	65	70

COMPARISON SUPERIOR AND BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURTS.—*Concluded.*  
Volume of Business, 1915.

ENTERED.	SUPERIOR COURT.		BOSTON.	
	For Suffolk County.	For State.	Municipal.	
Civil Jury.....	5,404	10,427	Civil, Supplementary process,	18,077 2,778
Civil Jury-waived.....	1,312	3,398		
Equity.....	1,021	1,836		
Divorce last compilation (1909).....	763	2,559		
	8,500	18,220		18,855
Criminal:			Criminal,	53,016
By indictment.....	1,558	3,697		
By appeal.....	4,374	7,749		
	5,932	11,446		
Grand Total, All Entries.....	14,432	29,666		71,871

Entries—Per Judge (1915).

SUPERIOR (State).	28 Judges.	Municipal.	Rated at 10 Judges.
Noncriminal.....	651	Noncriminal.....	1,885
Criminal.....	409	Criminal.....	5,301

Cases Tried (1915).

SUPERIOR.	Suffolk.	State.	Municipal.
Noncriminal.....	2,240	5,204	1,587
Including divorce (1909) division.....	(584)	(1,863)	
Criminal—Indictment.....	254	597	* 5,196
Appeal.....	265	604	
	2,759	6,405	6,783

\* Not including 605 bound over.

Cases Tried, Per Judge (1915).

SUPERIOR.	(State.) 28 Judges.	Municipal, 1 Judge.	
Noncriminal.....	186	Noncriminal.....	158
Criminal.....	43	Criminal.....	519

1915—Unit Cost—Per Entry—(All Business)—For Judicial Salaries.

Superior.....	\$7 55	Municipal.....	\$0 70
Per trial, Superior.....	34 97	Municipal.....	7 48

COMPARISON WITH OTHER SUFFOLK INFERIOR COURTS—1915.

ENTRIES.	Roxbury.	South Boston.	Dorchester.	West Roxbury.	Brighton.	Charlestown.	Chelsea.	East Boston.	Total.	Boston.
Civil.....	208	99	314	82	59	61	334	250	1,407	18,855
Criminal.....	8,725	8,860	3,860	3,665	2,128	5,744	3,257	3,437	39,776	53,016
Juvenile.....	408	358	153	90	109	180	178	488	1,964	.....
Total.....	9,341	9,317	4,327	3,837	2,296	5,985	3,769	4,175	43,147	71,871

Judicial Salaries.										
Total.....	\$5,914	\$3,074	\$3,682	\$3,142	\$2,108	\$3,707	\$3,718	\$3,362	\$28,797	\$50,735

UNIT COST — PER ENTRY — (ALL BUSINESS) —  
FOR JUDICIAL SALARIES.

Eight outlying courts, \$0.67. Central, \$0.70.

But this takes no account of the variation in character and proportion of business, but rates all cases alike, whether civil or criminal. The Central Court has 56 per cent of the criminal business, but it has 93 per cent of the civil business. In the Central Court the time of the bench is spent in the proportion of two thirds on civil work, one third on criminal work; That is, while three judges handle the output of 53,016 criminal entries, or 17,672 cases per judge, per year, six judges handle the output of 16,077 civil entries, or 2,679 cases per judge, per year. Reducing this to months, to allow for the summer suspension in civil trials, making 1,473 criminal entries and 297 civil entries, per judge, it follows that the average civil entry in all these courts of similar jurisdiction consumes in judicial time and effort 4.9+ times that of the average criminal entry. The variations between civil and criminal entries can be equalized and expressed in terms of criminal entries alone by multiplying the civil entries in each by 4.9— with this result—

	Eight Outlying Courts.	Central Court.
Civil entries x 4.9.....	6,894	92,389
Criminal entries.....	41,470	53,601
	48,364	145,405

which shows a comparative unit cost per equalized entry of eight outlying courts, \$0.59. Central Court, \$0.35. The explanation of the discrepancy lies in the fact that the outlying courts do not work full time.

If to the present judicial salary cost were added the increase asked, \$18,000, the comparative unit cost would stand, eight outlying courts, \$0.59; Central Court, \$0.47; still leaving the Central Court less well paid in proportion to the business handled than the average of the other inferior courts, and this notwithstanding the higher civil jurisdiction, the greater responsibility involved in finality in matters of fact, and the greater amount of labor arising from reports and service in the appellate division, for all which no credit is allowed in this comparison.

The judges of the Central Court are, in respect to the business handled, the poorest paid judges in the County of Suffolk.

COMPARISON WITH ALL OTHER INFERIOR COURTS OF STATE.

	BOSTON MUNICIPAL.		ALL OTHERS.		Total.
	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.	
Civil entries, 1915.....	18,855	41+	26,660	59—	45,515
Criminal entries, 1915.....	53,016	30—	125,137	70+	178,243
	71,871	32+	151,797	68—	223,758
Judicial salaries.....	\$50,735	* 24+	\$155,950	76—	\$206,685
Judicial salaries, unit cost per entry.....	\$0 70		\$1 03		

\* In the Boston Court, salaries paid special justices are included. In the other courts, they are excluded, giving the latter extra credit in the comparison.

NOTE.—The above gives no credit to the Boston Court for the additional labor not susceptible of exact measurement, imposed by Stat, 1912, chapter 649. Neither does it give credit for the relative preponderance in Boston of civil over criminal entries. Removing the latter disparity by reducing to terms of criminal entries, as done in case of the other Suffolk inferior courts, above, gives this result:

	Boston Court.	All others.
Civil entries x 4.9.....	92,389	130,634
Criminal entries.....	53,016	125,137
	145,405	255,771

which shows a comparative unit cost, per equalized entry, of:

Boston, \$0.35; all others, \$0.61.

Since the absolute, as well as the equalized cost, is less in the Boston Court, no reduction of the rate 4.9 will bring the two classes on a par.

It is suggested that drunkenness cases released by probation officers be excluded, because of variation in different courts, which gives this result:

	BOSTON MUNICIPAL.		ALL OTHERS.		Total.
	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.	
Civil entries, 1915.....	188,55	41+	266,60	59—	45,515
Criminal entries, 1915, except released drunks....	26,602	21—	100,648	79+	127,250
	45,457		127,308		172,765

Unit cost per entry—Boston, \$1.11; all others, \$1.22.

NOTE.—No credit to Boston Court for preponderance of civil entries, omission of special justice cost, or appellate division work.

The judges of the Boston Court are, in respect to the business handled, more poorly paid than the average of all other inferior courts of the state.



COMPARISON — BOSTON MUNICIPAL AND CLASS A COURTS.

	BOSTON MUNICIPAL.		ALL CLASS A.		Total.
	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.	
Civil, 1915.....	18,855	69—	8,545	31+	27,400
Criminal, 1915.....	53,016	57+	393,88	43—	92,404
	71,871	60—	47,933	40+	119,804
Total judicial cost, 1915.....	\$50,735		\$36,645		

Amounts paid special justices in all these courts included.  
 Unit cost per entry—Boston, \$0.70; class A, \$0.76.  
 If "released drunks" are excluded, the matter stands thus:

	BOSTON MUNICIPAL.		ALL CLASS A.		Total.
	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.	
Civil.....	18,855	69—	8,545	31+	27,400
Criminal.....	26,602	47+	29,524	53—	56,126
	45,457		38,069		83,526

Unit cost per entry—Boston, \$1.11; class A, \$0.96.

But if the preponderance of civil trials in Boston is equalized by the ratio 4.9, the comparative unit cost becomes:

Boston, \$0.43; class A, \$0.51.

These comparisons are not made to support an argument that Class A salaries should not be raised, but that the Boston Court should not be held at whatever level is found suitable for Class A. The great work of the Boston Court is as a civil trial court for contract cases. Under the old law, before 1912, which still governs Class A courts, a decision ended the case, which then stood for appeal. Today, the Boston judges are final arbiters of the facts, they are obliged to make rulings of law, they must settle the form of report of such rulings. So

far, they are in the same position as a judge of the Superior Court sitting without a jury. In addition they must sit in the appellate division to review rulings of law, and write opinions supporting their decisions. This is in the nature of Supreme Court work.

Summary.—In comparison with the Superior Court on the one side and the sixty-eight other inferior courts on the other side, the Central Court, with less than 10 per cent of the judges employed, handles 30 per cent of the aggregate of both civil and criminal work, by entries, and in addition disposes in the Appellate Division of cases equal in number to one fifth of those decided in the Supreme Judicial Court.

SALARIES OF MASSACHUSETTS COURTS.

	Supreme Judicial.	Superior.	Suffolk Probate.	Boston Municipal.
1870.....	\$5,000 00	\$4,200 00	\$3,000 00	\$3,000 00
1871.....			4,000 00	
1872.....	6,000 00	5,000 00		
1879.....		4,500 00		
1882.....		5,000 00		
1885.....			5,000 00	
1887.....				4,000 00
1892.....	7,000 00	5,500 00		
1900.....	8,000 00	6,500 00		
1904.....			6,000 00	4,500 00
1911.....	10,000 00	8,000 00		
1912.....			7,000 00	5,000 00

INCREASE OF BUSINESS AND COST IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

	All Entries.	Judicial Cost, Total.	Unit Cost per Case Entered.
Superior (entire state).....	1890, 15,466	1890, \$75,000	1890, \$4 85
Increase in 25 years.....	1915, 29 666	1915, \$234,000	1915, \$7 55
	91%	199%	56%
Boston Municipal.....	1890, 26,741	1890, \$20,832	1890, \$0 78
Increase in 25 years.....	1915, 71,871	1915, \$50,735	1915, \$0 70
	169%	144%	
Decrease in 25 years.....			11%

City.	Court.	Civil Jurisdiction.	Criminal Jurisdiction.	Salary.*
Philadelphia.....	Municipal.....	\$600 contract..... \$1,500 tort.....	Certain felonies excepted.....	\$6,000 00
New York.....	Municipal..... City Magistrates... Special Sessions...	\$1,000..... None..... None.....	None..... Committing magistrates, etc..	6,000 00 7,000 00
Chicago.....	Municipal.....	All contract cases..	All misdemeanors not punish- able in penitentiary.	9,000 00
Boston.....	Municipal.....	\$1,000 tort..... \$2,000.....	Misdemeanors and commit- ting magistrates.	5,000 00

\*The chief justice receives an additional amount over these figures.

The order was passed.

RESOLVE CONCERNING CITY AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby places itself on record as being in favor of retaining for city and county employees, who enlist or are called into the United States Military or Naval Service, the positions vacated by them at the time of enlistment or call by selective draft. The resolution was passed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business No. 1, viz.:

James F. Madden, Patrick H. Purcell and J. Paul Canty, to be constables of the City of Boston. The question came on confirmation. Committee —Coun. Hagan and Ford. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the appointments were confirmed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. FORD moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted today, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 3.54 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLINS, to meet on Monday, October 8, at two o'clock p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 8, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair. Absent—Coun. McDonald.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council the Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1918:

1. James H. Waugh, 22 Willis street, Dorchester, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston.
  2. Herbert V. Evans, 191 Old Colony avenue, South Boston, a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery.
  3. Herbert V. Evans, 191 Old Colony avenue, South Boston, a Weigher of Goods for the George H. Lincoln Company.
  4. Weighers of Goods, viz.:  
James J. Murphy, 5 Mansfield street, Allston, for the Boston & Albany Railroad.  
Lawrence A. Doyle, 15 Raymond street, Allston, for the Boston & Albany Railroad.  
William H. Glennon, 56 Sudan street, Dorchester, for the George L. Glennon Company.  
Hugh P. McColegan, 81 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown, for the Terminal Wharf and Railroad Warehouse Company.
  5. Weighers of Coal, viz.:  
L. A. Zwick, 1164 Tremont street, Roxbury.  
Herbert V. Evans, 191 Old Colony avenue, South Boston.
- Severally laid over under the law.

## TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, October 8, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed requests for transfers within department appropriations and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Children's Institutions Department, Suffolk School for Boys:

From the appropriation for A-1, Instructors, 4 at \$660-\$800 per year, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$250.

From the appropriation for A-1, Instructors, 4 at \$600-\$800 per year, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Instructors, 4 at \$600-\$800 per year, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Instructors, 4 at \$660-\$800 per year, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary, \$66.67.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Consumptives' Hospital Department:

From the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle, Repairs and Care, to the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$175.

From the appropriation for C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, to the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$100.

From the appropriation for G-2, Special Investigations, to the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$450.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Health Department:

From the appropriation for B-17, Care of Persons, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$700.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Hospital Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Physicians, 2 at \$19.44-\$21.39 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 3 at \$19 per week, \$315.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$3,000.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$600.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$896.04.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$2,000.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$75.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for E-1, Building, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for E-9, Machinery, \$500.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for E-10, Electrical, \$225.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$1,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Boston Infirmary Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Head Nurses, 13 at \$600 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$511.91.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Matrons, 10 at \$360 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$241.50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Supervisors, 3 at \$720 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$262.20.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Engineers, 5 at \$20 per week, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$214.35.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Dietitian, 1 at \$600 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$195.50.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Library Department:

From the appropriation for C-10, Library, to the appropriation for B-11, Insurance, \$315.33; B-8, Light and Power, \$200; C-5, Motorless Vehicles, \$2; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$100; C-17, General Plant, \$100.67; D-1, Office, \$500; D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$225; D-16, General Plant, \$600; E-13, General Plant, \$1,500.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Printing Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Caster, 2 at \$13 per week, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$325.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Buildings Department:

From the appropriation for F-6, Military, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$450.

From the appropriation for F-6, Military, to the appropriation for E-10, Electrical, \$250.

From the appropriation for F-6, Military, to the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicle, Repairs and Care, \$19.

From the appropriation for F-6, Military, to the appropriation for A-3, Personal Service, Unassigned, \$75.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Municipal Court, Charlestown District:



From the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, Clerical Assistance, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$75.

From the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, Clerical Assistance, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$550 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Boston Juvenile Court:

C-9, Office.....	\$10 00
D-1, Office.....	90 00
G-1, Probation Officers' Expenses.....	450 00
	\$550 00

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Superior Court, Criminal Session:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 2 at \$300 per year, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$300.

From the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, to the appropriation for G-1, Probation Officers' Expenses, \$300.

From the appropriation for B-29, Stenographic and Copying, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Suffolk County Jail:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers and Watchmen, 16 at \$1,000-\$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$70.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Second Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,350 per year, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$80.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Second Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,350 per year, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$150.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Second Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,350 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers and Watchmen, 4 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers and Watchmen, 4 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers and Watchmen, 4 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,350-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, First Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, First Inside Officer, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,350-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for D-13, General Plant, \$250.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,350-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for F-9, Care of Dependents, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,350-\$1,450 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Matrons, 5 at \$480-\$540 per year, \$135.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Registry of Deeds:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Copyists, 21, Piece Work, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, Clerks, etc., \$841.40.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SITE FOR POLICE STATION NO. 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, October 8, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communications, with reference to a site for Police Station No. 17, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston, October 6, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I submit for your consideration as a site for Police Station 17 the lot of land at the corner of Washington street and Metropolitan avenue, Roslindale.

This lot, known as the Old Pumping Station, belongs to the City of Boston, and contains 12,895 square feet of land. It is centrally located for the needs of Station 17, therefore I advise that you ask the City Council to transfer it from the Public Buildings Department to the Police Department.

I herewith inclose a communication from Stephen O'Meara, Police Commissioner, approving the location, and from Fred J. Kneeland, Superintendent of Public Buildings, assenting to the transfer.

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN BECK,  
Real Estate Broker and Appraiser.

City of Boston,  
Public Buildings Department,  
October 4, 1917.

Mr. John Beck,  
30 State Street, Boston:

Dear Sir,—Replying to your telephone communication of today, I wish to say that on May 29, 1917, the pumping station on Washington street at Metropolitan avenue was transferred from the Water Department to the Public Buildings Department, since which time this department has made no particular use of same.

If the City of Boston wishes to make use of this property for other public purposes, they may do so without any objection from this department.

Yours respectfully,  
FRED J. KNEELAND,  
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

City of Boston,  
Police Department, September 5, 1917.

Mr. John Beck,  
30 State Street, Boston:

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of August 28, I beg to attach hereto a copy of report from the Superintendent of Police, in accordance with which I feel justified in saying that the lot of land at the corner of Metropolitan avenue and Washington street, Roslindale, is approved by me as a site for a new station house for Police Division 17.

Respectfully,  
STEPHEN O'MEARA,  
Police Commissioner.

Sir,—I respectfully report that today Captains Searles and Bowley and I made an inspection of the premises owned by the City of Boston at the corner of Metropolitan avenue and Washington street, Roslindale. As Mr. Beck stated in his letter "the lot is well proportioned." A suitable station and garage could be erected on the premises after the demolition of an old brick house, formerly used as a pumping station, which now stands on the lot. The location is not as near the center of Roslindale as we would like to have it, but it is far superior to the present location of Station 17. In view of the fact that the present station is in a dilapidated and almost unsafe condition, the sooner the new Station 17 is built the better.

Ordered, That the premises now in the custody of the Public Buildings Department, located at Washington street and Metropolitan avenue, Roslindale, and formerly utilized by the Public Works Department as a power station for the Water Division, be and the same is hereby transferred to the custody of the Police Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFER FOR JUVENILE COURT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, October 8, 1917.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication received from the Justice of the Juvenile Court and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Juvenile Court,  
October 5, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I am informed by the auditor's office that there are no more funds under the appropriation for this court to meet the expenses of the probation officers for the current financial year. The total appropriation allowed for the court was \$14,579.67. We asked for \$15,304.60 on our budget and this included \$1,250 for the probation officers' expenses, which would have been sufficient for their needs based on past experience and judging from the necessary expenditures for the past seven months. The probation officers' expenses are primarily for the temporary custody of boys and girls under arrest, the transportation for them when sent to Sbirley, Westboro or other institutions, and similar necessary expenditures.

The final appropriation for general office expenses was \$100 less than what was requested, and so reduced will not be sufficient to carry the court through the financial year.

I respectfully apply to your Honor for a transfer of funds to meet these deficiencies.

Yours truly,  
FREDERICK P. CABOT.

Approved,  
RUPERT S. CARVEN,  
Budget Commissioner.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$550 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Boston Juvenile Court.

C-9, Office.....	\$10 00
D-1, Office.....	90 00
G-1, Probation Officers' Expenses.....	450 00
Total.....	\$550 00

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Leopold Sigel, for compensation for damage by sewage at 3172 Washington street.

Samuel Yaffe, for compensation for damage to property at 3176 Washington street by bursting of a sewer pipe.

Mary L. Rhoades, for compensation for damages by backing up of sewer water at 38 Lime street.

Theresa Guidello, for compensation for damages at 221 Marion street because of a defective sewer.

Cornelius J. Desmond, for compensation for money paid on sewer damages at 123 Callender street.

Nora F. Crowley, for compensation for damages at 50 Pratt street because of a defective catch-basin.

Max Slutsky, for compensation for loss sustained by the shutting off of water at 60 Lucerne street.

John S. Dondero & Co. and Peter S. Pantazelos, for compensation for damages by the flooding of their cellars in Fulton street by break in water main.

Edward J. Powers, for compensation for damages at 37 East Canton street by break in water meter.

George Ellis, for compensation for the loss of a horse injured by slipping on pavement at Water and Devonshire streets.

R. Sibley Harris, for compensation for injuries caused by falling over a piece of curbstone at Upbam's Corner.

Charles H. Burk, Jr., for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in crosswalk at Fort Hill square and High street.

Sarah Levitch, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 390 Harrison avenue.

Bessie Janiger, for a bearing on her claim for injuries caused by a fall at 21 Tremont street.

Fannie Dricker, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Coting street.

Helena Abbondante, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 192 Hanover street.

John Early, for compensation for injury received by a defect in Vernon street.

Matilda R. Loring, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 14 and 16 Vassar street.

Martino Lacabonaro, for a bearing on his claim on account of an accident in front of 10 Cbarter street.

Louise D. Fielding, for compensation for injuries received near the Park street entrance to the subway.

Mrs. J. B. Wright, for compensation for injuries received near the West street entrance to the subway.

Frost Forwarding and Transfer Company, for compensation for injury to a horse which fell into a manhole in Rutherford avenue.

J. J. White, for compensation for damage to automobile by Fire Department apparatus.

Ellen O'Brien, for compensation for the death of her husband, who was killed by Fire Department apparatus.

Charles G. Maguire, for compensation for damage to property at 259A Bowdoin street by fire apparatus.

F. H. Hodgman, for compensation for coat torn on fence at Pierce's Field, Roslindale.

Julius Lefcovich, for compensation for injuries caused by his being bitten by a horse of the Sanitary Division.

Boston Towboat Company, for compensation for damages and loss sustained because of a defect in draw of Chelsea Bridge North.

Angelina Jancua, for a bearing on her claim for injuries received on the North Ferry.

Josephine Parshiso, for a hearing on her claim for injuries received on the North Ferry.

Royal Blue Line Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to automobile by a city team.

W. H. Cooper, for compensation for damages at 293 Northampton street by a city paper wagon backing into shop window.

A. Hughes, for compensation for damages at 21 Delle avenue by water and blasting.

Frank H. and Esther W. Atwill, to be paid for trees taken down in Richwood street.

Sarah J. Johnson, executrix, for compensation for damages at 56 and 62 Harvard avenue, Hyde Park, by blasting.

Solomon Bereson, for compensation for damage to automobile on city ferryboat.

Executive.

Michael Walsh, to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914.

Public Lands.

George E. Lothrop, for the conveyance to him of a parcel of land near Hawkins street and the release of the city's rights in passageway known as Carnes place.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constables' bonds of James F. Madden and Edson P. Miner.  
Approved by the City Council.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of John J. Toomey, Election Commissioner, as Acting Superintendent of Printing.  
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of Thomas J. Dawson as Superintendent of Supplies, a certified copy of the same having been delivered to the Civil Service Commission.  
Placed on file.



## TRACK LOCATIONS.

Copies of orders were received from the Street Commissioners for track locations, viz.:

Bay State Street Railway Company, tracks on Ashland street, 15th location.

West End Street Railway Company, tracks on Brookline avenue, Brookline, 196th location.

Placed on file and ordered printed.

SPEED OF STREET CARS AT  
DRAWBRIDGES.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of disapproval of ordinance governing the speed of street railway cars approaching drawbridges in said city, said ordinance having been passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on July 10.

Placed on file.

## STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

S. P. Blackburn & Co., 287 Atlantic avenue.

Walter S. Weaver, 30 Branch street, Dorchester.

Centre Street Garage, 156 Centre street, Dorchester.

Frances Goodwin, 920 Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

M. O'Keefe (Inc.), 101 Farnham street, rear, Roxbury.

Orpin Brothers, 121 Medford street, Charlestown.

Welsbach Street Lighting Company, 354 Newbury street (rear).

Charles J. McCarthy & Co., 65 Oliver street.

John and Jacob Nathan, 590 Parker street, Roxbury.

Talbot Avenue Auto Station, Inc., 270 Talbot avenue, Dorchester.

Jane L. Webb, 162-168 Warren street.

James A. Smart, 98 Washington Street North.

Placed on file.

## CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2, viz.

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor September 24, 1917, viz.:

1. Henry Baron and Rae Woolf, to be Weighers of Coal.

2. Matthew A. Dalton, to be a Measurer of Wood and Bark.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Ford and Watson. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the appointments were confirmed.

## SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Leyden street, south side, from Boardman street to Breed street, Ward 1, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. HAGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the easterly side of Hyde Park avenue, between Walk Hill and Tower streets, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. HAGAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Walk Hill street, easterly side, between Hyde Park avenue and Wenham street, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Dorchester avenue, easterly side, at Richmond street, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Dorchester avenue, from Peabody square to Washington street, Ward 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Neponset avenue, from Ashmont street to Chickatawbut street, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Dorchester avenue, from Savin Hill avenue to Freepport street, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the easterly side of Humboldt avenue, from Seaver street 100 feet, Ward 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 rebuilt of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along the northeasterly corner of Seaver street and Walnut avenue, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Albany street, from Dover street to Northampton street, Wards 6 and 12, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

COST OF ESTABLISHING PARK, DUDLEY  
AND OTHER STREETS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to send to the City Council an estimate of the cost of establishing a park or square on the triangular lot of land bounded by Dudley street, Warren street and Harrison avenue, Roxbury.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—Mr. President, I would ask a suspension of the rule that this order may take its passage today. On April 30 last I presented a similar order, accompanied by a



very long petition signed by many of the business men and residents of Roxbury, making the same request of the Street Commissioners. We have had no reply to that order, and I sincerely trust that they will send a reply to this one in the near future.

The order was passed.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.18 p. m. to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.33 p. m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Boston Chamber of Commerce (referred August 6) for hearing on question of excluding cars from Washington street—that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

(2) Report on order (referred August 16) to accept chapter 113 of the Special Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Patrick Sheehan"—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on order (referred August 16) to pay the sum of \$100 to Patrick Sheehan, an employee of the Park and Recreation Department who sustained injuries while in the discharge of his duty—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on petition of Michael Walsh (referred today) to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Michael Walsh, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Park and Recreation Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred today) that premises in the custody of the Public Buildings Department at Washington street and Metropolitan avenue, Roslindale, be transferred to the custody of the Police Department—that the order ought to pass.

(6) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for transfer of \$550 to appropriation for Boston Juvenile Court—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(7) Report on message of Mayor and various orders (referred today) for transfers within department appropriations—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(8) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred September 24) for transfer of \$4,000 for steamer "George A. Hibbard"—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred August 16) for loan of \$115,000 for courthouse, Forest Hills—that the order ought not to pass without prejudice.

Report accepted; order rejected without prejudice.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, in connection with the order which has just been rejected by the Council without prejudice, I desire, on behalf of the committee, to submit a new order for the same amount. I desire to say that the committee is to meet a week from tomorrow at three o'clock to get some further information from the Superintendent of Public Buildings and the architect.

The new order submitted by Coun. ATTRIDGE is as follows:

Ordered, That the sum of \$115,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the construction of a courthouse, Forest Hills, and that to meet said expenditure 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 Finance.

2. Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred August 16) for loan of \$53,000 for City Hospital, West Department—that the order ought not to pass without prejudice.

Report accepted; order rejected without prejudice.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, in connection with that order, on behalf of the committee, I desire to introduce an order for a like amount. I wish to state for the purposes of the record that the committee is to have the Clerk of Committees get some information from the Finance Commission on that particular order, and the committee will meet at three o'clock p. m. two weeks from today to consider the matter.

The new order submitted by Coun. Attridge is as follows:

Ordered, That the sum of \$53,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the City Hospital Trustees for the completion of the City Hospital and furnishing same for occupancy, and that to meet said expenditures 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 Finance.

3. Report on Message of Mayor, communication and order (referred September 24) for loan of \$9,000 for reconstruction of City Hospital Ward Buildings E and A—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its second reading not less than fourteen days from date.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Coun. COLLINS it was voted that when the Council adjourns it be to meet on Monday, October 22, at 2 p. m.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Coun. WELLINGTON the Council refused reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, at 4.40 p. m., to meet on Monday, October 22, at 2 p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 22, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair.

It was unanimously voted that Coun. Ballantyne be elected President *pro tem*.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn according to the conditions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear November 7, 1917: James H. O'Connell, Ward 1; Jacob Milch, Ward 22; Morris Kalisky, Ward 16; Herbert R. Coe, Ward 22; Alfred H. Whitney, Ward 19; Charles J. Knapp, Ward 25; Peter F. Assmus, Ward 12; Timothy F. Callahan, Ward 4; Harry Sewell, Ward 8; Charles J. Gormley, Ward 22; Thomas H. Float, Ward 12; James J. Murphy, Ward 11; Dennis Ryan, Ward 11; Alexander J. Kelley, Ward 10; Thomas F. Christian, Ward 12; Arthur S. Bornstein, Ward 16; Michael E. Golding, Ward 12; Charles A. Brown, Ward 11; Robert Robinette, Ward 23; Samuel Beck, Ward 18; Charles O. Hosterman, Ward 18; Otto Weider, Ward 23; Elmer W. Houghton, Ward 18; Thomas F. Keegan, Ward 24; Arthur C. Burr, Ward 24; Joseph J. Collins, Ward 21; Clarence L. Patriquin, Ward 9; Albert E. Harding, Ward 26; Charles H. Renbold, Ward 21; Benjamin G. Cheney, Ward 20; John Sweeney, Ward 18; Charles F. McCarthy, Ward 21; George F. Bosworth, Ward 8; Sidney W. Williams, Ward 5; Harry Fisher, Ward 21; Fremont C. Washburn, Ward 19.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, October Sitting, to appear November 12, 1917:

John Graham, Ward 20; Samuel A. Thompson, Ward 11; John W. Keenan, Ward 26; Andrew J. Doyle, Ward 17; Frank D. Williams, Ward 15; Julius Hurvitz, Ward 5; Charles J. Crawford, Ward 7; Edward J. McDevitt, Ward 17; Charles A. Stamm, Ward 11; Philip J. Murphy, Ward 17; Bartholomew Daly, Ward 24; Charles Green, Ward 7; Harry E. Gardner, Ward 10; William Cohen, Ward 5; Albert C. MacLellan, Ward 14; William M. Cronin, Ward 24; Lawrence A. Henchey, Ward 3; Henry B. Hill, Ward 21; Walter E. Barber, Ward 16; John J. Grandison, Ward 3; Thomas W. Hoctor, Ward 14; Andrew W. Wallace, Ward 21; Daniel J. Welch, Ward 10; Amos B. M. Kingsley, Ward 18; Joseph S. Benton, Ward 10; John Welsh, Ward 16; Albert J. Taylor, Ward 10; George W. Littlewood, Ward 17; Ernest Keller, Ward 15; Herbert L. Ray, Ward 18; Charles H. Bryant, Ward 17; Thomas F. McCue, Ward 9; Henry Alexander, Ward 17; Herman D. Paige, Ward 20; Robert J. Tegen, Ward 15; James L. McCabe, Ward 20; Hugh J. Coyne, Ward 3; Peter C. Rinn, Ward 25; James C. Sullivan, Ward 1; Michael Sullivan, Ward 4; Hyman Rokeach, Ward 21; Frederic Shackley, Ward 23; William H. McGloin, Ward 2; Joseph A. Sprissler, Ward 14.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear November 8, 1917:

Albert J. Norwood, Ward 19; Thomas H. Warburton, Ward 20; Walter B. Bliss, Ward 24; John C. Calhoun, Ward 15; Lawrence E. Niles, Ward 19; Bernard F. Sweeney, Ward 5; Sidney H. C. Perrow, Ward 21; Thomas Daly, Ward 11; Edwin A. Chalmers, Ward 25; Patrick J. Clogher, Ward 18; Joseph Beyer, Ward 2; Melvin Lincoln Palmer, Ward 17; Charles W. Knox, Ward 19; Earle W. Masters, Ward 6; John McGinn, Ward 26; Joseph T. Lyons, Ward 15; Morris L. Morrison, Ward 16; John J. Crowley, Ward 4; Alfred W. Blair, Ward 24; Guy Richardson, Ward 19; Willard C. Kinnear, Ward 1; Michael Sullivan,

Ward 13; John P. Rinn, Ward 5; James H. Madison, Ward 13; Alfred A. Powell, Ward 16; Frank H. Sargent, Ward 26; Martin J. Devine, Ward 22; William C. Flock, Ward 14; Michael J. O'Hare, Ward 18; Joseph W. Kearns, Ward 21; Raymond C. Smith, Ward 19; William J. Fahuley, Ward 12; Josepa E. Oneal, Ward 8; James W. Coghill, Ward 1; Robert A. Pohl, Ward 15; John A. McNamara, Ward 9.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, October Sitting, to appear November 12, 1917:

William H. Frederick, Ward 3; Augustus Bogiano, Ward 18; Hyman Phillips, Ward 16; Henry F. Kane, Ward 10; John J. Dervan, Ward 23; Edward L. Fitzgerald, Ward 10; Patrick F. Green, Ward 6; Cornelius F. Murphy, Ward 9; Arthur J. Bayers, Ward 18; James F. Todd, Ward 11; James E. Sullivan, Ward 9; George Z. Tirrell, Ward 18; William A. Buschell, Ward 3; Joseph V. McGuire, Ward 10; Charles P. Letzing, Ward 12; Herbert L. Haven, Ward 17; John Westberg, Ward 22; William H. McVicar, Ward 16; William T. Clarkson, Ward 19; Ephraim Brown, Ward 1; Gardiner E. Thorpe, Ward 26; Daniel O'Leary, Ward 22; Henry C. Claxton, Ward 18; John L. Driscoll, Ward 2; Arnold Etter, Ward 23; Henry B. Marie, Ward 25; Alexander McIntyre, Ward 9; George H. Jewell, Ward 4; Thomas P. Roche, Ward 26; James M. Davis, Ward 26; Abram Swerling, Ward 5; Thomas F. Adams, Ward 26; Dominick A. Astrella, Ward 1; Joseph A. Hopkins, Ward 9; John H. Rourke, Ward 20; Mendel Kaplan, Ward 5; Arthur Griffin, Ward 13; John F. Connolly, Ward 6; Cornelius F. Sullivan, Ward 11; Edward J. Fallon, Ward 21; Onsville L. Temple, Ward 20; Francis McBrien, Ward 17; John J. Collins, Ward 18.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, October Sitting, to appear November 12, 1917:

David Puffer, Ward 7; Edward M. Bayer, Ward 15; Thomas L. Ormsby, Ward 20; James D. Hammond, Ward 3; Arcangelo Prisco, Ward 5; Herbert B. Dexter, Ward 3; Walter D. Shanahan, Ward 11; John F. Byrne, Ward 18; James J. Doyle, Ward 23; Roy E. Hayes, Ward 8; John McCormack, Ward 1; Joseph J. Howe, Ward 22; Edward J. Conley, Ward 9; Henry F. West, Ward 21; Ernest Dixey, Ward 5; John H. DeCourcy, Ward 14; R. Franz Reissmann, Ward 15; Frederick J. Bueholz, Ward 14; Michael E. McGillicuddy, Ward 11; Russell J. Goodnow, Ward 25; John A. Brooks, Ward 20; Robert A. Falconer, Ward 24; Frank Howard, Ward 8; William A. Loftus, Ward 14; Lester T. Walker, Ward 16; Percival T. Magee, Ward 13; Frederick W. Emery, Ward 20; Henry Middleman, Ward 16; Franklin P. Winter, Ward 26; H. Albert Henderson, Ward 26; John Cahill, Ward 6; Louis P. Drouin, Ward 13; Theodore J. Kraft, Ward 22; Edward G. Poole, Ward 20; Walter Spry, Ward 23; Albert Malcolm, Ward 10; Gottlieb Koch, Ward 23; William E. McNamara, Ward 21; Fred P. Von Olker, Ward 7; Israel Friedman, Ward 21; Joseph D. Caddigan, Ward 19; John J. Carrll, Ward 3; William D. Henderson, Ward 23; Joseph T. Farrenkopf, Ward 22.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, October Sitting, to appear November 12, 1917:

George W. Byrnes, Ward 10; Arthur S. Morey, Ward 19; Henry Hall, Ward 2; William H. Gillen, Ward 9; Frederic W. Harrington, Ward 18; William L. Donahue, Ward 11; William J. Sinnott, Ward 19; Arthur P. Bencks, Ward 25; Martin T. Reagan, Ward 6; Dwight M. Prouty, Ward 8; George Kovar, Ward 10; Joseph W. Nolan, Ward 1; James H. Connelly, Ward 1; Edgar Woodruff, Ward 9; Perley M. Walker, Ward 17; B. Waldo Hobart, Ward 7; Stephen P. Perrin, Ward 20; Charles S. Smith, Ward 8; William F. Davis, Ward 18; Cornelius H. Burns, Ward 25; Dennis W. Clark, Ward 8; George B. Pool, Ward 23; Thomas J. McDermott, Ward 22; Walter M. Dolan, Ward 2; Michael J. Cashman, Ward 2; John E. Williams, Ward 15; Robert S. Mack, Ward 3; Frank C. Hassner, Ward 7; Edward P. Adams, Ward 21; Samuel Dub, Ward 21; Frank L. Halloran, Ward 9; Thomas E. Power, Ward 17; John L. Dorney, Ward 14; Frederick J. Kasper, Ward 15; Louis S. Hall, Ward 15; Robert Henderson, Ward 23; George F. Wilcox, Ward 18; Benjamin Sears, Ward 6; Frank Webb, Ward 22;



William B. Coleman, Ward 18; Charles F. Simmons, Ward 19; Eugene H. Vallee, Ward 19; Patrick M. Sheehy, Ward 8; John J. O'Hara, Ward 5.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, October Sitting, to appear November 12, 1917:

Max Hurvitz, Ward 15; Herbert R. Kay, Ward 19; Edward Otto, Ward 15; Richard L. Deshon, Ward 23; Michael F. O'Brien, Ward 8; Herbert A. Butler, Ward 8; Edwin L. Barrows, Ward 7; Joseph M. Halloran, Ward 9; Charles P. Rolfe, Jr., Ward 20; Abraham M. Aronson, Ward 17; John M. Manning, Jr., Ward 23; James Butler, Ward 20; Frederick Winch, Ward 25; Addison J. Jordan, Ward 7; John A. Anderson, Ward 3; Joseph M. Sullivan, Ward 4; George A. Burton, Ward 13; Edward D. Williams, Ward 26; John J. Fay, Ward 5; George D. Nichols, Ward 9; Michael J. Leary, Ward 9; G. Carlton Russell, Ward 20; John P. Brown, Ward 6; John Thorburn, Jr., Ward 22; Allan A. McGinness, Ward 12; William D. Forrest, Ward 8; Charles H. O'Brien, Ward 25; John J. Walsh, Ward 18; Francis J. Sullivan, Ward 23; William B. Dodge, Ward 3; William F. Grady, Ward 14; Michael F. Moran, Ward 3; James Grant, Ward 14; Thomas M. Lucas, Ward 6; Joseph K. Corr, Ward 16; Guy Harry Peterson, Ward 7; Timothy C. Burke, Ward 20; Barney Swartz, Ward 2; Thomas E. Madowney, Ward 9; Edwin B. Gallagher, Ward 19; Franklin H. Newell, Ward 6; Alexander Brown, Ward 19; William Younic, Ward 1; Charles S. Burke, Ward 26.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, October Sitting, to appear November 12, 1917:

James S. Carroll, Ward 1; Thomas E. Goggin, Ward 9; Charles E. Stewart, Ward 8; George M. Brock, Ward 19; George J. Blasser, Ward 7; John J. O'Keefe, Ward 18; Chester M. Fuller, Ward 22; Berthold E. Saenger, Ward 22; Earnest E. Smith, Ward 8; Thomas F. Coleman, Ward 4; Carl A. Larson, Ward 17; Henry O. Hanson, Ward 23; Eugene F. Collins, Ward 25; John F. Ronan, Ward 1; Benjamin F. Buckley, Ward 17; Sherman B. French, Ward 7; Oscar W. Kullman, Ward 26; Joseph G. Baxter, Ward 12; David F. Magner, Ward 7; Amand J. Mischler, Ward 6; Isador L. Tobey, Ward 18; Florence H. McCarthy, Ward 23; Louis A. Greyer, Ward 7; William O. McFee, Ward 9; Matthew G. Patterson, Ward 22; Howard L. Bailey, Ward 21; Philip Vinick, Ward 12; Robert D. Metcalf, Ward 1; Arthur G. Chaffin, Ward 6; Charles A. McCarthy, Ward 21; John B. Cassidy, Ward 13; Thomas J. Murphy, Ward 22; Jacob Hoffman, Ward 2; Michael Sullivan, Ward 14; Roderick R. Campbell, Ward 9; Fred L. Morgan, Ward 19; Winslow A. Wilson, Ward 17; William J. Lucas, Ward 20; James J. Lynch, Ward 6; D. Lloyd Evans, Ward 6; John Drummy, Ward 22; Edward J. Moroney, Ward 11; James W. Keville, Ward 26; William T. Weston, Ward 26.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, October Sitting, to appear November 12, 1917:

Henry T. Joyce, Ward 8; Harry Poltorak, Ward 8; George Riley, Ward 23; John E. Friberg, Ward 19; George E. Stetson, Ward 22; Nicholas J. Kelley, Ward 23; Thomas Ducey, Ward 20; Patrick Dwyer, Ward 10; Timothy Crowley, Ward 5; Francis J. Maurek, Ward 18; John A. Peterson, Ward 5; Lawrence S. Dewey, Ward 16; Dennis Corkery, Ward 17; William H. Smith, Ward 15; Ernest C. A. Sjolander, Ward 20; Thomas F. Parker, Ward 10; George P. West, Ward 17; Charles Kelley, Ward 13; Freeman B. Dillingham, Ward 23; Frank, Trainer, Ward 7; James J. Collins, Ward 4; Oswald Kelly, Ward 1; Carl R. Childs, Ward 7; Rodney L. Upton, Ward 8; Rufus S. Chaffee, Ward 21; Charles W. Fowler, Ward 7; Edwin K. Bearse, Ward 7; Charles D. Baker, Ward 21; George A. Merrill, Ward 6; Luke Kiernan, Ward 9; Charles H. Blount, Ward 20; Francis J. Malone, Ward 5; Matthew F. Pendergast, Ward 18; William E. Powers, Ward 23; Carl B. Jones, Ward 16; Henry Joseph Reisert, Ward 14; Frederick Joyce, Ward 1; Christopher Dawe, Ward 1; Thomas O. Paige, Ward 8; George Cherry, Ward 23; Edward Thompson, Ward 14; William Cuneo, Ward 5; Alonzo F. Andrews, Ward 16; Stephen L. Bartlett, Ward 8.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1918, subject to confirmation by the Council, viz.:

1. Constables of the City of Boston: Thomas F. Costello, 32 Fayette street, Boston. William P. Colpoys, 5 Marlowe street, Dorchester.
  2. Pasquale Paglia, 81 North Margin street, Boston. Frank D. Willey, 40 Central street, Boston, a Measurer of Wood and Bark.
  3. Weighers of Coal: John F. Mahoney, 590 Albany street, Boston. Frank D. Willey, 40 Central street, Boston. S. Nathaniel Silver, 88 George avenue, Beachmont.
  - Edward Latanowich, 356 Prospect street, Cambridge.
  - Grace H. Smith, 9 Royal road, Mattapan.
  - Ada Levenson, 11 Greenwood street, Dorchester.
  - Bernard H. Cohen, 120 Glenway street, Dorchester.
  - Samuel Lunin, 9 Ottawa street, Roxbury.
  4. William Danahy, 56 Commercial street, Lynn, a Weigher of Goods for the Boston & Albany Railroad.
- Severally laid over under the law.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF BOOTBLACK WOMEN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, October 15, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—It has come to my attention that several bootblack parlors, so called, are employing girls and young women to black boots.

The unfitness of such an occupation for young girls is hardly open to argument and it seems unnecessary to enlarge upon the possible dangers, from the standpoint of public morals, of allowing them to be so employed.

Section 17 of chapter 65 of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter 242 of the General Acts of 1916, provides . . . that the Mayor and Aldermen may make regulations relative to the exercise of the trade of bootblacking by minors and may prohibit such trade . . . and in order that this evil may be checked at its inception, so far as is within the power of the city, I recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.  
An Ordinance Concerning the Trade of  
Bootblacking.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Within the limits of the City of Boston no female person less than twenty-one years of age shall engage in the trade of bootblacking, and no person shall employ any such female in such trade.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

#### CIVIC CENTER, ROXBURY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, October 22, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith report received from the City Planning Board, the same constituting a reply to certain interrogatories propounded by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The City Planning Board,  
Boston, October 1, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The City Planning Board submits herewith report prepared in compliance with an order passed by the City Council February 19, 1917, as follows:

"Ordered, That the City Planning Board be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council a report as to the advisability of widening Harrison avenue, from Warren

street to Essex street, and the advisability of establishing a Civic Center in the area bounded by Harrison avenue, Shawmut avenue, Dudley street, Winslow street and Thorndike street."

For the reasons set forth in the accompanying report, the City Planning Board believes that the area in the vicinity of Dudley street can never become the main civic center of the city, but that it can be, and is one of the subcivic centers, and should be developed as such with a definite plan in mind for the whole district, including adequate connection and communication with all surrounding subcenters.

The City Planning Board therefore recommends:

(a.) That no action be taken at this time with reference to the widening of Harrison avenue.

(b.) That the unused car tracks on Harrison avenue be removed, and the street repaved.

(c.) That Washington street, from Thorndike street to Dudley street, be widened as suggested in our report of January 12, 1917.

(d.) That Ruggles street be widened as suggested in our reports of June 3, 1914, and January 12, 1917.

(e.) That a transportation line be established through Ruggles street to Huntington avenue, thereby connecting the Dudley street district with one of the greatest educational centers in the city.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. CRAM, Chairman.

#### Report on Harrison Avenue Widening and Dudley Street Civic Center.

The City Planning Board, under date of January 12, 1917, submitted to his Honor the Mayor "Report on suggestion for widening Washington street, Roxbury." This report was made at the request of the Roxbury Board of Trade, which asked for an expression of opinion, particularly with reference to Washington street, opposite Ruggles, or that portion lying between Eastis and Palmer streets.

The report discussed the requirements of through travel in that vicinity, and stated that neither Harrison avenue on the east nor Shawmut avenue on the west appeared to be carrying a burden sufficient to justify the cost of upkeep. Such being the case, the widening of Harrison avenue is unnecessary at this time.

Furthermore, Washington street, which is parallel to Harrison avenue, is 100 feet wide from Thorndike street to near Dover street. If that portion of Washington street, from Thorndike street to Dudley street, was widened as suggested in the report of January 12, 1917, Roxbury would be provided with a wide business street, from Dudley street almost to Dover street.

From Dover street on, Washington street continues through the heart of the city, and although narrow, is the only through street to Charlestown, thus constituting an important radial thoroughfare.

Since Harrison avenue comes to a dead end before it reaches the heart of the city, it can never become a through radial street unless intersected by the proposed "Western Artery to Boston Central District." (City Planning Board report, February 16, 1917.) With such intersection, it would then lead into the market and financial districts of the city proper.

Since there are on Harrison avenue many residences, charitable institutions and the City Hospital, it seems inadvisable to attempt to develop it into a broad business street, but rather to improve present conditions and encourage development along lines already established. Furthermore, many of the adjacent streets are wide, planted with trees and well adapted for residential purposes.

The surface pavement a greater part of the way on Harrison avenue is at the present time in exceedingly bad condition. The rails not used by the street cars should be removed, and the street repaved. If this is done it will become much more available for a reasonable share of the inbound traffic from Roxbury and the outlying districts.

#### Civic Center.

In cities of considerable size, it is advisable to have additional civic centers to supplement the principal one. Such additional centers may be of a somewhat different character, as, for instance, traffic, social, educational or amusement centers.

The Dudley street district has grown into one of the traffic centers of the street railway system. For a number of years after the Elevated was

built, it was the end of the route, and people were forced to leave the Elevated trains at that point, and change to surface cars. Consequently, many people, with only a short distance to go from this point, preferred to walk to their destinations rather than board crowded cars. The result was that as people came and went, they did shopping, and a social center or district has developed around the Elevated station. The same conditions prevail in other parts of the city, near the subway and Elevated stations where small local centers have developed.

The area in the vicinity of Dudley street is not near enough to steam railroad and water transportation terminals to be conveniently reached by all the residents of the city. Therefore it can never become the main civic center. It can be, and is one of the subcivic centers, and the more that is done in planning, grouping and arranging all public or semi-public buildings in the vicinity with a definite plan in mind for the whole district, the better the interests of the locality will be served.

In order to attain to its greatest efficiency, such a center should have connection and communication with all other surrounding subcenters, as, for instance, the art and educational center on Huntington avenue, between the Opera House, the Harvard Medical School and the hospitals grouped there. If such centers were adequately connected with one another, the result would be the saving of much time and energy to the individual in getting from one place to another.

The City Planning Board in its report on "Main Thoroughfares" under date of June 3, 1914, stated "Ruggles street should be widened before the Bacon store is rebuilt." Our report of January 12, 1917, further emphasizes this need. In addition, a transportation line should be established along Ruggles street to Huntington avenue, thereby connecting the Dudley street district with one of the greatest educational centers in the city.

There is no question but what many opportunities are offered in the Dudley street district, and if a plan could be established towards which to work, the result would be most beneficial to the whole community.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### SALE OF CITY LAND, DEDHAM.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, October 22, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The City of Boston is subject to taxation annually on 12.5 acres of land located in the town of Dedham, which it is impossible to use to advantage, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That land owned by the City of Boston bordering on River and Milton streets, and on Mother brook in the town of Dedham, be sold at public auction at an upset price of \$7,600.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

#### TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, October 22, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed requests for transfers from various items in the segregated budget to other items and respectfully recommend the approval of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the appropriation for Park and Recreation Department, F-12, Contracts for Construction, to the appropriation for Boston Almshouse and Hospital, D-2, Food and Ice.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from



the appropriation for Public Works Department, Reconstructing and Repairing Streets by Contract, to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, F-8, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the appropriation for City Debt Requirements, Interest, to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, F-8, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Police Department.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$600.

From the appropriation for F-14, Listing, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$1,700.

From the appropriation for F-14, Listing, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., \$100.

From the appropriation for F-14, Listing, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$300.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department.

#### BRIDGE SERVICE.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Drawtenders, 93 at \$1,000-\$1,100 per year, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$700.

#### FERRY SERVICE.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Oilers and Firemen, 46 at \$3.50 per day, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$1,400.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Deckhands, 24 at \$3 per day, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$1,300.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$4,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Associate Medical Examiner, Northern District.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$30.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Consumptives' Hospital Department.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Cooks, 2 at \$216 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Cooks, 2 at \$240 per year, \$146.50.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Collecting Department.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Auditing Clerk, 1 at \$1,700 per year, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$1,133.34.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Municipal Court of Boston, Criminal Business.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Probation Officers (Female), 10 at \$1,500 per year, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$250; C-10, Library, \$100; D-1, Office, \$800; F-9, Care of Dependents, \$500.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Municipal Court, South Boston District.

From the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$25.82.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Supply Department.

From the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$250.

From the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$150.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for City Council.

From the appropriation for G-5, Contingencies, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$100.

From the appropriation for G-5, Contingencies, to the appropriation for B-29, Stenographic and Copying, \$250.

From the appropriation for G-5, Contingencies, to the appropriation for G-1, Flags, Ropes and Stakes, \$600.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$125.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Park and Recreation Department.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$527.50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicles, Repairs and Care, \$800.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for B-32, Towing, \$30.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$400.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$7.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$500.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$650.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, \$193.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$800.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, \$75.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$2,500.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Employees, Mechanics, etc., 235 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$200.

From the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicle, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$500.

From the appropriation for E-12, Parks and Recreational, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$2,000.

From the appropriation for F-12, Contracts for Construction, to the appropriation for B-27, Testing Materials and Supplies, \$256.

From the appropriation for F-12, Contracts for Construction, to the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, \$620.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Land Court.



From the appropriation for D-1, Office, to the appropriation for C-10, Library, \$30.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Assessing Department.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 21 at \$1,800 per year, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$600.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 5 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$400.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 5 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 3 at \$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 3 at \$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$29.55.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 3, at \$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for B-33, Interpreters, \$31.50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 3 at \$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for B-37, Photographie and Blue-printing, \$150.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 3 at \$1,200 per year to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$20.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Timothy F. Leary, for compensation for damage to automobile by a defect in street near 618 Harvard street.

Joe Gelbi, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Breed square.

Felicia De Dio, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 9 Unity court.

Alice L. Dolan, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Jersey street.

Benjamin F. Dudley, for compensation for damages to automobile on the East Boston Ferry.

Boston & Springfield Despatch Company, to be refunded tax paid by said company in 1915 and 1916, levied on Timothy Shea, former owner of the business.

Thomas I. Miskell, for compensation for damages at 41 South Huntington avenue by overflow of sewer and surface water.

Nellie E. Brogan, for compensation for damages at 187 Webster street by backing up of water.

Charles Struzziery, for compensation for damage to automobile by a defect in Boylston street, near Tremont street.

Damiano Sears, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by an automobile of the Fire Department.

John B. Cadigan, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in sidewalk at 2 Grafton street.

Edmund D. Codman, executor, for refund of expenses laid on estate 1291 Commonwealth avenue on account of gypsy moth tax.

Mrs. Ella Fullerton, for compensation for injuries and damage to clothing caused by a fall on an oily street.

Elias Fayad, for compensation for damages by water in basement of building, 57 Beach street.

Celia Coman, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at corner Auburn and Chambers streets.

A. Oelschlager, for compensation for damages at 10 Amory terrace by insufficient drainage.

Susan Hayes, for compensation for damage to clothing by tar on a hydrant on River street, Mattapan.

C. Butano, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 48 Norman street.

Jennie Del Gandio, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 22 and 24 North square.

Anthony Bovas, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 2 and 4 South Margin street.

Mrs. Charles R. Hardy, for compensation for damages at 53 Appleton street by being flooded on October 3, 4 and 5.

John J. Connors, for compensation for damages at 37 Bexley road by the overflow of Stony brook.

Horace C. Howe, for compensation for damages at 37 and 38 Bexley road by the overflow of Stony brook.

Frederick G. Czuzner, for compensation for damages at 38 and 39 Bexley road by overflow of Stony brook.

Antonio De Virgilio, for compensation for damages at 11 Firth road by the overflow of Stony brook.

Cummings Brothers, for compensation for damage to automobile by fire apparatus.

John J. Heffaran, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect at corner of Dover and Washington streets.

Martin A. Feeley, to be paid for extra work on his contract for paving at the High School of Commerece.

##### Ordinances.

Communication from Charlotte Smith relative to women acting as bootblacks.

Harriet Duffy *et al.*, for a hearing relative to prohibition of women blacking boots.

##### Executive.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Peter White *et al.*, Cornell street, between Washington and Orange streets, Ward 23.

G. L. Fickett, La Grange street, between Landseer and Centre streets, Ward 23.

Palmer L. Guptill, Saunders street, between Cambridge and Pomeroy streets, Ward 25.

Communication from Chestnut Hill Association, relative to extension of Lake street car line.

Peter Ball, to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914.

Barnet Ringold, to sell, rent or lease firearms at 364 Hanover street, Ward 5.

Helen M. Lally, for a permit for children to appear at Municipal Building, South Boston, on evening of October 29.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Paine Furniture Company, keeping of gasolene, 11 Munson street (two notices).

Fred C. Hoyt, keeping and sale of gasolene, 3380 Washington street.

Fred C. Hoyt, keeping and sale of gasolene at 45 Union avenue, Jamaica Plain.

Charles M. Green, keeping and sale of gasolene, 420 La Grange street, West Roxbury.

Mary A. Carr, keeping and sale of gasolene, 9 and 11 Walley street, East Boston.

Irrington Motor Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 25 Irvington street.

Somerset Garage Company, keeping and sale of gasolene, 3 Maitland street (two notices).

Montgomery Brothers, keeping, storage, manufacture and sale of liquid rubber cement, 285 Dorchester avenue (rear).

Chardon Street Garage, keeping and sale of gasolene, 24 Chardon street.

William F. Hennessey, keeping and sale of gasolene, 16 Harcourt street.

Merrill K. Green, keeping and sale of gasolene, 43 Lochstead avenue.

Amy B. Goodwin, keeping of gasolene, 196 Stratford street, West Roxbury.

Eddie Eldridge, keeping of gasolene, 39 Lochstead avenue.

Mary I. Wilson, keeping of gasolene, 410 Columbia road.

Albert Geiger, Jr., keeping and sale of gasolene, 700 and 702 Beacon street.

Placed on file.

#### CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bonds of Robert J. Dooley.

Approved by the City Council.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of appointment of Thomas K. Reynolds as member of Board of Examiners in the Building Department.

## RAILWAY LOCATIONS.

Copies of orders were received from Street Commissioners granting the following locations to the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:

Extension of time on 471st location.

Temporary track on Broadway, South Boston, 495th location.

Ordered printed and placed on file.

A copy of order was received from the Street Commissioners granting track location on Alger and other streets to the S. A. Woods Machine Company.

Placed on file.

## SALARY OF A. J. SARGENT, PROBATION OFFICER.

A communication was received from the Chief Justice of the Municipal Court stating that the justices of said court had determined the compensation of Albert J. Sargent, probation officer of the court, at \$4,000 per year, subject to approval by the County Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

## AUDITOR'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT.

The City Auditor submitted a quarterly statement of money expended by the Mayor and the City Council for contingent expenses for the quarter ending October 1, 1917.

Placed on file.

## CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Registrar of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of section 33, chapter 22, of the Revised Laws, certifying that persons had been employed in his office from September 24 to October 21 and that work had been performed to the amount of \$3,934.28.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

## NOTICE OF STATE ELECTION, ETC.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That meetings of the citizens of this city qualified to vote for state officers be held at the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, 1917, for the election of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councilors, Senators in the General Court, Representatives in the General Court and Sheriff; also to give in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following questions:

Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to absentee voting, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

## ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

The General Court shall have power to provide by law for voting by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who, at the time of an election, are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election.

In place of Article 18 of the Articles of Amendment of the Constitution, shall the following Article of Amendment relative to appropriations for educational and benevolent purposes, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

## ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Article XVIII, Section 1. No law shall be passed prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

Sect. 2. All moneys raised by taxation in the towns and cities for the support of public schools, and all moneys which may be appropriated by the Commonwealth for the support of common schools shall be applied to, and expended in, no other schools than those which are conducted according to law, under the order and superintendence of the authorities of the town or city in which the money is expended; and no grant, appropriation or use of public money or property or loan of

public credit shall be made or authorized by the commonwealth or any political division thereof for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding any school or institution of learning, whether under public control or otherwise, wherein any denominational doctrine is inculcated, or any other school or any college, infirmary, hospital, institution or educational, charitable or religious undertaking which is not publicly owned and under the exclusive control, order and superintendence of public officers or public agents authorized by the commonwealth or federal authority or both, except that appropriations may be made for the maintenance and support of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts and for free public libraries in any city or town, and to carry out legal obligations, if any, already entered into; and no such grant, appropriation or use of public money or property or loan of public credit shall be made or authorized for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding any church, religious denomination or society.

Sect. 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the commonwealth, or any political division thereof, from paying to privately controlled hospitals, infirmaries, or institutions for the deaf, dumb or blind not more than the ordinary and reasonable compensation for care or support actually rendered or furnished by such hospitals, infirmaries or institutions to such persons as may be in whole or in part unable to support or care for themselves.

Sect. 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any inmate of a publicly controlled reformatory, penal or charitable institution of the opportunity of religious exercises therein of his own faith; but no inmate of such institution shall be compelled to attend religious services or receive religious instruction against his will, or, if a minor, without the consent of his parent or guardian.

Sect. 5. This amendment shall not take effect until the October first next succeeding its ratification and adoption by the people.

Shall the following Article or Amendment relative to the taking and distribution by the Commonwealth and its municipalities of the common necessities of life, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

## ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

The maintenance and distribution at reasonable rates, during time of war, public exigency, emergency or distress, of a sufficient supply of food and other common necessities of life and the providing of shelter, are public functions, and the Commonwealth and the cities and towns therein may take and may provide the same for their inhabitants in such manner as the General Court shall determine.

In the Sixth, Twelfth and Seventeenth Suffolk Representative Districts—Shall the Representative from this district be instructed to vote for "Non-contributory Old Age Pensions," so as to have the Commonwealth pension its deserving aged citizens, women and men, over sixty-five years of age, who are unable to properly provide for themselves, and who have been residents of the Commonwealth for at least fifteen years prior to the filing of an application for a pension?

The polls at said meetings shall be opened at six o'clock a. m. and closed at four o'clock p. m.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of said meetings by advertising the same as required by law.

Ordered, That the provisions of sections 270, 271 and 272 of chapter 835 of the Acts of 1913, be and hereby are suspended and made inapplicable as to the three proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted upon at the state election to be held November 6, 1917.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business Nos. 1, 2, 3, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor October 8, 1917, viz.:

1. L. A. Zwick and Herbert V. Evans, to be Weighers of Coal.
2. Herbert V. Evans, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery.



3. Herbert V. Evans, to be a Weigher of Goods for the George H. Lincoln Company.

4. James J. Murphy and Lawrence A. Doyle, to be Weighers of Goods for the Boston & Albany Railroad; William H. Glennon, to be a Weigher of Goods for the George L. Glennon Company; Hugh P. McColgan, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Terminal Wharf and Railroad Warehouse Company.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Collins and McDonald. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yeas 8, and the several appointments were confirmed.

#### RECONSTRUCTION OF CITY HOSPITAL BUILDINGS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 6, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the additional sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the City Hospital Trustees for the reconstruction of ward buildings E and A, and that to meet said expenditure 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.

On October 8, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### COURTHOUSE, FOREST HILLS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted a report on order (referred October 8) for loan of \$115,000 for courthouse, Forest Hills—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, in relation to this order I desire to say that last week the committee held a meeting and Mr. O'Connell, the architect, and Mr. Kneeland, the Superintendent of Public Buildings, were both present, and these gentlemen showed us the plans and stated that this building could be erected for \$115,000—the amount of the order. And I have here a letter from Mr. O'Connell, the architect, and also a letter from Mr. Kneeland, which I would like to have incorporated in the record for the committee. And Mr. O'Connell in his letter states that he estimates the cost of the proposed building to be \$114,999.70,—this estimate to include the architect's commission but not to include furnishings.

The communications submitted by Coun. Attridge read as follows:

City of Boston,  
Office of Public Buildings Department,  
October 19, 1917.

Hon. John J. Attridge,  
Chairman, Committee on Finance, Boston  
City Council, Boston:

Dear Sir,—As per your request, I submit an estimate of \$115,000 for the erection and completion of proposed courthouse, West Roxbury district. This estimate, it is understood, does not include the question of furnishing said building.

Yours respectfully,  
FRED J. KNEELAND,  
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

18 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.,  
October 18, 1917.

Mr. Fred J. Kneeland,  
Superintendent of Public Buildings:  
Dear Sir,—I estimate the cost of the proposed courthouse for the West Roxbury district to be one hundred fourteen thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and seventy cents (\$114,999.70). This estimate to include architect's commission, but not to include furnishings. The aforesaid price is based on 310,810 feet, which the building contains, at 37 cents per cubic foot.

Yours truly,  
T. G. O'CONNELL.

The order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

#### PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of George M. Douse (referred September 24) for release to owners of land in Orchid, Althea and Palm streets of certain rights relative to laying water pipes in said streets—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city and for a nominal consideration, to release unto Eugene N. Foss and all persons claiming title under him, and his and their heirs and assigns forever, according to their respective interests, all the right, title and interest of the city acquired by it by deed from said Foss, dated July 27, 1915, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 3924, page 130, in and to the strips of land therein referred to as Orchid street, Althea street and Palm street, as shown on plan recorded with said deeds, Book 3090, page 2.

2. Report on petition of George E. Lothrop (referred October 8) for conveyance of parcels of land, near Hawkins street—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city and upon the payment of the sum of fifty dollars, to convey to George E. Lothrop and his heirs and assigns a small strip of land about four inches wide and containing in all fourteen square feet, more or less, in the rear of and southwest from Hawkins street, as shown on a plan made by William J. Sullivan, surveyor, dated September 15, 1917; and to release all the right, title and interest of the city, if any it has, in and to the fee and soil of and the right to use Carnes place, so called, and in the open space being the front portion of lots 1, 2 and 3 at the end of Carnes place, all as shown on a plan recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 526, page 32, upon said Lothrop's releasing to the city all his right, title and interest, if any he has, in the land lying northwest of said 4-inch strip of land herein first mentioned.

The reports were accepted and the question came on the passage of the orders.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—On behalf of the committee I desire to submit a letter from the engineer in charge of the Public Works Department in relation to Orchid, Althea and Palm streets. And I also have a letter, which the committee would like to have incorporated in the records, from Mr. Day, the City Conveyancer, in relation to the two orders which the committee has just presented. One of the orders calls for releasing some restrictions for the purpose of straightening a line on the Hawkins street property; the other is for the city to give up some rights to lay water pipes, the rights which it received some years ago but which it has never exercised and which it never intends to exercise. The committee believes both orders ought to pass.

The orders were given their first readings separately and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The orders will take their final reading in not less than fourteen days from date.

The letters are as follows:

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department,  
October 18, 1917.

Mr. James H. Sullivan,  
Division Engineer:

Dear Sir,—In the development of the Whitten Estate property, the owner in his application for water pipes in the proposed streets granted a release to the Water Service, Public Works Department, to lay and maintain water pipes in Orchid, Althea and Palm streets as shown on a recorded plan. In the actual development, however, the plan as filed was not followed to the extent of laying out and constructing Orchid, Althea and Palm streets, consequently, as these prospective streets will never exist the Water Service will not exercise the right to lay and maintain water pipes as granted. The interests of the city will not be endangered in any way, shape or manner by waiving the right to lay and maintain the water pipes in Orchid, Althea and Palm streets, the location for which is shown on plan recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 3090, page 2.

Very respectfully,  
C. J. CARVEN,  
Engineer in Charge.



October 22, 1917.

J. J. Attridge, Esquire,  
Chairman, Committee on Public Lands,  
City Council, Boston:

Dear Sir.—In compliance with your request, I hand you this statement in regard to a proposed conveyance to George E. Lothrop of land and rights in the rear of Hawkins street, and to a release to Eugene N. Foss of the rights of the city in Orchid street, Althea street and Palm street, so called.

The proposed conveyance to Mr. Lothrop is for the purpose of straightening the line between his large estate and the land of the city known as the Wayfarers' Lodge estate, in accordance with a modern survey, thereby giving him full ownership of the land on which the wall of his ancient house now stands. The mutual release of rights in passageways is for the purpose of clearing the titles of both estates so far as passageway rights may by any possibility now exist, and thereby permitting full development by Mr. Lothrop of his lands.

The release to Mr. Foss is desired because the city, in accordance with a communication from the engineer in charge, dated October 18, 1917, has never laid water pipes in Orchid, Althea and Palm streets as originally contemplated, and the owners of the land have developed their lots in a manner different from what was originally intended, so that the cloud upon the title interferes with the development of the lands and should be removed by the city.

Yours very truly,  
CHARLES FRANK DAY,  
City Conveyancer.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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 October.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Trull street, from No. 22 to Hancock street, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Olney street, from Rosseter street to Cedar avenue, Ward 19, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Mt. Pleasant avenue (southerly side), from Blue Hill avenue to Fairland street, Ward 12, 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 artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Breed street, from Bennington street to Leyden street, and along Leyden street, from Breed street 300 feet easterly, Ward 1, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

#### PLANS FOR NEW POLICE STATION, DIVISION 17.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$5,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans and specifications and buildings for new police station in Division No. 17, and that to meet 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 Finance.

#### CARE OF TREES IN CEMETERIES.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Cemetery Trustees be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council the number of trees cut down each year in the various cemeteries under their charge, and the number of trees planted to replace the ones cut down, said information to cover the last five years.

Passed.

#### INVITATION TO CAMP DEVENS.

At this point his Honor the Mayor entered the Council Chamber, accompanied by Maj. Rhinelander Waldo and First Lieut. P. D. Hill.

Mayor CURLEY—I wish to present to you, gentlemen, Maj. Rhinelander Waldo of the 301st Regiment at Camp Devens and Lieutenant Hill. They desire to extend an invitation to the Mayor and City Council to review the Boston Regiment—the 301st Regiment—on Friday, October 26, at Ayer, to arrive there at three o'clock in the afternoon, spend an hour looking over the encampment, and to review, and then take dinner with the officers, leaving camp at 6, and returning to Boston at 8. I can cancel my engagements to go. If the Council is agreeable we can give the Major our message and let him take it back. If you confer with your associates and take action we will be ready to give him the message.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—On behalf of the Council I think I am perfectly safe in accepting that invitation. I judge from the nods of the heads of the different members around that every member of the Council will be very glad indeed to accept the invitation.

Mayor CURLEY—The Major says he can see no objection to including the City Clerk, the Assistant City Clerk, the Clerk of Committees, the City Messenger and the members of the Press.

Mayor WALDO—On behalf of the Regiment, I want to thank the Council for coming out.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I move a vote of thanks be extended to the officers for their very kind invitation to review the Boston Regiment on Friday next.

The motion was unanimously carried.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 3.12 p. m., on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 5.15 p. m.

#### TRANSFER FOR FOOD AND ICE, BOSTON ALMSHOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, October 22, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Boston Infirmary Department and recommend the passage of the accompanying order transferring the sum of \$15,000 to the appropriation for Food and Ice at the Boston Almshouse and Hospital.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Infirmary Department,  
October 17, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The question of food for the Long Island Hospital for the current year has proved to be a most serious one and the entire allowance for food is practically exhausted with three months yet to be provided for. According to the most careful calculation an additional appropriation of no less than \$25,000 will be required.

The expenditures for food for 1916-17 amounted to \$86,248. The amount estimated for 1917-18 was \$100,000, the amount granted was \$82,319, \$3,929 less than the expenditures for the previous year.

While the average population for nine months of 1917-18 has been 921 against an average of 1,035 for 1916-17 (a decrease of 114) the fact that about 50 prisoners from Deer Island have been housed and fed at Long Island must be taken into consideration. The feeding of fifty strong working men would naturally cost more than the feeding of an equal number of feeble inactive men.

Nine months' expenditures have amounted to \$79,722.52. The expenditures for the remaining three months are estimated at \$25,396.48 of which but \$396.48 is available. Smaller deficits will be unavoidable on several items, but it is anticipated that these can be met by transfer of balances from other items, leaving no provision for the deficit in food.

Condensed milk, approximately	11,459	pounds at \$0	1601	=	\$1,834	58,	10	months' supplies.
Tea,	"	5,000	"	at	0	2622	=	1,311
Prunes,	"	7,937	"	at	0	1068	=	847
Macaroni,	"	2,367	"	at	0	0681	=	161
Rice,	"	4,955	"	at	0	0391	=	193
								74,
								3
								\$4,348
								18

No payments for food can be made until funds are provided. Bills for flour delivered in August amounting to \$1,290 were withheld from the October 1st draft and no food bills can be included in the November 1st draft.

Believing that the unusual conditions prevailing at the present time are largely responsible for the deficit, we trust that early action to meet this exigency may be possible.

Very truly yours,  
THOMAS A. McQUADE,  
Chairman.

Ordered, That under the authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the appropriation for Park and Recreation Department, F-12, Contracts for Construction, to the appropriation for Boston Almshouse and Hospital, B-2, Food and Ice.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

APPROPRIATION FOR ICE WATER SERVICE DIVISION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, October 22, 1917.  
Gentlemen of the City Council:

A communication has been received from the Commissioner of Public Works recommending that an appropriation of the sum of \$5,000 be made from Water Income for D-2, Service. This appropriation to be used for payments made during year for ice used on drinking fountains throughout the city, and I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the expenses of the Highway Division, Water Service, for ice used at the drinking fountains in all parts of the city during the summer months, the sum of \$5,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated for D-2, Food and Ice, to be met by revenue from the Water Service.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

On a basis of comparison of expenditure for 1917-18 with 1916-17 the deficit of \$25,000 on food may be accounted for as follows:

Decrease in appropriation of 1917-18 from expenditures of 1916-17.....	\$3,926
Transfer to D-10, agricultural supplies.....	2,200
Increase (estimated):	
Rise in price on main items (listed) amounting to \$90,372 (21.5 per cent).....	\$19,503
Increase on minor items amounting to \$14,747 (if estimated at 15.8 per cent).....	2,341
	\$21,844
Net decrease in quantity on main items listed (lower population),	2,973
	18,871
	\$25,000

The decrease in quantity would have been more commensurate with the decrease in population had it not been for investments in certain staple articles which were made to guard against shortage on account of war.

It has thus far been possible to provide the usual foods such as fresh meats, milk, etc., and the stock of substitutes has therefore not been drawn upon to as great an extent as might have been necessary. There will accordingly be surplus stock on hand at the end of the year of the following articles:

TRANSFER FOR SOLDIERS' DEPENDANTS

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, October 22, 1917.  
Gentlemen of the City Council:

At the time the Budget was compiled for the present fiscal year, war had not been declared by the United States against Germany.

The declaration of war has resulted in many demands for aid from the dependents of men who have either volunteered for service or who through the selective draft have been ordered to the colors.

On April 30 the Soldiers' Relief Department requested \$30,000 in addition to the amount appropriated to provide for German war dependents and on May 29 a request was received for \$100,000 additional, both of which amounts were recommended by me, and approved by your honorable body.

In the opinion of the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner \$124,764 additional will be required with which to pay the monthly allowances to the dependents of the men who have responded to the call of country.

In my opinion, the first duty of the city is to provide for the wants of dependents of its nation's defenders and I accordingly recommend the transfer of \$75,000 as set forth in the accompanying orders to provide for present requirements and in the event of additional money being necessary shall submit to your honorable body orders for such sums as in the opinion of the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner may be required.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the appropriation for City Debt Requirements, Interest, to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, F-8, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the appropriation for Public Works Department, Reconstructing and Repairing Streets by Contract, to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, F-8, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

## COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on pay roll of the Registrar of Deeds (referred today) for clerk hire for the amount of \$3,934.28, approving of said pay roll.

Report accepted; pay roll approved and ordered paid.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on order (referred April 16) to accept chapter 85, Special Acts of 1917, an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John F. Kennedy—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on order (referred April 16) for payment of sum of \$1,254.16 to Anna Kennedy, widow of John F. Kennedy—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on petition of Peter Ball (referred today) to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914—that the order ought to pass.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Lahores be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Peter Ball, employed in the Labor Service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on order (referred today) of meetings of the citizens of this city qualified to vote for state officers, etc.—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on message of Mayor and various orders (referred today) for transfers from various items in the segregated budget to other items—that the orders ought to pass, yeas 8, nays 0.

Report accepted; orders severally passed.

(6) Report on petition of Helen M. Lally (referred today) for permit for children to appear at Municipal Building, South Boston, October 29—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(7) Report on petition of Barnet Ringold (referred today) to sell, rent or lease firearms at 364 Hanover street, Ward 5—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

## FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on order for loan of \$53,000 (referred October 8) for completion of West Department of City Hospital and furnishing of same—recommending passage of order in the following new draft:

Ordered, That the sum of \$25,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the City Hospital Trustees for the completion of the West Department and that to meet said expenditure 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 report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. WATSON offered the following substitute:

Ordered, That the sum of \$53,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the City Hospital Trustees for the completion of the West Department and furnishing same for occupancy, and that to meet said expenditures 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.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I offer this substitute in order that we may vote on the original order sent to this body by his Honor the Mayor, I don't want to be in the position of casting a vote that may interfere with the opening of any part of the City Hospital, West Department or any other part. I ask for a roll call.

The motion to substitute was lost, yeas 3, nays 5.

Yeas—Coun. Ballantyne, McDonald, Watson—3.

Nays—Coun. Attridge, Collins, Ford, Hagan, Wellington—5.

The order reported by the committee was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

2. Report on order for loan of \$50,000 (referred September 10) for park in Roslindale at Washington, Poplar, Ashland and South streets, recommending passage of order in the following new draft:

Ordered, That the sum of \$31,500 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended for land and buildings at Washington, Poplar, Ashland and South streets, Roslindale, as set forth in the accompanying plans of the City Planning Board, and that to meet 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 of Boston to said amount.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its second reading not less than fourteen days from date.

## LOCATION OF GOVERNOR WINTHROP'S STATUE.

Coun. COLLINS submitted a petition from Charles J. Kidney to have the City of Boston again obtain possession of the statue of Governor Winthrop and have it located in the most available spot in the city.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up No. 5, unfinished business, viz.:

5. James H. Waugh, to be a Constable.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Wellington and Attridge. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yeas 8, and the appointment was confirmed.

## GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. ATTRIDGE moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

## THE NEXT MEETING.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. HAGAN, that when the Council adjourns it be to meet on Monday, November 5, at two o'clock p. m.

Adjourned at 5.28 p. m., on motion of Coun. HAGAN.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Wednesday, October 31, 1917.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—Coun. Collins and Storror.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

You are respectfully requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, October 31, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of taking action on the Parkman Fund appropriation and such other financial matters as may come before your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. WELLINGTON, to proceed to the election of a President *pro tem.*, and Coun. Ballantyne was unanimously elected.

## PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. WELLINGTON, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted a report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred September 24), appropriating \$100,000 from income from Parkman Fund for maintenance and improvement of the Common and parks—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted: order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

## FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred September 24) for transfer of \$145,000 for Police Station No. 2 site—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

2. Report on order (referred August 6) for loan of \$5,000 for plans for municipal building, Brighton—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

3. Report on order (referred October 22) for loan of \$5,000 for plans, etc., for Police Station No. 17—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

## ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL, PARKER HILL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, October 31, 1917.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in a spirit worthy of emulation, have agreed that in the event of the City of Boston selling the property known as Parker Hill, and formerly used for reservoir purposes, containing 196,202 square feet, for the sum of \$40,000, it is the purpose of the organization to construct thereon an orthopedic hospital representing a total cost for land and building of approximately \$250,000.

This splendid patriotic service by this great patriotic organization is deserving of encouragement and commendation, and I accordingly recommend the adoption by your honorable body of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to convey for the sum of \$40,000, by an instrument satisfactory to the Law Department, to the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the lot of land containing approximately 196,000 square feet, owned by the city, on Parker Hill, on the condition that said land is to be used as a site for a hospital, and on such further terms as may be satisfactory to the Law Department.

Coun. ATTRIDGE moved a suspension of the rule, that the order might have its first reading and passage.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I think something should be spread upon the records so that no one will say we did not consider this matter thoroughly. Mr. Nicholson of the Elks appeared before the committee a short time ago and told us of the plans. It was sufficient for me, and I believe it was sufficient for the other members.

The rule was suspended and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

President BALLANTYNE—There being no other financial matter on the table, the Council stands adjourned to the time of its next regular meeting.

Adjourned at 3.02 p. m., to meet on Monday, November 5, at 2 p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 5, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—President Storrow.

On motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE it was unanimously voted that Coun. BALLANTYNE be elected as president *pro tem*.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1918:

1. Arthur Stansfield, 196 Bradstreet avenue, Beachmont, a Weigher of Goods for the William M. Ware Company.
2. Charles M. McColgan, 222 Freeport street, Dorchester, a Weigher of Coal and Coke.  
Laid over under the law.

SALE OF PARKER HILL PROPERTY,  
HOSPITAL SITE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, November 5, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the accompanying letter from Mr. Nicholson of the Elks War Relief Commission, and in view of the request contained therein I recommend the passage of the accompanying order as a substitute for the order passed to its first reading by your honorable body on October 31 for the sale of the Parker Hill property to the Grand Lodge of Elks.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston, Mass., November 5, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

My dear Mayor Curley,—Acting under instructions of the Elks War Relief Commission I consulted several real estate men in Boston relative to the value of the Parker Hill site, the purchase of which the commission is considering and the sale of which you recommended to the City Council at a price of \$40,000.

The real estate men referred to advise me that 20 cents per square foot would represent a maximum value on this land. The lot comprises 196,202 square feet.

At the value per square foot stated, the price for the lot would be \$39,240.40. Would you be willing to issue an order providing for the sale of this property at that price?

I would appreciate very much prompt advice on this matter as we hope to have a meeting of the commission within the next two or three days.

Expressing my appreciation of the splendid cooperation which you have rendered us in this matter, with best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. NICHOLSON.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to convey for the sum of \$39,240.40, by an instrument satisfactory to the Law Department, to the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the lot of land containing approximately 196,000 square feet, owned by the city on Parker Hill, on the condition that said land is to be used as a site for a hospital, and on such further terms as may be satisfactory to the Law Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## FIRE STATION, NEPONSET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, November 5, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Fire Commissioner and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order providing for a loan of \$10,000 to cover the cost of plans and purchase of land suitable for a fire station in the Neponset section of Boston.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Fire Department, October 18, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—A matter which, in my opinion, requires serious and immediate attention is the present location of the quarters of Engine Company 20, in Walnut street, Neponset.

This house is one of the fire stations which became the property of the City of Boston with the annexation of Dorchester, and previous to annexation the company stationed at this house protected but a small portion of the territory now covered. In addition the efficiency of this company has been dangerously impaired by the changes that have come with time and the rearrangement of streets in the immediate vicinity. The changes in the streets were necessary to meet the grade crossing law, and as a result grades and avenues of communication have been completely altered, so much so that the best possible protection is not afforded the residents of this and adjoining districts.

In the establishment of a fire station a location should be considered which will afford the company located therein easy access to a certain radius of activity, but at Engine 20 this is not the case. In its present location the house is bounded by marshes, a railroad fence, and the boundary line of the city of Quincy. As a matter of fact this company is pocketed, and in order "to get anywhere" it is necessary to take a roundabout course and thereby lose many valuable moments. It is practically shut off from the district it covers.

This district needs better fire protection; it is built up largely of wooden buildings, and contains a very large lumber yard.

Furthermore, the house has long been unsuited for the department, for it is very old and not built to meet the demands of a permanent fire department in the present day. To alter it properly would require the expenditure of from twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars, but a remodeled house would not give this section of the city the fire protection it deserves.

I recommend therefore that sufficient money be appropriated for the purchase of land and the erection of a fire station at a more accessible and advantageous location in Neponset avenue, where the district served by it may receive the best possible protection.

Yours very respectfully,

JOHN GRADY,  
Fire Commissioner.

Ordered, That the sum of \$10,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Fire Commissioner for plans and the purchase of land for a fire station in Neponset, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amounts.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

## VARIOUS DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, November 5, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed requests for transfers within department appropriations and respectfully recommend the approval of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.



Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Mayor:

From the appropriation for A-1, Personal Service, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,800 per year, to the appropriation for G-1, Contingent Expenses, \$572.85.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Stenographer, 1 at \$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for G-1, Contingent Expenses, \$262.96.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Telephone Operator and Clerk, 1 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for G-1, Contingent Expenses, \$29.57.

From the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$150.

From the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, to the appropriation for B-29, Stenographic and Copying, \$150.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$50.

From the appropriation for C-10, Library, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$50.

From the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicle, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Licensing Board:

From the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$16.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$35.

From the appropriation for B-13, Communication, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$30.

From the appropriation for B-18, Cleaning, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$15.

From the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$400.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$50.

From the appropriation for C-3, Electrical, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$50.

From the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$14.

From the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$5.

From the appropriation for D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$4.

From the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$25.

From the appropriation for A-1, Personal Service, Permanent Employees, Stenographer, 1 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Personal Service, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,900-\$2,000 per year, \$58.33.

From the appropriation for A-1, Personal Service, Permanent Employees, Stenographer, 1 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 2 at \$1,500-\$1,600 per year, \$123.61.

From the appropriation for A-1, Personal Service, Permanent Employees, Stenographer, 1 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Stenographers, 2 at \$1,500-\$1,600 per year, \$130.56.

From the appropriation for A-1, Personal Service, Permanent Employees, Stenographer, 1 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 2 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, \$130.56.

From the appropriation for A-1, Personal Service, Permanent Employees, Stenographer, 1 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk and Messenger, 1 at \$1,200-\$1,300 per year, \$65.28.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Suffolk County Courthouse, County Buildings.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$150.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$200.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$100.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for E-1, Building, \$150.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Hospital Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 7 at \$16 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 3 at \$18 per week, \$624.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 191 at \$7 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 3 at \$18 per week, \$78.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 191 at \$7 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 3 at \$9 per week, \$351.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 24 at \$5.83 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 2 at \$10.50 per week, \$68.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 24 at \$5.83 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Undergraduate Nurses, 163 at \$8.33-\$16.67 per month, \$1,200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 24 at \$5.83 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Social Service Director, 1 at \$23.33 per week, \$0.02.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Superintendent, 1 at \$58.33 per week, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$53.33.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Physicians, 2 at \$58.33 per week, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$116.66.

From the appropriation for A-1, Physicians, 3 at \$38.89 per week, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$125.01.

From the appropriation for A-1, Physicians, 3 at \$38.89 per week, to the appropriation for B-12, Premium on Surety Bond, \$29.32.

From the appropriation for A-1, Physicians, 3 at \$38.89 per week, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$112.35.

From the appropriation for A-1, Physicians, 3 at \$29.17 per week, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$887.65.

From the appropriation for A-1, Physicians, 3 at \$29.17 per week, to the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, \$75.

From the appropriation for A-1, Physicians, 3 at \$29.17 per week, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$9.69.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Physicians, 2 at \$23.23 per week, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$42.22.

From the appropriation for A-1, Physicians, 1 at \$19.44-\$21.39 per week, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$11.62.

From the appropriation for A-1, Physicians, 1 at \$9.72 per week, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$57.14.

From the appropriation for A-1, Clerks, 1 at \$20 per week, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$3.33.

From the appropriation for A-1, Clerks, 3 at \$18 per week, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$18.

From the appropriation for A-1, Clerks, 1 at \$13.61 per week, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$245.67.

From the appropriation for A-1, Clerks, 5 at \$12-\$13 per week, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$85.17.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 9 at \$23-\$25 per week, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$27.16.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 9 at \$23-\$25 per week, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$8.34.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 12 at \$21 per week, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$3.50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 3 at \$18 per week, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$3.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 2 at \$17.50-\$20-\$22 per week, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$5.50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 15 at \$17.50-\$19-\$21 per week, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$579.66.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 15 at \$17.50-\$19-\$21 per week, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$78.34.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 9 at \$17 per week, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$171.66.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 9 at \$17 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$1,000.34.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 1 at \$16.33-\$18.67 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$69.35.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 7 at \$16 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$225.34.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 2 at \$15-\$17 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$4.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Hospital Employees, 24 at \$11.67 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$2,336.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 4 at \$11 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$74.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 6 at \$10 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$21.43.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 1 at \$9.33-\$10.50 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$199.50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 4 at \$9.33 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$8.91.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 191 at \$7 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$500.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 3 at \$5.83-\$7 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$155.99.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 1 at \$5.50 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$2.79.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 4 at \$4.67-\$5 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$0.71.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 75 at \$4.67 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$3,000.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 2 at \$4.50 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$161.36.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 1 at \$3.50-\$4.67 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$221.78.

From the appropriation for A-1, Hospital Employees, 1 at \$3.50-\$4.50 per week, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$3.

From the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$200.

From the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle, Repairs and Care, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$250.

From the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicle, Repairs and Care, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$200.

From the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$500.

From the appropriation for C-5, Motorless Vehicles, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$80.

From the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$600.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$4,000.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$1,650.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$75.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for E-1, Building, \$197.58.

From the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicle, to the appropriation for E-1, Building, \$600.

From the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, to the appropriation for E-1, Building, \$202.42.

From the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, to the appropriation for E-9, Machinery, \$300.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Boston Infirmary Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Pupil Nurses, 60 at \$120-\$144 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Resident Physician, 3 at \$1,000 per year, \$251.96.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Election Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Chairman, 1 at \$4,000 per year, to the appropriation for B-10, Rent, Taxes and Water, \$170.

From the appropriation for A-1, Chairman, 1 at \$4,000 per year, to the appropriation for C-9, Office, \$45.

From the appropriation for A-1, Chairman, 1 at \$4,000 per year, to the appropriation for E-1, Building, \$150.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Superior Court, Criminal Session:

From the appropriation for B-29, Stenographic and Copying, to the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for B-34, Jurors, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, Court Officers, 4 at \$3 per day, \$1,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Building Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Elevator Inspectors, 5 at \$1,600 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Constables, 4 at \$1,300 per year, \$30.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Elevator Inspectors, 5 at \$1,600 per year, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$50.20.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Elevator Inspectors, 5 at \$1,600 per year, to the appropriation for C-9, Office, \$45.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Elevator Inspectors, 5 at \$1,600 per year, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicles, Repairs and Care, \$186.58.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Elevator Inspectors, 5 at \$1,600 per year, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., \$25.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Elevator Inspectors, 5 at \$1,600 per year, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$180.91.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Elevator Inspectors, 5 at \$1,600 per year, to the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicle, \$249.53.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Fannie Barkin, for compensation for damage caused by flooding sewage at 233 Quincy street.

Annie Goldman, for compensation for damage by sewage at 233 Quincy street.

Jennie Bell, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 215 Boylston street, Jamaica Plain.



Cookson-Foresman Electric Company, for compensation for damage to automobile by Fire Department apparatus.

John J. Day, for compensation for damage to automobile by a machine of the Wire Department.

Federal Real Estate Trust, for compensation for damages at 1430 Commonwealth avenue by overflow of catch-basin.

Mary A. Foley, for compensation for damages at 421 Quincy street by change of grade of sidewalk.

Isabel Fox, for compensation for damages by leak in water pipe at 53 Appleton street.

John Glenn, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 301 East Eagle street.

Mrs. Henry W. King, for compensation for injuries from a fall on Trinity place.

Henry Lawrin, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Allen street.

Martha McCarthy, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Court street.

Joseph H. McManis, for compensation for damages at 284 Massachusetts avenue by sewage.

Merchants Fruit and Produce Company, for compensation for damages at basement 3 and 4 North Market street by break in water main.

Margaret M. Miller, for compensation for damage to clothing and personal injuries caused by a fall at 158 Bowdoin street.

Michael H. Murphy, for compensation for damages at 232 Shawmut avenue by break in water main in Dover street.

Mrs. Catherine Norton, for compensation for damages at 20 Lawn street by overflow of Stony brook.

P. J. O'Brien, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Washington street, near Friend street.

George B. Paddock, to be paid for a dog killed by a Fire Department automobile.

Belle Frances Powers, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on crossing from Haverhill street to the North Station.

Elizabeth Sands, for a hearing on her claim on account of a defect in highway, corner E and Seventh streets.

Mrs. J. Smith, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in the highway.

Mary Stanley, for compensation for damage to clothing by a fall on Bowdoin street, Dorchester.

Julia H. Timmins, for compensation for damages at 48 Pratt street because of overflow of sewer.

James White, for compensation for damages at 7 Emmons street, East Boston, by surface water.

Anne O'Keefe, to be reimbursed for expense incurred in releasing a tax title on lots 81, 82 Itasca street.

Morris Aronsky, to be refunded amount paid to redeem tax title to estate 36 South Huntington avenue.

Kathryn Prout, for compensation for damage to shoes on sidewalk in front of 161 Washington street.

#### Executive.

E. Hermann, for permit to sell, rent or lease firearms at 164 Merrimac street.

John B. Cashman, for establishing a day nursery in the East Boston district.

#### CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of J. Paul Canty.

Approved by the City Council.

#### RESIGNATION OF CONSTABLE.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Mayor of the resignation of John A. Duggan as constable, said resignation having been accepted.

#### REMOVAL OF CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Mayor of the removal of John A. Sullivan from the position of Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

#### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Mayor of the appointment of William J. Hennessey, Schoolhouse Commissioner, as Acting Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

#### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION, CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the City Clerk, November 5, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Being an officer of and responsible to your honorable body, I transmit herewith for your information a copy of the report made by the expert accountant employed by the City Auditor to make an examination of the financial administration of the City Clerk Department.

Respectfully,

JAMES DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Annexed was the report referred to.

#### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of the approval of Thomas J. Dawson as Superintendent of Supplies.

Placed on file.

#### TRACK LOCATIONS.

Copies of orders were received from the Street Commissioners granting track locations to the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:

Tracks on Boston street, 497th location.

Tracks on Northampton street, 498th location.

Tracks on Neponset avenue, 499th location.

Ordered printed and placed on file.

A copy of order was received from the Street Commissioners granting track location to emergency destroyer plant for United States Government on Mill street, Dorchester.

Placed on file.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Rockett Taxi Cab Company (Inc.), keeping and sale of gasoline, 49-65 Batavia street.

B. S. Canner, keeping and sale of gasoline, 452 Bennington street.

Major Films Company, keeping, storage, renting and sale of reels of films, 131 Columbus avenue.

Bennett Rockman, keeping and sale of gasoline, 116 and 118 Humboldt avenue.

Charles R. Currier, keeping of gasoline, 49 Eliot street, Jamaica Plain.

Frank H. Thorp, keeping of gasoline, 200 Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury.

Kinney Manufacturing Company, keeping of gasoline, 3541 Washington street (rear).

Francis B. Austin, keeping of gasoline, Avon street, Jamaica Plain.

T. Jefferson Coolidge, keeping of gasoline, 93 Back street.

Mrs. Frank B. Bemis, keeping of gasoline, 128 Beacon street.

John W. Paddon, keeping and sale of gasoline, corner Columbus avenue and West Walnut park (two notices).

General Vehicle Company (Inc.), keeping and sale of gasoline, 490 and 592 Commonwealth avenue.

Brighton Avenue Realty Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 97-119 Harvard avenue and 158 and 160 Brighton avenue.

Georgia S. Bumpus, keeping of gasoline, 89 Hobart street.

Agnes H. Berlo, keeping of gasoline, 170 M street.

Cecelia M. Murrin, keeping of gasoline, 120 Milton street (rear).

Robert A. McPherson, keeping and sale of gasoline, 8 and 10 Robert street.

Lester Leland, keeping of gasoline, 14 Scotia street.



Stickney & Poor Spice Company, keeping of gasoline, Spice street, Charlestown.

Lizzie L. Wigin, keeping and sale of gasoline, 41 Stanhope street.

Charles Frasca, keeping of gasoline, 4392 Washington street.

Louis A. Cavagnaro, keeping and sale of gasoline, 18 Washington street, Dorchester.

Charles Wainwright, keeping and sale of gasoline, south side Minot street, near Frederika street. Placed on file.

#### REDUCTION OF RAILWAY FARE TO CAMP DEVENS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston hereby places itself on record in favor of a reasonable reduction in the rate of fare on the Boston & Maine Railroad for the round trip between Boston and Ayer on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, for the benefit of the soldiers and their families and the public.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I have put in this resolution today simply to have the City Council go on record as in favor of a reasonable reduction of the rate of fare between Ayer and Boston on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for the soldiers and their families and, of course, the general public. The soldiers cannot speak for themselves, because they are not allowed to sign petitions, under military rules; but Colonel Tompkins of the 301st Regiment, whom the members of the Council met, has written a letter to Mr. Hustis, the temporary receiver of the Boston & Maine Railroad, asking for a reduction in the fare between Ayer and Boston for the soldiers. He has called attention to the fact that a private soldier gets only \$30 a month; that \$15 of that is retained by the Government for the soldier's benefit after the war, when he has been discharged; that most of them are giving \$5 a month for Liberty Bonds, leaving but \$10 a month for ordinary expenses; that the \$1.83 for the round trip from Ayer is really too much to ask of the soldiers, who are making the supreme sacrifice, and whose interests and welfare should be considered by us all. It is only on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays that they have a chance to make the trip, and we don't know how long they may be there, as the boys there may be ordered to France at any time. I think it would be an act of patriotism on the part of the road to establish a reduced rate for their benefit. Somebody may ask, "Can it be done?" There is no question that it can be. The road has a right to establish an excursion rate and file a copy with the Public Service Commission. In New York, Colonel Tompkins called attention to the fact that on the Long Island road there is such a reduced rate from the Pennsylvania New York station to Yaphank, Long Island, and says that if one road can make such a reduction, another can. Mr. Hustis, the temporary receiver of the Boston & Maine, said that excursion rates were discontinued some time ago because of the recommendation of the War Board. But I don't think the War Board at that time had in mind that the interests of the thousands of soldiers now in training for the war should not be protected in such a way as I have suggested. I think it was only intended that ordinary excursion rates to private individuals and parties should be discontinued. This resolution is simply for the purpose of placing the City Council on record in line with what I would consider patriotic action on the part of the railroad. I think the reduction of fares as suggested would be a good thing for the soldiers, their families and the general public.

The order was passed.

#### TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT AYER.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Police Commissioner of Boston and town officials or selectmen of the town of Ayer as to the advisability of detailing 100 men of our Police Department to aid the authorities of Ayer in the regulation of the traffic conditions at Ayer, this detail of men from our Police Department to be used only on Sundays.

Passed.

#### INSPECTION OF PAVING WORK.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works be asked, through his Honor the Mayor, to inspect the new paving work on Washington street and particularly at the junction of Temple place and Washington street, and report to the City Council whether or not this work is satisfactory to the city.

Passed.

#### OUT-PATIENT BUILDING, CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the trustees of the Consumptives' Hospital Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council what progress has been made as to the selection of a site for the out-patient building.

Passed.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.17 p. m., on motion of Coun. WELLINGTON, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.12 p. m.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor October 22, 1917, viz.:

1. Thomas F. Costello, to be a Constable.
2. William P. Colpoys, to be a Constable.
3. Pasquale Paglia, to be a Constable.
4. Frank D. Willey, to be a Measurer of Wood and Bark.
5. John F. Mahoney, Frank D. Willey, S. Nathaniel Silver, Edward Latanowich, Grace H. Smith, Ada Levenson, Bernard H. Cohen and Samuel Lunin, to be Weighers of Coal.
6. William Danahy, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Boston & Albany Railroad.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Atridge and McDonald. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the several appointments were confirmed.

#### LOAN FOR COURTHOUSE, FOREST HILLS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 7, viz.:

7. Ordered, That the sum of \$115,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the construction of a courthouse, Forest Hills, and that to meet said expenditure 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.

On October 22, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### LOAN FOR WEST DEPARTMENT, CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 8, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the sum of \$25,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the City Hospital Trustees for the completion of the West Department, and that to meet said expenditure 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.

On October 22, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

LOAN FOR LAND AND BUILDINGS,  
ROSLINDALE.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 9, viz.:

9. Ordered, That the sum of \$31,500 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended for land and buildings at Washington, Poplar, Ashland and South streets, Roslindale, as set forth in the accompanying plans of the City Planning Board, and that to meet 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 of Boston to said amount.

On October 22, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

CONVEYANCE OF CITY LAND, HAWKINS  
STREET.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business No. 10, viz.:

10. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city and upon the payment of the sum of fifty dollars to convey to George E. Lothrop and his heirs and assigns a small strip of land about four inches wide and containing in all fourteen square feet, more or less, in the rear of and southwest from Hawkins street, as shown on a plan made by William J. Sullivan, surveyor, dated September 15, 1917; and to release all the right, title and interest of the city if any it has in and to the fee and soil of and the right to use Carnes place so called and in the open space being the front portion of lots 1, 2 and 3 at the end of Carnes place, all as shown on a plan recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 526, page 32, upon said Lothrop's releasing to the city all his right, title and interest, if any he has, in the land lying northwest of said 4-inch strip of land herein first mentioned.

On October 22, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

RELEASE OF CITY LAND, ORCHID AND  
OTHER STREETS.

11. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city and for a nominal consideration, to release unto Eugene N. Foss and all persons claiming title under him, and his and their heirs and assigns forever, according to their respective interest, all the right, title and interest of the city acquired by it by deed from said Foss, dated July 27, 1915, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 3924, page 130, in and to the strips of land therein referred to as Orchid street, Althea street and Palm street, as shown on plan recorded with said deeds, Book 3090, page 2.

On October 22, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Report on petition of E. Herman (referred today) for permit to sell, rent or lease firearms at 164 Merrimac street—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on usual conditions.

(2) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for conveyance of city land on Parker Hill for the sum of \$39,240.40, on condition that said land be used as site for a hospital—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

(3) Report on message of Mayor and various orders (referred today) for transfers within department appropriation that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Account's, submitted the following:

1. Reports on communication from Municipal Court (referred today) for additional allowance for clerical assistance—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 71 of the General Acts of 1916, the expenditure of \$1,500 for additional clerical assistance by the Clerk of the Municipal Court for Civil Business, determined to be necessary by the Justices of said court, be and the same hereby is approved.

Report accepted; order passed.

2. Report on communication from Justices of Municipal Court (referred October 22) relative to salary of probation officer—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of Albert J. Sargent, probation officer for the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, determined by the Justices of said court at \$4,000 per annum, to take effect October 11, 1917, be and the same is hereby approved.

Report accepted; order passed.

FOOT PASSAGE FACILITIES, RAILROAD  
CUT IN SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take the necessary steps to provide foot passage facilities for travelers upon the high-ways affected by the alteration and change of the so-called New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad cut in South Boston.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, the New Haven road has started to do the work on the cut in South Boston and has closed up Sixth street, one of the streets affected by the work. They have also just started at Fifth street, and it looks as if they were not going to provide any facilities for foot travelers. So I have introduced this order, that the Street Commissioners may find some way to provide such facilities. Therefore, I move a suspension of the rule, that the order may go upon its passage.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

PAYMENT TO ARTHUR CHRISTIE.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That under the provisions of chapter 103 of the Acts of 1914 the sum of \$250 be allowed and paid to Arthur Christie, an employee of the city who was injured while in the discharge of his duties as a member of the Public Works Department, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

THE NEXT MEETING.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, that when the Council adjourns it be to meet on Monday, November 19, at two o'clock p. m.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. HAGAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4.25 p. m., on motion of Coun. WELLINGTON.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 19, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., President STORROW in the chair and all the members present.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear December 5, 1917:

Ferdinand J. Kiley, Ward 12; John F. Barak, Ward 23; Maurice J. Flynn, Ward 9; Henry Nutt, Ward 25; Joseph Baker, Ward 11; Edwin H. Wright, Ward 19; Daniel N. Cashman, Ward 21; Fred M. Foye, Ward 8; Ernest L. Mason, Ward 15; William J. Barclay, Ward 6; Charles E. Brewer, Ward 10; Charles E. Leahy, Ward 3; Ingersoll Amory, Ward 8; Neil McGonagle, Ward 5; Samuel Friedman, Ward 6; Henry G. Chamberlain, Ward 5; William F. Cogan, Ward 10; James M. Lane, Ward 17; Lemuel G. Walden, Ward 21; Robert H. Lovering, Ward 16; T. James Bowler, Ward 8; Charles W. Green, Ward 13; Joseph E. Flanigan, Ward 25; Frank H. Penfield, Ward 18; Douglass Moreland, Ward 2; Edwin A. Kerr, Ward 16; Elmer E. Conant, Ward 21; William H. Lord, Ward 16; Edward J. Doherty, Jr., Ward 4; Homer R. Fitts, Ward 17; Peter Ambrose Tschaler, Ward 17; William F. Santry, Ward 10; Charles F. McCarthy, Ward 4; Frank X. McDonough, Ward 22; Alexander J. Scholtes, Ward 20; Walter J. McKenney, Ward 26.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear December 6, 1917:

James J. Masterson, Ward 7; Peter V. Riley, Ward 9; Patrick Conlon, Ward 9; James W. Sullivan, Ward 2; Maurice A. Crowley, Ward 10; John P. Curtin, Ward 26; Andrew T. Sundborg, Ward 26; George Arcand, Ward 16; Thomas R. Gilman, Ward 21; Jacob Berkowitz, Ward 16; James E. Arthur, Ward 19; George A. Gallagher, Ward 9; Michael A. McGlynn, Ward 24; Morris D. Wheeler, Ward 6; George W. Yeaton, Ward 19; Willet F. Casey, Ward 18; Frank A. McLeod, Ward 2; Charles E. Hamilton, Ward 26; William H. Schortmann, Ward 23; Henry J. Donnelly, Ward 16; Everett W. Lewis, Ward 24; Albert P. Chittenden, Ward 17; Frank E. Griffin, Ward 20; Patrick H. Daley, Ward 11; Jerome Richards, Ward 25; Wallace Adler, Ward 10; Charles W. Dunner, Ward 6; Eugene Lynch, Ward 18; Alexander McDonald, Ward 7; Patrick Gavin, Ward 9; Patrick A. Dunn, Ward 19; Ernest C. Gatley, Ward 7; William P. Edwards, Ward 18; James McCullagh, Ward 11; Cornelius Donahue, Ward 14; Peter Dewar, Jr., Ward 9.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the terms ending April 30, 1918:

1. Constables of the City of Boston: Charles H. Mealey, 220 Shawmut avenue, Boston.  
Charles W. Amoss, 1098 Washington street, Boston.  
Edward C. Mailloux, 491 Massachusetts avenue, Boston.
- Michael Pizzi, 15 Sheafe street, Boston.
2. Weighers of Coal: John Evans, 149 Main street, Winthrop.  
Edith Stacy, 124 Green street, Lynn.  
Minnie Parad, 41 Bickford street, Roxbury.

3. Frank H. Eastman, 547 Eliot street, Mattapan, a Weigher of Coal and Measurer of Wood and Bark.

4. LaForest H. Johnson, Jr., 209 Willow avenue, Somerville, a Weigher of Beef.

5. Philip Sheppard, 18 Wolcott street, Dorchester, a Weigher of Goods for the Sherwin Wool Company.

Severally laid over under the law.

CARE OF TREES AND CEMETERIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, November 19, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Board of Cemetery Trustees replying to certain interrogatories submitted by your Board on October 22, 1917.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Cemetery Department,  
November 7, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Sir,—The following order of the City Council offered by Councilor Attridge is acknowledged:

“October 22, 1917.

Ordered, That the Cemetery Trustees be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council the number of trees cut down each year in the various cemeteries under their charge, and the number of trees planted to replace the ones cut down, said information to cover the last five years.”

Trees removed in 1912.....	32
Trees removed in 1913.....	119
Trees removed in 1914.....	127
Trees removed in 1915.....	86
Trees removed in 1916.....	101

In no case have other trees been planted to replace the ones taken down, for the reason that they were removed because of necessity through encumbrance of the grounds, interfering with the making of burials in lots, and for clearing land in preparation of new burial ground. Especially is this true of Fairview Cemetery, where all trees removed were of the natural forest growth. In other cases the trees were dead, which necessitated removal.

This work is done from time to time, as necessity demands and convenience of season, due consideration being given in most cases to the pressure of other work being reduced, as during the winter time when employees of the department may best be spared for this purpose.

We have planted from time to time young trees in the new sections prepared for sale as required, also in other areas thought wise for the general embellishment of the grounds, and did not deem it of sufficient importance to record the dates of the several plantings.

Respectfully yours,  
CHARLES E. PHIPPS, Chairman,  
Trustees Cemetery Department.

Placed on file.

EXCHANGE OF CITY LAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, November 19, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I submit for your consideration the accompanying order relating to a proposed exchange of property to straighten the lines between the land of the city and the land of the Old Colony Trust Company, Trustee of the Forsyth Dental Infirmary for Children.

A letter from the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners stating the reason for the proposed exchange is sent herewith.

Yours respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.



City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
November 3, 1917.

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Boston:

Gentlemen,—The Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners of the City of Boston, having charge of the land on the Fenway and Hemenway street in the Roxbury district which was taken for park purposes by instrument recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 3834, page 468, hereby notifies you that, in its opinion a portion of said land fronting 34.87 feet on the Fenway and containing 4,463 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan dated June, 1916, and signed by C. E. Putnam, Engineer, is no longer required for public purposes, with the understanding, however, that no conveyance of said 4,463 feet is to be authorized, except in exchange for a parcel of land fronting on Hemenway street, and shown on said plan as containing 4,463 square feet.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN H. DILLON,  
JOHN K. M. L. FARQUHAR,  
Board of Park and Recreation  
Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Whereas, The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston by an instrument dated September 14, 1914, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 3834, page 468, did take in fee for said city for park purposes a parcel of land situate in that part of said Boston known as Roxbury, and bounding on the Fenway, Huntington Entrance to the Fenway and Hemenway street and containing 43,263 square feet; and

Whereas, The Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners of said city, now having charge of said land, has notified the City Council that the portion of said parcel of land bounded northwesterly by the Fenway 34.87 feet, northeasterly by land supposed to belong to the Old Colony Trust Company, Trustee, 128 feet, southeasterly by the same and by land supposed to belong to Henry A. Root, Trustee, 34.87 feet, and southwesterly by the remaining land of said city taken as aforesaid 128 feet and containing 4,463 square feet, more or less, is no longer required for public purposes; and

Whereas, It is desired that the division lines be straightened between the lands of said city and the lands of said Old Colony Trust Company, Trustee, and of said Root, Trustee,

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 25, section 50, of the Revised Laws, and in form satisfactory to the Law Department, to convey to the Old Colony Trust Company, Trustee, the above described parcel of land in exchange for a conveyance to it for park purposes of an equal area of land containing 4,463 square feet, and bounded southeasterly by Hemenway street 57.22 feet, southwesterly by the center line of a 16-foot passageway 78 feet, northwesterly by land of said city 57.22 feet, and northeasterly by other land of said Root, Trustee, 78 feet.

Said parcels are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston—Park and Recreation Department. The Fens—Proposed Exchange of Land, June, 1916. C. E. Putnam, Engineer."

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

#### SQUARE, DUDLEY AND OTHER STREETS, ROXBURY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, November 19, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Street Laying-Out Department in reply to an order passed by your honorable body under date of October 8, which is respectfully referred for consideration.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Street Laying-Out Department,  
November 9, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir.—In reply to the order of the City Council of October 8 last, requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to estimate the cost of "establishing a park or square on the triangular lot of land bounded by Dudley street, Warren street and Harrison avenue, Roxbury," the following is respectfully submitted.

This property is assessed for \$58,000, the land at the rate of \$8 a foot, the total for the land being \$53,000. The buildings are assessed for a total of \$5,000. In the opinion of the Board the assessed value represents fully the market value of this property.

If it should be determined to make an open square at this point, after removal of the buildings, and pave it as the adjoining streets are paved, this would necessitate an expenditure of \$6,000. Adding this sum to the assessed value of the property would make the cost of this proposed improvement \$64,000.

Very truly yours,  
J. J. O'CALLAGHAN, Secretary.

Placed on file.

#### SIDEWALKS, WALWORTH STREET BRIDGE, WEST ROXBURY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, November 17, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Walworth street in the West Roxbury district crossed the location of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad by an overhead wooden bridge approximately 21 feet wide between curbs without any sidewalks.

It became necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveling public, and particularly for the children using this bridge on their way to school in Roslindale, to have the sidewalks added to said bridge. These sidewalks were of no-material advantage to the railroad company, but were a great advantage to the traveling public.

A petition was filed with the Public Service Commission, who suggested that an agreement be entered into between the railroad company and the City of Boston in regard to doing the work. As the cost of constructing said sidewalks was only \$1,200, the Public Works Department through its Bridge Division was of the opinion that the work should be done by the city.

The proposed agreement, hereto annexed, is satisfactory to the railroad company and to the Public Works Department, and in order that the records of the city and of the Public Service Commission may be complete, I respectfully request the passage of the accompanying order.

Yours respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute in the name and behalf of the City of Boston an agreement by and between the City of Boston and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company and the Boston & Providence Railroad Company with reference to payment for the construction of sidewalks in connection with the Walworth Street Bridge in the West Roxbury district, whereby the City of Boston is to agree to do the work and pay the expense thereof, the agreement to be in a form satisfactory to the Law Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PURCHASE OF COAL, CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, November 19, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed request for transfer in the Hospital Department to provide for deficit in the amount necessary for the purchase of coal, and would respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston City Hospital,  
October 30, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Hospital Trustees, I hereby respectfully request that \$40,000 be transferred to the Hospital Department to purchase coal for the remainder of the year. There will be required about 4,500 tons at \$9.50 per ton, which would amount to \$42,750. There is a bill unpaid for coal delivered, amounting to \$2,680, making a total of \$45,430. Deducting from this amount the funds at present available, \$5,430, leaves \$40,000, the amount required.

When the budget for 1916-17 was under consideration, Mr. John Batchelder, of Batchelder Brothers, was consulted, and advised that it would be safe to estimate coal for the Hospital Department at \$7 per ton. This was consequently done. You are aware of the price at which coal has been purchased for the Hospital Department, some of it as high as \$10.50 per ton. The difference in cost between the amount estimated and that paid accounts for this request of \$40,000.

I have the honor to remain, on behalf of the trustees,

Very respectfully yours,  
A. SHUMAN, President,  
Board of Trustees.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the appropriation for City Debt Requirements, Interest, to the appropriation for Hospital Department, D-3, Fuel.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### LAYING OF SERVICE MAINS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, November 19, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed request for additional appropriation for the laying of service mains and relaying mains, and would respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department,  
November 15, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor:

I respectfully recommend that an appropriation be made from Water Income to the Special Appropriation for Service Mains and Relaying Mains, to the amount of \$35,000.

Respectfully,  
E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That the sum of \$35,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Public Works Department, "Water Service—Service Mains and Relaying Mains, to be met by water revenue.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### TRANSFERS, PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith and recommend for passage by your honorable body the following order making transfers within the Penal Institutions Department appropriation.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Penal Institutions Department, House of Correction:

From the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$11.

From the appropriation for B-31, Extermination of Insects, to the appropriation for D-10, Agricultural, \$375.

From the appropriation for B-31, Extermination of Insects, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$125.

From the appropriation for C-2, Machinery, to the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$50.

From the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$175.

From the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$125.

From the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical Laboratory, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$250.

From the appropriation for D-15, Tobacco, to the appropriation for B-12, Premium on Surety Bond, \$16.

From the appropriation for D-15, Tobacco, to the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$47.79.

From the appropriation for D-15, Tobacco, to the appropriation for C-8, Educational and Recreational, \$24.40.

From the appropriation for D-15, Tobacco, to the appropriation for C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$72.

From the appropriation for E-9, Machinery, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$150.

From the appropriation for E-9, Machinery, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$50.

From the appropriation for F-9, Care of Dependents, to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$274.

From the appropriation for F-9, Care of Dependents, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$150.

From the appropriation for F-9, Care of Dependents, to the appropriation for C-16, General Plant, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$706.14.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk and Storekeeper, 1 at \$860-\$900 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$396.75.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Messenger and Clerk, 1 at \$600-\$700 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$479.62.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Index Clerk, 1 at \$800-\$900 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$579.11.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Librarian and Clerk, 1 at \$800 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$414.18.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officer and Assistant Storekeeper, 1 at \$800 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$602.65.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Chief Matron and Recording Officer, 1 at \$540-\$600 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$299.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers and Clerks, 2 at \$800 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$170.95.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Matrons and Cooks, 3 at \$429-\$480 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$270.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officer and Clerk, 1 at \$600-\$700 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$20.70.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Male Nurses, 2 at \$600 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$747.50.

From the Appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Nurses, 6 at \$540-\$600 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$527.84.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Matrons, 9 at \$360-\$420 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$780.55.



From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Physician, 1 at \$600-\$700 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$57.50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers, 50 at \$480-\$800 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$2,196.51.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers, 50 at \$480-\$800 per year, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$1,222.88.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Permanent Firemen, 3 at \$21 per week, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$517.80.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Officers, 50 at \$480-\$800 per year, to the appropriation for E-1, Building, \$792.37.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, November 19, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I forward herewith orders for transfers of appropriations within departmental funds from various departments, and would respectfully recommend the adoption of said orders.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Consumptives' Hospital Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Night Supervisor, 1 at \$660 per year, to the appropriation for B-3, Cartage and Freight, \$55.66.

From the appropriation for Nurses, 8 at \$600 per year, to the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, \$96.22; B-13, Communication, \$37.28; B-37, Photographie and Blueprinting, \$104; C-5, Motorless Vehicles, \$9.48; B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$8.25; D-1, Office, \$191.55.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Resident Medical Officers, 4 at \$1,000 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$1,900.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Nurses, 28 at \$480-\$540 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$600.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Male Nurses, 13 at \$420-\$480 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$800.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Nurses, 29 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$900.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Farmers, 7 at \$540 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$334.95.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Choremans, 16 at \$216 per year, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$179.31. D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$108.55; D-11, Motor Vehiele, \$72.38.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Fire Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Inside Wiremen and Electricians, 5 at \$4-4.60, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, Overtime, \$750.

From the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, to the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, to the appropriation for B-10, Rent, Taxes and Water, \$400.

From the appropriation for B-37, Photographie and Blueprinting, to the appropriation for B-10, Rent, Taxes and Water, \$50.

From the appropriation for C-1, Apparatus, Cable, Wire, etc., to the appropriation for B-18, Cleaning, \$200.

From the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, to the appropriation for B-36, Boiler Inspection, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent

Employees, Privates, 714 at \$720 to \$1,400 per year, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$5,000.

From the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing, etc., \$800.

From the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repairs, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$2,000.

From the appropriation for E-1, Building, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$2,000.

From the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, to the appropriation for C-6, Stahle, \$800.

From the appropriation for C-1, Apparatus, Cable, Wire, etc., to the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$1,300.

From the appropriation for C-1, Apparatus, Cable, Wire, etc., to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$1,500.

From the appropriation for B-37, Photographie and Blueprinting, to the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$450.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Privates, 714 at \$720 to \$1,400 per year, to the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, \$150.

From the appropriation for C-14, Live Stock, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$25.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Privates, 714 at \$720 to \$1,400 per year, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$350.

From the appropriation for C-1, Apparatus, Cable, Wire, etc., to the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicle, \$5,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Health Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Nurses, 22 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Bacteriologists, 3 at \$1,200-\$1,500 per year, \$230.10.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Law Department:

From the appropriation for B-2, Postage, to the appropriation for C-9, Office, \$20.

From the appropriation for B-13, Communication, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$50.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Market Department:

From the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Janitor, 1 at \$940 per year, \$33.70.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$59.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$7.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$0.30.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$13.70.

From the appropriation for B-13, Communication, to the appropriation for B-22, Medical, \$2.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Overseeing of the Poor Department:

From the appropriation for Central Office, A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 7 at \$800-\$900 per year, to the appropriation for Central Office, A-2, Temporary Employees, Night Engineer, 1 at \$19.17 per week, \$21.12.

From the appropriation for Central Office, A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 7 at \$800-\$900 per year, to the appropriation for Central Office, A-2, Temporary Employees, Substitute Engineer, 1 at \$19.17 per week, \$3.84.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Steamer "Monkoy":

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, 3 Seamen, at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for F-11, Workingmen's Compensation, \$22.86.



Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers in Schedule A of the Printing Department necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Acting Superintendent, dated November 15, 1917:

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Printing Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$21 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$500.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Operators, 12 at \$22 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Casters, 2 at \$13 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$350.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Metal Melter, 1 at \$10 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$400.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Compositors, 9 at \$23 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$300.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Compositors, 25 at \$22 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$950.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Job Pressman, 1 at \$18 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$250.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Apprentices, 2 at \$14-\$16 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$350.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Apprentices, 2 at \$8 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$500.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Apprentices, 1 at \$7 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Errand Boys, 2 at \$6 per week, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$125.

Total, \$4,025.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Weights and Measures Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Chief Clerk, 1 at \$1,600 per year, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$122.72.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Municipal Court, Roxbury District:

From the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, Special Justices, 2 at \$14.80 per day, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Municipal Court, Brighton District:

From the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$25; B-13, Communication, \$35; B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., \$70.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Water Service:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, 195 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Yardmen, 3 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, \$600.

From the appropriation for A-3, Other Departments, to the appropriation for A-3, Overtime, \$1,800.

From the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$100; B-18, Cleaning, \$5.

From the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, to the appropriation for B-27, Testing Materials and Supplies, \$200.

From the appropriation for B-28, Expert and Architect, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., \$100.

From the appropriation for C-6, Stable, to the appropriation for B-37, Photographic and Blueprinting, \$75.

From the appropriation for E-1, Building, to the

appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, \$100; B-6, Hire of Teams and Auto Trucks, \$100; E-10, Electrical, \$100.

From the appropriation for E-6, Water, to the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repairs, \$500; B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$800.

From the appropriation for F-2, Damages, to the appropriation for F-11, Workingmen's Compensation, \$1,200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Central Office:

From the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$100.

From the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$50.

From the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., \$7.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Street Cleaning and Oiling Service:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, Teamsters, Yardmen, Stablemen, Watchmen, 396 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for B-20, Disposal of Ashes, Dirt and Garbage, \$200; B-37, Photographic and Blueprinting, \$100; B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$380; C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$1,030; C-6, Stable, \$1,100; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$820; C-17, General Plant, \$900.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, Teamsters, Yardmen, Stablemen, Watchmen, 76 at \$2.75-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$8,600; D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$12; D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$90; E-13, General Plant, \$1,200.

From the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, to the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repairs, \$3,300.

From the appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$920.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$1.98; B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$10.10; B-18, Cleaning, \$9.60; C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$40.

From the appropriation for E-2, Highway, to the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams and Auto Trucks, \$7,200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sewer Service:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Inspectors and Subforemen, 4 at \$30 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Foremen, 3 at \$2,000 per year, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, 23 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, Overtime, \$500.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, 27 at \$2.75-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, Overtime, \$1,500; B-8, Light and Power, \$600; B-39, General Plant, \$850.

From the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$1; D-1, Office, \$50.

From the appropriation for B-2, Postage, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$50.

From the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams and Auto Trucks, to the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, \$100.

From the appropriation for B-7, Heat, to the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, \$20.

From the appropriation for B-13, Communication of Persons, \$60.

From the appropriation for B-26, Protective and Preventive, to the appropriation for B-24, Blacksmith, \$100; B-36, Boiler Inspection, \$2; B-37, Photographic and Blueprinting, \$19.60; B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repair, \$15.40.

From the appropriation for C-2, Machinery, to the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repair, \$200.

From the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$200.

From the appropriation for C-5, Motorless Vehicles, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$20.

From the appropriation for C-6, Stable, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$100.

From the appropriation for C-9, Office, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$28.25.

From the appropriation for C-16, Wearing Apparel, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$25; B-39, General Plant, \$50.

From the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$250.

From the appropriation for D-10, Agricultural, to the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicle, \$40.

From the appropriation for E-1, Building, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$2.28; D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$50; D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectant, \$30; D-16, General Plant, \$200; E-5, Sewer, \$50; E-10, Electrical, \$30.

From the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$200; E-5, Sewer, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Ferry Service:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Captains, 12 at \$1,500-\$1,600 per year, to the appropriation for C-11, Marine, \$171.40.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Quartermasters, 12 at \$1,000-\$1,100 per year, to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Oilers and Firemen, 46 at \$3.50 per day, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$375.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Oilers and Firemen, 46 at \$3.50 per day, to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Deckhands, 24 at \$3 per day, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$120.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Deckhands, 24 at \$3 per day, to the appropriation for E-1, Building, \$340.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Deckhands, 24 at \$3 per day to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$90.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Regular Extra Deckhands, 2 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$150.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Gatemen, 15 at \$19.50-\$21.50 per week, to the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Gatemen, 15 at \$19.50-\$21.50 per week, to the appropriation for E-4, Ferries, \$350.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Janitor, 1 at \$2.75-\$3 per day to the appropriation for E-4, Ferries, \$350.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Janitor, 1 at \$2.75-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Janitors, Laborers and Pipefitters, 12 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$260.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Rigger, 1 at \$1,100 per year, to the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$50.

From the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, to the appropriation for D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$60.

From the appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for E-10, Electrical, \$30.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$15.60.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$275.

From the appropriation for B-13, Communication, to the appropriation for D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$6.65.

From the appropriation for B-22, Medical, to the appropriation for C-3, Electrical, \$5.61.

From the appropriation for B-22, Medical, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$7.25.

From the appropriation for B-27, Testing Materials and Supplies, to the appropriation for B-32, Towing, \$30.

From the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, to the appropriation for B-15 Motorless Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$21.20.

From the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$15.13.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Bridge Service to Ferry Service, \$11,750 as follows:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Drawtenders, 93 at \$1,000-\$1,100 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$900.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Carpenters, 3 at \$3.50-\$4 per day, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$350.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$5,000.

From the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$4,500.

From the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$1,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Bridge Service:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Engineer, 1 at \$3,000 per year, to the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Engineer, 1 at \$1,920 per year, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$150.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Instrumentman, 1 at \$1,100-\$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$150.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Instrumentmen, 3 at \$900-\$1,000 per year, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$50; B-24, Blacksmith, \$150.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Draughtsman, 1 at \$21 per week, to the appropriation for B-24, Blacksmith, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Draughtsman, 1 at \$925 per year, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Draughtsman, 1 at \$1,400-\$1,500 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Inspector, 1 at \$130 per month, \$260.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Drawtenders, 13 at \$1,300-\$1,400 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$150.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, First Assistant Drawtenders, 28 at \$1,100-\$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$260.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Carpenters, 6 at \$3-\$3.50 per day, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$290; D-4, Forage and Animal, \$80.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Stablemen, 5 at \$2.75-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$270; D-11, Motor Vehicle, \$40.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Bridge Cleaner, 1 at \$15.62 per week to \$3 per day, to the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicle, \$60; E-3, Bridges, \$350.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Watchmen, Teamsters, Laborers, 7 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for F-11, Workingmen's Compensation, \$200; A-1, Permanent Employees, Chauffeurs, 2 at \$21 per week, \$190.

From the appropriation for A-1, Boston and Cambridge Bridges, Drawtenders, 3 at \$600-\$650 per year, to the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, \$50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Boston and Cambridge Bridges, Assistant Drawtenders, 15 at



\$500-\$550 per year, to the appropriation for E-3, Bridges, \$300; A-3, Unassigned, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Boston and Cambridge Bridges, Bridge Cleaners, 3 at \$390-\$465 per year, to the appropriation for E-3, Bridges, \$150.

From the appropriation for A-1, Boston and Cambridge Bridges, Bridge Cleaners, 1 at \$430.18-\$505 per year to the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, \$25.

From the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams and Auto Trucks, to the appropriation for B-37, Photographic and Blueprinting, \$35.

From the appropriation for B-13, Communication, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$25; B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$25.

From the appropriation for B-18, Cleaning, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$5.

From the appropriation for B-23, Veterinary, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$5.

From the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$11.

From the appropriation for B-36, Boiler Inspection, to the appropriation for B-41, Horseshoeing and Clipping, \$10.

From the appropriation for B-27, Testing Materials and Supplies, to the appropriation for B-10, Rent, Taxes and Water, \$50.

From the appropriation for C-6, Stable, to the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, \$25.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$10.

From the appropriation for D-7, Veterinary, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$10.

From the appropriation for E-1, Building, to the appropriation for E-3, Bridges, \$150.

From the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, to the appropriation for E-3, Bridges, \$25.

From the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, to the appropriation for F-11, Workingmen's Compensation, \$400.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sanitary Service:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Chauffeurs, 4 at \$21 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Carpenters, 2 at \$3.50-\$4 per day, \$500.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Carpenter, 1 at \$3.75-\$4 per day, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Wheelwright, 1 at \$3.75-\$4 per day, \$300.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Wheelwrights, 3 at \$3-\$4 per day, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Wheelwright, 1 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Stablemen and Watchmen, 43 at \$2.75-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Blacksmith, 1 at \$4 per day, \$200; Blacksmiths, 10 at \$3.50-\$4 per day, \$800.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Painters, 5 at \$3.50-\$4 per day, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Painters, 4 at \$3.75-\$4 per day, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Harnessmaker, 1 at \$3.50-\$3.75 per day, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Harnessmaker, 1 at \$3.50-\$4 per day, \$300.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Teamsters (double), 10 at \$2.75-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Harnessmakers, 5 at \$3-\$3.75 per day, \$600; Harnessmaker, 1 at \$2.75-\$3 per day, \$200; Harnessmaker, 1 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, \$200; Horseshoers, 8 at \$3.75 per day, \$500; Painter, 1 at \$2.75-\$3 per day, \$200; Painter, 1 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, 345 at \$2.50-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for A-3, Overtime, \$3,500; F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$1,500.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Inspectors, 40 at \$21 per week, \$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$2,000.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent

Employees, Stablemen and Watchmen, 43 at \$2.75-\$3 per day, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$1,500.

From the appropriation for B-2, Postage, to the appropriation for B-18, Cleaning, \$20.

From the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, to the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$10; B-12, Premium on Surety Bond, \$3.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, to the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repairs, \$775.

From the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicles to the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repairs, \$400.

From the appropriation for B-13, Communication, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$250.

From the appropriation for B-22, Medical, to the appropriation for B-16, Care of Horses, \$50.

From the appropriation for B-23, Veterinary, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$50.

From the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicles, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$100.

From the appropriation for B-24, Blacksmith, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$140.

From the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., to the appropriation for D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$20.

From the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicles, Repairs and Care, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for C-5, Motorless Vehicles, to the appropriation for D-4, Forage and Animal, \$500.

From the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicles, to the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$300.

From the appropriation for F-11, Workingmen's Compensation, to the appropriation for B-37, Photographic and Blueprinting, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Lighting Service:

From the appropriation for B-9, Lighting Streets, Alleys and Parks, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$10; B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$15; B-28, Expert and Architect, \$3,250; B-35, Fees, Services of Venires, etc., \$10; E-13, General Plant, \$2,500; B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$25; D-1, Office, \$25; C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$60; B-29, Stenographic and Copying, \$1,602.50.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, to the appropriation for B-29, Stenographic and Copying, \$1,497.50.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Granite Avenue Bridge, County of Suffolk:

From the appropriation for E-3, Bridges, to the appropriation for B-8, Light and Power, \$10; B-39, General Plant, \$200; D-1, Office, \$20; D-3, Fuel, \$20; D-16, General Plant, \$30.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Paving Service:

From the appropriation for B-21, Removal of Snow, to the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams and Auto Trucks, \$1,500; B-12, Premium on Surety Bond, \$6; B-13, Communication, \$100; B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$1,000; B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repairs, \$50; B-24, Blacksmith, \$50; B-37, Photographic and Blueprinting, \$22,50; B-39, General Plant, \$325; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$1,221.50.

From the appropriation for B-27, Testing Materials and Supplies, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$278.50; D-1, Office, \$121.50.

From the appropriation for B-36, Boiler Inspection, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$20.

From the appropriation for C-2, Machinery, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$15.

From the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$345; D-3, Fuel, \$500; D-7, Veterinary, \$15; D-11, Motor Vehicle, \$200; D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$75; D-16, General Plant, \$50; E-10, Electrical, \$40; E-13, General Plant, \$1,500. D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$60; C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$15.



From the appropriation for A-3, Other Department Work, to the appropriation for A-3, Overtime, \$1,050.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Mildred F. Ashley, to be paid for a coat taken from a locker in City Hall Annex.

Carlo and Rosa Basso, for compensation for damage to boiler at 75 and 77 Meridian street, East Boston, by turning off of water.

Eugene Boissonade, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in sidewalk at 601 Boylston street.

Marion H. Brazier, for compensation for injuries sustained because of a defect in Trinity place.

J. Franklin Brown, for compensation for damage to clothing by a sand barrel at corner of Huntington avenue and Exeter street.

Michael F. Coffey, for compensation for damage to fence at 85 Neponset avenue by a Fire Department truck.

Hannah H. Conboy, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in sidewalk at 34 Charles street, Dorchester.

Walter L. Conwell, for compensation for damages at 210 Shawmut avenue by bursting of a water main in Dover street.

Ernest W. Cranston, to be reimbursed for expense incurred on account of a defect in Cummington street.

Cornelius J. Desmond, for compensation for damages and expense incurred because of the freezing of main pipe at 162 Woodrow avenue.

Charles Forwarding Company, for compensation for damage to wagon by Ladder Truck No. 8.

Bridget A. Foley, for compensation for damages at 10 Pond street, by a defective sewer and catch-basin.

Annie Gordon, for compensation for injuries received because of a defect in Court street.

Edward B. Hall, for compensation for damage to clothing by a sign on a pole on Sudbury street.

Jane F. Jacobs, for the refund of amount of fee paid to the Building Department for a permit which was not used.

Mabel Klous, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Huntington avenue, corner Fenwood road.

John C. Matthews, for compensation for damage to ear by a Fire Department automobile.

Martha A. McCarthy, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Court square.

Mary Russell, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect at 72 Main street, Charlestown.

Hyman Shapiro, for compensation for damages caused by a defect in Lamartine street.

Rosa D. C. Sneaden, for compensation for damages at 220 and 222 Shawmut avenue by the bursting of water main in Dover street.

W. J. Wilson, for compensation for injuries received at the Mystic Basin drawbridge.

Marie M. Lavery, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in the highway, corner Centre and Beech streets, West Roxbury.

Arthur H. Kipp, for compensation for damage to automobile by a defect in Centre street.

Mary A. Cleveland, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Commonwealth avenue.

##### Executive.

Patrick Fallon, to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1915.

Petitions to sell, rent or lease firearms, viz.:

Eli Pearlstein, 62 Merrimac street, Ward 5.

Samuel Cohen, 76 Merrimac street, Ward 5.

Burke & Company, 18 School street, Ward 5.

Petitions for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

Florence W. Davis, Jordan Hall, evenings of November 12 and 13.

Gertrude F. Tebbutt, North End Union Hall, November 20.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Joseph Hicks, keeping and sale of gasoline, 452 Bennington street.

Edwin J. McSbane, keeping and sale of gasoline, 60 Brainerd road (two notices).

Capitol Oil Company, keeping and sale of petroleum products, including naphtha and kerosene, 60 Cambridge street, Brighton.

Robert H. Billings, keeping of gasoline, 11 Clematis street, Dorchester.

Joseph P. Collins, keeping and sale of gasoline, corner Cliff and Washington streets.

Leon E. Graustein, keeping and sale of gasoline, 41 Columbus avenue.

I. L. Rosenfield, keeping and sale of petroleum and its products, 396 Columbus avenue.

Corey Road Garage, keeping and sale of gasoline, 112 Corey road.

Charles A. Dailey, keeping and sale of gasoline, 624-628 East Fourth street.

Wilson Ourish, keeping and sale of gasoline, 12 Geneva avenue (three notices).

Harvard Plumbing Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 117 Harvard street, Dorchester.

L. H. Daloz, keeping and sale of gasoline or naphtha, 11 Humphreys street.

Joseph P. Collins, keeping of gasoline, 414 Jamaica way.

Peter L. Thompson, keeping and sale of gasoline, 69 Lansdowne street.

Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, keeping and sale of gasoline, 170-184 Longwood avenue.

William D. Messing, keeping of gasoline, 25 Mansfield street, Brighton.

Josephine MacC. Shaw, keeping of gasoline, 170 Newbury street.

Theodore H. Tyndale, keeping and sale of gasoline, 338 Newbury street.

George A. Eastman, keeping of gasoline, 60 Ocean street.

Simpson Brothers Corporation, keeping of gasoline, 69 and 71 Proctor street and 85 Magazine street, Roxbury.

Boston Y. M. C. A., Automobile Department, keeping and sale of gasoline, 288 St. Botolph street.

William Smith, Jr., keeping and sale of gasoline, 408 South Huntington avenue.

Ashmont Garage, keeping and sale of gasoline, 549 Talbot avenue (two notices).

A. L. Rundquist, keeping of gasoline, 89 Templeton street.

Anthony-Pilling Corporation, keeping and sale of gasoline, 280 Washington street, Brighton.

National Oil Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 98 Washington Street North.

Placed on file.

#### CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of William P. Colpoys.

Approved by the City Council.

#### NOTICE OF RESIGNATION.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Mayor of the resignation of Mrs. H. N. Slater as Overseer of the Poor.

Placed on file.

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the following appointments, certified copy of same having been delivered to the Civil Service Commission, viz.:

Daniel V. McIsaac, Corporation Counsel.

Charles F. Hale, Overseer of the Poor.

Placed on file.

#### HEARING ON CHANGES OF FARES.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of hearing on changes in fares of the Bay State Street Railway Company.

Placed on file.

## REPORT OF TRANSIT COMMISSION.

A communication was received from the Boston Transit Commission submitting the twenty-third annual report of the commission in accordance with the provisions of section 24, chapter 548, Acts of 1894.

Placed on file.

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

The quarterly statement was received from the City Auditor of money expended by the Mayor and the City Council for contingent expenses for the quarter ending July 1, 1917.

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## BONDING CONTRACTS.

The following was received:

Boston, November 17, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen.—The Finance Commission has been conducting since December, 1915, an investigation into the matter of bonding city employees and the manner in which contractors furnish bonds for city contracts. The investigation has taken a longer period than the commission first planned because impediments have been thrown in the path of the investigation by city officials who were unwilling that facts necessary for a complete investigation should be disclosed.

Neither Commissioner Magenis, who is ill, nor Commissioner Morrison, who owns stock in the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, took part in the investigation.

In May, 1917, the commission decided to give public hearings on this matter so that recalcitrant witnesses would be compelled to disclose their knowledge of conditions. The public hearings not only brought out the facts of which the commissioner already had some testimony, but disclosed many collateral matters which, while not connected with the bonding business of the city, gave indication of transactions which were against the interests of the city.

The investigation therefore broadened itself from the question of bonding city employees and contractors doing business with the City of Boston, so as to include the connection of the Mayor of Boston with the Daly Plumbing Supply Company and with the activities of Francis L. Daly, the close political and personal friend of the Mayor and the formation of a land holding company, known as the Oakmount Land Company.

The investigation is divided into several parts. The commission now reports on Part I, viz., the bonding of city employees.

On February 2, 1914, James M. Curley took his oath as Mayor of the City of Boston and in his inauguration speech set forth the following principles:

"Special privilege in any form is objectionable and the removal of this cancer from the body politic must be undertaken at once, since the welfare of the entire community is paramount to the wishes or welfare of any particular element of the community."

Within a month after the Mayor's inauguration into office three persons, viz., Peter J. Fitzgerald, Edwin P. Fitzgerald and Francis L. Daly, at least one of whom was close to him, became interested in the formation of an agency for soliciting bonds of city officials and employees and for contractors who had contracts with the City of Boston.

Francis L. Daly is the brother-in-law of Edwin P. Fitzgerald and the son-in-law of Peter J. Fitzgerald, the father of the said Edwin.

Peter J. Fitzgerald and Edwin P. Fitzgerald have been for many years residents and voters of the City of Somerville. Prior to Peter J. Fitzgerald's entrance into the bonding and insurance business (March, 1914) he was engaged in selling from a cart butter, cheese and eggs to stores, restaurants and private families, and his son Edwin, being admitted to the bar in 1908, practiced his profession until his father entered into the insurance business, since which time, he testified, he has done practically no law business but has devoted himself to assisting his father. Neither the father nor the son had had any experience in the insurance business prior to their becoming insurance agents after Mr. Curley had been inaugurated as Mayor of the City of Boston.

Francis L. Daly has been engaged for a number of years in the plumbing supply business. Up to September, 1913, he carried on the business in connection with one Daniel P. Sullivan, Jr., under the name of the Sullivan and Daly Company, but dissolved the partnership on September 2, 1913, and thereafter carried on the business under the name of the Daly Plumbing Supply Company. It appears from his testimony that sometime in November, 1913, James M. Curley became a nominal partner with him in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company but that Mr. Curley put no money into the business, took no money out, gave no attention to the business and in January, 1914, ceased to have any connection with it. Mr. Daly was also the treasurer of the Democratic City Committee.

Prior to the entrance of Mr. P. J. Fitzgerald into the insurance business the National Surety Company had in Boston two representatives, John C. Paige & Co., with the title of resident managers, and O'Brien, Russell & Co., the general agents for the entire State of Massachusetts.

On March 24, 1914, Mr. Fitzgerald was appointed the city agent of the National Surety Company, and shortly after was introduced into the office of O'Brien, Russell & Co., until that time the general agents of the National Surety Company for the entire State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Walter B. Henderson, the representative of John C. Paige & Co., testified that on a visit to New York early in the spring of 1914, he had a talk with Mr. William B. Joyce, the president of the National Surety Company, in which it was intimated to him that the National Surety Company was anxious to appoint Peter J. Fitzgerald as its agent in Boston, and the impression was given to Mr. Henderson that Francis L. Daly, the political friend of the Mayor of Boston, was interested in seeing this matter carried through.

Mr. Henderson testified that he told Mr. Joyce he had no objection to the appointment of Mr. Fitzgerald as an agent and shortly after his return to Boston mentioned to Mr. Robert J. Dunkle of the firm of O'Brien, Russell, the wish of the National Surety Company. The compelling reason for the desire of Mr. Joyce of the National Surety Company to appoint Mr. Fitzgerald to the position of agent in the City of Boston was, according to the testimony of Mr. Henderson, because Mr. Fitzgerald was in a position to get bonds from contractors and a considerable amount of the city business.

Mr. Dunkle testified that his meeting with the Fitzgeralds (Edwin P. Fitzgerald and Peter J. Fitzgerald) was arranged by Mr. Leonard Damman, one of the vice presidents of the National Surety Company, who happened to be in Boston in April, 1914, at the Hotel Essex, where Mr. Dunkle discussed with the Messrs. Fitzgerald the advisability of locating in the office of O'Brien, Russell, where he (Peter J. Fitzgerald) would be given desk room and the facilities of the office and would be charged only for personal toll telephone calls.

Arrangements were completed at that meeting for the introduction of Mr. Fitzgerald in the office of O'Brien, Russell and he became associated with the office shortly afterwards. These arrangements included the changing of the contract of the National Surety Company with the O'Brien, Russell firm whereby the existing contract was cancelled and a new agreement, dated March 19, 1914, was made in which the National Surety Company appointed O'Brien, Russell as agents, of the National Surety Company with authority to act as such in the "State of Massachusetts, exclusive of the city of Boston." Their former contract had included the jurisdiction of the City of Boston but on the advent of the Fitzgeralds to the agency the latter were given exclusive rights in the City of Boston as far as O'Brien, Russell were concerned.

When Peter J. Fitzgerald entered the office of O'Brien, Russell, Mr. Dunkle suggested that he make application for a license as an insurance broker so that he might solicit, in addition to fidelity business, liability, fire and indemnity insurance. Mr. Fitzgerald followed the advice of Mr. Dunkle and became an insurance broker and as such represented some ten insurance companies of which O'Brien, Russell were agents.

It appears from the testimony of Peter J. Fitzgerald that he knew nothing about the insurance business nor did he claim that he had any such knowledge except that when he was in the butter, cheese and egg business he had secured insurance. The real person in the business was



Edwin P. Fitzgerald, primarily aided and assisted by Francis L. Daly and the Mayor of Boston, James M. Curley.

The testimony of Peter J. Fitzgerald as to how he became agent in the National Surety Company was conflicting. At a private hearing before the commission he testified:

Q. When did you make that arrangement for handling business in Boston? A. After I had made arrangements with the company in New York.

Q. When was that? A. In March, 1914.

Q. Did you, yourself, conduct negotiations with the company in New York? A. Yes.

But on being interrogated on the same matter at a public hearing, he claimed he never made the negotiations himself, but that they were made by his son, Edwin P. Fitzgerald. He further testified that he never read the contract which he signed with the National Surety Company, but signed it at his son's dictation. He convinced the commission that he was little more than a figurehead in the enterprise and showed almost entire ignorance of the business. The more difficult arrangements for the inception of the agency were assumed by Edwin P. Fitzgerald; the office work was managed by an expert, Mr. C. Oliver Loud, engaged for this purpose.

The testimony of Mr. Daly and Edwin P. Fitzgerald shows that some time before the inauguration of Mr. Curley as Mayor the matter of entering the insurance field of Boston was talked of by these three persons and Mr. Daly suggested the advisability of entering the business on account of his political and personal relations with the then elected Mayor of Boston. Mr. Edwin P. Fitzgerald testified that he was the one who negotiated the arrangements for his father; that he made a personal visit to New York and called upon Mr. Leonard Damman, whom he knew in a business way, and after presenting the prospects of big business in Boston to Mr. Damman secured his assent, after further negotiations, to the appointment of his father. Mr. Edwin P. Fitzgerald also testified that the day after his father entered the office of O'Brien, Russell he, himself, began to solicit business from contractors and friends whom he met on the street and that he devoted himself almost exclusively to the work of assisting his father in business and practically gave up his law practice. One of the first activities of the son (Edwin P. Fitzgerald) was to visit the office of the City Auditor and secure from the records there a list of the officials and employees of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk who were required to give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties.

Shortly after obtaining this list from the auditor's office department heads received intimation from the Mayor's office that their bonds and those of their employees were to be taken from the National Surety Company through the office of Peter J. Fitzgerald. The testimony before the Finance Commission of the department heads shows that the Mayor's office participated largely in turning the business of the employees' bonds to the Fitzgerald agency, but the extent to which this participation was exercised is markedly set forth in the testimony of the City Registrar, Edward W. McGlenen, and of the City Auditor, J. Alfred Mitchell. Mr. McGlenen testified that prior to 1915 his department bonded with the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, but in that year he changed over to the National Surety Company because he got word from the Mayor's office "that Mr. Fitzgerald was to do the insuring." When word came from the Mayor's office he went to the auditor's office to have it confirmed. The information from the Mayor's office came over the telephone. He did not know the name of the company when he went to the auditor's office, only that it was the Fitzgerald Company and "I wanted to see if the Fitzgerald Company was accepted by the city. He (the auditor) told me that this company was issuing bonds for the employees."

Mr. Mitchell testified that he changed over from the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, although he had never had any trouble with that company, in the year 1914 to the National Surety Company because

"The Mayor said he would like to have me change my policy—my bond—to the National Surety Company. I asked him 'how about rates?' He said, 'If they charge any more don't give it to them.' I couldn't tell you the exact time. I should think perhaps it was April."

Some time previous to his talk with the Mayor, Edwin P. Fitzgerald came into his office and looked over the register to see where the bonds were placed and "took such memoranda as he wanted," and "somebody from the Mayor's office came in and introduced him." The witness testified that he could not remember who the person was.

He further testified that at the time he talked with the Mayor other employees of the city and heads of departments were changing the surety on their bonds and he knew this from the fact that the bonds came to his office.

All the heads of departments who were obliged to give surety upon bonds testified before the commission that they had no dissatisfaction with the bonding company who had been surety for them prior to 1914, but they gave their bonds to Fitzgerald upon his request as one of the witnesses stated (William P. Fowler, chairman of the Overseeing of the Poor Department),

"I got the impression that Fitzgerald was the man to go to. I got the impression that other departments would change—and our department—that it was desirable that we should change."

The Mayor admitted before the commission the fact that he was friendly disposed to the Peter J. Fitzgerald Company and would do all he could to assist it. He testified as follows: That Francis L. Daly was his political friend and that after he was elected Mayor he had a talk with Francis L. Daly about the National Surety Company, in which talk Mr. Daly said Peter J. Fitzgerald, his father-in-law, was going to start in business and wanted to know what the "prospects" were. The "prospects" included the business of bonding city employees. A portion of his testimony on that subject is as follows:

Q. Well now, at some time after you were elected Mayor, Mr. Curley, did you have a conversation with Mr. Daly in regard to using your influence as Mayor to get employees of the City of Boston to take out bonds with the National Surety Company? A. I don't think so.

Q. Don't you know? A. I believe they had sufficient intelligence to know enough to bond with a friend of the administration. That has always been the rule of the city. If it was necessary to speak to them I had no hesitation in doing it, but I don't think it was necessary to speak to them at any time.

Q. Did Mr. Daly at any time prior to your taking office, or directly after you took office, confer with you in regard to having the employees give as surety on their bonds the National Surety Company? A. No, it wasn't necessary. I am positive on that. It wasn't necessary. I think it was understood.

Q. What do you mean — "it wasn't necessary"? A. Persons who are in the city service long enough to be bonded usually can determine what is best for their own interests and do.

Q. Do you mean it is best for their interests — do you mean it is best for them to be in harmony with the administration? A. Exactly.

Q. Otherwise they would get into trouble? A. They labor under the impression they would get into trouble.

The commission contrasts this testimony with the sentiments expressed by the Mayor in his inaugural speech, which has been referred to in the first part of this report.

The Mayor further testified:

Q. After you became Mayor Mr. Daly spoke to you about the National Surety Company? A. I should say, yes.

Q. What talk did you have with him? A. Why, it is very nearly four years ago; I don't suppose my memory would be very vivid — I think he said P. J., his father-in-law, was going to start in business and wanted to know what the prospects were.

Q. What prospects? A. Of getting business.

Q. Why should he ask you? A. I assume he was an intelligent individual.

The employees of the city received the information either directly or indirectly that it would be wise to furnish surety on their official bonds through the agency of Peter J. Fitzgerald. The other surety companies which had heretofore furnished surety on their bonds, and against whom there were no complaints, were given up and the departments secured the National Surety Company as their surety.

The amount of business for which the City of



Boston contracts in the matter of furnishing bonds to city employees varies from year to year but the following table of the amount of the bonds and the premiums paid by the city shows the extent of the

patronage which may be granted. These payments, however, represent only a small part of the patronage for it is the bonds on city contracts which bring in the large returns.

	1913.		1914.		1915.		1916.	
	Number of Bonds.	Amount.	Number of Bonds.	Amount.	Number of Bonds.	Amount.	Number of Bonds.	Amount.
National Surety Company,	1	\$5,000 00	102	\$784,000 00	179	\$942,000 00	182	\$965,500 00
All other companies.....	169	908,000 00	80	192,000 00	8	52,000 00	7	42,000 00
Premiums.....		3,082 86		3,856 61		3,852 26		3,617 86

This table shows the influence of the Curley administration in creating a monopoly of the bonds of the city employees in the National Surety Company of which Peter J. Fitzgerald was agent. Nothing more is needed to show the patronage thus transposed from one company to another than a reading of these figures. It has been claimed that under previous administrations, notably under the immediate predecessor of Mr. Curley, that particular companies were favored by various mayors and that during the years 1910-14 the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company obtained a large amount of the city business.

The commission does not contend that this is not true but it fails to agree that a bad precedent should be the reason for a continuation and a further development of a system of patronage. It has learned, moreover, that while much business of the city employees' bonding went to the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company during the above years set forth, the business was brought to the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company by various agents and that no one agent had a monopoly of all the city business.

It has been claimed by the Mayor that because he favored Peter J. Fitzgerald's agency the City of Boston did not suffer thereby but the commission submits that such a statement is not borne out by the facts.

It is quite evident from the testimony that no attempt was made on the part of Mr. Curley, or any other official, to secure any reduction in the prices that the City of Boston was obliged to pay a bonding company. The price that was asked by the National Surety Company was based upon a system called a Towner system which purported to be a rating for different locations and for different positions. This system is only a guide and is elastic if agents desire to make it so.

It further appeared from the testimony of the Mayor that in the matter of furnishing bonds he is the final judge as to the amount of money to be paid to a surety company for the furnishing of bonds to employees. The only inquiry that he made was to ascertain if there was a uniform rate of bonding and that he may have asked the City Treasurer or City Auditor, but he is not positive that he did even that. No inquiry was made as to the cost in other cities, as for instance New York City, or the cost to corporations for such bonds. The City of Boston pays from 25 cents to 40 cents a hundred according to the position covered. Thus the City Auditor pays 30 cents a hundred, the City Treasurer and the City Collector pay 40 cents a hundred while some of the employees of the Overseeing of the Poor Department, the Public Works Department and the Soldiers' Relief Department pay 25 cents a hundred. It may be added in passing that the risk which a surety company takes on City of Boston bonds is an exceedingly safe one because there have been no defalcations for many years, except in one case, on the part of any employees of the City of Boston who have given surety bonds to the city.

That the City of Boston officials have been extremely negligent in the matter of obtaining lower prices for bonds and that there has been no

desire on the part of the Mayor to obtain lower prices is significantly shown by the testimony of Mr. William J. Hobbs, vice president and comptroller of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and by the practice of the city of New York.

Mr. Hobbs testified that the Boston & Maine Railroad had a class of employees that have to do with receiving and disbursing money, that from time to time contracts were given to different bonding companies for the placing of such bonds; that when these contracts were about to expire he would ask for bids from the different companies and that the contract covered a period of many years. In 1913 following this usual course of procedure he placed his bonds with the Guaranty Company of North America at a rate of 17 cents a hundred for a term of three years; that in July, 1916, this contract being about to expire he called for bids from other companies, that the National Surety Company, through the office of O'Brien, Russell submitted a bid of 20 cents a hundred for one year which was accepted, and subsequently, July, 1917, this company reduced the amount and entered into a contract with the Boston & Maine Railroad for 18 cents a hundred. According to the testimony of Mr. Hobbs the number of employees bonded was eleven hundred on bonds varying from \$500 to \$50,000 and the total amount of liability that the National Surety Company assumed was \$1,361,000.

The City of New York is able to obtain bonds for all its employees with a surety company at a flat rate of 25 cents a hundred.

Furthermore, the Finance Commission was able to obtain from the agent in Boston of a reputable insurance company an offer to underwrite the City of Boston bonds at 20 per cent less than the Towner rating system but for some mysterious reason the company later declined the bonds. It is also significant that still another company was found by the Finance Commission which quoted rates outside the Towner rating system, but this company, after communicating with the National Surety Company, declined to take the City of Boston business.

It is submitted that the Mayor of Boston did not protect the interests of the city with reference to the amount of money which should be paid to the bonding company for placing bonds for the employees of the City of Boston, which duty any official of a private corporation would be charged with, and that he assisted Francis J. Daly, Peter J. Fitzgerald and Edwin P. Fitzgerald to force business into the control of the Peter J. Fitzgerald agency.

The commission believes that the bonding business of the City of Boston has been monopolized for the benefit of one insurance agency, of which Peter J. Fitzgerald of Somerville is the nominal head, and the Mayor has disregarded the interests of the city in order to increase the business of this agency.

The commission concludes, inasmuch as a private corporation, the Boston & Maine Railroad, and a municipal corporation, the city of New York, have obtained lower flat rates than those being

paid at the present time by the City of Boston, that public competitive bidding would result in lower prices.

The commission recommends:

That the Mayor immediately set about to arrange for a flat rate for fidelity bonds for the City of Boston employees.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Placed on file.

#### CLERK HIRE.

W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, submitted to the City Council a list in accordance with the provisions of law of employees and work performed by same from October 21 to November 19 to the amount of \$4,239.17.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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 November.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### CLAIMS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on petition of Isaac Cohen (referred September 24), for compensation for damage at 3359 Washington street, caused by defective sewer—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Isaac Cohen the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars in compensation for damages at No. 3359 Washington street, Jamaica Plain, caused by defect in sewer; said amount to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### FOUNDATION FOR ROBERT BURNS STATUE.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the City Council an appropriation of a sum of money from the Phillips or other available fund to construct a foundation for the Robert Burns statue, to be presented to the City of Boston, January next.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PAYMENT OF MONTHLY PAY ROLLS.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That the salaries of all city and county employees on monthly pay rolls be allowed and paid on or before November 26, 1917, in anticipation of the December draft, and on or before December 22, 1917, in anticipation of the January draft; and the heads of departments are hereby requested to submit their pay rolls to the City Auditor in season to permit such payment.

Passed.

#### PAYMENT OF ANNUITY TO MRS. DOLAN.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That under the provisions of chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880 an annuity of three hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of William J. Dolan, a member of the Fire Department, who died on October 29, 1917, from injuries received in the performance of his duties; the amount so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, November 5, 1917, viz.:

1. Charles M. McColgen, to be a Weigher of Coal.

2. Arthur Stansfield, to be a Weigher of Goods for the William M. Ware Company.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Wellington and Watson. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yeas 8, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### CONVEYANCE OF LAND FOR HOSPITAL, PARKER HILL.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, No. 3, viz.:

3. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to convey for the sum of \$39,240.40, by an instrument satisfactory to the Law Department, to the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the lot of land containing approximately 196,000 square feet, owned by the city on Parker Hill, on the condition that said land is to be used as a site for a hospital, and on such further terms as may be satisfactory to the Law Department.

On November 5, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### TRANSFER FOR POLICE STATION 2, SITE.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, No. 4, viz.:

4. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$145,000 from the appropriation for Police Headquarters, Pemberton Square, to an appropriation for Police Station 2, Site.

On October 31, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### PLANS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BRIGHTON SQUARE.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, No. 5, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans for a municipal building in the Brighton district, at Brighton square, sometimes called Wilson square, and that to meet 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 of Boston to said amount.

On October 31, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

#### TRANSFER OF CUSTODY OF CITY LAND, BRIGHTON.

Later in the session Coun. ATTRIDGE said:

Mr. President, I desire to present an order, in view of the fact that the Council has passed No. 5 on the calendar today.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Ordered, That the care and custody of Brighton square, also called Wilson square, at the junction of Chestnut Hill avenue and Academy Hill road, be transferred from the Park and Recreation Department to the Public Buildings Department.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I think that order should be passed because of the fact that the Council has acted on No. 5, providing \$5,000 for plans for a municipal building in that section of the city, and this order would be necessary in order to have the building erected on that particular lot.

President STORROW—It takes the whole square, does it?

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Yes, the whole square. The order was passed.

POLICE STATION NO. 17.

President STORROW called up unfinished business, No. 6, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the sum of \$5,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans and specifications and buildings for new police station in Division No. 17, and that to meet 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.

On October 31, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

TRANSFER OF CITY LAND FOR HOSPITAL, PARKER HILL.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 7, viz.:

7. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to convey for the sum of \$40,000, by an instrument satisfactory to the Law Department, to the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the lot of land containing approximately 196,000 square feet, owned by the city on Parker Hill, on the condition that said land is to be used as a site for a hospital, and on such further terms as may be satisfactory to the Law Department.

On October 31, 1917, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—Mr. President, I ask that the order be rejected, for the reason that No. 3 provides for a sum of money to cover the same purpose. I move that the order be indefinitely postponed.

The Council voted to indefinitely postpone the order.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.24 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 5.40 p. m.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on pay roll of Register of Deeds (referred today) for clerk hire to the amount of \$4,239.17—recommending approval of the same.

Report accepted; pay roll approved and ordered paid.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) for permits to sell, rent or lease firearms at various locations—that permits be granted, viz.:

- Eli Pearlstein, 62 Merrimac street, Ward 5.
- Samuel Cohen, 76 Merrimac street, Ward 5.
- Burke & Company, 18 School street, Ward 5.

Reports accepted; permits granted on usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (referred today) for children under 15 years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

- Florence W. Davis, Jordan Hall, evenings of November 12 and 13.
- Gertrude F. Tebbutt, North End Union Hall, November 20, 1917.

(3) Report on petition of Patrick Fallon (referred today) to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Patrick Fallon, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on order (referred today) that the Mayor be requested to submit an appropriation for a sum of money sufficient to construct a foundation for the Robert Burns statue, to be presented to the City of Boston January next—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on message of Mayor and various orders (referred today) for departmental transfers—that the orders ought to pass.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I am in favor of the transfers as reported by the Executive Committee, but I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without entering my protest concerning some other transfers before the Executive Committee. The Penal Institutions Department sent in some transfers, all having the approval of the Budget Commissioner, and these transfers from the Public Works Department, also bearing his approval, appeared. Because of a discussion in regard to one or two of the items in the Penal Institutions Department appropriation transfers, the Council in executive session, by a vote of five to four, decided to withhold payment on the transfers relating to the Penal Institutions Department, because they desired to hold up the head of that department as an example, so that hereafter the application for transfers must be in the Budget Commissioner's hands in sufficient time for an exhaustive and proper report to be made. I admit that they came in late, but it seems to me that, in order to make an example of a head of a department by reason of delay, the Council did a great injustice to many people who are selling a commodity to the city and who are entitled to their money for it. I desire to point out to the members of the Council, both for those who voted for and against the Penal Institutions transfer, this fact, that the Penal Institutions Department transfers were in the hands of the Budget Commissioner three days ago, and therefore had three days' consideration. The Public Works Department, transfers were in the hands of the Budget Commissioner but for a few hours, I understand. Nevertheless, they held up the transfers of the Penal Institutions Department and thus caused embarrassment, withholding the money for thirty days, while passing transfers that came in but a few hours before, with less opportunity for consideration. I simply desire to point out at this time the inconsistency of the Council's action.

The report was accepted and the orders passed, yeas 9, nays 0.

(6) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for transfer of \$15,000 to appropriation for City Hospital—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 9, nays 0.

(7) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for appropriation of \$35,000 for Public Works Department, service mains and relaying mains, to be met by water revenue—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 9, nays 0.

(8) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for construction of sidewalks in connection with the Walworth Street Bridge in West Roxbury—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

LAND FOR PARK, DUDLEY STREET, ROXBURY.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) be and hereby is appropriated to be expended for the purchase of land and improvement of the same by the Park and Recreation Commissioners, at Dudley street, Warren street and Harrison avenue, Roxbury, the plot of land being bounded by said public ways, 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 of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.



## PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on petition of Harry I. Brooker (referred September 24) for release of conditions in deeds of estates 1704 and 1706 Washington street—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the city and for a nominal consideration to execute an instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department whereby the city shall, so far as it may lawfully do so, without affecting the legal or equitable rights of other persons, declare the conditions set forth in a deed from the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston to John Winslow, dated September 4, 1806, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 222, page 299, so far as they relate to the land conveyed to Harry I. Brooker by deed recorded with said deeds, Book 4053, page 272, to be restrictions and not conditions, and to modify the same so far as said Brooker's land is concerned by striking out the words, "Three stories in height" where they twice appear and substituting in the place thereof the words—One story in height.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, on behalf of the committee I desire to say, in a few words, that we have had a couple of hearings upon this matter, that the committee has been in consultation with Mr. Day of the Law Department, that the order has been drawn by Mr. Day, and he says there is no reason why the restrictions asked to be removed should not be removed. It simply gives the owners the right to build, if they wish to, a one-story instead of a three-story building. There were other restrictions that the committee did not take any action on at all. But the committee believes that the order should pass.

The order was read once and passed, yeas 9, nays 0.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

## EXPENDITURE OF MONEY BY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That the Public Safety Committee he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council a report of its expenditure of the money appropriated by the City Council and Mayor for the year 1917.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I have offered that order because of the fact that the City Council has appropriated \$70,000 this year to be expended by the Public Safety Committee. I was prompted to introduce the order because of the fact that there appeared a request for transfer through the Public Works Department, and it was explained that the Public Safety Committee had expended \$3,500 for cartage of different material. On its face, that shows an expenditure of about at least \$73,500, about which we have had no report. Other appropriations in the same direction will probably be asked for. I don't know what the cartage was. I am informed at the present time, if correctly informed, that the farming venture has been a failure; that at the present time there are a good many potatoes lying out at Franklin Park that have not even been gathered in, and that are likely to rot. That being so, I think for the guidance of the City Council in the future it is well to get a report from the Public Safety Committee in order that the Council may be governed in its future appropriations.

The order was passed.

## GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. ATTRIDGE moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 5.58, on motion of Coun. BALLANTYNE, to meet on Monday, December 3, at two o'clock p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 3, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—President Storror.  
Coun. BALLANTYNE was elected as president *pro tem*.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1918, subject to confirmation by the Council, viz.:

1. Constables of the City of Boston:  
Waldo H. Chandler, 31 Savin street, Roxbury.  
William F. Bouchie, 10 Antrim street, East Boston.
2. Weighers of Coal:  
Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, 1168 Massachusetts avenue, Cambridge.  
Charles W. Jones, 571 River street, Mattapan.
3. Measurer of Wood:  
Charles W. Jones, 571 River street, Mattapan.
4. Weigher of Goods for the Submarine Signal Company:  
Isadore Wolff, 8 Williams street, Arlington Heights.  
Severally laid over under the law.

CONSTRUCTION OF RIPLEY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, December 3, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the appended estimate of the cost of constructing and completing the Ripley Playground, Dorechester, from the Park and Recreation Department, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
November 28, 1917.

Mr. John H. Dillon, Chairman,  
Park and Recreation Department:  
Dear Sir,—In accordance with your request, I submit herewith a revised estimate of cost of constructing and completing the Ripley Playground, Dorechester:

1,800 cubic yards excavation at \$1. . . . .	\$1,800 00
130 cubic yards concrete retaining wall at \$12. . . . .	1,560 00
15 cubic yards concrete stairways at \$25. . . . .	375 00
250 linear feet concrete seats at \$2. . . . .	500 00
400 cubic yards loam at \$2. . . . .	800 00
2,300 square yards playground resurfacing at 30 cents. . . . .	690 00
550 linear feet boundary fence at \$3. . . . .	1,650 00
500 linear feet tennis fence at \$1.60. . . . .	800 00
110 linear feet 8-inch drain at \$1. . . . .	110 00
2 catch-basins at \$75. . . . .	150 00
Shelter. . . . .	2,000 00
Sanitary building. . . . .	7,500 00
Apparatus. . . . .	1,200 00
Additional land. . . . .	5,415 00
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	\$24,550 00
Incidental expenses (10 per cent.) . . . . .	2,450 00
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	\$27,000 00

Respectfully submitted,  
C. E. PUTNAM, Engineer.

Ordered, That the sum of \$27,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Commission for the construction and completion of the Ripley Playground, Dorechester, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CONCRETE WALKS, BOSTON COMMON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, December 3, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners, requesting the transfer of \$2,000 for the construction of concrete walks on Boston Common, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
November 28, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners held on Friday, November 23, 1917, it was voted; That the City Council be asked, through his Honor the Mayor, for the transfer of \$2,000 from the appropriation "Permanent Park Roadway Improvements, from Boylston street to Commonwealth avenue," to the appropriation "Walks on Boston Common," in order that this Board may accept the lowest bid submitted on November 16, 1917, for the construction of concrete walks on Boston Common, amounting to approximately \$16,763. The appropriation made for this purpose is \$15,000, and an additional \$2,000 will be necessary.

Very respectfully yours,  
D. J. BYRNE, Secretary.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the appropriation for Parkway, Roadway Improvements, to the appropriation for Boston Common Walks.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

FOUNDATION FOR ROBERT BURNS STATUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, December 3, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—It is desirable, as set forth in the order recently adopted by your honorable body, that the foundation for the Robert Burns statue be constructed at once, and I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$500 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of constructing a foundation and approach for the Robert Burns statue, said amount to be charged to the Phillips Street Fund Income.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

VARIOUS DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, December 3, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed requests for transfers within department appro-

priations and respectfully recommend the approval of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Associate Medical Examiner, Northern District:

From the appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, to the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$10.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Superior Court, Criminal Session:

From the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., \$500.

From the appropriation for B-34, Jurors, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., \$1,000.

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., \$500.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Municipal Court, Charlestown District:

From the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$100.

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the transfers in Schedule A of the Boston Infirmary Department necessary to carry into effect the accompanying request of the Board of Trustees.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Street Laying-Out Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Commissioner, 1 at \$4,500 per year, to the appropriation for B-2, Postage, \$90; B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$100; B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$80; B-28, Expert and Architect, \$200; B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., \$62; B-39, General Plant, \$200; C-9, Office, \$175.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Messengers, 2 at \$15 per week, to the appropriation for C-10, Library, \$42.50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 3 at \$1,400 per year, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$225.79.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Constables, 4 at \$1,200 per year, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Draughtsmen, 4 at \$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Assistant Engineers, 14 at \$1,500 per year, \$160.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Draughtsmen, 2 at \$925 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Assistant Engineers, 14 at \$1,500 per year, \$124.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Transmitten, 24 at \$1,300 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Assistant Engineers, 14 at \$1,500 per year, \$700.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Axeman, 1 at \$3.50 per day, to the appropriation for A-1, Assistant Engineers, 14 at \$1,500 per year, \$119.50.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Assistant Engineers, 14 at \$1,500 per year, \$64.07.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Rodmen, 5 at \$900 per year, to the appropriation for A-1, Assistant Engineers, Rodmen, 18 at \$9-\$15 per week, \$468.83.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Boy, 1 at \$6 per week, to the appropriation for A-1, Assistant Engineers, Rodmen, 18 at \$9-\$15 per week, \$125.11.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the appropriation for Law Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Corporation Counsel, 2 at

\$2,500 per year, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, Conveyancers, 2 at \$1,200 per year, \$100.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Attleborough Savings Bank, to be paid expense incurred to redeem estate adjoining 9 Brook avenue on account of sale for nonpayment of moth assessment.

Anthony Bova, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 2 and 4 South Margin street.

Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, for compensation for damages at 15 Hanover street by break in the water main.

C. Butano, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 48 Norman street.

John M. Cotter, for compensation for injuries caused by collision of a service car of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and Fire Department apparatus.

Della F. Cox, for compensation for loss sustained by a defective landing at Long Island.

Frank Culvert, for compensation for injuries caused by a city automobile.

James Del Gaudio, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on North square.

Bella L. Douglas, for compensation for injuries received because of a collision of an electric car and a hook and ladder truck.

A. Grace Ellis, for compensation for injuries received because of a collision of an electric car and a team of the Sanitary Service.

Jeremiah M. Foley, for compensation for damage to automobile by an alleged defect in the highway at junction of Dudley and Vine streets.

Morris Ginsberg, for compensation for a bicycle which was demolished by an automobile of the Institutions Registration Department.

Elizabeth A. Hoeffner, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in highway at 375 Centre street, West Roxbury.

Miss Vandum MacFarlane, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Dudley street.

Daniel McKinnon, for compensation for damage to express team by Ladder Truck No. 17.

Thomas McLaughlin, to be paid for work done for the Sewer Department in Creighton street.

Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company, to be paid for lights of glass at 93 Oliver street broken by fire apparatus.

George N. Nixon, to be paid for expense incurred in removing and replacing coping in front of 103 Brown avenue.

Annie O'Malley, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by fire apparatus.

Patrick J. O'Neill, to be paid for dishes taken from premises 21 Dorr street by employees of the Sanitary Service.

Isaac Popkin, for compensation for damages at 5 Briggs place by the bursting of a water main in Dover street.

Harry M. Segal, for damages by Fire Department apparatus at 143 Harold street, Roxbury.

Mary Stanley, for compensation for damage to clothing by a fall on Bowdoin street, Dorchester.

##### Executive.

Petitions for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of amusement, viz.:

Arthur P. Hardy, Converse Hall, evening of December 19, 1917.

Annette E. Epstein, Regent Hall, evening of December 5.

John Driscoll, to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

H. P. Hood & Sons, keeping of gasoline, 406 Arborway.

Edward Timmins Motor Company, keeping of gasoline, 45 Brighton avenue.



Albert E. Touchet, keeping and sale of gasoline, 1 Byron street (rear).

Bernard Benjamin, keeping and sale of gasoline, 535 Columbus avenue.

King Rubber Company, keeping of gasoline, 915 Hyde Park avenue, Hyde Park.

Decatur & Hopkins Company, keeping, storage and sale of fixed ammunition, 97-103 Pearl street and 120-124 High street (two notices).

John Tonge, keeping and sale of gasoline, 209 South street, Jamaica Plain.

Dr. Charles H. Winn, keeping of gasoline, 1474 Tremont street.

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APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of David Stoneman as Park and Recreation Commissioner, a certified copy of the same having been filed with the Civil Service Commission.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF HEIGHT OF BRIDGE.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Public Service Commission of approval of height of bridge over the Boston & Albany Railroad near Massachusetts Station of the Boylston Street Subway in Boston.

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BONDING BUSINESS OF THE CITY.

The following was received:

Boston, November 19, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council: Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission presents herewith a second report of its investigation of the bonding business of the city. In its first report the commission showed that a monopoly of the bonding of city employees had been established by the Peter J. Fitzgerald agency, assisted in forming this monopoly by James M. Curley, the Mayor of Boston, and his political and at one time business associate, Francis L. Daly.

This second report deals with the matter of bonds given by contractors having contracts with the City of Boston and the establishment of a monopoly thereof by the Peter J. Fitzgerald agency, assisted by officials of the City of Boston. Con-

tractors having contracts with the City of Boston were compelled to give bonds through a particular surety company, and also were compelled to give their liability and workmen's compensation insurance to the same agency. Furthermore, there was failure on the part of the city to enforce liability upon bonds of contractors where a liability existed.

When a contractor makes a contract with the City of Boston he is obliged to give a bond running to the city for the faithful performance of the contract. Before the contract is executed it must receive the approval of the Mayor. Thus the Mayor is the final judge of the contract and has the final approval of the surety upon the bond.

It appears that in 1913 John C. Paige & Co. and O'Brien, Russell & Co., acting for the National Surety Company, issued to the City of Boston contractors' bonds amounting to \$114,525, being 6.8 per cent of all the bonds given to the city by contractors.

In 1914 the National Surety Company, through the Fitzgerald agency, became surety on these contractors' bonds to the amount of \$785,191, or 38.8 per cent of the total amount issued. Of this amount only \$62,411 was issued by the firm of John C. Paige & Co. Other surety companies in the City of Boston gave bonds to the amount of \$1,238,260, or 61.2 per cent.

In 1915 the change to the National Surety Company became even more marked, for in that year \$1,149,077, or 76 per cent of the total amount of bonds issued to contractors, went to the National Surety Company. All the other companies issued only 24 per cent, or \$364,101. Of the 76 per cent issued by the National Surety Company the agency of John C. Paige & Co. issued only \$22,200, so that the Fitzgerald agency issued \$1,126,877, or 98.1 per cent of the total amount issued by the National Surety Company.

In 1916, after the investigation of the Finance Commission had begun and was being vigorously pursued, a change occurred, so that the percentage of business going to the National Surety Company diminished slightly. Thus, the National Surety Company became surety on bonds of contractors to the City of Boston to the amount of \$1,248,647, which though more in amount than the total of the year before was 65.9 per cent of the total amount of bonds given by contractors. Of this amount John C. Paige & Co. issued only \$35,800. The following table has been prepared which shows conclusively the transfer of patronage to the Fitzgerald agency:

	1913.		1914.		1915.		1916.	
	Amount.	Per Cent.	Amount.	Per Cent.	Amount.	Per Cent.	Amount.	Per Cent.
National Surety Company,	\$114,525	6.8	\$785,109	38.8	\$1,149,077	76	\$1,248,647	65.9
All Other Companies. . . . .	1,576,438	93.2	1,238,260	61.2	364,101	24	647,342	34.1

In former years no such monopoly as that of the Peter J. Fitzgerald agency had existed. During a former administration (1910-14) no one broker furnished the bonds to the contractors. For example, in the case of the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, thirty-five insurance brokers furnished bonds of that company in 1913-14 in addition to the bonds brought in by its office staff.

It is not difficult to find a reason for this change from one company to another company, for the number of contractors who appeared and testified before the Finance Commission shows that the influence of the administration of Mayor Curley was used to swell the business going to the Fitzgerald agency on City of Boston contract business. It appeared in evidence that persons who had contracts with the City of Boston were requested by department heads and by employees in departments to furnish as surety on their contracts the National Surety Company. This request came from persons in the Public Works Department and other departments, and also direct from the Mayor's office.

According to the testimony of Mr. Belcher, general manager of the Coffin Valve Company, his company had been the lowest bidder on a contract for supplying valves to the city, and in former years had furnished a surety company selected by itself, but in no case had it furnished as surety the National Surety Company. In 1915, however, being the lowest bidder on the valve contract, Mr. Belcher received a telephone message, stating that it was from the Mayor's office, requesting him to call up Mr. Fitzgerald at a certain number. No further statement was made as to why he should call up Mr. Fitzgerald, nor did he know Mr. Fitzgerald. He, however, telephoned as directed and asked Mr. Fitzgerald why he wanted to see him; he received the information that having been the lowest bidder on a contract, Mr. Fitzgerald would like to have him furnish the National Surety Company as surety upon his bond. Mr. Belcher stated that he made inquiries and as a result deemed it wise to furnish the National Surety Company upon his bond.

Mr. Batchelder, of the Batchelder Brothers Coal Company, also had contracts with the City of

Boston, and, prior to the advent of the Fitzgerald agency, had furnished as surety another bonding company, but upon being the lowest bidder on a contract to supply the City of Boston with coal in 1915 was solicited by an official in the Supply Department to furnish the National Surety Company as surety on his bond. Mr. Batchelder deemed it wise to do so.

Israel Sisonsky of the American Architectural Iron Works, being the lowest bidder on a contract for furnishing fire escapes for schools in 1915, experienced some difficulty in having the contract awarded to him, but on receiving information from some unknown person that if he gave his bond to the National Surety Company the contract would be awarded to him, followed the advice and thereafter had no difficulty in securing contracts for work on schoolhouses.

Mr. Dwyer of the J. P. Dwyer Company transferred his business to the National Surety Company because he was asked to do so by a clerk in the Schoolhouse Department, and was awarded a contract with the city.

Alfred J. Hixon, the treasurer of the Hixon Electric Company, stated that formerly his business had been done with the Cyrus Brewer Company, but when he called at the office of the Schoolhouse Department to sign a contract he talked with Mr. Curry of the department, and Mr. Curry said, "Well, we will look after the bond for you. We will take care of the bond." Mr. Hixon's bond was placed with the National Surety Company.

Robert K. Rogers of the Metropolitan Coal Company testified that in 1915 his company had inserted the name of the American Surety Company as the bonding company in its contract, but the Supply Department sent the contract back to the office and wanted to know if the company would not give the business to the National Surety Company. The change was made.

George J. Murphy, secretary of the Pettingell-Andrews Company, stated that in 1916 a contract for about \$1,200 was awarded to him by the Schoolhouse Department, and when he went to sign the contract he was informed that he would be required to furnish a bond. He offered a bond of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, but was told by a woman clerk that the Schoolhouse Department preferred to have all the bonding of the City of Boston done through one office and recommended that the bond be placed with the P. J. Fitzgerald office. The recommendation was followed.

Joseph Spriessler stated that when he was awarded a contract by the Public Works Department he was asked by Mr. McGlinchey of the department to give the bond to Mr. P. J. Fitzgerald.

Edgar N. Wrightington, second vice president of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, testified that when his company was awarded the contract for furnishing illumination with gas for the streets in Boston he was requested by Mr. Rourke, former Commissioner of Public Works, to give the bond to the National Surety Company.

In a communication to the commission Mr. Rourke stated that in changing over the bonds of employees in his department from the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company to the National Surety Company he had been requested to do so by the Mayor of Boston. It is a fair inference that, in asking Mr. Wrightington to give a bond on the contract for lighting the streets with gas from the National Surety Company, Mr. Rourke was influenced by the same request that he received from the Mayor with reference to the changing of the surety company on bonds of employees in his department.

One of the witnesses called before the commission was Thomas Russo of the firm of Long, Little & Russo, which had a contract for laying high pressure water pipes in the streets of Boston. The surety on the bond on this contract was the National Surety Company, and the following incidents took place in reference to the placing of this particular bond.

A. S. Brown, Jr., was an insurance agent in the bonding business in Boston, both as broker and as agent for companies. Prior to 1914 he had written bonds for contractors having contracts with the City of Boston. He testified that in 1914 there was a great deal of talk about the National Surety Company bonds; that in May, 1914, the firm of Long, Little & Russo were low bidders on the contract for the construction of a high pressure water system for the City of Boston; that he had done business with this firm previous to this time and had been promised by one of the

firm that he should have all of their business in the future, and was given positive assurance that he should have the writing of the bond for this contract, and also both the liability and compensation insurance; that after the bids had been opened and the firm of Long, Little & Russo were found to be the lowest bidders, Mr. Russo called at his office and stated that another party was after him on the bond, but that he wished to give the bond to Mr. Brown; that the contract had not been signed and that the man who was "after him" was Mr. Fitzgerald of 108 Water street; that subsequently Mr. Russo called upon him and stated that he thought it advisable to give the bond to Mr. Fitzgerald, but promised him absolutely to let him (Mr. Brown) have the liability insurance. Later Mr. Russo told him that he could not give him the liability insurance because when he made the application for the surety bond in Mr. Fitzgerald's office the liability insurance was demanded by Fitzgerald, and when Mr. Russo told him that he had arranged to give the business to Mr. Brown, Mr. Fitzgerald handed him back his papers for the surety bond, remarking that if they could do work without a friend in the world, let them try it. Mr. Brown testified that they (the firm) had concluded that it was best to give the business to the Fitzgerald Company, both on surety and liability insurance.

Mr. Russo was examined by the commission and testified that when he called upon Fitzgerald to get the bond he told Fitzgerald that he would like to give the liability insurance to Brown but was told by Fitzgerald that it was not right to give the insurance to two companies; that he told Fitzgerald he did not want him to get excited; that he would give Fitzgerald the liability insurance; that he was told by Fitzgerald that if he did not give Fitzgerald the liability insurance he could give the bond to Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown also testified that another contractor by the name of William R. Farrell, who was awarded a city contract in March, 1915, had come to his office and signed an application for a bond, but that afterwards he called upon him and stated that he was unable to give him the writing of the surety bond and did not feel at liberty to state just the reason why and withdrew the application and gave his bond to the National Surety Company.

Another contractor, George Baker Long of Worcester, had a contract for the construction of an addition to the Boston Public Library and told Mr. Brown that he regretted he could not give him the bond because he (Mr. Long) considered it good business judgment to give his bond to the National Surety Company.

About the time of this occurrence Mr. Brown states that he met Mayor Curley in the lobby of the Opera House and had a talk with him in regard to the Long bond. Mr. Brown told the Mayor that he was after the bond "hard" and that he knew the Mayor's friend, Mr. Fitzgerald, was after it; that he had no objection to open competition, but "when they forced a man's contract as they were doing it was a serious proposition." The Mayor, according to Mr. Brown's testimony, replied, "We all have our friends and if we don't take care of them we would not be worthy of them."

In 1915 the Velie Motor Vehicle Company was the lowest bidder for furnishing a motor vehicle to the City of Boston Fire Department. When the contract was returned to the Fire Department office by the official of the Velie Motor Vehicle Company it had with it a bond of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as surety. Mr. McKie of the Velie Company testified that the contract with the Fidelity and Deposit Company as surety was refused by an employee of the Fire Department, who stated that this company was not acceptable to the Fire Department. The bond of the National Surety Company was substituted for that of the Fidelity Company and the contract was carried through.

The Mayor was asked if he could advance any reason for the large business going to the National Surety Company and why contractors as a class should have transferred their business to the National Surety Company during his administration. He testified that contractors in giving bonds to the city for contracts which they had with that city were affected by the same—to use his language—"psychology" that city employees were affected by in the matter of furnishing bonds.

In other words if contractors knew that a particular surety company was favored by the Mayor, or that a particular person close to the Mayor politically was interested in a particular surety



company and wished to be "in right" with the administration, they would undertake to furnish as surety on their bonds that particular surety company.

He was asked:

Q. How about contractors? A. Why, contractors are affected by the same psychology.

Q. Why would contractors be affected? A. There isn't any reason, no reason except that they labor under an impression that unless they are friendly with the friends of the administration they will be in bad odor at City Hall.

Q. You were paying a political debt to Daly, weren't you? A. You might call it that.

Q. Wouldn't you call it that? A. I might say that would be as good a name as any other.

Q. A political debt for what he had done for you in your election? A. I wouldn't say it was in that election. . . . It was personal and political.

Q. Did you communicate to any of the contractors that you would like to have them give bonds to the National Surety Company? A. I don't recall having communicated with any of them. They are even more keen than the city employees.

Q. You didn't communicate with any contractors that you would like to have them give their bonds to the National Surety Company? A. I would say I did not.

Q. Would you say positively? A. I wouldn't say positively. If there was occasion I would, but I don't remember I did.

Q. In other words, you gave out the impression that it would be very agreeable to the administration? A. It wasn't necessary.

Q. But you were willing to if it was necessary? A. If it was necessary I would, or send for them.

The meaning of this testimony clearly is that being in good odor at City Hall contractors think that they can carry on their work without interference on the part of the inspectors of the work. Whereas, if a surety company that was not favored by the administration was given on their bonds, they would be from time to time annoyed and interfered with by the inspectors on the work.

It is fair to say that in nearly all cases where the City of Boston gave contracts to different contractors it was understood that the contractor receiving his contract must furnish as surety upon his bond the National Surety Company, and that by doing so he would be in favor with the administration and would not be in "bad odor" at City Hall. As a result of this "psychology" the Peter J. Fitzgerald agency, assisted by Francis L. Daly and the Mayor of Boston, was enabled during the years 1915 and 1916 to establish, to the detriment of the city, what may fairly be called a monopoly in furnishing bonds for city contractors.

This favoritism has resulted in a complete breakdown of efficient supervision over many contractors doing work for the City of Boston, and in a failure to enforce liability on bonds for breaches of contracts.

Thus a contractor by the name of Spinach has a contract with the City of Boston for laying water pipes on Bennington and other streets in East Boston. The surety upon the bond given to the city was the National Surety Company. Although this contract was approved on September 16, 1915, and although after partially completing his work the contractor abandoned the job, down to the middle of the public hearings of the Finance Commission, June, 1917 nothing was done to enforce collection from the National Surety Company and the work remains today uncompleted.

Furthermore, the contract for the High Pressure Water Service installation by the firm of Long, Little & Russo was carried on in such a manner as to cause the Finance Commission, in 1915, to investigate this contract and to make a report to the Mayor as to the improper character of the work and the failure on the part of the firm to carry out the terms of its contract. The surety on the bond that this firm gave to the City of Boston was the National Surety Company. No action was taken by the city authorities in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Commission.

As a third example, the Finance Commission has now under consideration a report from its consulting engineer on the matter of catch-basin cleaning. The figures show that several of the inspectors have been so affected by psychological or other

influences that they have allowed the contractor to neglect his work and do a very much smaller amount of work for the contract price paid than is demanded by the plain wording of the contract. The National Surety Company issued the bonds for these contracts.

The Finance Commission has evidence before it from a reputable broker who testified that he was ready and willing and had offered to bond contractors for \$8 a thousand, which he claimed was less than the National Surety Company's rate, but he was always met with the reply that if they (the contractors) did not give the bond to the National Surety Company "the engineers on the job could crucify us." Another gave a reason that if he wanted to get payment on his contract at City Hall, Mr. Peter J. Fitzgerald could assist him. This insurance agent further testified that he was "frozen out" of city business and seeing the business slipping away day by day finally gave the thing up as a total loss.

It is to be noted that if the city contractors had had the benefit of this low price the cost to the city on their bonds would have been correspondingly lower, as the contractor estimates the cost of his bond and insurance in his bid on city work and the city thus indirectly pays for the contractors' bonds and insurance.

When evidence of favoritism was called to the attention of the Mayor he stoutly denied it, and stated that "there has been absolutely no protection," but upon the commission stating that it would welcome any information showing that the administration had not protected the National Surety Company bonds, the Mayor declined to submit it.

Not only did Mr. Curley allow the "psychology" of the situation to affect the city employees and contractors, but his political associate and one-time business partner, Mr. Francis L. Daly, testified that he spoke to contractors and asked them to help his father-in-law by taking bonds from this company. He was asked:

Q. And so, when you spoke to contractors who secured contracts with the city you asked them to help out your father-in-law, Peter J. Fitzgerald, and you expected they would? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Because you feel that the Mayor was under political obligations to you, you felt that he ought to help you and through you help your father-in-law? That was your reason? A. Yes, sir.

Q. So you thought the Mayor would help pay his political debt to you and that he ought to use his influence as mayor in getting insurance for your father-in-law? A. No, I didn't.

Q. What else was it, if you felt he was under obligation to use his influence in behalf of your father-in-law he was under political obligation to you, what else was it but to pay his debt in part to you for your political assistance? A. I would not say political influence, because I don't think I have a tremendous lot of influence. I don't think it was political influence.

Q. You have said it was political obligation; what else was it? A. Well, leave it that way.

"Psychology" was further utilized to secure from contractors workmen's compensation and liability insurance which, under the law, is taken out by companies engaged in industrial enterprises. The returns to the brokers on this class of business, viz., bonds on contracts, liability insurance and workmen's compensation insurance, is very large and constitutes an ever-increasing income to brokers who can secure it.

On account of the manner in which the Fitzgerald books are kept, it is impossible to estimate the exact profits on this city business, but brokers have stated that as large a return as \$20,000 a year commission might be expected on contractors' bonds alone, including workmen's compensation and liability insurance.

This impression of brokers is confirmed by other testimony, and by the investigation of the Finance Commission's accountant, which shows that the total profits of the Fitzgerald agency in three years from city business amounted to \$63,936.93.

The Finance Commission recommends:

That all insurance brokers be allowed free, open and honest competition and approach to city contractors, free from psychological influence.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FINANCE COMMISSION,

by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Placed on file.



Boston, November 21, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:  
Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission presents herewith its third report on the bonding investigation. It deals with the scheme to compel delinquent taxpayers of the City of Boston to give to the Collector of the City of Boston a tax bond, which was no protection either to the city or to the delinquent taxpayers and caused a useless expense to such taxpayers.

In 1915 or 1916, the Mayor stated, an announcement was made in the public Press of a new policy to be put in operation by the City Collector's office, whereby the poor householders of the city who were unable to meet their taxes when overdue would be protected from having their property sold.

Taxes are due on October 30 of each year and, if not paid by a year from the May following the date of the tax bill, the City Collector prepares a list for the purpose of advertising for sale property upon which the tax has not been paid. This sale, which is called the first sale, generally takes place in May and there is usually a second sale in October of the same year, and pieces of property that have not been sold the previous May, or have been left out for the purpose of correcting any mistakes that may have been made in the previous sale, are then sold. The city has a lien on the property for two years from the date of the tax bill, during which time it may sell the estate for the taxes.

It appeared in evidence that during the administration of Bowdoin S. Parker, City Collector, from June 11, 1910, to June 11, 1914, he received requests from taxpayers for extensions of time when their property was advertised for sale in May, and that he never took bonds, but he does recall taking notes in a few cases.

Garrett W. Scollard, a former City Collector, testified that he took neither notes nor bonds from taxpayers.

Soon after John J. Curley was appointed City Collector by the Mayor, the new policy, which it was claimed would protect poor householders, as announced by the Mayor, was introduced. This policy required the person whose taxes were overdue and whose property was to be sold to file with the City Collector a bond from a surety company, guaranteeing to the city the payment of the tax; the condition of the obligation being that "if the unpaid taxes assessed on Mr. — by the City of Boston on estates numbered —, owned by the said principal are paid in full to said John J. Curley, City Collector of the City of Boston, or his successor, on or before the — day of —, 1915, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue." Thus the surety company was obligated to pay the taxes if they were not paid before the date set down in the bond.

The Mayor testified that he discussed the matter with the City Collector; that he discussed with him the expense the poor were put to by the purchase of the tax titles; that he considered the question of adopting some other means of protecting the people who were unable to pay the taxes when due, and that he approved the act of the City Collector in taking such bonds.

The total number of such bonds taken by the City Collector in 1915 was eighty-two, representing taxes amounting to \$42,060.96; of this number, seventy-one, or 86.6 per cent, went to the National Surety Company, of which Peter J. Fitzgerald is agent.

The Finance Commission attempted to obtain from the City Collector a list of the names of persons who had purchased the bonds, in order to interrogate them as to any pressure placed upon them by the City Collector's office to take bonds from the National Surety Company. The list was refused by the City Collector, acting on the opinion of the then Corporation Counsel that this information should not be given to the Finance Commission. After the request for the list was made by the Finance Commission the City Collector testified he destroyed these bonds. The Finance Commission, however, secured one bond and thus obtained the evidence of the obligation of the bonding company, as set forth above.

The officials of the National Surety Company in New York as well as the Peter J. Fitzgerald agency in Boston also refused to give this information to the Finance Commission. In spite of the attempt of the city officials to prevent the Finance Commission from obtaining evidence in this tax bond case, Arthur Harrington, an attorney for a delin-

quent taxpayer, testified that he had been told by the City Collector to give a bond for the unpaid taxes and that the National Surety Company furnished it. He also stated that when he did give this bond he felt that his client would be protected from sale by the City Collecting Department, testifying that the "bond read that if we didn't pay the taxes when they were due that the bondsman would pay the taxes."

Q. You understood you gave the bond to protect yourself from all sales? A. Not the slightest doubt about it.

Despite the fact that Mr. Harrington gave a bond the property of his client was sold without any notice to Mr. Harrington.

LeForrest A. Hall, Jr., of the Collecting Department, testified that he understood from the City Collector that when persons applied to him to find out from what bonding company the bonds were to be taken, they were to be told to take them from the Fitzgerald agency. John H. McElroy of the same department testified that at Mr. Hall's suggestion he sent a taxpayer to the Peter J. Fitzgerald agency.

Although each of these taxpayers who gave a bond was obliged to pay at least from \$5 to \$10, and in some cases probably larger amounts, to secure such bonds and although the City Collector had power to enforce these bonds against the surety company, he did not take action against the bonding companies, but sold out these poor delinquent taxpayers in every case where they failed to meet their taxes before the second sale.

Furthermore, the testimony of the City Collector discloses his real attitude toward these taxpayers:

Q. Did you learn from anybody that it might be over \$5 for \$100? A. No, sir.

Q. You made no inquiries? A. No, sir.

Q. You were not interested to find out? A. Not a particle.

Q. As to whether the taxpayers were paying a large sum or a small sum? A. I was not interested in it.

Q. Now, then, when a person came in and did not have any money to pay the taxes you told him that he would have to give a bond? A. Yes, sir.

The following question and answer disclose how the system naturally worked. The City Collector (John J. Curley) was asked:

Q. Now, then, the story is this—that people who are poor and unable to pay their taxes, without having any money and without knowing how much the rate would be that the surety company might charge them, you took a bond, and if they did not pay their taxes before the time expired you didn't seek to recover your taxes from the bonding company, but went on and sold the property. That is right? A. That is right.

The Finance Commission was unable to learn, either from the Fitzgerald agency books or from the National Surety Company in New York, the exact profit which the Fitzgerald agency netted from this tax bonds business.

In no case was either the National Surety Company or any other company called upon to pay the bonds that they gave to the City Collector on account of delinquent taxpayers when a householder found himself unable to meet his obligation. The result of this scheme was an injustice to the delinquent taxpayer and without any compensatory advantage to the city.

The taxpayer apparently believed that by furnishing the bond he would entirely avoid a sale of his land for taxes; that if he did not pay the tax in the required time the surety company would be called upon to pay it; and that he could later reimburse the surety company. Thereby he would not only avoid the expense of the sale, but would gain more time to pay his tax than could be extended him within the two-year period of the tax lien.

The Finance Commission believes from all the evidence that the policy of requiring delinquent taxpayers to file bonds with the City Collector was a part of the general scheme to swell the income of the Peter J. Fitzgerald agency and not to protect or to relieve the poor delinquent taxpayers from the clutches of the tax-title sharks.

The effect of this scheme was to double the burden of the poor householder, as he was required not only to pay the original tax and all its costs, but also the added burden of the cost of the tax bond.

The Finance Commission further believes from the evidence that the attempt of the city officials to withhold from the Finance Commission evidence in this matter, as set forth above, was made to prevent the commission from learning the

reason for the large number of tax bonds going to the Peter J. Fitzgerald agency, and from exposing the wrong practised upon the poorer taxpayers of Boston for the benefit of Peter J. Fitzgerald of Somerville.

The Finance Commission recommends:

That the policy of taking bonds from delinquent taxpayers be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FINANCE COMMISSION,

by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Placed on file.

#### SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

The Commissioner of Public Works submitted the cost of constructing artificial stone sidewalks on Corbet street, Ward 21, Scotia street, Ward 8, the names of the owners of record of the several estates, and recommended the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the persons named in the foregoing schedule be and are hereby assessed the sums set against their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks on Corbet street, Ward 21, and Scotia street, Ward 8, and the same is hereby ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties, the amount on Corbet street being \$1,041.18, and Scotia street, \$127.23. The order was passed.

#### MINORS' LICENSES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for 24 newsboys, 1 bootblack and 5 vendors—recommending that the licenses be granted.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on usual conditions.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That there be allowed and paid to the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner and charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300), said sum to be expended, subject to the approval of the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, by said commissioner in affording immediate relief to persons entitled to aid under chapter 79 of the Revised Laws and Acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto.

Passed.

#### SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Williams street, from Washington street to Shawmut avenue, Ward 13, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Fisher avenue, from Hayden street to Parker street, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ashland and Washington streets at the municipal building, Ward 23, 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

#### NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That meetings of the male citizens of this city qualified to vote for city officers be held at the several polling

places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of December, 1917, to give in their votes for Mayor, for three members of the City Council, and for two members of the School Committee and 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?

Also that meetings of the female citizens of this city qualified to vote for School Committee be held on the same day and in the same places, to give in their votes for two members of the School Committee.

The polls at said meetings shall be open at six o'clock a. m., and closed at four o'clock p. m.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice of said meetings by advertising the same as required by law.

Passed.

#### RELEASE OF RESTRICTIONS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 9, viz.:

9. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the city and for a nominal consideration to execute an instrument satisfactory in form to the Law Department whereby the city shall, so far as it may lawfully do so, without affecting the legal or equitable rights of other persons, declare the conditions set forth in a deed from the inhabitants of the town of Boston to John Winslow, dated September 4, 1806, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 222, page 299, so far as they relate to the land conveyed to Harry I. Brooker by deed recorded with said deeds, Book 4053, page 272, to be restrictions and not conditions, and to modify the same so far as said Brooker's land is concerned by striking out the words, "Three stories in height" where they twice appear and substituting in the place thereof the words—One story in height.

On November 19 the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 9.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.15 p. m., on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 3.35 p. m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement—recommending that permits be granted, viz.:

Arthur P. Hardy, Converse Hall, evening of December 19.

Annette E. Epstein, Regent Hall, evening of December 5.

Reports accepted; permits granted on usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of John Driscoll (referred today) to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following, viz.:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provision of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, John Driscoll, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on order (referred November 19) for payment of annuity of \$300 to widow of William J. Dolan, member of the Fire Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating \$500 for construction of foundation and approach for the Robert Burns statue—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(5) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) for transfer of \$2,000 to appropriation for Boston Common, Walks—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(6) Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers within department appropriations—that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; orders passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(7) Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred November 19) for transfers in the appropriation for Penal Institutions Department, House of Correction—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

(8) Report on petition of Palmer L. Guptill *et al.* (referred October 22) for sidewalks on Saunders street, Ward 25—recommending the passage of the following, viz.:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Saunders street, east side, from Cambridge street to Pomeroy street, Ward 13, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Report accepted; order passed.

(9) Report on petition of G. L. P. Fickett *et al.* (referred October 22) for sidewalks on La Grange street, Ward 23—recommending the passage of the following, viz.:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along La Grange street, northerly side, between Landseer and Centre streets, Ward 23, 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 edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along King street, from Florida street 75 feet easterly, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Dix street, northerly side, from Adams street to 120 feet northerly, Ward 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 artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed.

#### PENSIONS FOR POLICE SIGNAL SERVICE MEN.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the Corporation Council be requested to inform the City Council whether or not it is possible to make effective chapter 402 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act to authorize the city of Boston to pension members of the Police Signal Service," by the acceptance of said act by the Mayor and City Council.

Passed under a suspension of the rule.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. HAGAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, that when the Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, December 20, at two o'clock p. m.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 1 to 8, inclusive, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor November 19, 1917, viz.:

1. Charles H. Mealey, to be a Constable.
2. Charles W. Amoss, to be a Constable.
3. Edward C. Mailloux, to be a Constable.
4. Michael Pizzi, to be a Constable.
5. John Eyans, Edith Stacy and Minnie Parad, to be Weighers of Coal.
6. Frank H. Eastman, to be a Weigher of Coal and a Measurer of Wood and Bark.
7. Laforest H. Johnson, Jr., to be a Weigher of Beef.
8. Philip Sheppard, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Sherwin Wool Company.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. McDonald and Ford. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the appointments were confirmed.

Adjourned at 3.42 p. m., on motion of Coun. McDONALD, to meet on Thursday, December 20, at 2 p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Thursday, December 20, 1917.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—President Storrow.

It was unanimously voted that Coun. Ballantyne be elected as President *pro tem*.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, January Sitting, to appear January 7, 1918:

Peter F. Gillespie, Ward 16; George A. Willhauck, Ward 10; Thomas F. Quealey, Ward 11; William O'Connor, Ward 8; Daley Williams, Ward 3; Maurice Gordon, Ward 18; William H. Barker, Ward 2; William J. Hagerty, Ward 10; Gustaf Emil Anderson, Ward 24; Herman E. Titus, Ward 2; Arthur J. Spellman, Ward 25; Herbert C. Ellms, Ward 20; Thomas Gateley, Ward 13; Stephen McPartland, Ward 20; Ferris Greenslet, Ward 8; William P. Goode, Ward 22; Everett T. Davis, Ward 18; Charles A. Mansfield, Ward 21; Calvin B. Clark, Jr., Ward 1; Joseph D. Keating, Ward 20; Philip H. Louis, Ward 21; Bernard A. Nustedt, Jr., Ward 15; George F. Pingree, Ward 20; Andrew B. Clifford, Ward 15; Charles W. Kelley, Ward 4; William C. Berry, Ward 15; Otto P. C. Schlichting, Ward 14; Louis E. Rothenbergh, Ward 6; Abraham Robbins, Ward 19; Michael J. Cashman, Ward 4; William A. Doogue, Ward 16; Frederick T. Linnehan, Ward 21; John Joseph Hurley, Ward 16; Thomas O'Leary, Ward 15; John F. Whitney, Ward 8; Edward J. McMullin, Ward 16; Walter A. Howes, Ward 7; Edward F. O'Donnell, Ward 2; John Farrell, Ward 3; Patrick F. Carley, Ward 26; Lucius W. Cleaves, Ward 9; Michael McDonnell, 1st, Ward 18; William A. Sampson, Ward 19; August Kirchgessner, Ward 21.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, January Sitting, to appear January 7, 1918:

Daniel Donovan, Ward 5; Charles M. Fidler, Ward 4; Frank W. Brown, Ward 5; Joseph Hencr, Ward 23; Walter T. Hassett, Ward 16; William J. Kennard, Ward 17; Albert E. Sweett, Ward 26; Arthur T. Storer, Ward 22; William H. Carroll, Ward 16; George F. Marden, Jr., Ward 19; George Martin, Ward 11; George F. Murphy, Ward 1; Edward L. Jones, Ward 22; Thomas J. Flynn, Ward 22; Raymond S. Lovett, Ward 22; Daniel J. Crowley, Ward 4; Alfred S. Hohman, Ward 4; Peter J. Hand, Ward 9; John J. Casey, Ward 3; Samuel Hirsch, Ward 11; George J. Kenely, Ward 26; John D. Perry, Ward 11; Walter F. Pillsbury, Ward 20; John G. Danner, Ward 23; Harry A. Van Wart, Ward 20; Arthur R. Dinn, Ward 16; Arthur W. Holden, Ward 23; William R. Castle, Jr., Ward 8; Patrick Glynn, Ward 12; Abraham Goldenberge, Ward 21; Calvin S. Merrill, Ward 20; Kenneth Moore, Ward 12; William L. Rich, Ward 2; James M. Daly, Ward 21; Quentin L. Dever, Ward 17; John E. Bernhard, Ward 10; James J. O'Brien, Ward 3; Charles H. Smith, Ward 7; William J. Nichols, Ward 24; Walter B. Snow, Ward 19; Clarence M. Chase, Ward 17; Frederick E. Zeigler, Ward 22; James Bowshell, Ward 4; Patrick E. O'Toole, Ward 9.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, January Sitting, to appear January 7, 1918:

Louis F. Capell, Ward 12; Richard A. Harrington, Ward 7; William G. Boyden, Ward 10; Clarence A. Stone, Ward 23; Arthur F. Jewett, Ward 24; William A. Berger, Ward 19; James I. Greene, Ward 1; Edward J. McCaffrey, Ward 3; John J. Tennihan, Ward 5; Frank J. Curtis, Ward 11;

Simon J. O'Donnell, Ward 8; William S. Kenny, Ward 2; Marcus M. Hutchinson, Jr., Ward 19; William A. Callahan, Ward 15; Otto Wiecher, Ward 7; Martin Gilmore, Ward 13; Joseph M. Killion, Ward 2; John A. Mullen, Ward 21; Arthur J. Duffy, Ward 13; James C. Little, Ward 5; Patrick J. Dunne, Ward 9; Charles A. Savery, Ward 11; Mitchell S. Regal, Ward 16; Robert A. McNinch, Ward 16; Thomas J. McCarthy, Ward 14; John C. Connor, Ward 17; Joseph A. Moritz, Ward 15; Carl A. Carlsson, Ward 24; Elmer Smith, Ward 8; Frederick E. Wayne, Ward 20; James V. Doherty, Jr., Ward 4; Robert H. Henderson, Ward 24; George W. Kennedy, Ward 22; Harry J. Farrington, Ward 22; William M. Shepherd, Ward 22; William G. Irwin, Ward 11; James Ayers, Ward 8; Christian Wold, Ward 21; Jeremiah Kirby, Ward 9; Timothy Denehy, Ward 26; Israel J. Ritterburg, Ward 21; Joseph D. Coughlin, Ward 20; Henry Van Dam, Ward 18; John Donovan, Ward 2.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, January Sitting, to appear January 7, 1918:

Arthur S. Blair, Ward 19; Karl F. Stahl, Ward 10; Arthur D. Stafford, Ward 13; Michael F. Quinn, Ward 12; Thomas Harrison, Ward 10; Howard E. Savage, Ward 21; Patrick J. McArdle, Ward 4; George A. Caldwell, Ward 19; John H. Tearle, Ward 16; John F. Kelly, Ward 14; Michael J. Greeley, Ward 5; William J. Langdon, Ward 14; Edward C. Gilliland, Ward 17; Philip A. Mayer, Ward 9; Louis McCarthy, Ward 23; Terrence B. McCormick, Ward 9; Joseph E. Gerbin, Ward 15; Samuel Friedberg, Ward 19; Joseph J. Cannon, Ward 21; John A. Finnerty, Ward 19; Frank C. Miller, Ward 12; John E. Flynn, Ward 11; Joseph Ghiradelli, Ward 12; Denis J. Carey, Ward 24; Robert T. Fowler, Ward 23; William N. Kenyon, Ward 20; John M. Nichol, Ward 10; William Johnson, Ward 15; Homer Kiessling, Ward 23; Byron A. Atkinson, Ward 22; Maurice Rosen, Ward 22; John Badaracco, Ward 5; John H. Quinn, Ward 18; John J. Horgan, Ward 9; William Orchard, Ward 23; John W. Kiley, Ward 19; John Condon, Ward 21; Harry H. Witte, Ward 19; Francis J. Cusick, Ward 26; William Hartigan, Ward 5; James C. Lyons, Ward 11; Michael O'Shea, Ward 5; Charles T. Sheehan, Ward 9; William T. Barne, Ward 24.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, January Sitting, to appear January 7, 1918:

Ernest F. McLaughlin, Ward 17; Roger Corrigan, Ward 13; Peter J. Cullen, Ward 1; William Conza, Ward 15; Edward C. Robinson, Ward 20; John O'Brien, Ward 6; William J. Cotter, Ward 20; George A. Whitten, Ward 7; John A. Nilson, Ward 2; B. Herbert Deane, Ward 17; Michael J. Coleman, Ward 21; Ambrose T. Lynch, Ward 1; Herbert A. Whiting, Ward 16; Michele Palombo, Ward 5; Vincent Fogarty, Ward 10; Joseph McFarland, Ward 3; Thomas F. Bowles, Ward 26; Bernard H. Marshall, Ward 26; Edgar L. Smith, Ward 12; Thomas F. Connolly, Ward 13; William J. Anderson, Ward 13; John T. Leonard, Ward 7; Patrick J. Sullivan, Ward 17; Simon Ball, Ward 13; Edward A. Colgan, Ward 5; David J. Flanagan, Ward 17; William S. Philbrook, Ward 3; Simon J. White, Ward 2; Joseph P. Gormley, Ward 5; John D. Long, Ward 16; Michael J. Downing, Ward 13; Burke L. Grindell, Ward 7; James T. Thoms, Ward 11; Johan Swenson, Ward 24; George E. Woodward, Ward 14; Denis B. Connell, Ward 15; Charles F. Clasby, Ward 15; Joseph Kirchgessner, Ward 15; Robert McAdams, Ward 2; Edwin R. McIntire, Ward 16; William M. Williams, Ward 24; Edward A. Gurnsey, Ward 25; James L. Cowan, Ward 18; Max Kleindienst, Ward 24.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, January Sitting, to appear January 7, 1918:

Walter E. Graham, Ward 12; Martin E. Touhy, Ward 10; Robert E. Sargent, Ward 20; Francis R. Doherty, Ward 9; William H. Denchy, Ward 9; Charles T. M. Law, Ward 23; Daniel S. Sullivan, Ward 12; Arthur S. Knight, Ward 8; William H. Lemigan, Ward 16; Meyer Rubin, Ward 16; E. Minot Talbot, Ward 19; Michael Carolin, Ward 4; George E. Turner, Ward 16; Charles H. Phillips, Ward 10; Frederick R. Brice, Ward 20; Benjamin Green, Ward 8; James Hugh Kimmartin, Ward 17;

Charles A. Rose, Ward 1; Frank S. Goodhue, Ward 21; Charles H. Stevens, Ward 20; John H. Rieker, Ward 17; Michael Lipson, Ward 2; Michael Nazzaro, Ward 5; John F. Boland, Ward 6; Sidney A. Mathews, Ward 24; Samuel Gordon, Ward 21; Henry E. West, Ward 23; Lorin E. Lewis, Ward 19; Patrick Corrigan, Ward 22; George M. Nagle, Ward 2; Joseph M. Casey, Ward 11; Dwight H. Clarey, Ward 9; John L. Grant, Ward 6; John M. T. Ahern, Ward 17; Thomas Clinton, Ward 22; John A. O'Connor, Ward 10; Walter A. Mitchell, Ward 24; Walter A. Ingalls, Ward 8; Michael J. Raftery, Ward 14; Charles J. Henrich, Ward 7; Morris Madfis, Ward 22; Casper F. W. Sittig, Ward 23; John M. Townsend, Ward 3; John J. Conlon, Ward 17.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, January Sitting, to appear January 7, 1918:

Andrew D. Small, Ward 7; Henry Fink, Ward 15; Frank H. Connaughton, Ward 6; Lawrence J. Kiernan, Ward 5; John J. Higgins, Ward 9; Onés Ventura, Ward 5; Charles E. Reed, Ward 22; Walter D. Chaffin, Ward 8; Herman O. Bletzner, Ward 14; John A. Furst, Ward 22; James R. Nolan, Ward 2; Charles E. Pyke, Ward 25; Charles F. Bailey, Ward 7; Harry Feldman, Ward 19; Joseph F. Kadlec, Jr., Ward 21; James A. Brady, Ward 9; John B. Donovan, Ward 15; Felix H. Mundy, Ward 12; Charles McCarthy, Ward 20; Joseph C. Eaton, Ward 12; Patrick A. Brown, Ward 18; Timothy F. Canty, Ward 15; Patrick J. Guinan, Ward 13; George W. Wilfert, Ward 13; Charles J. Gallagher, Ward 14; William W. Morse, Jr., Ward 15; Edmund J. Farr, Ward 23; Edward Quiney, Ward 7; Arthur W. Thompson, Ward 15; Thomas F. Mooney, Ward 6; William W. Riell, Ward 10; William G. Fitzgerald, Ward 23; William F. Toland, Ward 24; James McManus, Ward 16; George E. Curran, Ward 13; Charles Lutz, Ward 15; James F. Connolly, Ward 10; Edward L. Murphy, Ward 19; John W. Farren, Ward 20; Eugene F. Reilly, Ward 22; Louis D. Cragin, Ward 1; William H. Shepard, Ward 7; Richard W. Senf, Ward 13; Joseph C. Kodad, Ward 20.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1918, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

1. Archelaus Huskins, 281 Princeton street, East Boston, a Weigher of Coal.

2. William F. Curren, 36 College Hill road, West Somerville, a Weigher of Goods for the Railway Supply and Manufacturing Company.

Laid over until the law.

#### PENSIONING OF POLICE SIGNAL SERVICE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, December 20, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the appended communication from the Acting Corporation Counsel, in reply to the order recently adopted by your honorable body, and respectfully forward the same for consideration by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Law Department, December 20, 1917.  
To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I have considered the following order of the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform the City Council whether or not the acceptance at this time by the Mayor and City Council of chapter 402 of the Acts of 1904, entitled 'An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pension Members of the Police Signal Service'—would make effective the provisions of said act."

In answer, I am of the opinion that as there was no limitation to the time within which the Mayor and City Council might accept the act,

and it has not been repealed by the Legislature, the acceptance of the act at this time by the Mayor and City Council would make its provisions effective.

Yours very truly,  
WILLIAM J. HENNESSEY,  
Acting Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, December 20, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Park and Recreation Commission and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
December 20, 1917.

To the Committee on the Parkman Fund of the Boston City Council:

Dear Sirs,—The Park and Recreation Commission respectfully ask that the sum available on this date from the income of the Parkman Fund, \$44,582.83, be appropriated to be used on the continuation of work in the Fens adjacent to the Art Museum.

Very respectfully yours,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$44,582.83 be and hereby is appropriated from the income of the Parkman Fund to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Commission for the maintenance and improvement of the Common and parks in existence on January 12, 1887, as follows: Continuation of Work in Fens, \$44,582.83.

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

#### MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WEST END.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, December 20, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The welfare of the people of the West End section of Boston requires that a municipal building with all-the-year-round bathing facilities, gymnasium, reading room and library be established in this congested district, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$5,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans for a municipal building and bath house in the West End section and for an investigation of sites by the City Planning Board, and that to meet said expenditure the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, December 20, 1917.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith the report of the Public Safety Committee in reply to your order requesting a statement of expenditures.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

(Annexed was report.)

Referred to the Executive Committee.



## ELKS' HOSPITAL, PARKER HILL.

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, December 18, 1917.  
To the Honorable the City Council,  
City Hall, Boston:

Gentlemen,—On November 19, 1917, your body passed an order approved by me on November 20, 1917, a copy of which is as follows:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to convey for the sum of \$39,240.40, by an instrument satisfactory to the Law Department, to the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks the lot of land containing approximately 196,000 square feet, owned by the city on Parker Hill, on the condition that said land is to be used as a site for a hospital, and on such further terms as may be satisfactory to the Law Department.

The prospective grantee named in the order is unwilling to take title to the land with the condition imposed that it is to be used as a site for a hospital. It is the intention of the Grand Lodge to use the land for hospital purposes, but it does not desire to have any condition imposed which will compel it to use the land at all times for such purposes.

I therefore submit for your favorable consideration the accompanying order, in which the condition providing that the land is to be used as a site for a hospital is omitted, and in which provision is made for the rescission of your former order.

Yours respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city, and upon the payment of \$39,240.40, to convey to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, a corporation duly incorporated, by an instrument satisfactory to the Law Department, all the right, title and interest of the city in and to a parcel of land on Parker Hill avenue on Parker Hill, so called, in the Roxbury district of Boston, and shown on Plate 21 of the Roxbury Atlas of 1915 as containing 196,202 square feet.

Ordered, That the order relating to the conveyance of the land above described, approved by the Mayor on November 20, 1917, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

## Claims.

Clarence G. Allen, for compensation for damage to automobile by a hole in Atlantic avenue.

Jane F. Cadigan, for compensation for damage to estate at corner of Geneva avenue and Everton street caused by work done on the street.

Edith Feder, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 357 Warren street, Roxbury.

Benjamin Fruithoff, for compensation for damages to merchandise at 37 Fleet street by breaking of water main.

Jacob Gorman, for compensation for damages to real estate at 37 Fleet street by breaking of water main.

Annie M. Gibbs, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Washington street, near Walton street, Dorchester.

George E. Gilchrist, for compensation for damages at 106 High street by the bursting of water mains.

Catherine Glavin, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 148 Athens street, South Boston.

John L. Keane, for compensation for damages to real estate and business at 3823 Washington street by the temporary taking of land for Stony brook conduit.

James Traverse, for compensation for damages to real estate and business at 3841 Washington street by temporary taking of land for Stony brook conduit.

Rachel Lefkovitch, for compensation for damage to clothing torn on a barrel on sidewalk at 1 Auburn street.

Albert E. Lynch, for compensation for damage to automobile and personal injuries by a collision with automobile of the Park and Recreation Department.

Richard C. Lyon, to be paid for watch and money taken from his locker at the Cabot Street Bath House.

Thomas Maloney, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by an auto truck of the city.

John J. McCabe, for compensation for expense of repairing drain at 9 Westerly street, Jamaica Plain, damaged by roots of a tree.

Mary L. MacCool, for compensation for injuries received from falling over an obstruction in path on Boston Common.

John A. Missell, to be repaid excess paid for water tax at 61 and 63 Nightingale street, Dorchester.

Mary O'Brien, for compensation for injuries received from a fall opposite 817 Harrison avenue.

Parish of All Saints, Dorchester, to be reimbursed for expense of repairing drain in Chickatawbut street.

Gaetano Praino, for compensation for damage to automobile by a city cart of the Sanitary Division.

Scotfield-Campbell Company, to be refunded amounts paid in error for water at 15 Irvington street.

James W. Linehan, for compensation for injuries received from falling into an excavation in Blue Hill avenue.

## Executive.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

Mrs. Grace M. Marden, Owls' Hall, January 29, 1918.

Lena W. Adams, Copley-Plaza Hotel, December 16.

Samuel Barshak, Lower Columbia Theater, December 16.

W. Lawson Reid, Odd Fellows Hall, January 1, 1918.

## Unclaimed Baggage.

Boston & Maine Railroad, to sell unclaimed baggage.

## STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Elizabeth Rothfuss, keeping of gasoline, at 4 Arborway and 96 Prince street.

Bryant G. Smith & Sons Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, at 661 Beacon street.

Leo F. Walsh, keeping and sale of gasoline, 797-805 Beacon street and 2-6 Maitland street.

Chauncey Thomas & Co. (Inc.), keeping and sale of gasoline, 23-25 Blandford street and 2 Cunningham street.

Arthur E. Blaisdell, keeping and sale of gasoline, 1800 Centre street.

Chalmers Motor Company of New England, keeping and sale of gasoline, at Cunningham street.

James E. Lapsley, keeping and sale of gasoline, 7 Day street and 218 Heath street.

Cora B. Day, keeping of gasoline, 36 Harvest street.

Huntley Garage, keeping and sale of gasoline, 15-23 Hawkins street.

John Manning, keeping and sale of gasoline, 634 Huntington avenue.

Abraham H. Marks, keeping and sale of gasoline, 1211-1215 Hyde Park avenue (two notices).

Triangle Distributing Corporation, keeping, storage and renting of reels of films, at 48 and 50 Melrose street.

William H. Taft, keeping and sale of gasoline, 58 Murdock street.

David W. Huntley, keeping and sale of gasoline, 55½ Sudbury street.

Sarah A. Hersey, keeping of gasoline, 315 Walnut street, Roxbury.

Frederick J. Rockwell, keeping and sale of gasoline, 739 Washington street, Dorchester (two notices).

Louis Vogel, keeping of gasoline, 5177 Washington street.

Placed on file.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was sent to the City Clerk by his Honor the Mayor of the appointment of Rupert S. Carven as Budget Commissioner, a certified copy of the same having been sent to the Civil Service Commissioners.

Placed on file.



## APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of appointment of Charles F. Hale as Overseer of the Poor.  
Placed on file.

## APPOINTMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Notice was received from the Board of Health of appointment of Joseph W. Haugh as sanitary inspector.  
Placed on file.

## CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of Charles H. Mealey.  
Approved by the City Council.

## SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

The Commissioner of Public Works submitted a sidewalk schedule for the cost of construction of sidewalks on King street, Rosemont street, Howard avenue and Roxbury and Gardner streets, recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the persons named in the foregoing schedule be and the same are hereby assessed the sums set against their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties.

The order was passed.

## CLERK HIRE.

A report was received from W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of section 33, chapter 22, of the Revised Laws, certifying that persons have been employed in his office from November 19 to December 17, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$4,291.41.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

## VIOLATION OF SECTION 8, CHARTER AMENDMENTS 1909.

The following was received:

Boston, December 8, 1917.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:  
Gentlemen,—On October 22, 1917, the Finance Commission, as the result of new evidence before it, enlarged the scope of its investigation of the bonding of city employees and of contractors having contracts with the City of Boston, so as to include within the reopened investigation the question of whether or not section 8 of the Charter Amendments of 1909 had been violated by the Mayor of Boston. This section provides, among other things, that any official of the City of Boston who (provided he does not own less than 5 per cent of the stock or shares actually issued of the corporation) receives a profit or a financial return from any contract with the City of Boston shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for one year, or both, unless the official receiving such financial benefit shall notify the City Council, the Finance Commission and the Mayor of his interest in the contract and abstain from doing any official act on behalf of the city in reference thereto.

James M. Curley was elected Mayor of the City of Boston and took office on the first Monday in February, 1914. Shortly after that event the attention of the Finance Commission was called to the fact that it was claimed that the Mayor was interested in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company and that the Daly Plumbing Supply Company had contracts with the City of Boston.

Accordingly, in April, 1914, John C. L. Dowling, counsel for the commission, called upon John A. Sullivan, then Corporation Counsel, and stated to him that the Finance Commission had been informed that the Mayor was interested in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company, which was doing business with the City of Boston, and that the Mayor had failed to file a notice with the Finance Com-

mission to that effect, as required by the section above referred to. Thereupon Mr. Sullivan stated to Mr. Dowling that the Mayor was not then interested in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company and that the Mayor had told him that he had sold out his interest in the same for cash and notes, and therefore did not need to file any such notice.

This statement Mr. Dowling reported to the Finance Commission, and the commission assumed that the Mayor was not interested in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company and made at that time no further investigation.

Francis L. Daly testified that he is a close political and personal friend of the Mayor and that on September 2, 1913, the Sullivan \* & Daly Company (a plumbing supply company) was dissolved and the interest of Mr. Sullivan was purchased by Mr. Daly, Mr. Sullivan receiving the sum of \$8,000 for his interest in the company. This sum was paid to Edwin P. Fitzgerald (the brother-in-law of Francis L. Daly) in cash by Mr. Daly, and deposited in Fitzgerald's private bank account on August 28, 1913, and credited to his account on August 29, 1913, and by him later paid by check of \$8,000 to Mr. Daly, thereby bringing the money back to Mr. Daly. The \$8,000 was deposited by Mr. Daly to the account of the Sullivan & Daly Company, and a check was drawn by the company to Mr. Sullivan's order. Mr. Daly testified that he received the \$8,000 in cash from an uncle who, according to Daly's own admission, died without a cent in Chelsea, May 2, 1915, and was buried at the expense of Mr. Daly. This uncle, according to Daly's testimony, never received a note for this loan, and Daly himself never made a record of it in any book nor was it ever repaid.

At the time when Daly gave this testimony the Finance Commission had before it two newspaper statements, purporting to have been made by the Mayor, one in a speech on January 7, 1914, as follows: "I am a partner in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company, from which concern I net a sufficient income to render me independent of political office." The other on December 13, 1915, over the Mayor's name, as follows: "The land" (in Jamaica Plain upon which the Mayor's house was built) "cost \$10,000, which was paid for out of the proceeds of the sale of one-half interest in the business of the Daly Plumbing Company." Furthermore, Mr. Daly had testified that though the Mayor had been his partner in the plumbing supply business he put no money in and had taken no money out.

With these two newspaper statements and Mr. Daly's testimony before it, the Finance Commission searched through the banks of Boston for evidence which might show that on August 28, 1913, it was Mr. Curley who had paid the \$8,000 which Mr. Daly testified had come from his uncle. The commission first discovered that on this date, August 28, 1913, Mr. Curley had drawn \$4,100 from the Federal Trust Company, leaving \$3,900 to be found elsewhere to make up the \$8,000. Thereafter, in its search, it summoned before it George U. Crocker, formerly director of the Mutual National Bank, and now one of the custodians of its records. Mr. Crocker testified that the Mutual National Bank had during its whole existence made Mr. Curley a single loan; that this loan was made on August 28, 1913; that it was for \$4,000, and that the loan was discounted, Mr. Curley having credited to his account as of August 29, 1913, \$3,938.67, and that on August 28, 1913, he drew \$3,900, the exact sum for which the commission was looking, making with the check for \$4,100 on the Federal Trust Company the sum of \$8,000 drawn by Mr. Curley on that date (August 28, 1913), i. e., the day when Mr. Daly stated that he received \$8,000 in cash from his uncle.

It has been impossible to trace through the banks the uses which Mr. Curley made of the \$8,000, but he has accounted for it as follows: He told Mr. Crocker, according to Mr. Crocker's testimony, that he invested that part received from Mr. Crocker's bank in campaign expenses. He testified before the Finance Commission that he placed \$7,500 of the \$8,000 in the hands of a wool broker, now dead, for speculation in New York in the stock market.

The election was not until the following January and, according to the return filed by Mr. Curley in the City Clerk's office in City Hall, Mr. Curley made no contribution to the campaign until that month, over four months after that money was borrowed.

\* Daniel P. Sullivan, Jr.





On November 2, 1917, Mayor Curley was examined and testified as follows:

Q. Did you tell Mr. John A. Sullivan at any time that you had an interest in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company and received some money for it and that you had severed your connections with it? A. Absolutely no.

Q. Did you in any form of words tell him or communicate to him or to any person in his presence that the money which entered into the purchasing of the land came from your interest in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company? A. Absolutely no.

On November 7, 1917, Mr. John A. Sullivan testified:

Q. Did he (the Mayor) say to you at any time the land cost \$10,000, which was paid for out of the proceeds of the sale of one-half interest in the Daly Plumbing Company? A. He did.

Q. When did he tell you that? A. Well, I can't tell you.

Q. About when? A. Prior to the time of the composition of this document. (Newspaper article of December 13, 1915, referred to above.)

On September 28, 1917, Mayor Curley was questioned as to his interest in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company as follows:

Q. Were you a partner in the concern? A. Yes, I was a partner, with, I should say, a third interest.

Q. A third interest in the property and the profits? A. Supposedly a third interest in the entire business.

Q. Did you put any money into the Daly Plumbing Supply Company? A. I did not.

Q. Did you take out any money while you were a partner? A. I did not.

Q. Did you take out any money when you ceased to be a partner? A. I did not.

On November 7, 1917, Mr. John A. Sullivan testified as follows:

Q. Did he (the Mayor) tell you how much money he put into the Daly Plumbing Supply Company? A. I think he did.

Q. And he said he put some money into that business? A. Yes, sir.

Q. The amount of which you have forgotten? A. Well, it was a substantial sum, but the amount I couldn't state.

Q. It was a substantial sum? A. My impression was it was several thousand dollars. It was not a matter of hundreds; it was a matter of thousands; whether it was eight or ten thousand I have no recollection.

Q. Did he (the Mayor) ever tell you in any form of words . . . he received an income from the Daly Plumbing Supply Company? A. He did.

Q. When? A. Oh, early in 1914.

Q. What did he tell you? A. He told me he had a good income from that company and from other sources.

Q. In the conversation you had with Mr. Curley in which he told you about getting cash, did he say to you anything about getting notes from Daly? A. No, you asked me that question before and I answered you at the time that I had no recollection of his saying notes. My recollection is his saying cash. I know at one time he said he had either some cash or a check on the desk. I thought it was a check—and he said, "I have got this money from the Daly Company. It is a great deal easier to put your money in than it is to get it out." How much that was I don't know.

On November 2, 1917, Mr. Curley was asked if he had talked with Mr. Sullivan on the testimony which Mr. Sullivan had given to the Finance Commission on October 22, 1917.

Q. Have you talked with Mr. Sullivan at any time within the last week or two with reference to the fact that he had been before the Finance Commission? A. No, sir.

Q. At no place and at no time? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you know that at some time he had been before the Finance Commission—on the 22d of October, did you know that? A. I read something in this morning's paper.

Q. Until this morning's paper you never had any

intimation that Mr. Sullivan had been before the commission? A. Yes, I had.

Q. From whom did you receive that information? A. I received it from my attorney, Mr. Coakley, last night.

Q. Until last night you had no intimation from any source that Mr. Sullivan had appeared before the Finance Commission? A. No, sir. Has he appeared? Has he appeared, Mr. Hurlburt?

On November 7, 1917, Mr. Sullivan testified:

Q. When did you see the Mayor with reference to your appearing before the Finance Commission, if at all? A. I appeared before the Finance Commission on Monday, the 22d of October, after four o'clock in the afternoon. . . . I didn't communicate with the Mayor or attempt to that night, and the next day and the following day, and, in fact, up to Friday at four o'clock I was busy. . . . Between Monday and Friday, however, I had tried twice to communicate with the Mayor and was unsuccessful. Saturday morning . . . I determined to see him. . . . I waited at his office quite a while. That would be the 27th of October. After a while I managed to get a little privacy with him. . . . I told him I was before the commission on the preceding Monday. I told him that the commission had asked me about the statement which I had made to Mr. Dowling in 1914, and that I confirmed the statement. I told him also that the commission had interrogated me about the authorship of the campaign document of December, 1915, and that I had declined to answer questions concerning it; that I was in considerable doubt as to whether the commission would insist upon my answering, but my then impression was that they would not.

I stated that I thought it was very unfortunate that I should be put in a position where I was obliged to make a statement concerning the Mayor's selling out of his interest in the Daly Company. It was inconsistent with the statement which the Mayor had made at a public hearing—or at a hearing—before the Finance Commission; and the Mayor did not seem to take it very hard. If it was medicine for him, he took it very manfully, and he said it didn't seem to matter. As a matter of fact I seemed a great deal more disturbed about it than he did. He passed it off very lightly. I saw him again, I think—I am not positive—I think it was Monday. . . . Q. You saw him as a fact, whether it was Monday or some other day? A. I am quite positive I saw him on some departmental matters connected with the Fire Department; there isn't any doubt about that. There were a great many people who saw us both there, newspaper reporters and others.

According to Daly's testimony the \$8,000 received by him and paid for an interest in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company on August 28, 1913, without any records being preserved, came as a loan from an uncle who died within two years in utter poverty.

According to the Mayor's testimony \$7,500 of the \$8,000 drawn by him on the same day, August 28, 1913, with checks and stubs destroyed, went into stock speculation, netting him a profit of approximately 166 per cent. According to the Mayor's testimony the newspaper record of his speech on January 7, 1914, was untrue. The newspaper article of December 13, 1915, purporting to be over his name, was untrue, and the testimony of former Corporation Counsel John A. Sullivan was untrue. According to the Mayor's testimony, Mr. Wilcox, his private, confidential secretary, was mistaken as to the newspaper article of December 13, 1915, and what he said to Mr. Crocker was inaccurate. According to the Mayor's testimony, he had been a partner in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company without putting any money in or taking any money out.

According to Mr. Sullivan's testimony, Mr. Curley continued as a partner in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company after he became Mayor. The commission submits the following review of the above testimony:

1. Francis L. Daly is the close political and personal friend of the Mayor, James M. Curley.
2. Edwin P. Fitzgerald is the brother-in-law of and attorney for Francis L. Daly.
3. On August 28, 1913, Edwin P. Fitzgerald received in cash from Francis L. Daly the sum of \$8,000, which the said Edwin P. Fitzgerald deposited to his personal account in the Fourth Atlantic National Bank, and on September 2, 1913, the said Edwin P. Fitzgerald drew a check



for \$8,000 to the order of Francis L. Daly, which the said Francis L. Daly deposited in the Exchange Trust Company, and which later was used to buy out the interest of Daniel P. Sullivan, Jr., in the plumbing supply business of the Sullivan & Daly Company.

4. Francis L. Daly testified that he received the \$8,000 in cash from an uncle who about two years later died in poverty.

5. On August 28, 1913, the day when Francis L. Daly paid Edwin P. Fitzgerald \$8,000 in cash, James M. Curley drew from the Federal Trust Company \$4,100 and from the Mutual National Bank \$3,900, or \$8,000 in all. Thus there has been traced into Mr. Curley's hands the sum of \$8,000 on the same day that Francis L. Daly paid Edwin P. Fitzgerald \$8,000, which \$8,000 was subsequently returned to Daly and used by him to purchase the interest of Daniel P. Sullivan, Jr., in the Sullivan & Daly Company. Mr. Curley testified that he paid \$7,500 of the \$8,000 drawn by him for stock speculation to a wool broker now dead.

6. The Mayor, when asked by George U. Crocker what he did with the money from the Mutual National Bank, stated that he had used it for campaign purposes.

7. The Mayor and Francis L. Daly testified that the Mayor was a partner in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company, though, according to their testimony, he had put no money into the business and had taken none out.

8. Mr. Standish Willcox testified that he wrote the newspaper article of December 13, 1915, which stated that the Mayor had received \$10,000 for his half-interest in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company, and that he (Mr. Willcox) got the facts by inference from statements made to him by the Mayor. This statement appeared over the Mayor's name and was written by Willcox immediately after he (Willcox) had had a conference with the Mayor.

9. Mr. John A. Sullivan, formerly Corporation Counsel, testified that Mr. Curley, while Mayor, told him he was interested in the Daly Plumbing Supply Company and that he had put a substantial sum in the business, and later that he had sold out and had got money out of the business. Mr. Sullivan further testified that the Mayor had called his attention to a check or cash received from the Daly Plumbing Supply Company.

The commission has instructed its special counsel, Henry F. Hurlburt, Esq., to call upon the District Attorney and place with him the testimony of the various witnesses who testified regarding the Daly Plumbing Supply Company for investigation and for such action as he deems the evidence warrants.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Placed on file.

#### INCREASE OF LAMPLIGHTERS' WAGE.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to enter, with the approval of the City Council, into an agreement with the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to increase the contract prices between the city and the company so that the company may meet the reasonable demands of the lamplighters in their employ and increase the daily wage of these men from \$2 to \$3 per day.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### INCREASE OF CITY PAVERS' WAGE.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the Budget Appropriations for the next fiscal year a sum sufficient to pay a daily wage of \$3.50 per day to those men who are classified as pavers, and in the employ of the city in the Paving Division of the Public Works Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.40 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.15 p. m.

#### COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on the pay roll of the Registrar of Deeds (referred today) for payment of sum of \$4,291.41—recommending approval of the same.

Report accepted; pay roll ordered approved and paid.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

Mrs. Grace M. Marden, Owls Hall, January 29, 1918.

Lena W. Adams, Copley-Plaza, December 12.  
Samuel Barshak, Lower Columbia Theater, December 16.

W. Lawson Reid, Odd Fellows Hall, January 1, 1918.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for sale of land belonging to the city on Parker Hill avenue to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, Coun. Ford and Wellington are not here but were they here they would vote for the passage of this order.

(3) Report on order (referred November 5) for payment of \$250 to Arthur Christie who was injured while in the discharge of his duties as an employee of the Public Works Department—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### PAYMENT FOR POLICEMEN.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit in the budget a sum sufficient to provide three dollars per day for probationary and reserve officers.

Passed.

#### PAYMENT OF FIREMEN.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to include in the budget a sum to provide for not less than three dollars per day for probationary and other firemen who are now receiving less than that amount per day.

Passed.

#### WAGES OF LAMPLIGHTERS.

Coun. WATSON offered the following:  
Resolved, That the City Council hereby approve of the efforts of his Honor the Mayor to secure for the lamplighters a living wage; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council is strongly of the opinion that there should be no further waste of gas by the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, and that said company should grant the lamplighters their demands for three dollars per day, and that a copy of this resolve be sent to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company.

The resolutions were passed, yeas 5, nays 0.

#### PENSION OF POLICE SIGNAL SERVICE MEMBERS.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That chapter 402 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to pension members of the Police Signal Service," be and the same hereby is accepted.

The order was passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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.

Report accepted; order passed.

## ORDINANCES.

Coun. FORD, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on the petition of Harriet Duffy *et al.* (referred October 22) for a hearing relative to prohibition of women blacking boots—that no further action is necessary.

Report accepted.

2. Report on petition of Charlotte Smith (referred October 22) relative to women acting as bootblacks—that no further action is necessary.

Report accepted.

3. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred October 22) prohibiting female minors to engage in the trade of bootblacking—recommending passage of ordinance in the following new draft:

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

No female minor sixteen years of age or over shall engage in the trade of bootblacking, and no person shall employ any such female minor in such trade.

The report was accepted and the ordinance was passed, yeas 4, nays 2, Coun. BALLANTYNE and HAGAN voting nay.

## CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5, viz.:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, December 3, 1917, viz.:

1. Waldo H. Chandler, to be a Constable.
3. Elizabeth Wright and Charles W. Jones, to be Weighers of Coal.
4. Charles W. Jones, to be a Measurer of Wood and Bark.
5. Isadore Wolff, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Submarine Signal Company.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Attridge and Hagan. Whole number of ballots cast 5, yeas 4, nays 1, and the appointments were confirmed.

## GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. HAGAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

It was voted, on motion of Coun. HAGAN, that when the Council adjourn it be to meet on December 28, at two o'clock p. m.

The Council stood adjourned at 4.26 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Friday, Decemher 28, 1917.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 o'clock p. m. Coun. HAGAN, senior member present, called the meeting to order.

Absent—Coun. Ballantyne and Storrow.

Coun. HAGAN was unanimously elected President *pro tem*.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under the law, the Mayor not being present, as follows:

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear January 7, 1918:

Thorwald Henriksen, Ward 1; Henry E. Hickey, Ward 17; Joseph J. DeSoto, Ward 19; Francis E. Crosby, Ward 17; Herbert G. Morris, Ward 19; George C. Shea, Ward 17; Huhert Pope, Ward 7; Joseph E. Cheney, Ward 20; Frank Y. Bankoff, Ward 5; James Marshall, Ward 24; Dennis Mahoney, Ward 13; Frank J. Merrill, Ward 17; Edward M. Clancy, Ward 10; Thomas H. Kenney, Ward 1; Samuel B. Schwartz, Ward 18; Samuel G. Miles, Ward 1; Thomas F. Coffey, Ward 5; Joseph V. King, Ward 9; Winthrop C. Adams, Ward 22; Peter Reilly, Ward 6; Dennis J. Kennedy, Ward 5; Robert M. Robinson, Ward 19.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear January 9, 1918:

Dennis F. Donovan, Ward 3; William Strauss, Ward 22; Chester G. Hall, Ward 19; Charles A. Young, Ward 19; Patrick B. Bell, Ward 11; John O. Pugsley, Ward 22; Patrick J. Sullivan, Ward 3; Patrick H. Flynn, Ward 22; Joseph F. Luppold, Ward 23; Mark Kelly, Ward 20; Carl M. Koopman, Ward 23; Alexander White, Ward 21; Alfred E. Fletcher, Ward 22; Patrick G. Conley, Ward 24; Arthur J. McCarron, Ward 22; John W. Buckley, Ward 3; Patrick Moynihan, Ward 13; George Deihl, Ward 13; Charles P. Wirtz, Ward 18; Cornelius McCarthy, Ward 6; George P. Fitzgerald, Ward 11; John F. Griffin, Ward 2; Thomas A. Whalen, Ward 2; Edgar W. Jones, Ward 13; Peter J. Whelton, Ward 12; Isaac Greenbaum, Ward 16; James H. Nicholson, Ward 20; Joseph P. Mackintosh, Ward 19; Frederick T. Foye, Ward 9; William H. Toomey, Ward 3; John J. Cotter, Ward 12; Edward P. Hicks, Ward 22; Frank E. Brown, Ward 2; J. Lewis Saunders, Ward 8; Charles W. Rice, Ward 26; Hans G. Schulze, Ward 10.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear January 10, 1918:

John C. Peterson, Ward 1; Harold F. Sampson, Ward 9; Marvin L. Hadd, Ward 23; William Thomas O'Brien, Ward 11; Joseph P. Gillon, Ward 16; Alvin R. Kelly, Ward 16; Loring Poole, Ward 22; Michael J. Glynn, Ward 13; Duval Dunne, Ward 25; Francis B. Dempsey, Ward 11; Wilmot P. Howe, Ward 6; Frank L. Wedick, Ward 4; Isaac Heller, Ward 16; Abraham Berman, Ward 16; John A. Emanuelson, Ward 20; Henry E. Hoffman, Ward 16; James W. Loudon, Ward 20; William E. Prescott, Ward 12; Albert B. Clifford, Ward 18; Albert C. Trask, Ward 24; Thomas J. Butler, Ward 13; George Goldstein, Ward 10; Hermann Busch, Ward 15; Michael O'Connell, Ward 3; Abraham Ullian, Ward 16; William W. Steere, Ward 24; Thomas J. Moylan, Ward 13; James Gurney, Ward 26; James A. Cody, Ward 26; Thomas H. Hamon, Ward 20; Thomas A. J. Grady, Ward 14; William D. Buckley, Ward 20; Florence T. Sullivan, Ward 11; Max E. Fleming, Ward 15; William Howard, Ward 14; Abraham Bloom, Ward 16.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved the same, submitted the constable's bond of Michael Pizzi.

Approved by the City Council.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Notice was received from the Board of Election Commissioners of the election of Andrew J. Peters as Mayor for the term of four years; Henry E. Hagan, Daniel W. Lane, James T. Moriarty as members of the City Council for three years; and Michael H. Corcoran and Richard J. Lane as members of the School Committee for the term of three years.

Notice was received that the license vote was: Yes, 54,260; No, 30,592.

Notice was received of the following votes at the State election November 6, 1917, viz.:

"Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to absentee voting, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?"

Yes.....45,717  
No.....14,929

"In place of Article 18 of the Articles of Amendment of the Constitution, shall the following Article of Amendment relative to appropriations for educational and benevolent purposes, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?"

Yes.....34,629  
No.....30,958

"Shall the following Amendment relative to the taking and distribution by the Commonwealth and its municipalities of the common necessities of life, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?"

Yes.....50,835  
No.....10,137

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, certified copies of which were delivered to the Civil Service Commission, viz.:

John H. Dunn, Street Commissioner.  
James A. Howlett, Schoolhouse Commissioner.  
John P. Toomey, Hospital Trustee.  
Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of appointment of David Stoneman as Park and Recreation Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRACK LOCATIONS.

Copies of orders were received from the Board of Street Commissioners granting the following locations, viz.:

West End Street Railway Company, tracks from Harrison avenue, 501st location.  
Bay State Street Railway Company, tracks from Walley street, 16th location.  
Ordered printed and placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Health Department of appointment of John F. Riley as Sanitary Inspector.

Placed on file.

SALARIES OF PROBATION OFFICERS.

The following was received:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Municipal Court of the City of Boston,  
Court House, December 21, 1917.  
Hon. James Donovan, City Clerk,  
City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—Acting under chapter 217, section 92, of the Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1910, chapter 479, the justicos of this court have, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, determined the annual compensation



of the assistant probation officers of this court as follows, to take effect February 1, 1918:

Francis A. Dudley, deputy male assistant probation officer.....	\$2,400 00
Mary L. Brinn, deputy female assistant probation officer.....	2,000 00
All other male assistant probation officers.....	2,200 00
All other female assistant probation officers.....	1,800 00

Very truly yours,

WILFRED BOLSTER,  
Chief Justice.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

COMPENSATION OF PROBATION OFFICERS.

The following was submitted to the body by the City Clerk:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Municipal Court of the City of Boston,  
Court House, December 21, 1917.

Hon. James Donovan,  
City Clerk, City Hall, Boston:

Dear Sir,—For the information of the County Commissioners as to the cause for change of compensation of male and female assistant probation officers, I desire to inform you that these salaries have now been placed upon the basis recently adopted by the Superior Court for its probation officers in Suffolk County. The duties and service of the probation officers in this court are no less responsible and, if anything, are more arduous than those in the Superior Court, and it has not been deemed wise to make any variation from those so established, having in mind the efficiency and responsibilities of the service.

Very truly yours,

WILFRED BOLSTER, Chief Justice.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Mary Bradford, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in the highway.

Patrick Cunningham, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 6 Broadway, South Boston.

George Ellis & Co., for compensation for damages to truck by a city automobile.

A. W. Knight, for compensation for damage to wagon by Fire Department apparatus.

Abraham Rosenstein, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Washington street, near Broadway extension.

Herbert J. McKay, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at the Wyman School, Jamaica Plain.

Harry Smith, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Commercial street.

Executive.

Petitions for retirement under provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914, viz.:

Patrick Powers, William H. McFarland, Jeremiah Noonan.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

James J. O'Keefe, keeping and sale of gasoline, 791 Adams street, Ward 20.

Boston & Albany Railroad Company, keeping of torpedoes and fuses, 75 Exeter street.

Boston & Albany Railroad Company, keeping of gasoline, Lincoln street, Brighton.

J. W. Maguire Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 741-745 Boylston street (five notices).

Massachusetts Wharf Coal Company, keeping of gasoline, 280 Cambridge street, Brighton.

Carton Belton Company, keeping of gasoline, 52 Everett street, Allston.

H. P. Hood & Sons, keeping of gasoline, 527 Rutherford avenue.

Walworth Manufacturing Company, keeping of fuel oil, First and O streets, South Boston.  
Placed on file.

ANNUITY FOR MRS. LAILER.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That under the provisions of chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880 an annuity of \$300 be allowed and paid to the widow of Frank L. Lailer, a member of the Fire Department, who died from injuries received while in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

HOSPITAL, SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the purposes named, and that to meet 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, viz.:

Construction of hospital at Suffolk County Jail.....	\$132,500 00
Construction of sheriff's house at Suffolk County Jail.....	17,500 00

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SALE OF PUBLIC SAFETY PRODUCTS.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That the Subcommittee on Food Production and Conservation of the Committee on Public Safety be authorized to sell to the Boston City Hospital or other city institutions the city's portion of the farm products raised under the direction of said committee, amounting in value to approximately twenty-three hundred dollars (\$2,300).

In connection with the order Coun. FORD submitted a communication from G. B. Johnson, acting chairman of the Sub-committee on Food Production and Conservation of the Boston Committee on Public Safety, setting forth the approximate quantities and values of the city's portion of the farm products raised under the direction of the committee and now held in storage at Franklin Field locker building, as follows:

66,000 pounds potatoes at \$2.50 per hundred weight.....	\$1,650 00
3,000 pounds beans at \$15 per hundred weight.....	450 00
254 bushels turnips at 75 cents per bushel.....	190 50
	<u>\$2,290 50</u>

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Coun. COLLINS the Board voted at 2.30 p. m. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber at 6.05 p. m., and were called to order by President HAGAN.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Reports on petitions of Jeromiah Noonan, Patrick Powers and William H. McFarland for retirement (referred today) under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under

the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Jeremiah Noonan, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Park and Recreation Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Patrick Powers, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted, order passed.

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, William H. McFarland, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the order (referred December 20) requesting the Mayor to include in the budget appropriations for the next fiscal year a sum sufficient to pay a daily wage of \$3.50 to those men who are classified as pavers and in the employ of the city in Paving Division of the Public Works Department—that no further action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(3) Report on the order (referred from last year) that chapter 235 of the Special Acts of 1916, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Grant Gately and Olive P. Gately, or their legal guardian," be and the same is hereby accepted—that the same ought not to pass.

Report accepted, Coun. WATSON calling for the yeas and nays; yeas 4, nays 3.

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Collins, Ford, Wellington—4.

Nays—Coun. Hagan, McDonald, Watson,—3.

(4) Report on order (referred today) authorizing the subcommittee on food production and conservation on the Committee on Public Safety to sell to the Boston City Hospital or other city institutions the city's portion of the farm products raised under the direction of said committee, amounting in value to approximately \$2,300—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed.

(5) Report on the order (referred today) that an annuity of \$300 be allowed and paid to the widow of Frank L. Lailer of the Fire Department, who died from injuries received while in the performance of his duties, such annuity to continue while the widow remains unmarried and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed.

#### LAND FOR FIRE STATION, NEPONSET.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted a report on the message and order (referred November 5) for appropriation of \$10,000 for plans and purchase of land for a fire station in Neponset—that the same ought not to pass, without prejudice.

Report accepted.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$10,000 be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Fire Commissioner for plans and the purchase of land for a fire station in Neponset, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### CONTINUATION OF WORK IN FENS.

Coun. WELLINGTON, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted a report on the message and order (referred December 20) appropriating \$41,582.83 from the income of the Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park and Recreation Commission for continuation of work in Fens—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### STREET LAMP LIGHTERS.

President HAGAN offered an order—That his Honor the Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Works confer with the Boston Consolidated Gas Company and request the company to discharge the employees now engaged in street lamp lighting and reinstatement the former lamp lighters to the position which they formerly occupied, at a salary equal to the rate of daily wage now paid to city laborers.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed, Coun. WATSON calling for the yeas and nays; yeas 7, nays 0.

#### CARS ON WASHINGTON STREET.

President HAGAN offered an order—That the cars of the Boston Elevated Railway Company be permanently excluded from operating on Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets, during the hours from 9.30 a. m. to 5.30 p. m., on all days other than Sundays or holidays, and that the Elevated Railway Company be obliged to have their Washington street lines of cars in operation for public use not later than 5.30 p. m.

The order was passed under a suspension of the rules; yeas 5, nays 2, Coun. FORD and McDONALD voting nay.

On the subject of the Washington street car situation, President HAGAN presented the following:

Boston Chamber of Commerce,  
December 26, 1917.

Mr. Henry E. Hagan,  
505 Washington Street,  
Boston, Mass.:

Dear Mr. Hagan,—The Retail Trade Board respectfully petitions the Boston City Council to remove permanently the surface cars from Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets, for the twenty-four hours of the day or at least remove them permanently between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5.30 p. m. The Board presents this petition only after careful study of the traffic problem and the congestion with its constant dangers in this "downtown" district. Its study has proved that:

1. The public demands that the surface cars be removed—as conclusively shown by a referendum recently obtained by the Retail Trade Board. (This referendum is explained in detail later.)

2. The street cars are little used. According to the figures of recent counts by the Boston Elevated Company, on an average only nineteen passengers are carried over the entire routes on each of the cars running through this district; while according to a count made by one of the prominent merchants on Washington street on an average only five passengers rode on the cars on Washington street between Franklin and Essex streets.

3. The experiment of keeping the surface cars off between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. has proved successful in making this portion of Washington street safe and comfortable for travel and shopping.

4. The subway, tunnel (especially the recently opened Dorchester Tunnel) and transfer facilities which most everybody uses are such that there is no necessity for this surface duplication of service.

5. The huge volume of pedestrian traffic on Washington street, by far the most traveled of any street in Boston, demands that the sidewalks in this portion of Washington street be widened. As the extra sidewalk space must be taken from the roadway, the resulting roadway width would not permit of the running of street cars in the daytime. From figures obtained from the Street Commissioners the width of the sidewalks on Washington street, between Milk and Essex streets, varies from 8 to a maximum of 13 feet. Comparing these figures with the corresponding width of the sidewalks of Tremont street, between Park and Boylston streets, the need for widening the sidewalks on Washington street is obvious.

Sidewalks.

	Washington Street.	Tremont Street.
Maximum width.....	13 feet.	25 feet.
Minimum width.....	8 feet.	12 feet.

Roadway.

	Washington Street.	Tremont Street.
Maximum width.....	40 feet.	44 feet.
Minimum width.....	30 feet.	32 feet.

6. The district is now congested. The normal increase of business, which every merchant on Washington street is straining every effort to obtain, will increase this congestion and make it intolerable in a short time.

There are four parties particularly interested in the permanent removal of the surface cars—the public, the merchants, the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the real estate owners. Every one of these parties asks that the cars be kept permanently off Washington street.

The Public.—To obtain a fair, unbiased expression of opinion, a questionnaire was sent out by the Retail Trade Board to 57,682 persons living in or within eight miles of Boston. These cards were sent to the persons' homes. One of the reasons for this was that we wished to obtain an honest, unsolicited expression of opinion on the question. Bear in mind that no one who expressed himself in favor of the removal of the cars did so because someone standing at his elbow asked him to do so.

- 18,500 were sent to residents in Boston proper.
- 11,922 were sent to residents in Dorchester.
- 3,724 were sent to residents in South Boston.
- 10,536 were sent to residents in Roxbury.
- 13,000 were sent to residents in the suburbs of Boston within eight miles of Boston, with the exception of Dorchester, South Boston and Roxbury.

December 26, 1917.

The replies received showed the following result:

For the Permanent Removal of Cars.

Of those voting, 97.3 per cent Yes.

Yes.....	11,565
No.....	324
No vote.....	634
	12,523

For the Widening of Sidewalks.

Of those voting, 91 per cent Yes.

Yes.....	10,378
No.....	1,111
No vote.....	1,034
	12,523

In addition to this questionnaire, the women's clubs in metropolitan Boston were asked to express their opinion, for indeed women greatly predominate in the crowds traveling through this district, upon the question of the permanent removal of the cars from Washington street, and in no case has an unfavorable reply been received. The following representative women, with the exception of Mrs. George B. Clark, were present at the public hearing Thursday evening, September 6, and each expressed her approval of this petition.

Miss Marion Nichols, Secretary of the City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Arthur H. Merritt, President of the Dorchester Women's Club (comprising 500 members).

Mrs. George B. Clark, President of the Dorchester Council of Presidents.

Mrs. W. E. Birdsall, President of the City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney, President of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Merchants.—The merchants on Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets, favor the absolute elimination of the surface cars for the twenty-four hours of the day, with the exception of the Magrane, Houston Company and the Gilchrist Company. The former company is absolutely neutral. The latter company because its directors are divided is also neutral. The firms doing business on this portion of Washington street and who urge that the cars be permanently kept off are:

- W. & A. Bacon Company.
- Jordan Marsh Company.
- Bailey's Five to Fifty Cent Store.
- People's Credit Company.
- Bigelow, Kennard & Co.
- Regal Cloak Company.
- P. F. Bonney's Sons Company.
- Collins & Fairbanks Company.
- Wm. Filene's Sons Company.
- The Ginter Grocery Company.
- A. Shuman & Co.
- Talbot Company.
- R. H. White Company.
- F. W. Woolworth Company.

Boston Elevated Railway Company.—Mr. Edward Dana, Superintendent of Traffic of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, has filed with the Council his statement clearly showing the necessity for the removal of the cars from Washington street.

Real Estate Owners.—Mr. George F. Washburn, President of the Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange, states: "I strongly favor the permanent removal of the surface cars from Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets. I have carefully observed the results of the experiment which has been tried (the removal of the cars from Washington street) and it seems to me to strongly argue in favor of the permanent discontinuance of the surface cars between these two points (Essex and Franklin streets). I believe that it would be for the best interests of real estate as well as general business interests and the safety of the public that the experiment which has been tried so successfully should be made permanent."

Several merchants on Washington street, at the public hearing September 6, presented to the Council statements from their real estate owners to the effect that they, the real estate owners, favor the permanent discontinuance of the cars on Washington street. Statements from the Jordan Marsh Company's real estate owners; those of the R. H. White Company, the Talbot Company, A. Shuman & Co., and the Wm. Filene's Sons Company were presented.

Because of this unanimity of opinion between the public, the merchants, the Elevated and the property owners in favor of this petition, the Retail Trade Board respectfully urges the City Council to discontinue permanently the surface cars from Washington street, between Essex and Franklin streets, for the twenty-four hours of the day, or at least remove them permanently between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5.30 p. m. Washington street ought to be made safe and comfortable for shopping and travel not only for the great number of pedestrians who use this street today, but also for that constantly increasing number which must be accommodated.

Respectfully,  
F. ALEXANDER CHANDLER,  
President.

On motion of President HAGAN the petition was referred to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Under unfinished business the Board took up action on appointments submitted by the Mayor December 20, 1917, as follows:

1. Archelaus Huskins, to be a Weigher of Coal.
2. William F. Curren, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Railway Supply and Manufacturing Company.

Also (taken from the table):

3. William F. Bouchie, to be a Constable.



The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Watson and Wellington. Whole number of ballots, 6; yeas 6, nays 0, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

#### ANNUITY TO MRS. CHARLES W. CONWAY.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That under the provisions of chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880 an annuity of \$300 be allowed and paid to the widow of Charles W. Conway, a member of the Fire Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule that the order may be placed upon its passage. I wish to make a short statement regarding the case of Captain Conway. There is a communication attached to the order I have presented from Fire Commissioner Grady which says, reporting to the Mayor, that Captain Conway while returning from a severe grass fire had to be taken from the hose wagon because of illness contracted at the fire. Because of that illness he suffered a shock, and he died some two months ago. He leaves a widow and a little girl. I move a suspension of the rule that the order may go on its passage today.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

#### SALARIES IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Coun. FORD offered the following:

City of Boston.

In the year Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen. An Ordinance Concerning the Salary of the City Clerk and of the Assistant City Clerk.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1914 is hereby amended in section five, in the clause establishing the salary of the city clerk and of the assistant city clerk, by striking out the words "five thousand" and inserting in place thereof the words "six thousand," and by striking out the words "thirty-eight hundred" and inserting in place thereof the words "forty-five hundred."

Sect. 2. This ordinance shall take effect beginning with the first day of January, 1918.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I want to say at the outset that I have introduced this ordinance without any solicitation from, and even, so far as getting in touch with the City Clerk himself is concerned, without his consent, because I felt that he in his modest way might have made some objection, and in that case I felt that I would have to comply with his wishes. So I thought it better not to consult him and to say nothing until I had introduced the ordinance. He had no knowledge that I was going to introduce it. But I think it is a meritorious ordinance. The City Clerk's salary has remained the same since 1889; there has been no increase in thirty years. He is the officer second in importance to the Mayor of the city, and because of the increase in the business of the city, his duties have been increased. I have felt, and feel now, that the salary should be increased in some proportion to the increased duties.

The salary increase that I am now asking for the City Clerk and the Assistant City Clerk is not large, considering the circumstances, and is not without precedents. The Assistant Corporation Counsel at the present time gets \$6,000 a year; the Corporation Counsel himself gets \$9,000 a year. The five Assistant Superintendents of Schools get salaries of \$5,496 a year each, and the Clerk of Courts gets a salary of \$6,000 a year. The City Clerk of the City of Boston is a very important personage. As I said in my earlier remarks, he stands next to the Mayor of the city, and at times must act in the capacity of Mayor. He must be a man of standing, a man who possesses knowledge of all the city departments and their workings. I move at this time, so that the ordinance may be placed upon its passage today, a suspension of the rule.

The rule was suspended and the ordinance was passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Coun. FORD, a general reconsideration of all action taken today was refused.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. FORD, at 6.34 p. m., to meet on Monday, January 7, at 2 p. m.







## CITY OF BOSTON.

### Proceedings of City Council.

Thursday, January 3, 1918.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at eleven o'clock a. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent—Coun. Hagan and Storow. The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 1, 1918.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

You are respectfully requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, January 3, 1918, at 11 a. m., for the purpose of taking action on the proposed lease of buildings at Deer Island to the Federal Government.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

#### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Coun. Ballantyne, senior member, was unanimously elected as President *pro tem*.

#### LEASE OF BUILDINGS, DEER ISLAND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 2, 1918.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The United States Navy Department is desirous of acquiring for prison purposes the building heretofore used as Women's Prison at Deer Island; also one of the buildings used as prison for men and known as the Men's New Prison.

Agreements equitable to the Federal Govern-

ment and to the City of Boston have been determined upon, and a lease for the use of the premises in conformity with the desires of the Federal Government should be acted upon at once.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the city, and in form satisfactory to the Law Department, to execute a lease to the United States of America of a portion of the land and buildings on Deer Island in Boston Harbor, at a rental at the rate of thirty-seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$37,100) per year, and at an additional compensation at the rate of twelve thousand nine hundred dollars (\$12,900) per year for furnishing heat, light and power, for the term ending June 30, 1918, and with the right on the part of the lessee to renew said lease annually from time to time, for the duration of the present war and for a period of six months thereafter.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 11.24 a. m., on motion of Coun. WATSON, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 12.04 p. m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted a report on message of Mayor, order and lease for buildings at Deer Island (referred to-day) to the United States Government—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

Adjourned at 12.05 p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 7, 1918.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent, Coun. Hagan and Storrow.

It was unanimously voted that Coun. Ballantyne be elected as president *pro tem*.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council the Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1918, viz.:

1. Frederick Desmond, 97 Maverick street, East Boston, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston.

2. Richard J. Kennedy, 28 Pond street, Jamaica Plain, to the position of Constable of the City of Boston.

3. Weighers of Coal, viz.:

Walter H. Chick, 34 Blake street, Revere.

L. N. Smith, Spruce street, Chelsea.

F. E. Harmon, 658 East First street, South Boston.

Edward A. Kollen, 3 Harvest terrace, Dorchester. Severally laid over under the law.

## TRANSFER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 7, 1918.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Fire Commissioner requesting the transfer of the building located at the corner of B and Athens streets, South Boston, formerly used as a quarters for Chemical Company No. 8, to the custody of the Public Buildings Department, and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Headquarters Fire Department,

Bristol street, January 3, 1918.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of the City of Boston:

Dear Sir,—With your approval I shall transfer to the Public Buildings Department the building located at the corner of B and Athens street, South Boston district. This building was originally the quarters of Chemical Company No. 8, and is of no further use to this department. This company has recently disbanded, as the improved conditions at Engine House No. 1 and Engine House No. 15, owing to motorization, make the location of a chemical house at this location unnecessary.

Yours very truly,

JOHN GRADY, Fire Commissioner.

Ordered, That the custody of the building located at the corner of B and Athens streets, South Boston, formerly used as a quarters for Chemical Company No. 8, be and the same hereby is transferred to the Public Buildings Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## WIDENING OF NORFOLK STREET BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 7, 1918.

To the Honorable the City Council:

Gentlemen,—On August 13, 1916, the Board of Street Commissioners passed an order to widen

Norfolk Street, from Corbet street to Blue Hill avenue, which order was approved by me on December 16, 1916.

Norfolk Street Bridge over the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad is within the lines of this widening, and when the widening is completed the street will be 40 feet from curb to curb. The width of the bridge at the present time from curb to curb is 31 feet, which is made up of two roadways and the lines of the curb are offset some distance from the new proposed curb lines on the street. To do the work called for in the lay-out of the Street Commissioners it will be necessary to place a new wooden floor on the bridge and extend brackets to form new sidewalks, widening the bridge approximately 7 feet. It will also be necessary to move the bridge bodily about 13 feet along the parapet lines, which will require the construction of some new masonry work in the shape of retaining walls and parapets. The estimated cost of this work is \$20,000.

In my opinion the work should be done in order to make the bridge safe and suitable for traffic which the widened highway will be obliged to carry.

I therefore present for your favorable consideration the accompanying order.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, Norfolk street in the Dorchester district, a public way in the City of Boston, crosses the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad by an overhead bridge; and

Whereas, We are of the opinion that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration which does not involve the abolition of the crossing at grade should be made in said overhead bridge and its approaches;

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, in the name of the City Council of Boston, apply to the Public Service Commission for its decision upon the necessity of such alteration, and for prescribing the manner and limits within which it shall be made; and if the decision of the Public Service Commission is that an alteration is necessary, that the Corporation Counsel take such legal proceedings as are necessary to have such decision carried into effect in compliance with sections 23 to 28, both inclusive, of part I of chapter 463 of the Acts of the year 1906, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## PAY OF RESERVE OFFICERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 7, 1918.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication received from the Police Commissioner in reply to the order recently passed by your honorable body which is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Police Department,

Office of the Commissioner,

December 27, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I have received from the City Clerk a copy of the following order passed by the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the budget a sum sufficient to provide three dollars per day for probationary and reserve officers."

In reply to the foregoing I beg to say that reservemen now entering the service are paid at the rate of \$821.25 a year, to be increased February 1, 1918, to \$900. If the action suggested in this order were taken, a reserveman on entering the department would receive \$3 a day or \$1,095 a year, which would be \$95 more than the present pay of a regular patrolman in his first year who had served the entire term of nearly two years as a reserveman. I am of the opinion that to state the case as above is a sufficient answer, but I may add that as part of an agreement entered into last spring by your Honor and the Police Commis-

sioner, the pay of a new reserveman was increased from \$730 to \$821.25 and is to be further increased February 1, 1918, to \$900.

Respectfully,  
STEPHEN O'MEARA,  
Police Commissioner for the City of Boston.  
Placed on file.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Sophie Cohen, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on sidewalk in front of Roger Wolcott School.

Catherine Glavin, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 148 Athens street, South Boston.

Bernard E. Grant, for compensation for damage to auto truck at the Southhampton street dump.

Bernard E. Grant, for compensation for damage to material by the bursting of a hydrant at Union Park street.

W. T. McLaughlin Company, for compensation for damages at Railroad street, by freezing of water pipes in said street.

Luigi & Guiseppina Parziale, for compensation for damages at 25 Everett street, by backing up of sewage.

Edward Schedley, for compensation for damages caused by sewage in cellar at 74 Clifton street.

Margaret McLeod, for compensation for injuries caused by fall on Belvidere street.

Georgia M. DeNunzio, for compensation for injuries caused by fall on Washington street, at No. 307.

##### Executive.

Lilla Viles Wyman, for permit for children to appear at the Dudley Street Opera House on evening of January 11.

#### CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of Waldo H. Chandler.  
Approved by the City Council.

#### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of appointment of John H. Dunn as Street Commissioner.  
Placed on file.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Mayor, certified copies of the same having been sent to the Civil Service Commission, viz.:

Edward B. Daily, Assessor; Philip O'Brien, Assessor; Fred E. Bolton, Assessor.

Joseph F. O'Connell, Corporation Counsel.

Patrick A. Kearns and Owen F. Farley, Jr., Consumptives' Hospital Trustees.

Thomas H. Ratigan, Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Placed on file.

#### NEW HOME FOR SHERIFF AND INCREASE FOR LAMPLIGHTERS.

The following was received: January 4, 1918.

To the Honorable the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—The Finance Commission understands that committees of the City Council are now considering loans for the erection of a new home for the sheriff of Suffolk County and for the erection of a hospital for the inmates of the Charles Street Jail, as well as an appropriation of \$40,000 to be paid to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company for increasing the wages of the lamplighters employed by its subcontractor and also a loan of \$5,000 for plans for a municipal building in the West End.

The commission has undertaken a study of the necessity of these improvements and requests that no action be taken on them by the committees

of the City Council until the Finance Commission has had an opportunity to investigate and report on them.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE FINANCE COMMISSION,  
by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
Chairman.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PROCLAMATIONS OF GOVERNOR.

Copies of proclamations of Governor were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, viz.:

Forty-fifth Article of Amendment to Constitution, absentee voting.

Forty-sixth Article of Amendment to Constitution, sectarian appropriation.

Forty-seventh Article of Amendment to Constitution, food and necessities.

[Said amendments were duly ratified by the citizens of this state at the last state election.]

Placed on file.

#### EXCHANGE OF BACK BAY LAND.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I desire to move that an order referred to the Committee on Public Lands, November 19, 1917, relative to the exchange of land at the Fenway and Hemenway street for land of the Forsyth Dental Infirmary be recalled from the Committee on Public Lands and sent to the Executive Committee, because of the fact that Mr. Day of the Law Department has called on me today and has given me a letter in relation to that particular matter. He is here, and I think he would like to talk with the members of the committee. So, if there is no objection, I make that as a motion.

The Council voted to recall the order referred to from the Committee on Public Lands and refer it to the Executive Committee.

#### RESOLUTION CONCERNING NECESSITIES OF LIFE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered the following:

Resolved, By the Mayor and City Council of Boston, That the General Court be hereby petitioned to take immediate action, under Article 47 of the Amendments to the Constitution, by the enactment of appropriate legislation authorizing in general terms the cities and towns to provide shelter and to take and provide food and other necessities of life for their inhabitants, to the end that the present emergency and such as may arise in the future may be met without delay.

Coun. ATTRIDGE,—Mr. President, we heard a few moments ago the proclamation of the Governor to the effect that Amendment 47 to the Constitution had been accepted by the voters of the Commonwealth. This resolution simply calls upon the Legislature to take immediate action in the matter. The amendment provides that cities and towns may handle and distribute food and other necessities in such manner as the General Court shall determine. The General Court up to the present time has done nothing in the matter, and the city is not as yet empowered under that amendment to the Constitution to do anything. I trust that the Executive Committee will take some action on this today.

The resolution was referred to the Executive Committee.

#### DAY LABOR SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING ASHES, ETC.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That in the interest of proper service the Mayor, through the proper medium, be requested at the earliest possible time to install the day labor system for the collection of garbage and ashes in place of the contract system so called now existing.

The order was declared referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, for some time in the City of Boston there has been in force the contract system for the collection of garbage and ashes. It seems to be the opinion that the Council, this year



at least, if never before, is going to enter upon a campaign of constructive work. This is really the first regular meeting of the City Council in the year 1918, although we will have more or less new personnel in the body elected for this year, beginning with the fourth of February. This problem has been discussed at very great length in different parts of the city by citizens and by public men. There is no doubt in my mind, or I think in the minds of the majority of the members of this Council or of the people of the city, that the contract system for the collection of garbage and ashes is not a good one. At the present time your ashes and garbage probably remain in your home for three weeks at a time. It has been stated publicly by some in more or less authority, that the people do not place their ashes or garbage out on the street so that they can be collected at the proper time; but, as a matter of fact, one does not know when he should put his ashes or garbage out, because the men come around only about once in three weeks, and when they do get around, because of the personnel of those employed by the contractors, it is absolutely impossible to get any satisfaction from them, and it is almost impossible for those in authority to do anything under the system as it now exists. To sum the whole situation up, I think there should be a change. The matter should be called to the attention both of the present Mayor and the Mayor to come, because I think there will be various conferences on the subject. So I have introduced the order in order that the thing may be gotten under way, and I trust that we will be able to do something to remedy the situation during the year. I simply feel that the question should be kept alive. Knowing that all the members of the Council are in full possession of the facts, I move a suspension of the rules so that this resolution may be put upon its passage.

President BALLANTYNE—The order has been referred to the Executive Committee. The question comes on reconsideration of the reference.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I agree heartily with what the Councilor opposite has said concerning the collection of ashes and garbage by the contract system. In fact, I have been talking along that line for four years, off and on, in the Council and outside. But I cannot quite see the wisdom of acting on this order at the present time, in view of the fact that the matter will die, as far as this year's Government is concerned, with the last meeting of this year's Council. So, while I favor it, I would suggest at this time reference of the order to the next City Council. We can then take it up when the matter of the new budget is under consideration, and when the constructive legislation that has been referred to by Coun. Ford is coming along. I think we have been doing some constructive things in the last four years or eight years; I don't think all the constructive legislation is to be undertaken by the new administration. I am willing to act on this matter, but I think, under the circumstances, it should be referred at this time to the next City Council, letting the new heads of departments handle it. They are the ones to handle it properly, because, of course, in the next three weeks there is nothing that the present Mayor can do concerning it. He is undoubtedly in favor of the proposition, but will be unable in this brief time to take any action. We can get more action by referring it to the next City Council, then taking it up at the first meeting of the new Council and placing it before the man who will be Mayor the next four years. Therefore, with the councilor's permission, I would move reconsideration of the reference, and, if that prevails, would move reference of the order to the next City Council; and I will aid the councilor at the very first meeting of the new Council in getting action.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, that will not do, in my opinion. At the present time there is considerable agitation about this subject, and the mere postponement by us to the next City Council, even though my brother across the way has set forth his attitude so clearly, might be improperly construed by the public. Coming at this particular time it would look as though we did not want to take immediate action on the matter. I think it would have a more powerful and efficacious result if we should pass this resolution today. Individually, I wish to say that my position is that the members of the City Council, some of whom will not be in the next City Council, should have an opportunity to be placed on record by positive action such as is indicated by this order; that the members of this Council who are going out should have an opportunity to express the fact

that they want action immediately, irrespective of whether the present Mayor can or can not do anything. In other words, the general public do not read the minutes or records taken here by our official stenographer. They only get the story in a general way. So I feel that our action would have more force if we should act positively today, showing the public that we intend now and later to take this matter up in earnest by constructive action.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I believe we are all out of order in talking to the merits of the question, but the Chair has allowed very broad scope in the matter so far, and I presume will allow us to continue along that line.

President BALLANTYNE—Certainly.

Coun. WATSON—I am willing today to vote for a resolution setting forth the attitude of the Council this year as in favor of doing away with contract labor in the collection of garbage and ashes. But we have before us not a resolution but an order, and if passed it goes to the present Mayor who, even though he wished to act in the matter, would be unable to do anything, as the contracts have been made, signed, sealed and delivered, and are bound to hold. They will die some time during the next administration. I am perfectly willing to vote for a resolution which will put us on record as in favor of what the councilor opposite is trying to get at, showing to the public that we favor the discontinuance of the contract labor system for the collection of garbage and ashes. But I do not think it is fair to pass an order here requesting the present Mayor to do something he cannot do, and putting him in an unfavorable light before the public because of that fact, because he will be unable to explain to the general public why he cannot do it. If the councilor opposite wants to go on record against the present system of collection of garbage and ashes by contract, and put in a resolution to that effect, I will vote with him today, but I am against an order which would seem to place the present Mayor, who is only to be in office for three weeks, in the position of opposing a change from the contract system, when the simple fact is that he is unable to do anything in the matter. Why should we not go on record in a reasonable manner through a resolution? I am perfectly willing to have this order referred to the committee, which may then bring in a resolution setting forth our position. But don't put up something to the present Mayor that unquestionably he cannot do. It is physically impossible for him to take action in this matter at the present time, and to put it up to him in this way is to place him in an improper light before the public. I don't think that is the intention of the gentleman. He speaks of this paper as a resolution himself. It is not a resolution, however, but an order, which if passed would go to the Mayor for his favorable or unfavorable action. In this case it would be bound to be unfavorable, because he has not the power. I know that the Mayor if he had the power would discontinue the doing of this work by private contract. But he has no power to take such action at this time. I would favor the passage of a resolution which I would be glad to offer if I might have a moment to draw it up. I would favor some such resolution as this:

"Resolved, That the City Council is of the opinion that the present contract system of collecting garbage and ashes should be discontinued at the end of the term of the present contracts."

I would be glad to move a substitution of such a resolution as I have just suggested for the order which has been offered, and I trust that the councilor opposite will agree with me in the matter.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, it makes no difference, in my opinion, whether the paper reads "Ordered" or "Resolved." In my opinion it is nothing more nor less than a resolution; so I cannot see what is to be gained by the proposed substitution. The mere fact that it starts out with the word "Ordered" amounts to nothing. The whole thing is really a resolution, just what my brother wants, and I don't think that word should stand in the way.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I disagree with the councilor again. The order specifically says that the Mayor is requested to do a certain thing. Then, if he refuses, because he cannot do it, he is put in the position of favoring the collection of garbage and ashes by the contract system. That is bound to be the result, even although he

favors the discontinuance of the present system, because he is powerless to discontinue it. Why tie him up in that way on the proposition when he is handcuffed in a way? If we pass a resolution, he is not handcuffed. I will read the order as it has been presented, for the benefit of the gentleman who introduces it:

"Ordered, That in the interest of proper service, the Mayor, through the proper medium,"—you see, he is even bringing in the spirits—"be requested at the earliest possible time to install the day labor system for the collection of garbage and ashes in place of the contract system so called now existing."

That is, you are asking the present Mayor to do something he cannot do. I don't think the member opposite is so stubborn that he is going to stand his ground when the plain fact is that the present Mayor can do nothing concerning the matter. If the gentleman is bluffing, that is one thing, but I don't think he is. The present order, however, is valueless. The present Mayor cannot discontinue the collection of garbage and ashes by the contract system. Now, why insist on something that is impracticable? If you want results, refer this to the Executive Committee, and we can report back a resolution covering the same ground putting the nine members of the Government on record as in favor of the abolition of the contract system for the collection of garbage and ashes. Then next year an order similar to this can be introduced calling on the then Mayor, who can do something in the matter, to do it. That is preferable to asking the present Mayor to do something he cannot do. That is my position.

Reconsideration of reference of the order to the Executive Committee prevailed. Coun. WATSON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Reconsideration prevailed, yeas 6, nays 1, Coun. WATSON voting nay.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I move as a substitute for the order the following resolution, if the chairman will permit me to put it in writing:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the City Council that the present system of collecting ashes and garbage by contract labor is inefficient and should be discontinued at the earliest possible moment.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, the gentleman opposite says in an undertone that it is the same thing. If it is the same thing, let him vote for it. I say it is not the same thing, and he knows it is not the same thing, because this Council, if it votes for the order introduced by him originally, is specifically asking the Mayor to do something he cannot do. In other words, it is putting the Mayor in a hole. The gentleman opposite ought to know, if he does not know, that it is impossible to break the existing contracts, and, even if it were possible, three weeks is too short a time in which to bring about the result he desires. I do not propose to sit here and allow an order putting it up to the present Mayor in this way to go through without a protest. The Lord knows that he has been blamed for enough that he is responsible for and for much that he is not responsible for, and why now in the closing days of the Council heap something else on his shoulders? It is not fair. I would not want it done with me and I don't believe the councilor would want it done with him. Let us be fair. Here is the resolution I suggest, which covers the ground, and it means something. It means that the present Council is opposed to the collecting of ashes and garbage by contract labor. That is specific and to the point. I don't see why the gentleman insists on the thing being carried through as he has introduced it. I realize the fact that when I rise here to speak in favor of a proposition it endangers it to a high degree. But might isn't right all the time. There is a resolution which will put us on record positively and definitely against the continuance of the contract system for collecting ashes and garbage. I have been as much interested in this matter and as much affected by the present system of collection as the gentleman from South Boston. In fact, I believe our collections are less frequent than are the collections in his district. I live on a hill, and it is hard for the contractors' teams to get up. They have an excuse. I have had my ashes and swill lie in my back yard for eight weeks at a time. Why, it has got to a point where a blind man could collect it. I would like to vote in favor of a resolution that means something.

This passing of the buck has been too much in evidence during the year—to the Mayor and back again, to the heads of departments and back again. Here is a definite proposition. If the gentleman wants to put the Council really on record in favor of the abolition of the contract system of collecting garbage and ashes, he can do so through the resolution I have put in rather than by the passage of the order he introduces, passing the buck to the present Mayor, knowing that he cannot take any action in regard to the matter. I sincerely trust that the resolution I have offered will pass.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, just a word in reply, and that is all. If I were going to engage counsel to argue a thing for me, I think I would like the privilege of selecting and consulting with that counsel. The worst kind of advice we ever get is that received from voluntary counsel, because of the fact that he takes the position he does without authorization. So far as embarrassing the present Mayor is concerned, there is no ground for that claim, because from the order I have offered exactly the same thing is expected as would be expected from what the councilor wishes substituted for it. His resolution is on all fours with mine, which simply gives to the present Mayor a chance to declare that he is in favor of the action suggested, and, so far as any action is concerned, he knows best how to take it. It gives him an opportunity to put himself on record with us on this matter. During the past year nothing has been said by the City Council with reference to this particular proposition, so far as I know, and the Mayor had no opportunity to go on record in support of our attitude; so, by the passage of my order as it now stands—or resolution, because that is what it amounts to, irrespective of what the councilor calls it,—the Mayor at the present time will have a chance to go on record as in favor of this proposition; and then the new Mayor, when the question of making new contracts is brought up, can, if he wishes, act in the matter along the line we suggest. Consequently, I shall vote "No" on the councilor's substitute, because I think the paper I have introduced answers the purpose in both directions.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I am very much surprised that the councilor, the legal light opposite, should take the ground he does in favor of this particular proposition. He asks the Mayor of Boston to establish the day labor system for the collection of ashes and garbage, when there is not a nickel to do it with. Where is your financial intelligence, your understanding of the pay-as-you-go policy, your idea of being careful with the public money? You say, "Substitute the day labor system for the present contract system," knowing that there is not a nickel to pay for it, even though the Mayor favors it. I should like to have the gentleman explain to me how the money is to be provided if the Mayor approves of his order, Mr. President?

President BALLANTYNE—The gentleman apparently does not wish to answer.

Coun. WATSON—He cannot answer; that is the reason. He has not given it a thought. He now wakes up to the idea that he has offered an order which is ridiculous, proposing to substitute for the present contract system the day labor system, without any money being furnished for it. He does not even know the amount it will cost. I have waked him up, I see. He does not know even where the money is coming from. He is the watchdog of the treasury, and he cannot tell where even a nickel or a dime for this purpose is to come from. Has the gentleman run away from the Good Government Association? Has he thrown the Finance Commission over again, broken away from his moorings, and become a real, red-blooded fellow? If he has, we will welcome him back to the ranks again, and hope he will continue there. I will read the order again. Perhaps the gentleman does not remember it. Perhaps he did not draw it. Did you draw it? He shakes his head, I don't know which way. (Reading Coun. Ford's order again.) Now, perhaps the gentleman will tell me where the money is coming from for the day labor that will be employed for the balance of the present Mayor's term, how much it is going to cost, whether or not the city can afford it, and whether or not the incoming Mayor will carry the necessary number of employees under this particular order over next year or will drop them. I would like some information on the subject. He asks a suspension of the rule for the passage of an order calling for the expenditure of money, and he does not know how



much money will be required or where it is coming from; perhaps he can explain. I wish he would, for my benefit, if for the benefit of nobody else.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, in a few words I will simply say that the problems the councilor puts up to me for solution are to be solved by the heads of departments with consent and proper action on the part of the Mayor. Some of the contracts for the collection of ashes and garbage, I might inform the gentleman across the way, are not in existence. In other words, they have been completed and fulfilled. So something could be done at the present time with reference to at least some of them, if I am correctly informed. So far as getting the money is concerned, there has been in the past no great difficulty in the Mayor's getting \$25,000 or \$50,000 for any purpose when he wanted to do it. It may be that at the present time he could or could not do it. But there was a time, for instance, when the City Council was informed that he could not dig up \$50,000 to repair the Broadway Bridge, and shortly after that he dug up \$50,000 for some other purpose and came in here with an order for it; and I remember at the time that the Mayor very facetiously looked over to me and said, "Mr. Councilor, this \$50,000 will not be used for Broadway Bridge." The Mayor is very skilful, very clever, very smart, in regard to anything he wants done. I don't see why the councilor opposite should ask me to solve problems for the present Mayor, because he can solve them himself; and I am still of the opinion that the present Mayor can get from the Reserve Fund any money that might be necessary in connection with this order, if he wished to do it.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I will have the last word, if I can, in this controversy. I have noticed during the entire last year of my service with the councilor opposite that the astute councilor, the legal light from South Boston, has always framed his words so as to have two meanings, like most lawyers; and now he has not answered my question as to where the money is coming from. He has refused every time this year to vote for any appropriation involving an expenditure of money unless he could be shown by the head of the department concerned in executive session, or by the Budget Commissioner, where the money was coming from. I do not see why he does not take the same attitude in this matter. As I said in the beginning, I think it is wrong to pass the buck to the Mayor. I suggested at first that I thought that might not be his intention. I did not accuse the member of adopting that attitude towards the Mayor. But his last words lead me to think there may be something in the charge of passing the buck to the Mayor in this matter, putting something on the Mayor's shoulders, because he goes on and tells us about the Mayor's attitude in regard to Broadway Bridge. It looks like a matter of passing the buck, now, and I think it is unfair to do that. I think in all probability my substitute will be voted down, but I am going to have a vote on the matter, have it a matter of record that certain members are opposed to the resolution I have introduced, leaving it that way.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I am going to vote for both of these orders or resolutions. But I don't think there is any question of passing the buck to the Mayor, because he delivered 300 speeches in the last campaign and in 150 of them he said he favored the abolition of the present contract system of collecting garbage and ashes, and that he would put the day labor system into force if he could get the money. But it is true, and we all know it, that when we were discussing the segregated budget last year they not only refused to give the Mayor money enough to do what he would like in this matter, but that even in the sections where the city is taking care of the garbage he was not given money enough to hire men to do the work. We know that they cut off \$25,000 for teaming in the Sanitary and Street Cleaning Department, striking directly at the fund used by the City of Boston in taking care of the garbage and trying to collect it. The Mayor favors the day labor system for the collection of ashes and garbage. I don't think this is passing the buck to the Mayor. I had just as soon vote to send it to the Mayor, to go through the proper channels, for recommendation or otherwise, because I know he favors the day labor system, as we all favor it. But there is no use in our standing up here and telling about getting the money. When the segregated budget is sent in, I don't care whether the in-coming Mayor

favors this day labor plan or not, I shall certainly favor it if I have an opportunity to do so. The coming Mayor, in every speech he made, according to the newspapers, harped on the fact that he was going to abolish the contract system. That is, his publicity man saw that statements got into the Press that he did advocate it. The present Mayor advocated the day labor system long ago, but could not get the money to put it into effect. He favors it now, because I heard him say so on the stump. I don't care what resolutions are adopted; I am going to vote for both of them.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I suppose it will be said again that this is pretty close to violating the city charter, although that has become a habit of mine. We will be told that we have no right to interfere with the employment of labor, and that we are doing it here, in passing an order requesting the Mayor to employ day labor for the collection of garbage and ashes. I think we are violating the spirit of the charter in that particular matter; but, nevertheless, I will press my motion for substitution.

Coun. Watson's substitute resolution was rejected, yeas 2, nays 5.

Yeas—Coun. McDonald, Watson—2.

Nays—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, Collins, Ford, Wellington—5.

The order as introduced by Coun. Ford was passed under a suspension of the rule, Coun. FORD calling for the yeas and nays, yeas 6, nays 0, Coun. Watson not voting.

#### APPOINTMENT OF LAMPLIGHTERS TO CITY POSITIONS.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That chapter 296 of the Special Acts of 1916, entitled "An Act to extend the time within which lamp-lighters may be appointed to positions in the labor service of any department of the City of Boston," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### MONEY FOR HEALTH UNITS, EAST AND SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That the Health Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to include a sum sufficient for providing for health units at East Boston and South Boston in the budget for the municipal year, 1918, as there is no money in the Reserve Fund available for the transfers which were recommended by his Honor the Mayor, under date of July 23, 1917, and the original appropriations have been transferred for other purposes.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCE STATION, DUDLEY STREET TERMINAL.

Coun. WATSON offered an order—That the Health Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with an estimate of the cost of a public convenience station at or near the surface entrance of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at the Dudley Street Terminal.

Passed.

#### UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Coun. WATSON, for the Committee on Unclaimed Baggage, submitted a report on petition of Boston & Maine Railroad (referred December 20) to sell unclaimed baggage—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Boston & Maine Railroad be authorized to sell at public auction, on or before February 1, 1918, and after publication of the time and place of sale according to law, the articles remaining unclaimed in the possession of said company in the City of Boston.

Report accepted; order passed.



## SALE OF CITY LAND, PARKER HILL.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 1, viz.:

1. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city, and upon the payment of \$39,240.40, to convey to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, a corporation duly incorporated, by an instrument satisfactory to the Law Department, all the right, title and interest of the city in and to a parcel of land on Parker Hill avenue on Parker Hill, so called, in the Roxbury district of Boston, and shown on Plate 21 of the Roxbury Atlas of 1915 as containing 196,202 square feet.

Ordered, That the order relating to the conveyance of the land above described, approved by the Mayor on November 20, 1917, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

The orders were given their final readings and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

## RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 3 o'clock p. m., on motion of Coun. Collins, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.50 p. m.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Report on message of Mayor and preambles and order (referred today) for alteration of Norfolk Street Bridge, crossing the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad—that the preambles and order ought to pass.

Report accepted; preambles and order passed.

(2) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) that the custody of building at corner of B and Athens streets, South Boston, formerly used as quarters for Chemical Company No. 8, be transferred to the Public Buildings Department—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on petition of Lilla Viles Wyman (referred today) for permit for children to appear at Dudley Street Opera House on evening of January 11—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on communication from Finance Commission (referred today), asking for time to investigate on report on loans for erection of a new home for the Sheriff of Suffolk County and for the erection of a hospital for the inmates of the Charles Street Jail, also for increase of wages of lamplighters and loan for plans for municipal building in the West End—recommending reference to the Committee on Finance.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(5) Report on resolution (referred today) petitioning the General Court to take immediate action authorizing cities and towns to provide shelter and food and other necessities of life for their inhabitants—that the resolution ought to pass.

Report accepted; resolution passed.

(6) Report on order (referred today) that a sum sufficient to provide for health units at East Boston and South Boston be included in the budget for the municipal year 1918—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on order (referred today) that chapter 296 of the Special Acts of 1916 entitled "An Act to extend the time within which lamplighters may be appointed to positions in the labor service of any department of the City of Boston"—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on message of Mayor, communication, preambles and order (referred today) for exchange of land on the Fenway and Hemenway street for land of the Forsyth Dental Infirmary—that the preambles and order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

## FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor, communications and order (referred December 3) for loan of \$27,000 for Ripley Playground, Dorchester—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred December 20) for loan of \$5,000 for plans, etc., for municipal building, West End—that the order ought not to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

The order was rejected, yeas 2, nays 5, Coun. McDONALD and WATSON voting yes.

3. Report on order (referred December 28) for loan of \$10,000 for plans and purchase of land for fire station at Neponset—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order will take its final reading not less than fourteen days from date.

4. Report on order (referred December 28) for loan of \$150,000 for hospital at Suffolk County Jail and sheriff's house at Suffolk County Jail—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I intend to keep the Council but a moment, but I do desire to have recorded in the minutes of the Council today the fact that February 9, 1914, I offered an order providing that the Committee on Prisons investigate and report on the conditions of the jail, with regard to the treatment of the sick, and other matters that had to do with their care, and after rather a strenuous investigation much was brought to light concerning the treatment of the unfortunate there. Today I am pleased to say Amen to the action of the Committee on Finance providing for a hospital building that will eliminate some of the evils that were therein discovered.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I have decided at this time to vote no on this proposition. The Finance Commission wants time to make an investigation and a report to this body. There is some question in my mind as to whether the amount asked for would or would not be sufficient, and when I vote on this proposition I shall vote without any question as to its merits. The Finance Commission asks that we hold off until it has a chance to investigate, and I, for one, am going to give it a chance to investigate and report back to the Council. That does not mean that after its report is made I will vote as the commission say, because many times I have voted against its recommendations. But I do think that where it requests the Council to give it an opportunity to look into the matter, it should be given that opportunity. This order, by the way, came in December 28, but a short time ago, and the gentleman in charge of the order says the Finance Commission should have had enough time to make a report on it. It tells us today that it has not had sufficient time and would like a chance to report to the City Council. No one can say that I have been unfair to the Mayor in my treatment of his orders which have been submitted to the Committee on Finance, of which committee I have been the chairman the last year; and I think in justice to ourselves we should get whatever information we can before passing upon this matter. We saw some sketches today, but did not see any detailed plans such as some members of the committee generally like to see.

Coun. McDONALD.—Didn't ask for them.

Coun. ATTRIDGE.—No, I didn't ask for them, as the gentleman on my right says, because of the fact that the sheriff brought up what he had, and all he had were sketches. I will simply add, without going into the merits of the proposition, that I am just as anxious as anyone to correct matters at the jail; but, in view of the fact that the Finance Commission is asking for time to look into this proposition, I intend to vote no on the order.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I supposed the proposition was going to meet with the unanimous approval of the members here. There was not a single discordant note in the Executive Committee, not a single word. The chairman of the Committee on Finance (Coun. Attridge) talks

about securing information. Why, he never asked one question of the sheriff pertaining to the proposition, and I am astounded. I supposed he was going to get up and make a speech and say it was a necessary improvement, and that he was glad to join in and vote for it, hut, lo and behold, he stands up and says there were no plans there except some drawings or sketches brought by the sheriff. Still, he did not ask one single question of the sheriff while he was present. I really cannot believe I am awake. I cannot treat his position seriously. He must mean what he says, because he says he is going to vote no on this proposition, which means the speedy meeting of a public necessity, a dire need, for the benefit of the unfortunates who cannot help themselves. No member of this body knows more than Coun. Attridge about the horrible conditions in Charles Street Jail. He has been chairman of the Committee on Prisons more times, as I understand it, and if I am not correct he will correct me, than any other member of the Council. The chairmanship of that committee was always handed to him. He and Sheriff Quinn were very friendly, and for that reason he was only too glad to be on the committee so as to aid the sheriff in his endeavors to do something, either good, bad or indifferent. I am surprised at the gentleman's attitude. He must have a heart. He knows that the conditions down there are mean, unfit for dogs, let alone human beings, to exist under. He talks about delay, so that the Finance Commission may look into the matter. That simply means that the Finance Commission, in their cold-blooded, inhuman way, will say that this is no time, in a time of war and stress, for these improvements. I say it is the time, when people there are not treated in a human manner, even though Sheriff Keliher may say they are. They are not treated like human beings. The conditions there are not what they should be. It is the vilest prison in the United States. There is not a prison in the United States that is so behind the times as the old Charles Street Jail. For instance, there is the old hucket system, which should be eradicated. Fifty per cent of the inmates are really sick people, because penologists claim today that those confined in such institutions are really ill mentally, as a rule, and should be treated as such. Let us improve conditions for those who cannot help themselves. I wish the gentleman would reconsider his position and would vote today to pass the order.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I would like to say just a word. I, too, voice one sentiment of the gentleman who has last spoken, that I trust Coun. Attridge will reconsider his attitude on this particular proposition at this time. I think the councilor feels, as most of us do, that the matter is an entirely meritorious one. He admits fairly that if he were passing on the merits of the proposition today it would be another question. He does not say just which way he would vote, but I am led to believe from my experience with the gentleman that he would probably be with us on the proposition in chief. But the councilor says he would like to give the Finance Commission a little chance to investigate the proposition. Well, the Finance Commission could not investigate it more than you have investigated it yourself, sir. You have been a member of the committee for ten years. You know whether or not this hospital is needed down there. You have been quoted on numerous occasions as saying that something of the sort was needed, and I felt convinced, because of your knowledge of the proposition, that you would feel the same way that I do about it. The councilor

says that full plans were not brought in today, hut simply sketches. With all due respect to what the councilor has said, I think the plans produced were very full and complete. Every line to be drawn and made was there for our inspection. Now, let us be humane. The Finance Commission can simply make the investigation that we have all made ourselves down there. In other words, they could not do more than we have done. On the broad, general principle of hospitals, I think we all feel and know that this order should be passed. I hope the councilor will reconsider his attitude and, if not, I hope his will be the only dissenting voice, because I think the order should be passed at this time.

The order was passed, yeas 6, nays 1, Coun. ATTRIDGE voting nay.

The order will come up for second and final reading and passage in not less than fourteen days.

SITE FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WARD 5.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the City Planning Board he requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate sites in Ward 5 for the location of a municipal building and bath house; and that the Commissioner of Public Works furnish the City Council with a copy of the report of the investigation of sites as made by three engineers of the Public Works Department, and that the Park and Recreation Commissioners be requested to inform the City Council if the site adjoining the Health Unit is still the best place to build, as recommended by the former Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE general reconsideration of all action taken today was refused.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I move that when we adjourn it be to meet again two weeks from today at two o'clock p. m.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I hope that we will not adjourn to meet two weeks from today. The lamplighters expected a communication here today either in favor of their interests or against them. The Mayor is in New York, or is away, and the communication has not come to us. Those men are on the street, and under the circumstances we should certainly not adjourn for more than one week.

President BALLANTYNE—The question comes on Coun. Attridge's motion to adjourn for two weeks.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I hope the motion will not prevail.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, if the gentleman on my right thinks it will be necessary for us to meet next Monday, I shall withdraw my motion with the unanimous consent of the Council.

By unanimous consent the motion was withdrawn.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. McDONALD, at 5.08 p. m., to meet on Monday, January 14, at 2 p. m.





## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 14, 1918.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., called to order by Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member. Absent—Coun. Hagan and Storrow.

The Council proceeded to the election of a temporary President, and Coun. BALLANTYNE was elected, receiving the votes, on a roll call, of all the members present.

## CONSTRUCTION OF STATION NO. 17.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 14, 1918.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Your honorable body, under date of November 19, 1917, approved an order in the sum of \$5,000, to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for plans for police station in the West Roxbury district.

The architect has this day submitted plans which have been approved by the Superintendent of Public Buildings and which call for a further expenditure of \$125,000 for the construction and completion of Police Station 17, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$125,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the construction and completion of a new police station on the site of the old water power station at Washington street and Metropolitan avenue, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the terms ending April 30, 1918, viz.:

1. Constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1918:

William A. Robb, 59 Brighton avenue, Allston.  
Daniel C. Maguire, 664 Massachusetts street, Boston.

2. Clarence A. Thompson, 260 Westville street, Dorchester, an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw and Measurer of Grain.

Laid over under the law.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

## Claims.

Boston Tailoring Company, to be paid for expense and loss caused by the bursting of a water pipe at 371 Washington street.

Bridget E. Burke, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Willis street, in front of the Richard C. Humphreys School.

Cornelius J. Cahill, for compensation for damage to automobile by a city team.

Patrick Cunningham, for compensation for injuries received from a fall in front of 6 Broadway, South Boston.

Mary M. Green, for compensation for injuries received from a fall in front of 4 and 6 Columbus avenue.

Helen E. McLean, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at Causeway and Canal streets.

Joseph F. Mulligan, for a hearing on his claim for injuries caused by a defect in Boylston Street Bridge.

A. O. Norton, Inc., to have refunded amount paid for removal of garbage, which are no longer of use to said firm.

## Executive.

Timothy J. Cunniff, for retirement under provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914.

Miss A. Carmen, for permit for children to appear at Elizabeth Peabody Theater, January 23.

## STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, as follows:

Mary A. Duke, keeping and sale of gasoline, 1961 Dorchester avenue.

Richard Pebworth, keeping and sale of gasoline, 138-146 Dover street.

Charles A. Dailey, keeping and sale of gasoline, 634-644 East Fourth street.

F. H. Roberts Company, keeping of gasoline at foot of Garrison street.

Catherine A. Smith, keeping of gasoline, 46 Kenton road (formerly Greenwood avenue).

C. A. Woodsome, keeping of gasoline, 21 Melville avenue, Dorchester.

W. A. Naylor, keeping of gasoline, 2 Schuyler street, Roxbury.

G. M. Hyams, keeping and sale of gasoline, 26 Wales street, Dorchester.

Frederick Winch, keeping and storage of gasoline, 39 Pomeroy street.

Placed on file.

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

A report was received from the City Auditor, in compliance with chapter 486, section 25, Acts of 1909, giving statement of amounts expended by Mayor and City Council for contingent expenses for quarter ending January 1, 1918.

Placed on file.

## MINORS' LICENSES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for seventeen newsboys—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, 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 January, 1918.

Report accepted; order passed.

## APPROPRIATION FOR SOCIAL LAW LIBRARY.

Coun. COLLINS offered an order—That there be allowed and paid to the proprietors of the Social Law Library the sum of \$1,000 for the maintenance and enlargement of said library during the present year, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk, Social Law Library.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## REBUILDING OF FRENCH CITIES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby indorses the proposition to raise a fund in the United States by popular subscription for the purpose of rebuilding the destroyed cities and towns in France, and urges our citizens to contribute to its success to the extent of their ability.

The resolution was declared referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Coun. WATSON the reference was reconsidered and the resolve was passed, upon roll call, yeas 7, nays 0.

Later, on motion of Coun. WATSON, the passage was reconsidered and the resolve was referred to the Executive Committee.

## COST OF FERRYBOAT.

Coun. WELLINGTON offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to submit to the City Council, through his Honor the Mayor, an estimate of the cost of a new ferryboat for the East Boston service, to replace the one

lately destroyed by fire; said estimate to be sent to the City Council as soon as possible.  
Referred to the Executive Committee.

FORFEIT OF GAS CONTRACT.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to make an investigation forthwith as to the advisability of declaring terminated, for violation of their terms, the contracts approved by the Mayor June 12, 1914, with the Boston Consolidated Gas Company for lighting with gas a portion of the public streets, etc.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REMEDY OF GAS WASTE.

Coun. McDONALD offered an order—That the Fuel Administrator be hereby requested to compel the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to take the necessary steps to remedy the great waste of gas, and necessarily fuel, caused by their neglect to extinguish street lights.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I read in the paper one day last week that Mr. Storrow, the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, had notified the public that there was going to be a shortage of gas, and he asked householders to use as small an amount of gas as possible. Yesterday over in Charlestown all the Welsbach street lights of the Consolidated Gas Company were lit at twelve o'clock noon. I walked up Bunker Hill street and down Medford street and every gas light was lit and had not been extinguished. I suppose the reason they will give is that there is a shortage of help and that the men are on strike. There is not a shortage of help. The trouble is that they do not want to pay a living wage. If they are going to ask householders to use as small an amount of gas as possible, they should compel this big corporation to stop wasting gas in the street lights. In Dorchester, Roxbury and other places the lights are never shut off. I think we ought to pass the order without reference to the Executive Committee, but I am satisfied to let it go there.

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.16 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President BALLANTYNE at 3.22 p. m.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on communication from County Municipal Court (referred December 28) increasing salaries of probation officers—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the annual compensation of probation officers of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, as determined by the Justices of said court, to take effect February 1, 1918, be and the same hereby are approved, viz.:

Deputy male assistant probation officer,	\$2,400 00
Deputy female assistant probation officer.....	2,000 00
All other male assistant probation officers.....	2,200 00
All other female assistant probation officers.....	1,800 00

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I would move that the order be laid on the table, because of this fact. We are going to get a new budget pretty soon, and are going to take up or not take up increases of salaries in general. I think it might be well in this matter to establish a broad general policy, not considering one policy in one direction, and another in another direction. Let us establish a real, general constructive policy, if possible, and stick to it. Inasmuch as these salaries are going to take effect February first, it

might be well at this time to lay the matter on the table until our policy in regard to raising salaries is determined.

The order was laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on order (referred today) that the Fuel Administrator be requested to compel the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to remedy the great waste of gas and fuel caused by neglect to extinguish street lights—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on order (referred today) that the Commissioner of Public Works investigate forthwith as to the terminating of the contract approved by the Mayor June 12, 1914, with the Boston Consolidated Gas Company for violation of the terms of the contract—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on order (referred today) for estimate of cost of new ferryboat for East Boston service to replace one destroyed by fire—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on order (referred today) appropriating \$1,000 for Social Law Library—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on resolution (referred today) for rebuilding of destroyed cities and towns in France—recommending passage of resolution in following new draft:

Resolved, That the movement now in progress to raise money in this country to be devoted to the rebuilding of destroyed French cities and towns meets with the hearty approval of this body.

Resolved, That the Boston City Council feels that it voices the sentiment of the citizens of Boston in stating that there is no more fitting way in which to pay part of the debt we owe France than by giving liberal aid to the distressed and devastated French communities.

Resolved, That we heartily indorse this splendid undertaking and urge our citizens to contribute to its success, just as France came to the relief of our forefathers in our days of trouble.

Report accepted; resolutions adopted.

(6) Report on petition of Timothy J. Cunniff (referred today) for retirement under provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914—recommending passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Timothy J. Cunniff, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on petition of Miss A. Carmen (referred today) for permit for child to appear at Elizabeth Peabody Theater January 23—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 1, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor January 7, 1918, viz.:

- Frederick Desmond, to be a Constable.
- Richard J. Kennedy, to be a Constable.
- Walter H. Chick, L. M. Smith, F. E. Harmon and Edward A. Kollen, to be Weighers of Coal.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Watson and Wellington.

Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas 7, and the appointments were confirmed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. FORD moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 3.32 p. m., on motion of Coun. McDONALD, to meet on Monday, January 21, at two o'clock p. m.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 21, 1918.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair. Absent,—President Storrow.

It was unanimously voted that Com. Ballantyne be elected as president *pro tem*.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the City Council the Mayor submitted the following appointments for terms ending April 30, 1918:

1. James Moynihan, 2 Meehan place, Jamaica Plain, a Weigher of Coal and Measurer of Wood and Bark.

2. Charles J. Sullivan, 139 O street, South Boston, a Weigher of Goods for the Submarine Signal Company.

Laid over under the law.

ADDITIONAL LAND FOR FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 21, 1918.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communications from the chairman of the Cemetery Trustees and the municipal real estate expert relative to land adjoining Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, for consideration by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Cemetery Department, November 12, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Sir,—A tract of land very suitable for cemetery purposes immediately adjoining Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park, is for sale, and the trustees of this department think it an exceedingly desirable addition to the cemetery. It is natural burying land and not subject to the usual large expense of developing. The owner asks \$4,000 for the 5.95 acres, and so far has refused to make a lower figure. The lot is assessed for \$1,200. It is located in Dedham, and has been assessed at this figure for a great many years without change. The cemetery needs this land and at once for single graves, and a careful estimate shows that the city would receive from such sale about \$50,000, besides a large amount of filling material.

We think it a most excellent business proposition for the city.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT,  
CHARLES E. PHIPPS,  
Chairman.

30 State Street, Boston, December 15, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I herewith return communication from Charles E. Phipps, chairman of the Cemetery Department, relative to the additional land in Dedham (adjoining Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park) that the Cemetery Department desires to acquire.

The area contains 5.95 acres of fine land that can be used to the best advantage for burial lots, drives and paths. I have induced the owners to reduce their price from \$4,000 to \$3,750.

Although the land is assessed for but \$1,200, I consider the price of \$3,750 fair, and advise that the offer be accepted as the city is fortunate in being able to acquire so much good land entirely free of buildings.

I also inclose communications relative to the above from John H. Burke and Chena F. White.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN BECK,

Real Estate Broker and Appraiser.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PLAYGROUND, CEYLON STREET, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 21, 1918.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The accompanying sketch and report submitted by the Park and Recreation Department is in response to interrogatories made by the master of the Phillips Brooks School, and I respectfully recommend the consideration of an appropriation in an amount sufficient to provide this necessary breathing space during the coming year.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park and Recreation Department,

December 27, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the chairman of this commission to send you the inclosed report from our engineer, Mr. C. E. Putnam, relative to the valuation and cost of construction for playground purposes of land located on Ceylon street, Dorchester.

Very truly yours,

D. J. BYRNE, Secretary.

City of Boston,

Park and Recreation Department,

December 20, 1917.

Mr. John H. Dillon, Chairman,

Park and Recreation Department;

Dear Sir,—The land on Ceylon street, suggested for a playground site by James A. Treanor, master of the Phillips Brooks School, is level, vacant land that has been used as a dump. The assessors' valuation is about twenty cents per square foot. The level area is large enough for a baseball field for small boys and could be easily made into a skating pond in winter.

The area inclosed by the heavy line on the accompanying plan would provide an area of 131,023 square feet or three acres. The assessors' valuation of the property is \$26,300. The land adjoins the yard of the Quincy Dickerman School, and is a desirable location for a playground.

I believe that the cost of construction would be \$35,000 or less.

Area: 131,023 square feet or 3 acres.

Assessors' valuation, plus 25 per cent, \$32,875 00

Construction, rough estimate . . . . . 35,000 00

Total . . . . . \$67,875 00

Respectfully,

C. E. PUTNAM, Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR POLICE STATION, HYDE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 21, 1918.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The plans submitted by the firm of Maginnis and Walsh for a new police station at Hyde Park having been approved by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, I hereby recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$125,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the construction of Police Station 18 at Hyde Park and that to meet said appropriation



the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### SALE OF CITY VEGETABLES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, January 21, 1918.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I have been informed by the Penal Institutions Commissioner that he has approximately 1,000 bushels of potatoes and 20,000 pounds of turnips that are not required for his institution or for any other city institution and accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Penal Institutions Commissioner, with the approval of his Honor the Mayor, be authorized to sell to the highest bidder, after public advertisement, approximately 1,000 bushels of potatoes and 20,000 pounds of turnips.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PARK AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE APPROPRIATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, January 21, 1918.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Park and Recreation Department and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Park and Recreation Department,  
January 21, 1918.

Hon. James M. Curley,  
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—The approval of the City Council is hereby respectfully asked to carry over into the next year the balance of \$43,784.37 now remaining in the Park and Recreation Maintenance Appropriation, Item F-12, Contracts for Construction, Pavement Commonwealth Avenue, for the reason that the work for which this money was appropriated is not yet completed.

We have a contract with the Central Construction Company, who for legitimate reasons cannot complete the job before the end of the fiscal year, and this money will be needed to pay for the work when completed in the early spring.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN H. DILLON, Chairman.

Ordered, That the balance of the Park and Recreation Maintenance Appropriation, Item F-12, Contracts for Construction, amounting to \$43,784.37, be carried over to the year 1918-19.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### EQUIPMENT FOR STATE GUARD OFFICERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, January 21, 1918.  
To the City Council:  
Gentlemen,—A request has been received that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated to be expended to provide equipment for officers of State Guard companies at South Boston, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Safety be authorized to expend not in excess of \$1,000 for the purchase of uniforms and such other equipment as may be necessary for officers of the South Boston State Guard Companies.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Claims.

Anna Blinderman, for a hearing on her claim for injuries received from a fall at 23 Athelwold street.

Nathan Douglas, for a hearing on his claim for injuries received from a fall at 27 Havelock street, Dorchester.

Annie Garfinkle, for a hearing on her claim for injuries received from a fall at 323 Harrison avenue.

Sarah Rubin, for a hearing on her claim for injuries received from a fall at 20 Erie street.

Edward J. Cotter, M. D., for compensation for damages by stopping up of sewer in Eliot street, Jamaica Plain.

Dennett & Prince Company, for compensation for damages at 109 Beach street by stoppage of main sewer.

William I. Karp, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 224 or 244 Cambridge street.

Patrick F. Kelley, for compensation for damages at 29 Dean street by water from the street.

Ann Kelly, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Darling street, Roxbury.

Sarah Levitch, for a hearing on her claim against the city.

Esther Pipofsky, for a hearing on a claim for injuries received at the Dover street crossing.

Rosie Rubinovitz, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on the Intervale street side of 570 Warren street, Roxbury.

Fannie Rubinovitz, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on the Intervale street side of 570 Warren street, Roxbury.

Grace Sullivan, for compensation for clothing torn by a city employee using a pickax on Milk street at Congress street.

Annie Wood, for compensation for injuries received from an accident on Park street, Dorchester.

Esther W. and Frank R. Atwill, for payment for trees cut down by city employees near Richwood street.

Catherine R. Burns, for compensation for injuries received from a fall in front of 340 Silver street.

William H. Hickey, for compensation for damages caused by backing up of sewage at corner Dorchester avenue and Greenmount street.

Hotel and Railroad News Company, for compensation for injury and death of horse on Chelsea Bridge, Charlestown.

Mrs. Hannah Levy, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 54 and 56 Friend street.

Edwin J. Maguire, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on School street near Arcadia street.

Custodia Sgro, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Hull street crosswalk, near Salem street.

Caroline J. Shitler, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in sidewalk on Paul Gore street, Jamaica Plain.

Thompson Square Loan Office, for compensation for damages caused by the bursting of a pipe in Austin street.

##### Executive.

Michael A. McCarty, to be retired under the provisions of chapter 765, Acts of 1914.

Grace M. Marden, for permit for children to appear at Owls Hall on evening of January 30.

#### STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Aberdeen Street Garage, keeping and sale of gasoline, 20-28 Aberdeen street.

D. F. Doyle, keeping and sale of gasoline, corner Adams and Park streets, Ward 20.

Ronald T. Lyman, keeping of gasoline, 39 Beacon street.

Mrs. M. H. Curley, keeping of gasoline, 4 Bowdoin avenue, Dorchester.

Berenson Construction Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 16 Brighton avenue (two notices).

W. L. Waples, keeping of gasoline, 7 Edgewood street.

Leon E. Granstein, keeping and sale of gasoline, rear 81 Huntington avenue.

Taylor Brothers Laundry, keeping of gasoline, 8 Rosedale street.

The Texas Company, keeping and sale of petroleum and its products, 258 Southampton street.  
 Farrington Manufacturing Company, keeping of gasolene, 23 Vale street.  
 Rudolph O. Pacht, keeping and sale of gasolene, 4185 Washington street.  
 Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constables' bonds of William F. Bouchie, Frederick Desmond and Richard J. Kennedy.  
 Approved by the City Council.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of appointment of Rupert S. Carven as Budget Commissioner.  
 Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Public Service Commission of hearing on January 24 at 10.30 a. m., on petition of Union Freight Railroad Company for 21st location.  
 Placed on file.

NOTICE OF LOCATION.

A copy of an order granting track location (21st) to Union Freight Railroad Company at Lewis wharf was received from the Board of Street Commissioners.  
 Placed on file and ordered printed.

RAILROAD POLICE.

Notice was received from the Police Commissioner of appointment of James Barrett and others as railroad police of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.  
 Placed on file.

SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works of cost of constructing artificial stone sidewalks with granite edgelines on Adams street, from King square to Ashmont street, Ward 20—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the persons named in the foregoing schedule be and the same are hereby assessed the amounts set against their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of sidewalk construction on Adams street, from King square to Ashmont street, Ward 20, along the estates bordering thereon, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties as aforesaid, the amount being \$5,298.29.

The order was passed.

HOSPITAL, ETC., CHARLES STREET JAIL.

The following was received:

Finance Commission,  
 Boston, January 19, 1918.

To the Honorable the City Council:  
 Gentlemen,—Since the submission of its request to the City Council to delay action on the proposed loan for a hospital and a new house for the sheriff at the Charles Street Jail, the Finance Commission has made a preliminary examination of the matter by a personal visit to the jail. From its examination the commission has concluded that the whole matter of improvements—including jail, hospital and the new house—should be studied by a person trained in criminology.

It has also been pointed out to the Finance Commission that Revised Laws of 1902, chapter 20, section 28, provides for the submission of plans for the construction or enlargement of the jail to the Board of Prison Commissioners of the State, and prohibits the incurrence or payment of bills for such construction or enlargement until such ap-

proval has been obtained. The commission understands that no plans for the contemplated improvements have been submitted to or approved by the prison director.

The commission again requests that the City Council delay action upon this matter until the commission is able to obtain competent advice and until definite plans have been drawn up and have received the approval of the State Prison Director, as required by law.

Respectfully submitted,  
 by JOHN R. MURPHY,  
 Chairman.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

OFFICE HOURS, REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The following was received:  
 Office of Sheriff,  
 Courthouse, Boston, January 17, 1918.

To the City Council:  
 Gentlemen,—It has been deemed necessary, during the present fuel stringency, to fix the time of closing those county offices located in the Courthouse at four o'clock daily except Saturday when they should close at noon.

In order that the Registry of Deeds may do so the authority of your honorable body is required. I therefore respectfully urge the immediate passage of an order fixing the hour of closing for the Registry of Deeds at four o'clock each week day and twelve o'clock on Saturday.

Very respectfully,  
 JOHN A. KELIHER,  
 Custodian.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

COMPROMISE ON WILL OF ANNIE FIELDS.

The following was received:  
 City of Boston,  
 Law Department, January 17, 1918.

To the Honorable the City Council:  
 The undersigned respectfully requests favorable action on the accompanying form of vote in the matter of the compromise of the will of Annie Fields, late of Manchester, Mass.

JOSEPH A. CAMPBELL,  
 Assistant Corporation Counsel.

City of Boston, In City Council.

Voted, That the assent of the City of Boston on October 4, 1915, as shown by the signature of its Assistant Corporation Counsel, Joseph A. Campbell, to an agreement providing for a compromise of a certain controversy over the allowance of the will and codicil of the late Annie Fields of Manchester, Mass., and to a petition filed in the Probate Court for Essex County, seeking to carry out said compromise agreement, be and the same hereby is ratified, approved and confirmed, and further, that the compromise of said will and codicil of said Annie Fields as set forth in said agreement and petition for compromise, and as allowed in said Probate Court for Essex County by decree dated December 30, 1915, be and the same hereby is assented to by the City of Boston and, as and of, the dates of said agreement, petition and decree.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CLERK HIRE.

W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Registrar of Deeds, submitted a report 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 December 17 to January 21 and that work had been performed to the amount of \$3,691.40.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Coun. BALLANTYNE submitted reports on petitions for minors' licenses for eight newsboys—recommending that licenses be granted.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.



## CLAIMS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports on petitions for compensation for damages, personal and property—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw (said action being recommended by the Law Department), viz.:

William C. Adams (referred April 16, 1917), damage by flooding from a broken hydrant, 332 Boylston street.

Maria Albanci (referred September 10, 1917), injuries received at North End Pier.

Cologera Alonzo (referred August 6, 1917), injuries caused by alleged defect in North End Pier.

John Anderson (referred September 10, 1917), damage by backing up of sewage at 21 Thornley street.

Louis Arnold (referred April 16, 1917), to be refunded amount paid for sewer assessments.

M. Harris Avery (referred June 25, 1917), for damage to automobile by city employees on Exeter street.

Cornelius F. Barry (referred June 1, 1915), for injuries caused by defect at 134 West Eighth street.

H. W. Bassett (referred May 28, 1917), for damages by street mud and oil.

Bay State Dredging and Contracting Company (referred June 11, 1917), for losses on account of defect in draw of Meridian Street Bridge.

Mrs. H. A. Beeler (referred September 10, 1917), for damage to clothing by water from a hose used by city employees.

Maria Bernardi (referred March 26, 1917), for injuries received from a fall at 33 Warrenton street.

Jennie Bernstein (referred May 14, 1917), for injuries caused by falling on slippery steps and sidewalk at Oliver Wendell Holmes School.

H. C. Berry (referred March 19, 1917), for damage to automobile by a patrol wagon.

Alton Blackinton (referred June 25, 1917), for damage to clothing by an oil sprinkler at Franklin Park.

Mrs. Fuller C. Blackinton (referred June 25, 1917), for damage to clothing by an oil sprinkler at Franklin Park.

J. B. Blood Company (referred August 6, 1917), for damage to auto truck on the East Boston Ferry.

Celia Bloom (referred August 6, 1917), for damage to property 12 and 14 Chadwick street by overflow of sewer.

Samuel L. Blumenthal (referred February 19, 1917), for medical expenses incurred for his son who was injured by a city team.

Minnie Bloomfield (referred August 6, 1917), for damage to fence by fire apparatus.

Giulio Boretta (referred June 25, 1917), for damages at 338 Oakland street by overflow of water.

Boston Protective Department (referred June 25, 1917), for damage to auto wagon by truck of the Fire Department.

Anna J. Boone (referred April 9, 1917), for damage to property on Firth road by flooding.

R. M. Bradley (referred May 7, 1917), for damage by a defective sewer at 28 and 30 Avery street.

James A. Brickett (referred August 20, 1915), for damage to property, 41 Walnut street, Neponset.

Louis J. Bridgeman (referred January 29, 1917), for damage to clothing by street oiling machine.

Allan M. Brown (referred February 26, 1917), for damages at 2004 Dorchester avenue by Fire Department apparatus.

Albert E. Brown (referred 1915), for damage to auto truck on East Boston Ferry.

Dorothy A. Brown (referred July 11, 1917), for injuries from defect in highway near Readville Bridge.

Grace I. Brown (referred April 30, 1917), for injuries received from fall in Vassar street.

Henry W. Brown (referred June 11, 1917), for damage to automobile by defect in highway near Readville Bridge.

Ellen F. Buckley (referred September 10, 1917), for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

Alonzo W. Buckman (referred February 19, 1917), for extra work on steamer "Vigilant."

Julia Cariboto (referred August 6, 1917), for valuables lost at North End Park.

Julia Bertie Casey (referred June 11, 1917), for damage to rugs by street car.

Eugenia Cerisola (referred September 10, 1917), to be paid for clothing, etc., taken from her locker at North End Park.

Arthur B. Cassell (referred January 29, 1917), for damage to 10 Brookview street by employees of Sanitary Division.

George F. Chandler (referred May 28, 1917), for injuries for fall on Boston Common caused by defective manhole cover.

Charles B. Chevor (referred September 10, 1917), to be refunded amount paid for garbage tickets.

Ruby Byers Clair (referred September 10, 1917), for injuries received on Boston Common caused by pipe.

Denis M. Clifford (referred April 23, 1917), for expense incurred and loss of salary occasioned by injuries received while in the city's employ.

Charles V. Coffey (referred April 9, 1917), for injuries received from a fall at 38 Hanover street.

Cornelius E. Collins (referred March 19, 1917), to be paid for a brick fence at 35 East Concord street damaged by city ash teams.

James J. Collins (referred April 16, 1917), for death of horse on East Boston South Ferry.

Celia Coman (referred October 22, 1917), for injuries caused by fall at corner of Auburn and Chambers streets.

Commercial Towing Company (referred October 31, 1916), on account of detention of tugs at Granite Avenue Bridge.

Josephine Contrasciera (referred July 23, 1917), for damage to automobile by car of Park and Recreation Department.

T. D. Cook & Co., Inc. (referred February 26, 1917), for damage to automobile by city ash truck.

Herman Cooks (referred February 26, 1917), for injuries received from a fall on Homestead street.

Arthur Cornetz (referred March 5, 1917), for damages caused by flushing of Barton street.

Morris Cornetz (referred March 5, 1917), for damages caused by flushing of Barton street.

Mrs. Sarah Cortissoz (referred September 10, 1917), for injuries received from a fall at Cabot and Ruggles streets.

William C. Coveney (referred April 9, 1917), for injuries from a defect at 1285-1291 Commonwealth avenue.

Rebecca Covitz (referred June 25, 1917), for injuries caused by a fall at 427 Seaver street.

Frank H. Cowin (referred June 25, 1917), for extra labor in putting in sewer in connection at 109 Queensberry street.

Dorothy Croasdale (referred September 10, 1917), for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

J. Clifford Cronin (referred April 9, 1917), for injuries from a fall on sidewalk.

Jane M. Cummings (referred March 26, 1917), for damage to automobile by cart of Street Cleaning Division.

Cunningham Motor Renting Company (referred March 26, 1917), for damage to automobile by defect in Albany street.

Margaret B. Cuseck (referred September 10, 1917), for alleged improper treatment while a patient at City Hospital.

Eliza Josephine Dadman (referred April 16, 1917), for services rendered the Board of Health in 1912.

Howard C. Doane (referred 1915), for injuries caused by defective water "cut-off" at Beach street, Roslindale.

Annie Donovan (referred June 25, 1917), for injuries caused by fall at corner of Washington and Avon streets.

John Dooley, for compensation for damage to boat.

Arthur E. Dorr & Co., Inc. (referred January 22, 1917), for damage to automobile by city team.

Julia Dowd (referred January 22, 1917), for injuries caused by fall at 749 Washington street.

Margaret M. Driscoll (referred February 26, 1917), for payment of expenses incurred on account of death of her son from injuries received while at play in Orchard Park.

Thomas E. Drohan (referred August 16, 1917), for injuries by being trampled on by horse of mounted policeman.

John C. Duffey (referred July 9, 1917), for the bursting of boiler caused by shutting off water.

James Dunn, for refunding of tax.

James F. DuVally, M. D. (referred March 19, 1917), for damage to automobile by team transporting prisoners.

John F. Duffey (referred April 30, 1917), for injuries received because of hydrant at 100 Homestead street.

William H. Edmands (referred 1916'), for damage to automobile by defect at 374 Commonwealth avenue.

Anory Eliot, trustee (referred 1915), for damages at Unity Building by bursting of water main in Arch street.

Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation,



Ltd. (referred July 9, 1917), to be paid for plate glass window at 837 Tremont street, broken by enemy employees.

Nathan Falk (referred April 16, 1917), for damages sustained on East Boston Ferry.

Henry H. Fay (referred June 11, 1917), for loss sustained on account of construction of sewerage works in Back street.

Rose Feldstein (referred June 25), for injuries received from fall at 127 Seaver street.

W. H. Field (referred March 19, 1917), for refund of money paid for sixteen ash barrel tickets.

G. L. Fisher & Co. (referred August 6, 1917), for damage to property 140 Dudley street by backing up of sewer.

Catherine Fitzpatrick (referred August 6, 1917), for injuries received at North End Bath.

Mrs. Luey Fiorello (referred March 19, 1917), for damage to goods at 22 Haynes street by overflow of sewer.

Mary Fitzgibbon (referred June 25, 1917), for damage to clothing by being splashed with oily water by a machine working on Summer street.

John J. Foley, Jr. (referred July 9, 1917), for injuries caused by an iron bar falling on his head at Roger Wolcott Grammar School.

John F. Ford (referred May 28, 1917), for articles lost while he was a patient at the City Hospital.

Mrs. Eugene H. Freeman (referred February 19, 1917), to be paid for ash barrels taken from sidewalk at 759 Tremont street.

Carnella and Dominie Fulginiti (referred June 28, 1915), for damages at 29 Tileston street by defective sewer.

Georgiana Fuller (referred April 9, 1917), for injuries caused by a fall at 564 Atlantic avenue.

Michael Carazli (referred February 12, 1917), for injuries received by a fall on Bartlett street.

Charlotte W. Getz (referred September 10, 1917), for injuries because of a defect in Columbus avenue opposite Coventry street.

Lena Gilbert (referred July 23, 1917), for injuries received from fall on Blue Hill avenue.

Roland J. Gillis (referred May 7, 1917), for hearing on claim for land taken by the city.

Sadie Goldfadden (referred August 16, 1917), for clothing taken from locker at North End Park bath house.

Annie Gerdon (referred April 23, 1917), for injuries caused by defect at 148 Court street.

Lena Goren (referred September 10, 1917), for clothing taken from Commercial Beach bath house.

Emma Ruth L. F. Gragg (referred September 10, 1917), to be paid her share of annuity from Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Edward S. Graham (referred September 10, 1917), for injuries received from fall at 48 Erie street.

Orland Greco (referred August 16, 1917), for injuries received from fall on Gove street, corner Geneva street.

Margaret Guinery (referred April 23, 1917), for damages at 17 Gainsborough street by defect in main sewer.

Reports severally accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

SALARIES OF PROBATION OFFICERS.

Coun. McDONALD moved that No. 8 be taken from the table, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the annual compensation of probation officers of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, as determined by the justices of said court, to take effect February 1, 1918, be and the same hereby are approved, viz.:

Deputy male assistant probation officer..	\$2,400 00
Deputy female assistant probation officer,	2,000 00
All other male assistant probation officers,	2,200 00
All other female assistant probation officers.....	1,800 00

The vote on taking from the table was by roll call, yeas 6, nays 2:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, Collins, Hagan, McDonald, Wellington—6.

Nays—Coun. Ford, Watson—2.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, my reason for making the motion is that since the last meeting I have looked into the matter and I find that ever since this government has run under the new charter every recommendation from the justices of the court has been complied with by this Council. I have been told by lawyers and counsel that recommendations of the justices have got to be

met. I don't say that we must do this, that it can be enforced until the City Council approves of it; still, it was the unanimous vote of the justices of the Municipal Court that these salaries be raised in order to make them uniform. The Chief Justice told us that these men have been working night and day and that, because of the high cost of foodstuffs and other things, it was thought that they were just as much entitled to an increase as tradesmen outside, who are getting increases every day. While I sat here and allowed the matter to be laid on the table until the budget was presented, I think we ought to pass the order now. As the Chief Justice told us, it was the unanimous vote of the justices that these increases should take place, allowing the Chief Justice of the Municipal Court to include them in the budget. I hope the order will pass today.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I am not averse to voting for an increase in the wages of any county or city employee, and in all probability I shall vote for this order. But I want to go on record at this time, when women are entering into trades and into the mercantile marts and doing the work of men, the tendency of the times being to pay women the salaries received by men provided they do the same kind of work, as feeling that that tendency should be recognized in connection with this order. I showed by my inquiry of the Chief Justice the other day that I believed the salaries of the women should be increased so that they would be equal with those of the men. They certainly work the same number of hours; they certainly give as much energy to their work as the men. But, in view of the fact that nothing we can do here can increase the salaries of the women, I merely make this statement in order that I may put myself right concerning my position in the matter.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, at the last meeting of the Council I moved that this order lie on the table, for the purpose of defining the policy to be adopted by this Council in reference to the coming budget. In connection with that budget we must, of course, expect numerous requests on the City Council for increases in wages and I thought at that time, and still think, that we should formulate some definite policy before we make any general increase in wages. As you, Mr. President, and other members of the Council know I am not opposed to reasonable increases in salaries. The whole matter was simply laid on the table, having in view the possibility of the formulation of a policy. But, inasmuch as most of the members of the Council are of the opinion that a policy should not at this time be formulated with reference to general increases, I am going to vote yes on the order, bowing to their decision and your own.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

ANNUITY FOR MRS. J. C. REISER.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That under the provisions of chapter 178 of the Acts of 1887 an annuity of three hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of Joseph C. Reiser, a member of the Police Department who died from injuries received while in the performance of his duties, such annuity to continue so long as said widow shall remain unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 2.22 p. m., on motion of Coun. McDONALD, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 4.12 p. m.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on pay roll of Register of Deeds (referred today) for payment of sum of \$3,691.40, approving of the same.

Report accepted; said pay roll approved and ordered paid.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on order (referred today) for payment of an annuity of \$300 to the widow of Joseph C. Reiser, a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries while in the performance of his duties—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of Grace M. Marden (referred today) for permit for children to appear at Owls Hall on evening of January 30—that permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Michael A. McCarty (referred today) to be retired under provisions of chapter 765, Acts 1914, recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, Michael A. McCarty, employed in the labor service of the City of Boston in the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on communication from sheriff (referred today) relative to office hours of the Registry of Deeds—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk shall be open for the receiving and recording of papers on Saturdays from nine o'clock a. m. until twelve o'clock noon and on every other day, except Sundays and legal holidays, from nine o'clock a. m. until four o'clock p. m.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for sale to highest bidder, after public advertisement, of approximately 1,000 bushels of potatoes and 20,000 pounds of turnips—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on message of Mayor, communication and order (referred today) that balance of the Park and Recreation maintenance appropriation, Item F-12, Contracts for Construction, amounting to \$43,784.37, be carried over to the year 1918-19.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

(7) Report on communication from Assistant Corporation Counsel Joseph A. Campbell (referred today) for adoption of vote ratifying his action in the matter of the will of Annie Fields—recommending passage of the vote.

Report accepted; order passed.

## CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, viz:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor January 14, 1918, viz:

1. William A. Robb, to be a Constable.
2. Daniel C. Mazure, to be a Constable.
3. Clarence A. Thompson, to be a Measurer of Grain and an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Ford and Collins. Whole number of ballots cast 7, yeas, 7, and the several appointments were confirmed.

## EXCHANGE OF CITY LAND.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 4, viz:

4. Whereas, The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston by an instrument dated September 14, 1914, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 3834, page 468, did take in fee for said city for park purposes a parcel of land situate in that part of said Boston known as Roxbury, and bounding on the Fenway, Huntington entrance to the

Fenway and Hemenway street, and containing 43,263 square feet; and

Whereas, The Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners of said city, now having charge of said land, has notified the City Council that the portion of said parcel of land bounded northwesterly by the Fenway 34.87 feet, northeasterly by land supposed to belong to the Old Colony Trust Company, trustee, 128 feet, southeasterly by the same and by land supposed to belong to Henry A. Root, trustee, 34.87 feet, and southwesterly by the remaining land of said city taken as aforesaid 128 feet, and containing 4,463 square feet, more or less, is no longer required for public purposes; and

Whereas, It is desired that the division lines be straightened between the lands of said city and the lands of said Old Colony Trust Company, trustee, and of said Root, trustee;

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the city, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 25, section 50, of the Revised Laws, and in form satisfactory to the Law Department, to convey to the Old Colony Trust Company, trustee, the above-described parcel of land in exchange for a conveyance to it for park purposes of an equal area of land containing 4,463 square feet, and bounded southeasterly by Hemenway street 57.22 feet, southwesterly by the center line of a 16-foot passageway 78 feet, northwesterly by land of said city 57.22 feet and northeasterly by other land of said Root, trustee, 78 feet.

Said parcels are shown on a plan marked "City of Boston—Park and Recreation Department. The Fens—Proposed Exchange of Land, June, 1916, C. E. Putnam, engineer.

On January 7, 1918, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

## FIRE STATION, NEPONSET.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 5, viz:

5. Ordered, That the sum of \$10,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Fire Commissioner for plans and the purchase of land for a fire station in Neponset, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On January 7, 1918, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

## CONSTRUCTION OF RIPLEY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, No. 6, viz:

6. Ordered, That the sum of \$27,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Park and Recreation Commission for the construction and completion of the Ripley Playground, Dorchester, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

On January 7, 1918, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 7, nays 0.

The order was given its final reading and passed, yeas 8, nays 0.

## GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Coun. COLLINS moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail.

Adjourned at 4.20 p. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to meet on Monday, January 28, at 2 p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 28, 1918.

Regular meeting of the City Council, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at two o'clock p. m. Absent, President Storrow. In the absence of President Storrow, Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, called to order.

On motion of Coun. WATSON, the Council proceeded under the law to ballot for a temporary President. The roll was called, the members announced their choice, and Coun. Ballantyne was unanimously elected President *pro tem*.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of law (the Mayor not being present), viz.:

Three additional grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear February 4, 1918:

Henry Z. Stone, Ward 16; Charles C. Fearing, Ward 7; Earl A. Sargent, Ward 6.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, first Session, to appear February 6, 1918:

Michael A. Sullivan, Ward 22; Patrick H. Travers, Ward 14; Anthony Laurano, Ward 2; William A. Hall, Ward 19; Stanley H. Coffin, Ward 23; Charles L. Turrill, Ward 8; Dennis J. Herrick, Ward 4; Benjamin H. Spinney, Ward 1; Arthur P. Corrigan, Ward 20; Frank A. Kirchgassner, Ward 10; Carl H. Schneider, Ward 12; William J. Flynn, Ward 19; John F. Dalton, Ward 18; Michael McDermott, Ward 18; Rufus T. Tobey, Ward 17; Frederick C. Dawson, Ward 16; Carl J. E. Schoenherr, Ward 15; Charles N. Hall, Ward 20; John F. Finn, Jr., Ward 21; Eugene Legasey, Ward 8; Daniel F. Coughlin, Ward 23; Henry Barone, Ward 5; Philip Lauman, Ward 15; James J. Lyons, Ward 16; Hermann T. Hemmen, Ward 10; Joseph A. Woodman, Ward 7; Edward A. McKinney, Ward 26; Edward L. Gilson, Ward 24; Denis J. O'Connor, Ward 11; Charles J. McCarthy, Ward 11; John Leverone, Ward 5; Moses D. Slocomb, Ward 10; Louis R. Luchterhand, Ward 18; Jacob H. Rittenburg, Ward 21; Dennis McCarthy, Ward 16; Arthur H. Learned, Ward 10.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear February 7, 1918:

Meyer Kaufman, Ward 7; Ralph Cohen, Ward 19; James Donovan, Ward 2; John J. Mooney, Ward 4; Maurice Cohen, Ward 16; Richard F. Kelly, Ward 2; I. Howland Jones, Ward 8; Samuel Stork, Ward 17; Frederick A. Robinson, Ward 16; John D. McCarthy, Ward 18; Jeremiah J. Kelleher, Ward 2; Angus Kell, Ward 18; James Long, Ward 5; John Thomson Simpson, Ward 17; Martin H. Regan, Ward 14; Gustaf Chelian, Ward 8; Joseph Glick, Ward 13; Cornelius A. Doherty, Ward 6; John W. Manning, Ward 5; Carl A. Schneiderhan, Ward 11; Roderick J. Macdonald, Ward 1; John E. Redmond, Ward 15; Michael L. Conroy, Ward 20; Warren E. Smith, Ward 15; Samuel M. Hyde, Ward 5; Morris Corvin, Ward 19; Walter F. Haberlin, Ward 22; Benjamin Luorie, Ward 8; William Wilson, Ward 1; Terence P. McGrath, Ward 16; James F. Guilhop, Ward 12; Wolf Zimmerman, Ward 5; Charles H. Pierce, Ward 19; Philip Young, Ward 8; John O'Brien, Ward 13; James P. Forde, Ward 20.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, January Sitting, to appear February 18, 1918:

Carl L. Schworer, Ward 14; William W. Bell, Ward 15; James J. Collins, Ward 20; William J. Paul, Ward 16; Ernest S. Bangs, Ward 18; John W. Mullen, Ward 18; William L. Corbett, Ward 24; Edward A. McCarthy, Ward 8; Charles D. Pettee, Ward 19; James Young, Ward 25; Henry John

Fogel, Ward 18; Herbert E. Patrick, Ward 7; Forest O. Mitchell, Ward 4; Walter H. Hamilton, Ward 21; Maurice I. Bloom, Ward 5; William P. Junkins, Ward 16; Charles Bylin, Ward 13; John F. Goodman, Ward 9; John S. Ingham, Ward 1; Frederick Jones, Ward 13; James E. Byrne, Ward 22; Wallace B. Curtis, Ward 22; James Kelley, Ward 25; John B. Conley, Ward 15; Frank A. Ball, Ward 18; James S. Blake, Ward 11; George V. Bettoney, Ward 22; Harry Cohen, Ward 1; Thomas Sullivan, Ward 13; Bernard Margolius, Ward 24; William C. Brooks, Ward 21; William Henry Monroe, Ward 13; Nelson B. Moulton, Ward 20; Harris Robinowitz, Ward 6; Otto H. Riecke, Ward 8; Henry Thornton, Ward 7; Alfred A. MacDonald, Ward 2; Harrie S. Goodwin, Ward 21; Francis A. McLaughlin, Ward 26; Rubin Levin, Ward 19; Lewis Shapiro, Ward 10; Everett F. Mann, Ward 24; Harris Greenbaum, Ward 6; William H. Coghlan, Ward 20.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, January Sitting, to appear February 18, 1918:

Edward M. Kelley, Ward 20; Edward E. Keevin, Ward 8; Arthur E. Saunders, Ward 16; Hugh Fitzpatrick, Ward 23; Oswald B. Grace, Ward 17; William D. Bradstreet, Ward 7; Arthur R. Baker, Ward 25; Joseph Tarvis, Ward 1; George H. Leighton, Ward 18; John E. Jones, Ward 26; Alfred G. Ochs, Ward 17; Edward L. Fitzgerald, Ward 2; Timothy J. Casey, Ward 15; Otto Franke, Ward 8; Charles H. Atwood, Ward 26; Nathan Fritz, Ward 16; Edward H. Loehr, Ward 23; Walter F. Crane, Ward 14; William J. Ellis, Ward 11; Alexander R. Taylor, Ward 19; Henry M. W. Holler, Ward 17; Herbert E. Morris, Ward 8; Percy Loring, Ward 18; Erving E. Stevens, Ward 16; W. Marland Sewall, Ward 19; James Rielly, Ward 6; Harry P. Chadwick, Ward 16; Louis G. Stone, Ward 21; Felix L. Brust, Ward 22; Charles E. Delehanty, Ward 17; Patrick J. Driscoll, Ward 15; Bertrand R. Snow, Ward 7; William R. Curtis, Ward 25; Patrick Carey, Ward 12; Charles E. Beatty, Ward 19; William F. Griffin, Ward 16; Bernard Braensky, Ward 5; Charles M. Adams, Ward 26; William F. McDermott, Ward 16; Richard G. Joy, Ward 6; William W. Taylor, Ward 26; Alexander S. McLennan, Ward 6; Frank B. Lynch, Ward 19; Edward E. Tuttle, Ward 19.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, to appear February 18, 1918:

Charles T. Scott, Ward 16; Joseph Hemsworth, Ward 24; George F. Berry, Ward 21; Bernard Lent, Ward 19; Phillip Brockman, Ward 6; James Bird, Ward 11; Henry T. Holmes, Ward 15; Burdette P. Mansfield, Ward 26; Harrison H. Atwood, Jr., Ward 20; Sven Olaf Hanson, Ward 17; William Hennessy, Ward 3; Herbert S. Broadbent, Ward 19; John Gibbons, Ward 2; Otto A. Schenton, Ward 4; John J. Berlo, Ward 10; John T. Donnelly, Ward 15; John A. Cunco, Ward 11; James T. Flahive, Ward 17; Watson Colman, Ward 25; William B. Rand, Ward 11; William Albrecht, Ward 23; Herbert W. Tribou, Ward 18; Herman H. F. W. Boekenkamp, Ward 14; William D. Renner, Ward 18; William F. O'Neil, Ward 21; Wallace C. Griffin, Ward 19; Julius A. F. Winter, Ward 25; Jeremiah J. Holland, Ward 12; Richard W. Haigh, Ward 19; Albert F. Kussmaul, Ward 22; John J. Arroll, Ward 7; John W. Harvey, Ward 26; George E. Kinsman, Ward 10; Friedrich Klotter, Ward 15; John L. Fitzgerald, Ward 17; Herbert N. Stone, Ward 18; Stephen G. Allen, Ward 8; David A. Brooks, Ward 21; John Gallivan, Ward 4; Frank M. Macomber, Ward 8; John D. Jones, Ward 24; James F. Marshall, Ward 18; Thomas F. McNamara, Ward 21; Moses I. Dangel, Ward 21.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, January Sitting, to appear February 18, 1918:

Frederick W. A. Gilcher, Ward 22; Charles H. White, Ward 3; John A. Costello, Ward 14; Harold Ridgway, Ward 20; James H. Foley, Ward 3; Archibald F. Hall, Ward 19; Arthur E. Messer, Ward 1; Anton A. Lehr, Ward 15; Joseph M. Brophy, Ward 17; Otis W. Bramhall, Ward 12; Michele Roselli, Ward 5; William B. Brooks, Ward 19; Henry T. Allchin, Ward 15; Carlo C. Davis, Ward 7; Matthias P. F. Brandley, Ward 15; Louis Schmitt, Ward 11; Edward F. Donovan, Ward 3; George H. Johnson, Ward 22;



James C. Collins, Ward 3; James W. Sullivan, Ward 10; Cornelius F. Ryan, Ward 10; Merchant E. Philbrick, Ward 7; Frank J. Harris, Ward 17; Jeremiah Lynch, Ward 13; Albert J. Kutz, Ward 15; George H. R. Bailey, Ward 19; Eldon A. Clark, Ward 20; William F. Scanlon, Ward 19; John J. Harvey, Ward 3; George Crouch, Ward 23; Michele Russo, Ward 5; Daniel J. McCarthy, Ward 11; Nicholas R. Singler, Ward 20; Frank Cunio, Ward 21; William McIsaac, Ward 5; John E. Holt, Ward 21; Genaro Burzillo, Ward 5; Finizio Sarni, Ward 13; Joseph A. Tambo, Ward 23; Alexander M. Hall, Ward 25; J. Lodge Eddy, Ward 20; Frank A. Best, Ward 16; J. Melville Haynes, Ward 20; James Gleasoe, Ward 9.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, January Sitting, to appear February 18, 1918:

John J. Ready, Ward 26; Thomas J. Fitzgerald, Ward 11; Edgar S. Tasker, Ward 16; Edwin Morris, Ward 4; Thomas Bell, Ward 22; John W. Nestor, Ward 24; Jacob B. Webster, Ward 24; Nathan Adlow, Ward 16; William J. Walsh, Ward 26; James A. Fitzgerald, Ward 22; John P. Brown, Ward 22; Edwin H. Young, Ward 20; William O. Morse, Ward 19; Alfred A. Hayes, Ward 10; Michael McShane, Ward 14; Lewis J. Flint, Ward 9; Walter A. McNeil, Ward 21; Thomas E. Coughlin, Ward 9; Andrew Karklin, Ward 23; Joseph P. O'Brien, Ward 14; William G. French, Ward 23; Henry Dellafield, Ward 7; John S. Fernald, Ward 14; Joseph S. Ring, Ward 10; Michael H. McGrath, Ward 20; Henry E. Wayne, Ward 26; Leo Mentz, Ward 17; Arthur C. Dunn, Ward 20; James E. McCafferty, Jr., Ward 22; Louis H. Ogden, Ward 18; Richard B. Hobart, Ward 8; Thomas R. Young, Ward 12; Emery W. W. Stewart, Ward 25; Peter Meade, Ward 18; Benjamin G. Bates, Ward 14; G. Warren Hayward, Ward 20; Colin J. Campbell, Ward 12; Charles F. Cahill, Ward 6; Bernard G. Krug, Ward 22; Fred Curtis, Ward 7; Joseph A. Becker, Ward 12; Rudolf Weber, Ward 23; Henry G. Leland, Ward 1; Herbert L. Darling, Ward 24.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, January Sitting, to appear February 18, 1918:

Francis J. McCarthy, Ward 9; John H. Conway, Ward 5; Thomas P. Higgins, Ward 11; Albert L. Curtis, Ward 7; Walter F. Dempsey, Ward 16; Charles P. Randall, Ward 23; Emil W. Keene, Ward 23; Henry McIntosh, Ward 8; William E. Rich, Ward 19; Arthur L. Wall, Ward 18; John J. Fay, Ward 19; Edward A. Fillebrown, Ward 23; William J. Pricc, Ward 18; Frederick J. Moffat, Ward 19; George F. Frizzell, Ward 10; Michael J. Leahy, Ward 4; Gustavus F. Alden, Ward 12; Henry Lesser, Ward 19; Michael M. Gleason, Ward 10; Frederick W. Farwell, Ward 11; Chester B. Campbell, Ward 23; Alexander R. Pennie, Ward 6; John J. Smith, Ward 23; Samuel J. Rantin, Ward 22; James A. Burley, Ward 11; George C. Wiley, Ward 11; Matthew N. Rogers, Ward 4; James J. Lanigan, Ward 6; Everett P. Jacobs, Ward 25; Benjamin F. Levy, Ward 25; Frederick H. Dickenscheid, Ward 10; Thomas F. Kelley, Ward 21; John P. McLaughlin, Ward 20; Harry H. Shuman, Ward 6; William P. Daniels, Ward 8; Hugh J. C. Burns, Ward 12; Daniel Gilmore, Ward 5; Charles E. Stephenson, Ward 19; Gustaf E. Holmberg, Ward 17; Charles W. Carter, Ward 13; Frank X. Zenner, Ward 2; Richard Maguire, Ward 19; Arthur W. Smith, Jr., Ward 16; Timothy A. Donohue, Ward 20.

Forty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, January Sitting, to appear February 18, 1918:

Dennis J. Sullivan, Ward 10; Albert R. Daloz, Ward 17; Fred E. Parks, Ward 16; Joseph A. Hoepfner, Ward 15; Joseph T. Berghaus, Ward 15; Franklin F. Raymond, Ward 8; Fred E. Holmberg, Ward 23; John P. Wickham, Ward 10; Daniel J. Carmody, Ward 9; Bernard W. Ratinag, Ward 14; Frank W. Henderson, Ward 22; Elmer R. Oakes, Ward 7; William H. Ewell, Ward 21; F. Alfred Herendeen, Ward 14; Edward J. Curtin, Ward 19; Augustine W. Kinahan, Ward 22; Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Ward 25; John M. McDonald, Ward 11; Michele A. Minimo, Ward 5; William E. Pike, Ward 26; John W. Publicover, Ward 16; Leonard F. Burns, Ward 15; Patrick J. Gateley, Ward 22; John F. Boland, Ward 9; Henry J. Howe, Ward 18; George I. Lyon, Ward 7; Edward L. Cauley, Ward 19; Constant C. Webber,

Ward 2; William L. Cahalan, Ward 19; Albert M. Johnson, Ward 15; Frank W. Philbrick, Ward 10; John T. Shinnors, Ward 17; James W. Allen, Ward 11; John J. Sweeney, Ward 17; John F. Thornton, Ward 10; Frederick J. Bradlee, Ward 8; Michael A. Coughlin, Ward 22; Domenico DeStefano, Ward 21; Dennis Keith, Ward 3; John Higgins, Ward 24; James F. Kimball, Ward 20; Samuel Landsberg, Ward 16; Harry D. Delano, Ward 8; Charles A. Schröder, Ward 14.

#### MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WARD 5.

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1918.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith report received from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to site for municipal building, containing wardrobe, gymnasium, baths and library, in Ward 5.

Respectfully,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department,  
January 14, 1918.

To the Honorable the Mayor:

I return herewith order of the City Council passed at its meeting of January 7, 1918, relative to sites for new municipal building in Ward 5, and, as requested therein, beg to forward copy of report of an investigation made by Messrs. Joseph A. Rourke, John E. Carty and John M. Shea, three engineers of this department.

Yours respectfully,  
E. F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

January 19, 1918.

Mr. Edward F. Murphy,  
Commissioner of Public Works:

Dear Sir,—We have made a study of the land owned by the city at Fruit and North Grove streets, with a view to setting aside a sufficient area on which a municipal building could be erected. This land is utilized chiefly by the Street Cleaning and Sanitary Service for stables, sheds, blacksmith's shop and storage yards for wagons, etc. There is also a substantial brick building occupied by the Board of Health in which is also located the morgue. The total area occupied by the Street Cleaning and Sanitary Service is about 41,500 square feet; by the Board of Health, 2,700 square feet, and by the morgue, 800 square feet.

The first floor of the Board of Health building is used for a garage for six automobiles and the office of the Superintendent of Peddlers. On the second floor is an office and room for supplies, nine stalls for horses (which have not been occupied for some time) and a space about 12 feet square occupied by the morgue. The top floor is used to store oils and other materials and a large number of old books and records which could be filed in a tenth of the space occupied by them at present. It is probable that some of the books could be destroyed. Not more than one quarter of the floor space on the second and third floors of this building is occupied, and it is evident that the building is not utilized to good advantage.

For the purpose of a municipal building with baths and gymnasium, the present structure could not be adapted without considerable expense in reconstruction and enlarging by building over the Public Works Department property, as the part occupied by the Board of Health is too small for such purposes.

The Board of Health also occupies premises on Blossom street covering an area of 4,000 square feet, on which is a one-story building with basement. There is one desk in the basement, some settees and a heater; on the street floor, which consists of one large hall, are seven desks, a table and a stage. These desks are used by the Board of Health, Milk and Baby Hygiene, Associated Charities, District Nurse Association, Mothers' Club and Municipal League. There are clinics held in this building once a week, some in the basement and some on the first floor, and the basement is also used for a milk station for babies. So far as we have been able to ascertain, not more than one fifth of the floor space has ever been occupied. Plans have been prepared for alterations in the

Blossom street building which provide a gymnasium and baths at an estimated cost of \$40,000, and it is thought that by the addition of another story a wardroom could be provided at an increased cost of \$20,000, or a total of \$60,000. Further architectural studies may show, however, that the basement could be utilized for showers and lockers, in which case the expense may be reduced by \$15,000, so that we would have a municipal building with baths, gymnasium and wardroom at a probable expenditure of \$45,000.

From an economical standpoint we believe that it is preferable to utilize the Blossom street location as a site for a municipal building rather than that of North Grove street. We see no reason why the wardroom in the proposed municipal building, at its completion, could not be used for the same purposes as the existing Blossom street building is used at present provided proper cooperation is established between the various organizations and departments utilizing the building. A similar condition to that proposed is working out satisfactorily in Charlestown, we understand. Pending the reconstruction of the Blossom street building as suggested, temporary quarters could be found elsewhere, perhaps in a schoolhouse, for the activities now accommodated there.

Yours respectfully,  
 JOSEPH A. ROURKE,  
 JOHN E. CARTY,  
 JOHN M. SHEA,  
 Efficiency Commission.

Placed on file.

**COST OF CONVENIENCE STATION,  
 DUDLEY STREET.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
 Office of the Mayor, January 28, 1918.  
 To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Health Department in reply to the order recently passed by your honorable body, which is respectfully referred for consideration.

Respectfully,  
 JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
 Health Department, January 28, 1918.  
 Hon. James M. Curley,  
 Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In reply to the order of the Boston City Council for an estimate of the cost of a public convenience station at or near the surface entrance of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Dudley street, Roxbury, would state that the estimate must depend on the size of the lot and building, style of architecture and kind of construction. In addition to this must be considered the increased cost in labor and materials. The convenience stations built by this department four and five years ago cost, above ground, as follows:

Dover Street Station.....	\$13,872 80
Dorchester Avenue Station.....	9,426 20
Columbia Road Station.....	11,311 97
Mattapan Station.....	10,096 50
Roxbury Station.....	8,652 64

Yours respectfully,  
 F. X. MAHONEY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

**SALE OF CITY LAND, NORWAY STREET.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
 Office of the Mayor, January 28, 1918.  
 To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communication from the Board of Street Commissioners and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,  
 JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
 Street Laying-Out Department,  
 January 26, 1918.  
 Hon. James M. Curley,  
 Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—In the proposed development of the territory in front of the Christian Science Church,

Back Bay, it will be necessary for the city to discontinue that part of Norway street lying between Falmouth street and Huntington avenue and to extend Dalton street from Falmouth street to Huntington avenue.

As the city owns the fee of the land in this part of Norway street, and as this land is necessary to the Christian Science Church in its plans of development, a release of the land to the church will be necessary.

This part of Norway street was laid out in 1891. At that time the land in question was released to the city, the consideration being the laying out, construction and maintenance of the street.

In the proposed extension of Dalton street, the Christian Science Church authorities will give to the city a release of the land required for the extension; also a release of all damages that may be caused by the removal of buildings standing on the land necessary for the extension of this street. In other words, the city may make the extension of Dalton street without being required to pay for the land necessary for the street or for the buildings which will have to be removed.

Attached herewith is an order for the release of the Norway street land. It was prepared by the Law Department. The Shawmut Real Estate Trust, mentioned in the order, represents the Christian Science Church, being the body which holds the real estate of the church.

Very truly yours,  
 J. J. O'CALLAGHAN, Secretary.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the city, for a nominal consideration and in form satisfactory to the Law Department, to release and convey to Fred M. Lamson and Charles E. Lord, as they are trustees of the Shawmut Real Estate Trust under an agreement and declaration of trust dated June 16, 1914, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 3821, page 427, all the right, title and interest of the city acquired under and by virtue of a deed dated December 10, 1890, and recorded with said deeds, Book 2035, page 611, or however otherwise acquired, in and to so much of Norway street, now or formerly so called, in said city as lies between Huntington avenue and Falmouth street, also to release and convey all rights of sloping or banking the filling for grading said Norway street as set forth in said last mentioned deed.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

**Claims.**

Robert L. Barrett, for compensation for damage to automobile because of a trench in Chestnut Hill avenue.

James T. Coulter, for compensation for damages at 215 West Selden street by the construction of sidewalks.

May B. DeMerritt, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall at 63 Lexington street, East Boston.

Elizabeth A. Garrity, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 831 Shawmut avenue.

Horatio N. Hardy, to be repaid expense incurred on account of gypsy moth assessment on estate on Baldwin street, Hyde Park.

Julius Hecht, for compensation for damages at 2 Davis court.

Daniel J. Kelley and Marie Higgins, for a hearing on their claim for damages at 52 and 54 Irving street.

Aubin J. Horton, for compensation for damage to automobile by a cart of the Street Cleaning Service.

William F. Murray, Postmaster, for compensation for damage to a government-owned automobile by a wagon of the Sanitary Service.

W. L. Rollins, for compensation for damage to automobile by a defect in Dorchester avenue.

Peter L. Swenson, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Batterymarch street.

Mrs. E. B. Robey, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Glenville avenue, Brighton.



## STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, viz.:

Robert Hamilton, keeping and sale of gasoline, 181 Bowdoin street, Dorchester.

Police Commissioner, keeping of gasoline, Station 16, Boylston street.

Police Commissioner, keeping of gasoline, 17 Dickens street, Dorchester.

Justin M. Tibbetts, keeping of gasoline, 62 Sawyer avenue, Dorchester.

James W. Sutherland, keeping of gasoline, 247 Temple street, West Roxbury.

Bay State Belting Company, keeping and sale of gasoline, 122 West First street, South Boston.

Placed on file.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor sent notice of the following appointments, certified copies of the same having been sent to the Civil Service Commission, viz.:

Richard J. Shaw, Schoolhouse Commissioner.

Dr. Timothy J. Murphy, City Hospital Trustee.

Joseph P. O'Connell, Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Placed on file.

## RAILROAD POLICE.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad that Arthur G. Boylan and two others, formerly employed as railroad police officers, are no longer serving in that capacity.

Notice was received by the City Clerk from the Boston Elevated Railway Company that William Alexander and many others are no longer required as street railway police officers.

Placed on file.

## SIDEWALK SCHEDULE.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works giving the cost of sidewalk construction on Richmond street, Ward 20, from Dorchester avenue to Adams street; River street, Ward 24; Edison green, Ward 20; Adams street, Ward 20, between Codman street and Richmond street—and recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the persons named in the foregoing schedules be and the same are hereby assessed the amounts set against their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of sidewalk construction on the above-named streets, along their estates bordering thereon, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties as aforesaid, the total amount being \$4,211.77.

The order was passed.

## CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE called up unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2, viz.:

Actier *et al.* appointments submitted by the Mayor January 21, 1918, viz.:

1. James Moynihan, to be a Weigher of Coal and a Measurer of Wood and Bark.

2. Charles J. Sullivan, to be a Weigher of Goods for the Submarine Signal Company.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Collins and Ford. Whole number of ballots east 8, yeas 8, and the appointments were confirmed.

## CLAIMS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports on petitions for compensation for damages, personal and property—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw (said action being recommended by the Law Department), viz.:

Mrs. Emma Hammell (referred August 16), for damages at 19 Canfield street by overflow of sewer.

James S. Hanlon (referred February 12), for injuries received on the premises of the William E. Endicott School.

Daniel F. Holland (referred March 19), for damages at 578 Canterbury street by earth thrown on his land.

Ellen L. Hickey (referred March 5), for damages at 1187 Dorchester avenue by backing up of sewage.

Lottie M. Higgins (referred 1916), for damages at 1023 Hyde Park avenue by stopping up of main sewer.

Mrs. Mary E. Holm (referred February 3), for injuries caused by a defect in street crossing at Dearborn and Dudley streets.

Rose Hopkins (referred July 23), for damages to clothing by water from fountain on Boston Common.

Eugene A. Houghton (referred April 9), for injuries from a projecting hose connection in Washington street, between Hanover and Elm streets.

Charles H. Howard (referred June 11), for injuries received at the Rutherford Avenue Playground.

A. Hughes (referred October 8), for damages at 21 Delle avenue by water and blasting.

James W. Hunter (referred January 8), for injury to his son by a defect in street near 12 Renfrew street.

Bessie Janiger (referred October 8), for injuries caused by a fall at 21 Tremont street.

Bessie Janiger (referred September 10), for injuries on account of a defect in the highway.

David Johnson (referred July 23), for injuries caused by a loose plank on Dover Street Bridge.

Johnson Educator Food Company (referred August 16), for damages by backing up of sewer in the building of said company.

Mrs. Roy Kabler (referred February 26), for injuries received from a fall at 15 Sprung street.

Isaac I. Katz (referred June 25), for damages caused by overflow of basin at corner Pleasant street and Shawmut avenue.

William Kelleher (referred March 26), for injuries received from an accident on Shawmut avenue.

William Kelley (referred September 10), for injuries from fall at Hyde Park avenue and Tower street.

Mrs. Kimball (referred August 16), for damages at 42 Erie street by overflow of surface water.

James A. King (referred April 16), that the city pay for entrance into his private drain at Dunbar avenue.

E. Kirsten (referred July 9), for injuries caused by a city watering cart.

Peter F. Leary (referred August 6), for money and property lost at City Hospital.

Carl Lehn (referred September 10), to be paid amount of money taken from him when a patient at City Hospital.

Ethel Levyarta (referred last year), for injuries caused by defect in Salem street.

Mrs. Morris Levy (referred March 19), for injuries from fall at 32 Savin street.

Maria E. Linnane (referred April 9), for injuries received from fall at 103 Green street, Jamaica Plain.

Thomas Louder (referred May 28), for injuries caused by an automobile of the Police Department.

Charles E. McCarthy (referred 1916), for injuries to his daughter by fall at the Charles C. Perkins School.

Mary S. McCarthy (referred June 11), for injuries caused by fall on Broadway.

William McCarthy (referred September 10), for injuries caused by broken glass on beach at City Point.

Joseph McDermott (referred August 6), for clothing torn by projecting wire at Franklin Park.

Donald MacDonald (referred June 11), for injuries received in park at Charlestown Heights.

John McGilvray (referred June 11), for personal injury caused by defect in Bowdoin square.

Anna MacKenzie (referred September 24), for injuries received from a fall at City Hall.

Ellen McLaughlin *et al.* (referred last year), for damage to property at 26 Highland Park avenue by overflow of sewer.

M. A. Maraghy (referred April 30), for clothing of her child lost at Municipal Bathhouse, Lexington and Bunker Hill streets.

Max H. Monks (referred June 25), for damage to automobile by car on Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Mrs. A. Montieth (referred April 30), for hearing on claim on account of injuries caused by defect in Harvard avenue.



George W. Morse (referred 1915), for damage to automobile by a defect in Columbus avenue.

George H. Mortimer (referred June 11), for injury caused by a city automobile on Washington street, near Market street, Brighton.

Mrs. F. Muller (referred July 25), for injuries received by son in the Florence Street School.

Bridget Murphy (referred June 25), for injuries received from a fall on Dorchester street.

Agnes Murphy (referred 1916), for injuries received and damage to clothing by defect at 5 Dillway street.

Edward T. Murphy (referred May 14), for damage to automobile by defect on Blue Hill avenue.

William E. Murphy, Jr. (referred April 23), for injuries received at No. 15 Boston street.

George M. Nay, Admr. (referred 1915), for damage to 140 High street, Charlestown, by a defective sewer.

New England Cement and Gun Company (referred February 19), for settlement of case of Florence Kanavors against said company while doing work for the city.

Thomas R. Neath (referred March 5), for damage to automobile by a city team.

Michael Nieastro (referred 1916), for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 5 and 7 Savin Hill avenue.

Carl Nilson (referred August 6), for injuries by rope stretched across the Arborway.

Julia Nolan (referred September 10), for compensation for damage to clothing by street mud and oil.

May C. Norton (referred July 9), for damage caused by shutting off water at 77 Summer street, Dorchester.

Mary O'Brien (referred May 28), for hearing on claim for injuries received April 9, 1917.

Thomas J. O'Grady (referred April 9), for damages at 35 and 37 Woodcliff street by a defective sewer.

Eli Olitzsky (referred June 11), for damage to automobile by a city wagon.

Ellen O'Neill (referred March 5), for ash barrels broken by city employees.

Mary E. O'Neill (referred April 16), for injuries caused by a defect in Ferdinand street.

Margaret A. O'Reilly (referred last year), for awning at 88 Draper street, burned by a steam roller.

Paine Furniture Company (referred 1915), for damage to auto caused by alleged defect in Hutchins street.

Harry J. Paine (referred September 10), for injuries from fall at 2 Union street.

Maria L. Palladino (referred May 28), for damage to fence at 51 Gladstone street when sidewalk was laid.

Cecilia Parker (referred June 1), for injuries caused by a fall at 143 Norwell street, Dorchester.

Edna May Pauley (referred September 10), for injuries received in playground of Dudley School.

Lorenzo W. Pedruzzi (referred August 6), for damage to automobile caused by being run into by city ash cart.

Walter Pickford (referred September 10), for damage to automobile by a city team.

Rubin Porter (referred June 25), for injuries received at the City Hospital.

Agnes J. Powers (referred May 28), for damages by water.

Henrietta M. Randolph (referred February 19), for injuries received on Westland avenue.

David J. Reardon (referred May 14), for injuries caused by a bulletin board falling from voting booth on Sprague street, Charlestown.

Joseph Reardon (referred April 9), for injuries received from a fall at 156 and 158 Westville street.

Rose Reni (referred September 10), for clothing taken from her locker at the North End Park.

Mrs. Katherine Reed (referred April 16), for clothing damaged on a post hydrant on Boston Common.

Eva Rice (referred September 24), for a hearing on her claim on account of injuries from a fall on Sherman street, Roxbury.

Margaret J. Rice (referred April 9), for injuries received from a fall on Dorchester avenue at Fields Corner, under the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Bridge.

Sarah Rice (referred April 30), for injuries caused by a fall at 306 Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Giuseppe Ringoli (referred July 23), for property stolen from locker at North End Park.

Mrs. Charles Robertson (referred September 24), for injury to her child while on city property.

Carmello and Mary Romano (referred September 24), for damages to 69 Webster street, East Boston, by flooding.

Michael S. Rosenbaum (referred June 25), for damages by overflow of basin at corner Pleasant street and Shawmut avenue.

Philip Romano (referred August 6), for loss of money checked at the North End Park.

Jacob Rosenfield (referred last year), to be paid rent due for premises on Columbia road, corner H street, occupied by the Paving Service.

Ross Tow Boat Company (referred last year), to be paid balance of amount due for towing floats for the Park and Recreation Department.

Ross Tow Boat Company (referred last year), for expense incurred on account of damages and delays at drawbridge.

Mrs. Fannie Rubin (referred September 24), for injuries received from fall at 82 Phillips street.

Michael Ryan (referred April 9), for clothing lost while a patient at the City Hospital.

Rose Rutstein (referred last year), for damages by overflow of defective water pipe at 180 Chambers street.

Reports severally accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

MONEY FOR REPAIR OF BROADWAY BRIDGE.

Coun. FORD offered an order—That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide in his budget estimate an item for the repair of the Broadway Bridge.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I wish to say just a word about the history of this whole situation. The Council will remember that at one time there was an order introduced to borrow this money, \$50,000, for the repair of the bridge, but some members of the Council, which defeated the proposition, took the position that the money should have come out of maintenance. I know I was one of those men who voted against borrowing the money. I then introduced an order that the Mayor should send in a sum sufficient for the appropriation, the money to be charged to revenue or maintenance. But that was never done. The Broadway Bridge, so called, needs repair. The Council appointed a committee of two, Coun. Attridge and myself, to wait upon the Public Service Commission and favor the placing of car tracks on Pleasant street. We did so, and the Public Service Commission ordered the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place the tracks on Pleasant street. The Elevated Company did nothing about placing the tracks there, and I understand that proceedings are now being instituted by the Attorney General to compel the Boston Elevated Railway Company to put the tracks on Pleasant street. It will have as an excuse for not putting the tracks on Pleasant street, as this Council has favored and recommended, the fact that Broadway Bridge has not been repaired and that heavy cars cannot run over it. Some of the members of the Council previously took the position that this was almost an emergency measure and on that ground voted for the bond issue, although other members took the other view. I now introduce this order so that the Commissioner of Public Works may be reminded that it is a necessary matter and that the appropriation should come in his budget to the City Council.

The order was passed.

SALE OF VEGETABLES, DEER ISLAND.

Coun. HAGAN offered an order—That the Commissioner of Penal Institutions be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council what price was obtained for the potatoes and turnips that were ordered to be sold at public sale at the last meeting of the City Council.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, the object of the order is to ascertain the facts. An innocent order was presented here to the City Council last week, which we passed, authorizing the Commissioner of Penal Institutions to sell an accumulation of potatoes and turnips which he had on hand and which the institutions evidently had no use for. It has been brought to my attention upon what I believe to be competent and reliable authority—and I would like to get the facts from some official

source—that a thousand bushels of potatoes that were grown at Long Island and some tons of turnips have been neglected and are badly frozen, practically worthless, fit only for fodder for pigs. If that is so, at a time when the spirit of conservation is in the air and when the inmates of the Penal Institutions Department and of the public institutions could readily use that food to splendid advantage, it seems to me that it shows gross neglect. I repeat, I am told that that is the fact, that a thousand bushels of potatoes and many tons of turnips have been frozen. I want to ask the question direct, through the Mayor, from the Penal Institutions Department, so that we may get the cold facts.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I move that the order be sent to the Executive Committee, and we can send to the Penal Institutions Department and get the information today, instead of sending the order to the Mayor.

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

#### RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.50 p. m., on motion of Coun. ATTRIDGE, to take recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President BALLANTYNE at 4.37 p. m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Report on order (referred today) concerning price received for sale of vegetables at Deer Island—that no further action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(2) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 21) that the Committee on Public Safety be authorized to expend not in excess of \$1,000 for equipment for officers of the South Boston State Guard companies—that the order ought not to pass.

Report accepted; said order rejected.

#### FINANCE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 14) for loan of \$125,000 for Police Station 17—that the order ought not to pass, without prejudice.

Report accepted; order rejected.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 21) for loan of \$125,000 for police station, Hyde Park—that the order ought not to pass, without prejudice.

Report accepted; order rejected.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF POLICE STATION

##### NO. 18.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$125,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the construction of Police Station No. 18 at Hyde Park, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### NEW POLICE STATION, METROPOLITAN AVENUE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the sum of \$125,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the construction and completion of a new police station on the site of the old water power station at Washington street and Metropolitan avenue, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### COUNTY JAIL AND SHERIFF'S HOUSE.

Coun. FORD called up unfinished business, No. 3, viz.:

3. Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the purposes named, and that to meet 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, viz.:

Construction of hospital at Suffolk County Jail..... \$132,500 00  
Construction of sheriff's house at Suffolk County Jail..... 17,500 00

On January 7, 1918, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 6, nays 0.

The question came on the final reading and passage of the order.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, I shall move that No. 3 on the calendar be referred to the next city government, to give those who have any element of doubt existing in their minds ample opportunity for complete study and investigation. The motion to refer to the next City Council was declared carried.

Coun. FORD doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer to the next City Council was lost, yeas 3, nays 5:

Yeas—Coun. Attridge, Ballantyne, Hagan—3.  
Nays—Coun. Collins, Ford, McDonald, Watson, Wellington—5.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I am not going to talk long at this time, because we threshed the matter out at length in committee, but I think for purposes of the record I should say one or two things. When this matter first came into the Council plans and sketches were submitted, and the order, as the City Clerk has read it, was passed on January 7, 1918, after a discussion at that time. Then there came a discussion as to whether or not proper investigation had been made, followed by a request from the Finance Commission that a criminologist or penologist be appointed to examine the needs at the jail and report back to the City Council. I understood that the report of the man appointed was to be ready for today, and so I personally summoned Mr. John Koren, the International Prison Commissioner for the United States, to come before our committee today. I read in the *Post* that he had been appointed by the Finance Commission. The other proposition submitted by the Finance Commission to the Council was that this whole proposition should be approved by the director of the Bureau of Prisons. Last week, when the matter came up in the Executive Committee and when you yourself, Mr. President, made the suggestion that you would not be prepared to take any action until such approval was obtained, I submitted, and the plans were then shown to Mr. Cyrus B. Adams, the director of the Bureau of Prisons. The following letter, which has been received from Director Adams, I would like to have incorporated in the record:

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Bureau of Prisons,  
State House, Boston, January 24, 1918.  
Hon. John A. Keliher,  
Sheriff, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Sir.—The preliminary sketches of the proposed addition to and alterations in the Suffolk County Jail, Boston, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, have been approved by me.

Yours very truly,  
C. B. ADAMS, Director."

As to Mr. Koren, who was appointed by the Finance Commission to look into the situation, when I summoned him to come before the City Council this afternoon in Executive Committee I did not know whether his recommendation was going to be in favor of this project or against it. I think there was nobody, not even a member of the Finance Commission, who knew about that until Mr. Koren stated in Executive Committee just what his views of the whole situation were. Coun. Hagan said in Executive Committee that it might have been possible for the Hospital Trustees to approve this plan, but I said there, and I repeat here for purposes of the record, that the reason why the Finance Commission wanted the judgment of a criminologist



or penologist was that they felt that an expert should consider the whole situation. In other words, it was thought wise that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, Cyrus B. Adams, a well-known expert throughout the country, should pass on the matter as well as John Koren, who is the International Prison Commissioner for the United States. Mr. Koren has told us absolutely this afternoon that the situation should be met in the way proposed here, as far as the hospital is concerned, and he then said, in reference to the house, that it was necessary for the proper conduct of the whole institution that the sheriff, jailer or keeper should reside upon the premises,—and by law the sheriff is jailer of that particular institution, the Charles Street Jail. We heard Mr. Koren deal with every objection that was raised. You yourself, Mr. President, asked if it would not be better to spend \$25,000 at that particular institution now, and he said no, that it would be better to do the whole job, spending the amount of money asked for here. You asked him, Mr. President, if he was sitting as a member of the Council how he would vote upon the matter. I thought it was an embarrassing question to put to a man coming in in that way, but he said very fairly to you, "I would vote to grant all this money for the construction asked for at the Charles Street Jail." Every other objection raised by a member of the Council was answered by him, and in a reasonable manner. He said, speaking of the importance of the general proposition, that the need for action was immediate and would continually become more pressing. He said that people were being fed down there more or less like animals; that there should be improvements in the administration building, that the places where men were gathered together for recreation, religious and feeding purposes, were inadequate, that immediate improvement in hospital conditions was necessary, and that all parts of this proposition, to his mind, stood on all fours. I believe that every objection on the part of any member of the City Council was completely met; that every request for information has been complied with. The matter has been gone into fully. The sheriff has been here. He submitted his plans and sketches. Mr. Adams, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, has approved the plans. The most expert criminologist and penologist that this country can produce approves the proposition. He says the need is pressing, Mr. President. That is the situation,—the need is pressing. Men are fed down there like animals. I will say for purposes of the record that the answer to the suggestion that the Massachusetts General Hospital or the City Hospital can take care of these patients lies in the fact that the Massachusetts General Hospital will not take an alcoholic or drug patient, or a patient under guard, and it is, of course, evident that the City Hospital is too far removed. In other words, this is a humanitarian measure, one that demands immediate action. Public opinion demands that every member of the Council shall be placed on record upon this matter, and the objections, which have been fully met, should be placed to one side. We should be too big to be influenced by minor considerations here, Mr. President. We should try to act on this whole proposition on its merits. Not only has it had the high approval to which I have already referred, but Miss Florence Spooner, the president of the Massachusetts Prison Reform Association, has written letters indorsing it. This is our chance to do something for humanity.

Coun. HAGAN—Mr. President, one would think from the oratorical effort of our good friend Ford that a condition has developed at the Charles Street Jail within the last twenty-four or forty-eight hours that is abhorrent to us all. The condition there, however, is a condition that has existed over a long period of years. Committee after committee of the City Council has considered and has tried to remedy certain conditions there from a humanitarian standpoint for the benefit of the inmates. There is no question that something should be done. I believe hospital facilities should be provided at the Charles Street Jail. It is unfortunate that the present sheriff has, very slyly, in his nice, insidious way, coupled with a meritorious, humanitarian proposition, the real thing that prompts this measure, a home for Sheriff Kellher. That is really the object of the order, and the meritorious, humanitarian proposition is but an adjunct. This makes it a bit

embarrassing for me and others like me, who believe in the humanitarian aspect of the case and who want to do something for the inmates, to act. The inmates of the jail are, in the eyes of the law, innocent men, as I believe the law considers a man innocent until he is proven guilty; and certainly we should give them the very best accommodations possible. To that end I have advised in executive meeting that the city, when it does the job, do a good job; that we set our minds to work through the City Planning Board, or some other proper channel, towards the selection of a site and erection of a suitable jail at some time in the near future. Along that line I would very gladly join with the City Council of next year, having all these things in view. Having in mind all that our good friend Ford has stated, the fact remains that what it is proposed to do here would be neither more nor less than patchwork; that after you have spent the \$150,000 to remodel the present sheriff's house for hospital facilities and accommodations for the auditorium, which is undoubtedly needed, what you have accomplished is simply what is usually accomplished in dealing with an old house. You have made a makeshift job and have left undone much that has been brought to your attention as necessary to do. The bucket system now in the jail will still continue, with all its bad influence and unsanitary effect, and other things will not be right. The recreation grounds are limited and will still remain limited. In fact, they will be even more restricted, because of the fact that the sheriff's home is going to be put on a part of the ground. I am as ardently in favor as any member of this body of proper hospital facilities being afforded to the men there. My desire is second to that of no member for humane conditions for the inmates of the Charles Street Jail. But I certainly do resent those things being coupled here with the sheriff's house, which I believe is the real motive power which drives the humane thought behind the proposition before it. In my judgment, Mr. President, \$150,000 of the taxpayers' money is going to be frittered away unwisely here today on the ostensible, big, great, broad, generous ground of humanitarian purposes, and the \$150,000 is going to provide what is desired inadequately after the money is spent. I had, therefore, desired that the matter might be postponed for thoughtful consideration, to see if our minds could not find some common ground in a plan by which the objections to the present jail could be removed, besides providing hospital and other facilities that could be afforded to the inmates.

Coun. McDONALD—Mr. President, I had not proposed to say anything upon this matter, but when the gentleman preceding me, Coun. Hagan, says we are going to appropriate \$150,000 today unwisely, are going to squander the taxpayers' money, I don't think we should let that statement go unanswered. The gentleman listened to Mr. Koren, and neither he nor any other member of this Council will say that Mr. Koren is not an expert on prison matters. Mr. Koren said that the plans, as he saw them up in the sheriff's office, were ample for the needs of the Charles Street Jail, so far as hospital facilities were concerned. Mr. Koren spoke of conditions down there, the way that the male prisoners were compelled to eat, the antiquated methods that prevail, men eating in the same place where they use the buckets, out of an old, dirty, tin pan, and so on. Of course, when we go there on our visits, the place is cleaned and polished up. But he said the situation was disgraceful. Mr. Hagan says we are going to squander the money under this order. In view of the fact that the Director of Prisons in Massachusetts has passed upon and approved the plans, I don't see why it should be considered that the money is being unwisely spent. I am not a lawyer, but I have been told by a well known lawyer that the Director of Prisons for Massachusetts, Mr. Adams, will supervise the reconstruction of this hospital and the building of the sheriff's house. He will not only supervise it, but will insist on the building being done as he wants it done, both as regards building and reconstruction. The sheriff has nothing to do with it, other than seeing that the money is appropriated. But that is not the story here. The gentleman does not favor the expenditure of the \$150,000 under this order. Why not? He says he favors hospital facilities for prisoners down at Charles Street Jail, for those men down there awaiting trial. But the item he favors amounts to \$132,000, and he simply opposes the small item of \$17,000 for the sheriff's house. I understand that



that is the estimate on the house. The gentleman opposes that item, but favors the much bigger, broader proposition of moving the present Charles Street Jail out to West Roxbury, building an up-to-date, modern, sanitary jail and prison. If that is done, doesn't a house still have to be built for the sheriff, the keeper of the jail? He heard Mr. Koren say today that in every other large city of the country the keeper of the jail lives at the jail. He speaks about the house that is there being good enough for the late Sheriffs Quinn and Seavey and their families, and that, therefore, it ought to be good enough for Sheriff Keliher. That is true, and it would be good enough if they were not going to reconstruct their jail for hospital purposes. But how can the sheriff live there when that is done? The gentleman favors reconstructing the two buildings there for hospital facilities and for better congregating, eating and sanitary arrangements for the inmates, so that they may be treated in a more humane manner; but he says he does not favor building a house for the sheriff. He is going to take out of this the sheriff's house, saying that the present house was good enough for the other sheriffs and therefore should be good enough for Sheriff Keliher. Of course, that has nothing to do with the question here, because that house is to be taken away and used for other purposes. It is not a question of its being a good enough place to live. Now, the small part of this appropriation is represented by the proposed sheriff's house. Anybody will agree with me when I say that a house that could have been built for \$7,000 or \$8,000 a few years ago will cost \$15,000 or \$16,000 today. The sheriff has come in here and has said that he would be satisfied with an eight or nine room house, that that would be big enough for him. The acting chairman said he did not think so, but felt that a twelve or fifteen room house should be built for the purpose. Now, if we believe in the rest of the order, I do not see why we should not vote for the house. As far as the general merits of this order are concerned, those who are committed to the Charles Street Jail are not prisoners, in a sense. They are sent down there for trial, and they are not prisoners, not to be so treated until proven guilty. Certainly, if we believe in the humane side of the proposition and want to have the old sheriff's house reconstructed for hospital purposes, we should give the sheriff a house. Let us be fair. No matter what our feelings towards the sheriff are, we should vote for this whole proposition from a humane standpoint. But \$17,000 is represented by the sheriff's house, and he must certainly have a house to live in. Let us vote for the original proposition, making these desirable changes at the jail, and providing a place for the sheriff and his family to live.

Coun. FORD—Mr. President, I wish to say just a word in reply to Coun. Hagan's remarks. This proposition, as the council has said, is not a novel one. As I said the other day, Mr. President, you and other members of the Committee on Inspection of Prisons have recommended that similar action be taken in the past ten years. But Sheriff Keliher has been the first sheriff who has had the courage to go ahead with the matter from a constructive standpoint.

Coun. McDONALD—Three years ago.

Coun. FORD—I cannot call particular attention to any time, but the remark has been made,

and perhaps the President can tell us when the recommendation was made. I do not know myself, personally. But whether in a report or not, it has been recommended and talked about, and nobody has been more urgent in this direction, Mr. President, than you yourself. I think your interest in the matter has led the public to understand that a hospital is necessary at Charles Street Jail. Nobody I have talked with has said that a hospital is not necessary at Charles Street Jail. Any argument for delay now does not go to the merits of the proposition. You yourself, Mr. President, know what the situation is. You were one of the prime movers in this whole matter, and we are starting now to do the first constructive thing I know of to remedy existing defects. Let us do this now.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, just a word. I might be willing to delay action on this proposition if it were not for the statement made by Mr. John Koren today. He is undoubtedly an expert in penology and has made a fairly thorough investigation of the conditions at the jail, with particular reference to the necessity of a hospital there for the treatment of ill prisoners. He told us in committee that in the first three months of this year seventy-five inmates, sick people, those addicted to the drug habit, were treated for it and were without hospital facilities for treatment; that 1,200 prisoners addicted to the use of liquor had been in the jail in the first three months of this year, sick, and that there were no proper facilities for treating them. It also came under his observation yesterday, while there, that a prisoner was being treated in a cell. He was very ill. He had seven knife wounds and could not be removed from the institution and, nevertheless, he was being treated in a cell. He also told us that the methods of treatment of sick people at the Charles Street Jail were far behind the treatment accorded in any other jail or institution for criminals in the United States. I might be agreeable to the gentleman's proposition if I did not believe it meant the killing of the whole project. I believe in the humane treatment of prisoners, as well as others. They are not sent there to be persecuted or ill treated. They are sent there for the protection of society, that they may not bother society. But they should not be treated inhumanely, by reason of their lack of proper hospital facilities. Therefore, I intend to vote today for this proposition.

The order was passed, yeas 6, nays 1.

Yeas—Coun. Ballantyne, Collins, Ford, McDonald, Watson, Wellington—6.

Nays—Coun. Attridge—1.

Coun. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to ask the Chair if there is not some rule that compels a member to vote on a proposition that comes before us for vote when he is present.

President BALLANTYNE—The Chair would state that such a rule has never been enforced and that without the request of some member of the Council the Chair has no desire to enforce it at the present time.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Coun. WATSON, general reconsideration of all action taken today was refused.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. COLLINS, at 5.05 p. m., to meet on Saturday, February 2, at 11 a. m.

**CITY OF BOSTON.**

**Proceedings of City Council.**

Saturday, February 2, 1918.

Final meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at eleven o'clock a. m., Coun. BALLANTYNE, senior member, in the chair.

It was unanimously voted that Coun. Ballantyne be elected as President *pro tem*.

**ESTIMATED COST OF NEW FERRYBOAT.**

The following was received:

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor, February 2, 1918.  
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Your honorable body, under date of January 14, passed an order requesting an estimate as to the cost of a new ferryboat for the East Boston service, and I beg to submit herewith report of the Commissioner of Public Works relative thereto.

Respectfully yours,  
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Works Department, January 29, 1918.  
To the Honorable the Mayor:

Sir,—I return herewith order of the City Council, passed at its meeting of January 14, 1918, requesting an estimate of the cost of a new ferryboat for the East Boston service, to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

The estimated cost of a new boat will be about \$250,000 and the boat should be designed, if possible, to take four lines of vehicles instead of two, thus increasing the capacity from 25 to 30 per cent. In 1912 the "John H. Sullivan" was built at a cost of \$125,000, but owing to the increase in the price of labor and materials a new boat could not be built for less than about \$250,000.

In addition to building a new boat we are of the opinion that the "General Sumner," which was burned recently, should be repaired. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$65,000 and the work might be completed within six months from the time the contract would be awarded, whereas it might take a year and a half or two years to build the new boat.

Yours respectfully,  
EDWARD F. MURPHY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.  
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:

**Claims.**

Christina Cameron, for compensation for injuries caused by snow and ice at corner of Eliot and Washington streets.

Thomas A. Cullen, to be paid for damages to an ash barrel at 6 Evelyn street.

Elizabeth Denley, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 1991 Columbus avenue.

P. E. Wyman, to be paid for a garbage can at 28 Paul Gore street broken by city employees.

Mary Gannon, for compensation for damages at 73 Morris street, East Boston, by freezing and bursting of a water supply pipe.

Mrs. H. W. Hebb, for compensation for injuries from a fall on Cambridge street at Wilton street.

Walter H. Kelley, to be paid balance from tax sales of property in South Boston.

Charles MacKay, for compensation for injuries caused by his being knocked down by boys coasting on Cottage street, East Boston.

Orazio Pappias, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 20 Charter street.

Vincenzo Tortorezio, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 32 Charter street.

Elizabeth Rapper, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 57 Salem street.

B. Roberts, for compensation for damages by the shutting off of water at 12 Minot street, Boston.

Mrs. Katie Schapero, for compensation for injuries received from a fall at 6 Glenway street.

H. L. Stearns Desk Company, for compensation for damages by sewage at 87 Portland street.

Margaret Nolan, for compensation for damages at 131 I street, South Boston, by water.

Daniel Swaebe, for compensation for injuries caused by a defect in Day street.

Wolcott & Co., for refund of \$1.61 for refuse tickets returned.

David B. Simpson, to be paid for expense incurred and sickness of his children on account of bursting of a sewage pipe.

**Executive.**

Petition of Congregation Beth Hamedrash Hagadol for use of land on Centre street for cemetery purposes.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement, viz.:

Dorothy Carmen, Bloomfield Hall, February 8.  
Ruth B. Grew, Copley Theater, February 9.

**CONSTABLE'S BOND**

The City Treasurer submitted the constable's bond of the treasurer of the Social Law Library, after having duly approved of the same, said treasurer being Henry A. Wyman.

Approved by the City Council.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.**

Notice was received from the Mayor of the following appointments, viz.:

William J. Coreoran, as Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Clarence W. Rowley, Director of the Collateral Loan Company.

Dr. Peter J. Fleming, Consumptives' Hospital Trustee.

Placed on file.

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.**

Notice was received from the Civil Service Commission of approval of the following appointments of the Mayor, viz.:

Thomas H. Ratigan, Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Patrick A. Kearns, Consumptives' Hospital Trustee.

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**WITHDRAWAL OF APPOINTMENT.**

Notice was received from the Mayor of the withdrawal of Joseph P. O'Connell, appointee as Sinking Funds Commissioner.

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**SALARIES OF ROXBURY PROBATION OFFICERS.**

A communication was received from Albert E. Hayden, justice of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, fixing the salaries of probation officers in said court, to take effect February 1, 1918, viz.:

Joseph H. Keen, chief probation officer.....	\$2,400 00
Ulysses G. Varney, assistant probation officer.....	2,200 00
Edward A. Fallon, assistant probation officer.....	2,200 00
Mathew M. Leary, assistant probation officer.....	2,000 00
Celia S. Lappen, assistant probation officer.....	1,800 00

Referred to the Executive Committee.

## NOTICE OF TRACK LOCATION.

A copy of order was received from the Street Commissioners granting the West End Street Railway Company track location on Summer street, 502d location.

Placed on file.

## STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Notices were received of intention to continue the use of premises for explosives or inflammable fluids, as follows:

Boston & Albany Railroad Company, keeping and storage of hydrocarbon oil, as follows:

1. Immediately west of the stone pier of Albany Street Bridge, between passenger tracks and freight tracks of said company.

2. West of the Beacon Park roadmaster's (yardmaster's) office.

3. About 100 feet east of signal tower known as No. 9, near the bank of the Charles river at Cottage Farm.

4. At the west end of Huntington avenue freight yard near Dalton street.

5. West of Brookline junction signal tower, known as No. 8, about midway between main tracks and Highland circuit tracks.

6. Near the west end of vacant lot owned by said company between Ferdinand and Berkeley streets, on northerly side of tracks.

Estate of Henry P. Oakman, keeping of gasolene, 3 Oakman street.

Max B. Bloom, keeping and sale of gasolene, 193 Humboldt avenue.

Thorvald S. Ross, keeping of gasolene, 146 Forest Hills street.

William A. Paine, keeping of gasolene, 352 Newbury street.

Bridget Flynn, keeping and sale of gasolene, 152 Warren street, Allston.

Joseph W. Boshier, keeping of gasolene, 217 Neponset avenue.

E. A. Patch Company, Inc., keeping and sale of gasolene, 17 Ipswich street.

E. A. Patch Company, Inc., keeping and sale of gasolene, 2A St. Botolph street.

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## CLAIMS.

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report giving a list of all claims acted upon during the municipal year 1917—recommending that the same be printed as a city document (Document 117).

(The action on all claims was recommended by the Law Department.)

Report accepted; said document ordered printed.

Reports on petitions for compensation for damages, personal and property—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw (said action being recommended by the Law Department), viz:

Frank Anastasi (referred August 6), for damage to property 79 Dover street caused by breaking of water main.

Mildred Ashley (referred November 19), to be paid for a coat taken from locker in City Hall Annex.

Samuel J. Barron (referred September 10), for damages at 196 Huntington avenue by overflow of sewer.

Gideon Beck & Son (referred August 16), for damage to their premises by overflow of sewage.

Brophy-Barrabee Company (referred August 16), for damages by flooding by sewage of basement of building 46 Columbus avenue.

Louis Badaracco (referred August 6), for damage to automobile by collision with automobile of city.

Abraham Berg (referred September 24), for injuries because of a defect in Summer street.

Mrs. Thomas J. Barry (referred September 10), for damages at 70 Mayfield street by backing up of sewer.

Abraham M. Baltimore (referred April 25), for injuries caused by a defect in sidewalk at 166 Hanover street.

Allan Brown (referred June 25), for damages at 204 Dorchester avenue by fire apparatus.

Boston & Springfield Dispatch Company (referred October 22), to be refunded tax paid by said company in 1915 and 1916, levied on Timothy Shea, former owner of the business.

Brown-Wales Company (referred September 10), for damages to property on Westwood street by overflow of sewer manhole.

Denis F. Burke (referred June 25), for compensation for labor, etc.

Timothy F. Cadogen (referred September 10), for damages at 114 Winthrop street, Roxbury, by overflow of surface water.

A. J. Case (referred September 10), for damages at 696 Columbia road and at 16 Eastman street by backing up of sewage.

Central Branch of Socialist Party (referred July 23), for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

W. H. Cooper (referred October 8), for damages at 293 Northampton street by a city paper wagon backing into shop window.

John J. Connors, for damages at 37 Bexley road, Roslindale.

F. G. Carleton (referred November 1, 1915), for damages to auto received on the East Boston Ferry.

Frederick G. Cuzner (referred October 22), for damages at 38 and 39 Bexley road by overflow of Stony brook.

Patrick Cunningham (referred January 14), for injuries received from a fall in front of 6 Broadway, South Boston.

Frema R. Clark (referred September 24), for damage to clothing by water from a hose at fire station, Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Sophie Cohen (referred January 7, 1918), for injuries received from a fall on sidewalk in front of Roger Woleott School.

Jane F. Cadigan (referred December 20), for damage to estate corner Geneva avenue and Everton street caused by work done on the street.

Ernest W. Cranston (referred November 19), to be reimbursed for expense incurred on account of a defect in Cummington street.

W. P. Cotter (referred March 20), for damages at 46 Clarendon street by breaking of the sewer.

Mrs. W. B. Crocker (referred August 16), for damages at 569 Boylston street by backing up of sewage.

Cookson-Foresman Electric Company (referred November 5), for damage to automobile by Fire Department apparatus.

John A. Costello Company (referred September 10), for damages at 108 Water street by backing up of water and sewage.

Peter Cleary (referred April 17), for damages by sewage at 48 Conant street.

Mrs. Mary Connors (referred August 16), for damages at 42 Erie street by sewage.

Mary A. Cleveland (referred November 19), for injuries and other damages caused by a defect in highway, corner Commonwealth and Brighton avenues.

Elmer E. Chapman (referred September 10), for damage to automobile by a defect in Beacon street, opposite No. 175.

Michael F. Coffey (referred November 18), for compensation for damage to fence by a Fire Department truck.

John J. Cunningham (referred August 6), for damage to property 44 Sawyer avenue by backing up of sewer.

Della F. Cox (referred December 3), for loss sustained by a defective landing at Long Island.

Nora F. Crowley (referred October 8), for damages to 50 Pratt street because of a defective catch-basin.

Edward C. Connell (referred September 10), for damages at 136 and 138 Heath street caused by water backing up from sewer.

Frank E. Davis (referred July 23), for injuries received at Congress street drawbridge.

William P. Devins (referred January 22), for street improvements made by him at 17 Cottage side, now Dawes street.

Cornelius J. Desmond (referred October 8), for money paid on sewer damage at 123 Callender street.

Antonio DeVirgilio (referred October 22), for damages at 11 Fifth road by the overflow of Stony brook.

George E. Doane *et al.* (referred September 10), for damages at 195 Westville street by overflow of catch-basin.

Annie M. Driscoll (referred 1916), for injuries caused by a defect in sidewalk at 24 Melrose street.

George Ellis & Co. (referred December 28), for damages to truck by a city automobile.

Earles Forwarding Company (referred November 19), for damage to wagon by Ladder Truck No. 8.

A. Grace Ellis (referred December 3), for injuries



received because of a collision of an electric car and a team of the Sanitary Division.

Esthonian Branch (referred July 23) of the Socialist Party, for compensation for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

Katherine E. Farrell (referred 1916), for damages by defective sewer.

Martin A. Feeley (referred October 22), to be paid for extra work on his contract for painting at High School of Commerce.

Elias Fayad (referred October 22), for damages by water in basement at 57 Beach street.

Thomas J. Fitzgerald (referred August 6), for damage to property 757 Columbia road by backing up of sewer.

M. Finkovitch, Inc. (referred 1916), for damages at 138-144 Lincoln street by bursting of sewer or water pipe.

Finnish Workingmen's Association of Boston (referred July 23), for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

Bridget A. Foley (referred November 19), for damages at 10 Pond street by a defective sewer and catch-basin.

Michael J. and Catherine E. Fay (referred September 10), for damages at 163 West Fifth street, South Boston, by water and sewage.

Ernest Fitzgerald (referred 1916), for injuries received by being run over by a ladder truck.

Julia A. Finnegan (referred September 10), for damages at 76 Adams street, Dorchester, by water and sewage.

Bernard C. Gordon (referred August 6), for damage to automobile caused by an alleged defect in Stratton street.

John Gooden (referred September 24), for damages at 19 Cawfield street by backing up of sewage.

Elizabeth Goldstein (referred July 23), for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

Thomas Glennon (referred November 5), to be paid for articles taken from shanty on West Fourth street, South Boston.

Morris Ginsberg (referred December 3), for compensation for a bicycle demolished by an automobile of Institutions Registration Department.

Catherine Glavin (referred January 7, 1918), for injuries caused by a fall at 148 Athens street, South Boston.

Sam Goldman (referred August 16), for damages at 46 Brook street, East Boston, by being flooded with sewage.

Celia Gordon (referred August 6), for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Stratton street.

Mrs. Bridget Griffin (referred September 24), for damages to estate 23 Delle avenue by alleged negligence of city.

R. Sibley Harris (referred October 8), for injuries caused by falling over a piece of curbing at Upham's Corner.

Joseph F. Healy (referred September 24), for damages caused by an overflow of Stony brook.

Mrs. Alice Handley (referred 1916), for injuries caused by a nail in thoroughfare in Quincy Market.

Mrs. Helen Hennrikus (referred August 16), for a hearing on her claim for injuries received from a fall on Parker street.

Horace C. Howe (referred October 22), for damages at 37 and 38 Bexley road by overflow of Stony brook.

Elizabeth J. Hollis *et al.* (referred 1916), for damages at 69 Middle street by break in water pipe in Alger street.

Fred Hunnefeldt (referred August 16), for damages at 10 Amory terrace by sewage.

Catherine Hunt (referred July 23), for injuries from fall on Dorchester avenue.

Louis H. Jacobs (referred September 10), for damages at 57 Boylston street, Jamaica Plain, by backing up of water.

Charles Kimball (referred 1916), for injuries received on the South Ferry.

George W. Kimball (referred 1916), for damages to horse and pung on South Ferry.

A. W. Knight (referred December 28), for damage to wagon by Fire Department apparatus.

Lettish Branch No. 1 of Socialist Party (referred July 23), for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

Percy F. Lannon (referred 1915), for injuries caused by a defect in sidewalk.

Joseph Lancillo (referred August 16), for damages by backing up of sewage at 53 Chelsea street, East Boston.

Richard C. Lyon (referred December 20), to be paid for watch and money taken from his locker at Cabot street bath house.

Mrs. James Leonard (referred August 16), for damages by overflow of sewage at 12 Union avenue, Jamaica Plain.

Michael Mahoney (referred August 6), for damage to property at 31 Savin Hill avenue by backing up of sewer.

Mrs. Sarah McCarthy (referred September 10), for damage to property by backing up of sewer at 120 Adams street.

William F. McCarthy (referred August 16), for damages by backing up of sewage at 258 West Fourth street.

Miss Vandum MacFarlane (referred December 3), for injuries received from a fall on Dudley street.

Hannah B. McLaughlin (referred September 24), for damages at 28 Olmstead street by overflow of surface water.

Dennis C. Mahoney (referred June 11), to be refunded cost of cleaning sewer at 72 Decatur street, Charlestown.

John A. McCormick *et al.* (referred 1911), to be paid for damages to estate at 69 Middle street by breaking of a water main in Alger street, South Boston.

Merchants Fruit & Produce Company (referred November 5), for damages at basement 3 and 4 North Market street by break in water pipe.

John J. McCabe (referred December 20), for expense of repairing drain at 9 Westerly street, Jamaica Plain.

James McDermott (referred September 10), for damages at 140 D street, South Boston, by sewage.

Herbert J. McKay (referred December 28), for injuries received from a fall at Wyman School, Jamaica Plain.

Robert McCaffrey (referred September 24), for damages by water from sewage in cellars at 43, 47, 51, 63, 80 Bunker Hill street.

Jessie A. Moran (referred January 8), for injuries received because of a defect in Breck avenue, Brighton.

Milward & Stewart (referred January 24), for injury to horse on the South Ferry.

John J. McNamara (referred September 10), for damages to merchandise at 1630 Tremont street by water.

C. P. McCaffrey (referred July 9), for damage by sewage at 73 Albany street.

Michael Mullin (referred September 24), for damages at 16 Southwick street by surface water.

Walter S. Milliken (referred September 24), for damages at 1444 Columbus avenue caused by overflow of catch-basin.

F. Manning (referred September 24), for illness caused by being drenched with water from fire hose.

John C. Matthews (referred November 19), for damage to car by a Wire Department automobile.

Joseph Meirovitz (referred August 6), for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

Malden Branch of Socialist Party of Massachusetts (referred July 23), for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

James Manary (referred September 24), for damages at 36 P street by sewage.

A. Norton Company, Inc. (referred 1915), for injuries to horse because of a manhole in Gustin street, South Boston.

Mary L. McCool (referred December 20), for injuries received from falling over obstruction in path on Boston Common.

Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company (referred December 3), to be paid for lights of glass at 93 Oliver street broken by Fire Department apparatus.

Mrs. Annie J. Nagle (referred September 10), for damage by backing up of sewage at 1772 Columbia road.

Clara L. Newgroscbe (referred October 2), for damage to property at 67-75 Claxton street.

Mrs. Catherine Norton (referred November 5), for damages by overflow of Stony brook.

Patrick J. O'Neill (referred December 3), to be paid for dishes taken from premises at 21 Dorr street by employees of Sanitary Division.

Maurice O'Brien (referred September 10), for injuries caused by being struck by a ladder truck.

John O'Donnell (referred September 24), for damages because of defective sewer.

George B. Paddock (referred November 5), to be paid for dog killed by a Fire Department automobile.

Mrs. Emma Payne (referred September 10), for damage to estate at 504 Summer street by back flow of sewage.

Mrs. Hannah L. Perkins (referred January 1, 1918), for damage by backing up of sewage at 207 West Third street, South Boston.

Gaetano Praino (referred December 20), for damage to automobile by city cart of Sanitary Division.

Kathryn Prout (referred November 5), for damage to shoes by defect at 167 Washington street.

Mary Russell (referred November 19), for injuries caused by defect at 72 Main street, Charlestown.

Joseph Rosen (referred April 17), for damage at 2 Parkman street and 40 North Russell street by water from defective pipe.

Harry Rosen (referred September 24), for damages by shutting water off at 97 Ruggles street.

Elizabeth Romanow (referred September 10), for damages due to defective sewerage.

Jennie Salimini (referred April 16), for injuries received from a fall at 50 Battery street.

Sampson & Coleman (referred July 9), for damage to wagon by a Public Works Department cart.

Pasqualino Sarpi, for injuries on Prince street by a city horse and team.

Crociassa Savasto (referred April 16), for injuries received from a fall at 6 and 8 Greenough lane.

Louis Seience (referred February 3, 1917), for injuries received by a fall at 11 Albany street.

Annie E. Scott (referred July 23), for damage to property at 78 Auekland street by fire apparatus.

The T. A. Scott Company (referred May 28), for loss sustained because of breaking down of Meridian Street Bridge over Chelsea creek.

James Selden (referred January 29), for damage to auto caused by a lamp-post in roadway corner Walk Hill and Norfolk streets.

Thomas Sennott (referred January 22), for injuries received from a fall corner Milk and Washington streets.

Julia Sheedy (referred June 11), for injuries received from a fall on East Newton street.

Isabel Sheehan (referred August 16), for injuries received from stepping on broken glass at Savin Hill Beach.

Roland H. Sherman and William A. Lang, trustees (referred May 7), for damages at 193 and 195 West Canton street by sewer construction.

Charles Shields (referred September 10), for injuries received from a fall at Kilby and Milk streets.

E. J. Shiland (referred May 28), for damages sustained because of a defect in Beacon street near Chestnut Hill avenue.

Isaac Shindear (referred April 16), for injuries received from a fall at 40 Intervale st.

Barnet I. Siegel (referred July 23), for damage to automobile by fire apparatus.

Samuel Silbert (referred March 19), for injuries caused by a fall on Lynde street in front of branch library.

Lillian Silverman and Fanny Wilner (referred August 16), for damage to property at 17 Longfellow street.

Bertha Slessinger (referred February 19), for injuries caused by a fall on Warren street.

Hyman Slessinger (referred February 19), for expense incurred on account of accident to his wife Bertha.

Katherine M. Sullivan (referred May 28), for injuries caused by a fall in the public library on North Bennet street.

Bertha M. Smith (referred June 14), for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Tremont street.

H. P. Smith (referred June 1), for injuries caused by a defect at corner School and Tremont streets.

Joseph Snyder (referred August 16), for injuries received from falling into an excavation at 17 Dover street.

John Stanley (referred January 8, 1917), for injuries received by being run into by Fire Department apparatus.

Mrs. Rose Stevens (referred September 10), for damages at 17 Dover street by bursting of a water main.

Harry Stone (referred April 30), to be paid for a barrel of cut glass taken away by a city ash man.

William Steuper (referred February 19), for damages at 306 West Fourth street by a horse wagon.

George P. Sullivan (referred January 8, 1917), for damage to auto on the East Boston Ferry.

Israel W. Sunderland (referred July 23), for injuries to horse and damage to wagon on the East Boston Ferry.

Charles Struziery (referred October 22), for damage to auto by a defect in Boylston street near Tremont street.

Ralph Sacco (referred September 24), for damages by overflow of sewer.

William T. Sadlier (referred 1916), for damages at 34 Mystic street by construction of shut-off drain.

Helen P. Sweetser (referred 1916), for injuries caused by a defect in Ashmont street.

Harry M. Segal (referred December 3), for damages by Sanitary Department apparatus at Green street, Jamaica Plain.

Hyman Shapiro (referred November 19), for damages by defect in Lamartine street.

Robert A. Strong (referred January 8, 1917), for damage to automobile by defect in Breek avenue, Brighton.

A. Silverman (referred 1915), for damage to horse and wagon on East Boston Ferry.

State Executive Committee of Socialist Party (referred July 23), for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

Daniel and Catherine Shea (referred September 10), for damage by surface water at 213 West Fifth street.

Barnard Shore (referred November 8), for injuries received from a defect in highway at 778B Tremont street.

Samuel Tarplin (referred August 16), to be repaid fee for a permit to dig up street at 6 Bulfinch street, which permit was not used.

A. S. Titman (referred June 11), for damages at 14 Neptune road by stopping up of drain.

P. S. Titus (referred April 9), for damages to automobile by a defect in Blossom street.

C. S. Tobey (referred May 14), for compensation for damage to automobile by defect in Warren street.

Viola Tonnita (referred April 30), for injuries received from a fall at 85 Leverett street.

Henry O. Turner (referred April 16), for damages to automobile by a city ash team.

Julia B. Timmins (referred November 5), for damage at 48 Pratt street, Brighton, because of overflow of sewer.

Mary A. Trusty (referred August 6), to be repaid amount of water bill paid twice.

Joseph Vicario (referred July 9), for injuries from a fall on footbridge over Boston & Albany Railroad at Webster street, East Boston.

Agnes Wallace (referred May 28), for injuries from a fall on River street, Hyde Park.

Alice Wann (referred February 26), for injuries received from a fall in yard of the Marshall School.

C. Westergard & Co. (referred June 25), for compensation for damage to auto truck by a defect in Wilmington avenue.

Merton Hayes Wheelock, agent, for damages at 9-11 Baldwin place, Brighton, by a city ash team.

White Luneh Company (referred September 10), for damages by overflow of water in basement at 7 La Grange street.

Mary E. White (referred March 19), for damage to clothing torn on a garbage barrel on Beach street.

Nicholas Wilhelm (referred August 16), for damages by sewage at 22 Leroy street.

Annie C. Williams (referred June 11), for damage to clothing by a city watering cart.

Annie M. Wilbur for damages to premises at 34 Phillips street by a broken and leaking hydrant.

Ida Wiseman (referred July 9), for injuries from a fall at 334 Harrison avenue.

Jessie F. Wyman (referred August 6), for valuables stolen from locker at Tenean Beach.

St. Clair A. Wynot (referred August 6), for damage to property, 11 Eastman street, by backing up of sewer.

James H. White (referred August 16), for damage by sewage at 31 O street, South Boston.

Dora Weiner (referred September 10), for injuries received in front of 108 and 110 Homestead street.

James White (referred November 5), for damage at 7 Emmons street, East Boston, by surface water.

J. J. White (referred October 8), for damage to automobile by Fire Department apparatus.

Edward H. Whitney (referred September 24), for injuries from a fall at 1210 Dorchester avenue.

Tobias Wolbarst (referred November 5), for damage to auto and merchandise by Fire Department apparatus.

Workmen's Council of Greater Boston (referred July 23), for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

Young People's Socialist League of Boston



(referred July 23), for damage to property during alleged riot on July 1, 1917.

I. Young (referred June 25), for damages to automobile at a fire at the City Hospital.

Lottie Zerzsky (referred March 19), for injuries received from a fall at 43 Salem street.

Reports accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

COMMITTEE ON PRISONS-

Coun. BALLANTYNE, for the Committee on Prisons, submitted the following:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSTON ON INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

In City Council, February 2, 1918.

This report is made in accordance with the provisions of chapter 223 of the Revised Laws by the Committee on Prisons, which has attended to its duty and submits the following. The institutions reported on are the Suffolk County Jail on Charles street, the Suffolk School for Boys at Rainsford Island and the House of Correction at Deer Island.

Suffolk County Jail.

The jail was visited and inspected by the committee September 25, 1917, and January 10, 1918, in compliance with the law. Discipline is well maintained. Cleanliness prevailed in all parts of the institution and no complaints were made by inmates, with the exception of two men who have been detained for more than a year awaiting trial. The many recommendations made by the committee of 1916 for the consideration of the late Sheriff Quinn have been taken up by his successor, Sheriff Keliher, and will be fully carried out if the necessary money required to do the work is forthcoming.

Further improvements suggested by the sheriff and approved by the committee, and for which a special appropriation should be made, are the extension of the corridors of the east wing of the jail around the rear end so as to connect with the corridors on the north side of this wing and the removal of the boiler house away from the jail proper.

The improvement since last year in the medical service at the jail was noteworthy. We believe that to continue this good work the physician should reside in the institution.

Suffolk School for Boys.

The school was inspected on September 5, 1917 and January 17, 1918. The superintendent, Mr. Ryan, with the approval of the trustees, is doing everything possible for those under his care, so when they leave the school they may go out into the world and be good citizens. The Point Cottage used by the younger boys has been closed since the extreme cold weather began, owing to lack of coal. This should not continue any longer, as the dormitories used by the older boys are overcrowded. We find the suggestion of past committees has been heeded, relative to beautifying the land bordering on the playground by planting of trees, two hundred having been planted since last winter. The high pressure water service has been completed and new hydrants placed so as to combat fire in any building on the island, adding materially to the safety of the boys and instructors.

The committee recommends an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), which should be in the budget for 1918, to complete the building already started for a piggery and hen house.

Many of the boys of the school are being taught the trade of shoemaking, and when they have earned their merits and are released they can find employment readily. To encourage this work the committee recommends to the attention of the Overseers of the Poor for Boston that they should purchase from this industry at Rainsford Island rather than from outside sources. This suggestion applies to all city and county institutions and if they will place their orders with Superintendent Ryan it will mean conservation in price as well as encouragement to the young men at the school. The monthly publication, "The Leader," shows great improvement in the printing industry of the school and is a source of great interest to the classes learning the printing trade as well as to the parents of all the boys.

House of Correction.

Visited September 13, 1917, and January 17, 1918. The conditions at this institution relative to discipline and cleanliness, under the able management of Master James H. Burke, were excellent.

Every inmate who was questioned spoke of the master and his officers as being kind, and while enforcing the rules of the institutions they were treated like human beings.

The committee recommends the installation of a new boiler in the power house, as one of the three now there is out of commission.

In case of an accident or an emergency it is advisable to have an extra boiler for use. An appropriation in the budget for 1918 should be voted to re-roof the hospital buildings with metal shingles and the painting and whitewashing of the prison.

The committee appreciates the courtesy and assistance rendered in their inspection by Sheriff Keliher, Mr. O'Hare, chairman, and Superintendent Ryan of the Children's Institutions Department, Commissioner Shaw and Master Burke and their several assistants.

For the Committee,  
WALTER BALLANTYNE, Chairman.

(Annexed were various tables connected with the prison reports.)

The report was accepted and ordered printed as a city document.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Council voted at 11.46 a. m., on motion of Coun. COLLINS, to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by the President at 12.28 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. COLLINS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz.:

Dorothy Carmen, Bloomfield Hall, February 8.  
Ruth D. Grew, Copley Theater, February 9.

Reports accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on various papers—that no further action is necessary, viz.:

Boston Burial Society (referred August 6), for permission to use land on Baker street for burial purposes.

Communication from Health Department (referred August 6) concerning use of land for burial purposes on Baker street.

Petition of Florence G. Bailey *et al.* (referred August 6) for hearing relative to proposed burial ground on Baker street.

Order (referred December 20) relative to wages of lamplighters.

Petition of John D. Cashman (referred November 5) for establishing of a day nursery in East Boston district.

Message of Mayor (referred July 23) and papers relative to amendment to refuse contract.

Order (referred March 19) to accept chapter 140, Special Acts, 1917, relative to widow of John M. Conry.

Order and communication (referred March 19) for payment to widow of John M. Conry.

Reports severally accepted.

(3) Report on communication from justice of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District (referred today) relative to salaries of probation officers—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the annual compensation of probation officers of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury district of the City of Boston, as determined by the Chief Justice of said court, to take effect February 1, 1918, be and the same hereby are approved, viz.:

Joseph H. Keen.....	\$2,400 00
Ulysses C. Varney.....	2,200 00
Edward A. Fallou.....	2,200 00
Matthew M. Leary.....	2,000 00
Celia S. Lappen.....	1,800 00

Report accepted; order passed.



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the several committees of this City Council be referred to the City Council of 1918.

Passed.

## GROUP PICTURE OF COUNCIL.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered an order—That the City Messenger be directed to obtain a group picture of the members and officers of the City Council, and furnish a copy of same to each of such members and officers; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, B-37.

Passed.

## CHAIR FOR COUNCILOR BALLANTYNE.

Coun. ATTRIDGE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to sell to the members and officials of the City Council, for a nominal consideration, the chair occupied by Coun. Walter Ballantyne during his service in the City Council.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ATTRIDGE—Mr. President, I offer that order in behalf of the members of the Council, feeling that this chair, which can be purchased by the members and officials of the City Council, will be a souvenir and a remembrance to you of the many pleasant days which you have spent with the members of the City Council here prosecuting the city's business. You have had a long service, a long career, in municipal affairs in the City of Boston. You were in the old Board of Aldermen for two years, and upon the change in the city charter you were elected to the City Council, and you have served continuously and consecutively from 1908 in the Board of Alderman and City Council until the present day. You are leaving us today, the members who have been with you for many years, and I know that I voice the sentiment of all the members of the Council when I say that we hope that in that chair in which you have spent so many pleasant hours, in the future you will spend other pleasant hours. And I know I also voice their sentiment when I say that all of us wish that your health may be good in the days to come, and that when you do sit down at home in this chair that you will think of the members who have served so pleasantly with you.

The City Clerk put the motion for the passage of the order, which was passed by a unanimous rising vote.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—I thank you.

Coun. WATSON in the Chair.

## THANKS TO RETIRING PRESIDENT.

Coun. BALLANTYNE offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be extended to James J. Storrow for the impartiality and ability he has displayed as presiding officer for the municipal year 1917.

The question came on the passage of the resolve.

Coun. BALLANTYNE—Mr. President, in rising to move the adoption of this resolution I think that I but express the sentiment of all the members of this Council when I say that we regret very much that our president cannot be with us today. While we regret his absence, I think we all feel proud to have such a man as the presiding officer of this body, a man who has absented himself from this office a considerable time during the year 1917, but who has not alone absented himself from this office but from his own private business for the greater part of that year. And I say we feel proud to have such a man who has absented himself from this body and from his own private business, attending to the business of

humanity, to the business of his country. And I think that knowing, as we do, the great amount of work, the great amount of energy and talent that he has given to his country, it well repays us for taking care of him here; and I think that we all express the wish that Mr. Storrow may continue in good health and carry out the splendid work that the President of the United States and other officials have placed upon his shoulders. We feel confident that he is the right man in the right place, that he is doing splendid work for New England today and for the United States of America. I am not going to make a long speech but I am going to take this opportunity to say just a word or two. I am about to sever my connection with the Council today, as has been said by Coun. Attridge, after a long term of service, and that term of service has been to me a very pleasant term for the reason that I have met with many associates of the very highest type of American citizenship. I may say without fear of contradiction that in the ten years that I have been connected with this body and with the old Board of Aldermen I have never been treated in any but the most courteous manner by every one of my associates and by every official connected with the Board of Aldermen and the City Council. And while I am pleased to think that this is the day that I shall be relieved of the duty of the office—and I think that probably being relieved of the cares may be beneficial to my health in future years—I cannot help saying that I do regret the parting with all of my colleagues with whom I am at present associated, and to say that I have the same feeling for them that I have had for the many who have gone from this Board during my term of office,—and that is a feeling of the very highest regard. For the officials connected with the Board—and I am not going to go over all of them by name any more than I am with the members of the Council—for the officials connected with the Board I have nothing but words of praise for the very splendid way in which they have used me at all times. I have found them always most courteous—the representatives of the Police Department who have taken care of our door here, and the representatives of the Press. I am sure that during those ten years no man has been treated more courteously than I have been by the members of the Boston Press. I have never had fault to find with any criticism they have made of my acts. I realize that no man can serve the number of years that I have served in this body without making many mistakes. I have made mistakes,—we all do; but I have always tried to do what I considered the right thing by the greatest number of citizens of Boston. I may have been wrong many times, but in my judgment I have been right; and I have always exercised that which is termed the glorious privilege of being independent. I have tried to be independent, and an independent man probably makes many more mistakes than the man who is more liable to be advised by his associates. I want to say just one word more in regard to our President. We do sincerely regret his absence from us today, because there are a few things that probably many of us would have liked to say to Mr. Storrow. But there is one word that every member of the Council and the officials connected with it has to say to him, and that word I have in my possession, and I am going to ask our very efficient City Clerk to perform another duty,—which is not entirely in line with his office—but I am going to ask our City Clerk to accept this watch and chain which have been provided by the members of the Council and the officials connected therewith, to be handed to our President, Mr. Storrow, as a slight mark of the appreciation the members have of his valuable service to this body as well as other services which he has been rendering and is rendering today. And we hope that the City Clerk will transmit this watch and convey the sentiments of the members of the Council to Mr. Storrow.

The resolve was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

The Council adjourned *sine die* at 12.40 p. m.

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