

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

Department of Public Parks

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1876.



NEW YORK:

EVENING POST STEAM PRESSES, 208 BROADWAY, CORNER FULTON STREET.

1876.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works :

1. A frame building on Central Park for the graminivorous animals.

(Minutes, April 14th, 1875, p. 641.)

2. A new roof on the Music Pavilion, situate on the Mall in Central Park.

(Minutes, April 28th, 1875, p. 681.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The Comptroller of the City of New York was also present.

The PRESIDENT stated that the appropriation asked for, and which would be applicable for the works for which the proposals are made, was not yet granted by the Legislature, and he therefore moved that the opening of said proposals be adjourned until Wednesday, the 19th day of May, 1875, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The Comptroller then retired, and the Board organized in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Before calling the roll, the Secretary read the warrant of his Honor the Mayor, of which the following is a copy:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
CITY HALL. }

New York, May 1st, 1875.

I, WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, Mayor of the city of New York, by virtue of the power conferred upon me by Section 25, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, have heretofore nominated, and by and with the consent of the Board of Aldermen heretofore had, do hereby appoint

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE

to be a member of the Board of the Department of Public Parks for six years, commencing on this date, in place of THOMAS E. STEWART, whose term has expired.

(Signed)

WILLIAM H. WICKHAM,

Mayor.

The roll was then called.

Present—Commissioners STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of the 30th April, 1875, were read and approved.

Organization of Board.

The PRESIDENT stated that the organization of the Board, by the election of a President, Vice-President and Treasurer for the ensuing year was now in order.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that Commissioner Stebbins be re-elected President of the Board for the next year.

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon moved that the organization of the Board be adjourned until the next meeting of the Board, which was

Adopted.

The following communications were then presented and read:

Plan of Streets in 24th Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, with the proposed plan of Streets between the Croton Aqueduct and Harlem River, as far north as the old Kings Bridge road leading to Williams Bridge.

Laid on the table.

Plan of Streets in 24th Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer with the proposed plan of Streets in the District between Riverdale Avenue and Broadway in Kingsbridge, and extending from Spuyten Duyvil Creek to Yonkers city line.

Laid on the table.

Approaches to Tunnel at 7th Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, presenting the three similar maps and profiles for filing, of the approaches to the Westchester or north end of the tunnel from Seventh Avenue to Central or Jerome Avenue.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1874, p. 368.)

Laid on the table.

135th Street, 23d Ward.

From Mr. Lewis B. Brown, President of the Port Morris Land & Improvement Co., and others, requesting that 135th Street, between St. Ann's Avenue and the Southern Boulevard in the 23d Ward, be laid out 80 feet wide in place of 60 feet as at present; and offering to convey the necessary land for that purpose to the city, without any cost or expense.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, presenting a map or plan of said street, widened as requested, and recommending its adoption.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communications be received and laid on the table, and that the President be requested to communicate with all the owners of property on

said street, whose property would be taken by such widening, and obtain from them their written undertaking to convey such portion of their property to the city without cost.

Adopted.

Central Bridge Draw.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that the contractor for rebuilding the draw in Central Bridge, over Harlem River, has not completed his contract within the time specified in his agreement, viz., the 30th April, 1875. That it is uncertain when he will have it finished. That travel across the bridge has been stopped since the 22d April, and the draw also closed against the passage of vessels.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1875, p. 626.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to Commissioner Martin to report to the Board at its next meeting what action should be taken in the matter.

Adopted.

American Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintendent, stating that the Superintendent of the American Museum of Natural History required some additional shelves and fastenings in the Museum Building for the purpose of exhibiting some new specimens received by the Museum, and estimating the cost of the same at from \$75 to \$80.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that the Superintendent be directed to have said shelves and fastenings placed in said Museum Building, at a cost not exceeding \$80.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Mowers.

From the Superintendent, stating that at least ten men and horses, for the purpose of mowing grass on the Central Park, will be required early next week, and requesting that the men employed during the last three or four years for this purpose be re-engaged.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the Superintendent be authorized to employ eleven men of those engaged during the last few years, for the purpose of mowing, seven of whom shall each furnish a horse ; and that the pay of a mower furnishing a horse be fixed at \$3.60 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Music.

From Mr. D. L. Downing, making application to be employed to furnish the music on Central Park during the summer.

Also from Mr. Harvey B. Dodworth, making a similar application.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be received and laid on the table.

Adopted.

Music Programmes.

For Mr. A. W. Frauenthal, applying for permission to print

and distribute the programmes of the music on Central Park during the summer.

Laid on the table.

Life-Car.

From Mr. Joseph Francis, offering to present to the Department for preservation in the Museum in Central Park the first Life-Car constructed in this country.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be received and filed; that the Life-Car be accepted, and that the thanks of the Board be tendered to Mr. Francis for the donation.

Adopted.

148th Street.

From Mr. Wm. H. Payne, assignee of J. R. Baity, and from John McCarty, contractors, stating that the late Board of Trustees of Morrisania had not appointed any commissioners of assessment, to assess the property benefited by the grading, &c., of 148th street, from Millbrook to St. Ann's Avenue, and requesting that the Commissioners of this Department, in conjunction with the Corporation Counsel, would, under authority of Sec. 91, Chap. 329, Laws of 1874, appoint commissioners of assessment therefor.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and referred to Commissioner Martin to report upon.

(Minutes, January 29th, 1875, page 483.)

Adopted.

Claremont Hotel.

From Mr. J. G. Keator, lessee of the Claremont Hotel, stating that the Bloomingdale Road leading to said hotel has been cut off by the opening of 122d Street through it. That this interferes with his business. That if the Department will grant him a new lease of said hotel, reducing the rent from

\$100 to \$75 per month, he will build a bridge at his own expense, so as to restore the current of travel to the hotel.

(Minutes, February 8th, 1875, p. 510.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received; that on Mr. Keator constructing said bridge the present lease of said hotel be canceled, and a new lease thereof be granted to Mr. J. G. Keator by the month, at the rent of \$75 per month.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Audit.

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

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

American District Telegraph Co.,		
rent and services.....	Maint. and Govt. P.	
	& P.....	\$7 45
Affleck, Wm., & Co., oats, corn, &c.	Maint. and Govt. P.	
	& P.....	483 06
Cartright, Wm., fish and vegetables.	Maint. and Govt. P.	
	& P.....	74 95
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., hardware....	Maint. and Govt. P.	
	& P.....	97 80
Crossman, W. G., lime.....	Maint. and Govt. P.	
	& P.....	2 00
DeGrauw, Aymar & Co., oars and		
rope.....	Maint. and Govt. P.	
	& P.....	\$5 27
	City Parks Improve-	
	Fund.....	1 52
	Museum of Art.....	1 14
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		7 93

Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber . . .	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	\$86 60
Gatchel, A. S., rubber hose	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	76 88
McDermott, John, meat	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	190 20
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, horse brushes, &c.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	34 62
Noe, James H. & Sons, clothes brooms, &c.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	6 00
Oakley, Whitson, horses	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	892 50
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c. .	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	138 75
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk . . .	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	17 82
Van Riper, Chas., sundries	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards	91 53
Vanderbilt, Bros., wheelbarrows . .	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	47 50
Watrous & Willson, lumber	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	178 59
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, carriage hardware	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	21 43
		<u>\$2,455 61</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places	\$2,274 82
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	178 13
Museum of Art	1 14
City Parks Improvement Fund	1 52
	<u>\$2,455 61</u>

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

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, April 30th, 1875.

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

Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone..Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	\$172 80
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., baskets.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	36 00
Byrne & Co., oats and corn.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	155 00
Fairbanks & Co., scale.Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	32 25
Gates, Church E., lumber.Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	98 01
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	62 50
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, nails.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	20 55
Johnston, J. O., shades and repairs.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	11 75
Mapes, Daniel, jr., hay, oats and straw.Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	76 79
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, wheels.Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.	571 00
Moffat, David, & Co., leather.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	18 37
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	190 02
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	1,250 00
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	8 00
Stewart & Co., spittoons.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	6 75
Vanderbilt Bros., grass seed.Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	65 50

\$2,775 29

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$1,824 44
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	571 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	379 85
	<hr/> \$2,775 29

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-seven hundred and seventy-five dollars and twenty-nine cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, May 4, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.	CR.	
April 21. By balance.....		\$1,709 26
April 21 } to } May 5. }	" cash received from pound, rents and licenses	349 88
		<hr/> \$2,059 14
1875.	DR.	
April 21 } to } May 5. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$88 83
May 5. " balance.....		1,970 31
		<hr/> \$2,059 14

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, May 5, 1875.

9.30 P. M.

Gate-keeper.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that Michael Kehoe be appointed a gate-keeper.

Commissioner MARTIN moved, that all appointments to the police force be adjourned until the next meeting of the Board, which was—

Adopted.

Centennial Exhibition.

On the recommendation of the Landscape Architect—

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to attempt any contribution from this Department to the Centennial Exhibition.

Adopted.

Exotic plants.

The Landscape Architect verbally reported that a complete schedule of all the exotic plants belonging to the Department would be prepared in a few days, and recommended that an arrangement be authorized to be made to exchange said plants for others needed on the parks.

(Minutes, March 17th, 1875, p. 588).

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that it be referred to commissioner Martin with the power to direct a suitable arrangement to be made for the exchange of said exotic plants for others required on the parks, if, after examining the laws, he is of opinion it can be legally done.

Adopted.

Paving Third Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented draft specifications, agreement and bond, for the work of paving Third avenue from Westchester avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward ; and recommended that the work be let out in two contracts ; one for that portion of the avenue between Westchester avenue and 163d street, containing about 3,700 feet, and the other for that portion north of 163d street, containing about 4,600 feet.

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

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the specification as presented by the President be approved, and that the work be let in two contracts as recommended by him.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Maintenance of Parks.

The PRESIDENT moved that the communication of the Landscape Architect, on the subject of the maintenance of the parks, which was presented at the last meeting and laid over until this meeting, be further laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 694.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Friday, the 7th instant, at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MAY 7th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th inst. were read and approved.

Bridge over Bronx River.

The PRESIDENT stated that a deputation of citizens was present, with reference to the construction of a new bridge over the Bronx River and moved that the order of business be suspended and the deputation received.

Adopted.

The deputation, consisting of Messrs. Alphonso Wood, R. D. Hamilton and John Callan, was then received. They urged the necessity of constructing a new bridge over the Bronx River at the foot of Prospect Street, and stated that a petition in favor of it had been very numerously signed.

The PRESIDENT informed the deputation that this Department realized the necessity of a bridge at or near the point indicated, and had so expressed itself in a resolution adopted on the 7th April, 1874. That whenever the necessary

authority for the construction of such bridge is obtained, this Department will prosecute the work as speedily as possible.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1874, pp. 627 and 628.)

The deputation then retired.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Berrian Av. flagging.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding the following resolutions approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 29th April and 5th May, 1875, respectively.

Resolved, That the sidewalks on the west side of Berrian Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Isaac Street be flagged four feet wide, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Resolved, That the resolution and ordinance for flagging the sidewalks on the west side of Berrian Avenue from Kingsbridge Road to Isaac Street, a space four feet wide, which was approved by the Mayor, April 29th, 1875, be, and is hereby, amended by striking from the said resolution and ordinance, wherever they occur, the words "Commissioner of Public Works," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Department of Public Parks."

Laid on the table.

D. W. Bull.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting that he had examined Daniel W. Bull, an applicant for the position of gate-keeper, and found him in every respect entirely satisfactory.

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

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and that Mr. Daniel W. Bull be appointed a gate-keeper from and after the 15th inst., in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board on the 30th April, 1875.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Inspector on Buildings for Museums of Natural History and of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, requesting that an inspector be appointed on the buildings for the Museum of Natural History and of Art, and recommending that M. C. Barr, who occupied that position last year, be appointed.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, that M. C. Barr be appointed inspector, under the Superintending Architect, upon the buildings for said Museums, and that his pay be fixed at \$4.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Unsafe Buildings.

From the Superintendent, reporting that the building situated on the north side of 125th Street, about 100 feet from the Hudson River Railroad, is very much decayed and in an unsafe condition, and recommending that the lessee (Mr. Keator) be given permission to take it down, without expense to the Department.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 693.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received, and that Mr. Keator be given permission to remove said building at once, without expense to the Department or City.

Adopted.

Commissioners of Accounts.

From Mr. I. L. Howe, Commissioner of Accounts, request-

ing certain information regarding the accounts of the Department.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to Commissioner Martin to report.

Adopted.

Central Bridge Draw.

Commissioner MARTIN, to whom it was referred to report what action should be taken in the matter of the contractor for rebuilding the draw in Central Bridge, verbally reported and recommended the adoption of the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Thomas Hayden, the contractor on the Central (or McComb's Dam) Bridge under a contract with this Department, dated 10th March, 1875, has obstructed travel on said bridge continuously since 22d April, 1875, and has not completed his contract on the 30th day of April, 1875, as he agreed to do in said contract : and

Whereas, The public interests are suffering from the obstruction to public travel and navigation and the delay in completing said bridge ;

Resolved, That the provisions of the said contract be rigidly enforced against said contractor ; that time be made of the essence of the contract ; that the forfeiture of \$25 per day for the obstruction of travel over the said bridge for more than ten days, and the forfeiture of \$25 per day for not completing his contract on the 30th of April, 1875, shall be demanded of the contractor, and that he will be required to fulfill and perform all the provisions and conditions of said contract before any payment thereon shall be paid to him ;

Resolved, That notice of this action by the Department be given to the contractor, his assignees and sureties, by the service of a copy of this preamble and resolution upon them.

(Minutes, May 5th, 1875, p. 4.)

Exotic Plants.

Commissioner MARTIN, to whom it was referred to make an arrangement for the exchange of the exotic plants for others needed on the parks, if such exchange could be legally done, reported verbally that said plants would have to be sold at

public auction, and that such an exchange as was contemplated would not be legal.

(Minutes, May 5th, 1875, p. 11.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

Maintenance of Parks.

The PRESIDENT moved that the consideration of the communication of the Landscape Architect on the maintenance of the parks, laid over for consideration at this meeting, be now taken up.

(Minutes, May 5th, 1875, p. 12.)

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect, who was present, then read said communication, and after some consideration of the matter,

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be referred to the President and Commissioner Martin to examine in conjunction with the Landscape Architect, and to report to the Board what action should be taken thereon.

Adopted.

Executive and Auditing Committees.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that Commissioner O'Donohue be appointed to the places on the Executive and Auditing Committees occupied by ex-Commissioner Stewart.

(Minutes, January 6th, 1875, p. 437.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned, at 6 o'clock P. M., to meet on Monday, the 10th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, MAY 10th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 7th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Marion Av. Flagging Sidewalks.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that he will investigate the question as to whether Marion Avenue has been legally opened, and whether there would be any doubt as to the validity of an assessment for flagging the sidewalk, as soon as the necessary investigation can be made.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 686.)

Filed.

Certificate on Audited Bills.

From the Comptroller of the city, forwarding a copy of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, wherein he holds, that under Sec. 92, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, no legal liability can arise against the city until a certificate of the necessity of the expenditure has been made by the head of the Department incurring the liability.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be received and referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Pay of Laborer in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that a teamster in the 23d and 24th Wards, named Patrick Nolan, had not worked with his team himself during the month of April, but that he had procured another man to attend to it in his place, and asking instruction in the matter.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received and referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

Commissioner MARTIN, to whom was referred the communication of the Superintending Architect, notifying the Board of the default of Mr. John Hogan, contractor for the granite work of the Museum of Art, verbally reported and recommended the adoption of the following preamble and resolution, namely:

Whereas, John Hogan, the contractor for the granite work of the Museum of Art in the Central Park, under a contract with this Department, dated the 3d day of September, 1874, has failed to comply with the provision of said contract by which all the granite was to be delivered ready to set by the 1st day of April, 1875; and whereas, the erection of the said building and all the other work thereon is interfered with, obstructed and delayed by the said failure of the said Hogan, so that the public interests are suffering therefrom:

Resolved, That the provisions of the said contract be rigidly enforced against said contractor; that time be made of the essence of said contract, and that he will be required to fulfill and perform all the provisions and conditions of said contract before any payment shall be made to him thereon.

Resolved, That notice of this action by the Department be given to the contractor, his sureties and assignees, by service of a copy of this preamble and resolution upon each of them.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 685.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and the preamble and resolutions recommended, adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON entered the meeting at this point and took his seat.

Site for "American College of Music."

The PRESIDENT presented a draft of an act authorizing this Department to set apart a site for a building for the "American College of Music," on the Central Park, between 79th and 85th Streets, and opposite the Fifth Avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be authorized to transmit said draft act to the Legislature, with the approval of this Department.

Adopted.

Construction Work.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be requested to address a communication to Senator Booth, urging upon him the necessity of the Senate's appropriating the full amount asked for in the bill providing means for construction works and architectural repairs.

(Minutes, March 5th, 1875, p. 560.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 10.15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Friday, the 14th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MAY 14th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 7th and 10th insts. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

8th Av.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, requesting this Department, under authority of Chap. 850, Laws of 1873, to establish the lines of surface construction on Eighth Avenue for a distance of 350 feet north of the northern boundary of the Central Park, and submitting duplicate plans of said avenue, showing the surface constructions as established by the Department of Public Works, from the intersection of Avenue St. Nicholas south to a point 350 feet north of the Central Park.

(Minutes, July 14th, 1874, p. 143.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be received.

Adopted.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the duplicate plans, showing the lines of curb on the Eighth Avenue, north of the Central Park, submitted

to this Department by the Commissioner of Public Works, are hereby adopted and the lines of curb, as the same are shown on the said plans, for the distance of 350 feet north of the outer boundary of the Central Park, are hereby determined by this Department, in pursuance of Sec. 1 of Chap. 850 of the Laws 1873; that the President be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to certify both of said plans, to cause one of them to be filed in this Department, and to transmit the other to the Department of Public Works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Supts. Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting the progress on works under his charge for the two weeks ending Saturday, May 8th, 1875.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 685.)

Filed.

Sea Wall at the Battery.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that the contractor for the repairs to the sea wall at the Battery had nearly completed the repairs to all that portion of the wall ordered by the Board, on the 19th December, 1874, and that he desired to be informed whether any additional work is to be included under his contract.

(Minutes, March 17th, 1875, p. 576.)

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

New Street at Inwood.

From Mr. C. A. Stoddard, Chairman of the Committee on Street Openings, &c., of the Washington Heights Improvement Association, requesting, on behalf of said association, and a

number of property owners, "that the necessary steps be taken to open a street or avenue branching off from the Bolton road at 212th Street, in the northerly direction, and running thence northwesterly to a line which would be represented by the centre of 14th Avenue, if said avenue existed, and thence along said line in a northeasterly direction to a point where said street or avenue will meet the Bolton road again."

(Minutes, April 19th, 1875, p. 659.)

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

3d Av.

From Mr. James Bowes, protesting against the progress of the work of the improvement of 3d Avenue, between 160th and 161st Streets.

Referred to Mr. E. C. Morrison, the Engineer in charge, to report upon.

Foreman 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. Michael Redmond, in reply to the protest of Mr. H. D. Purroy against his appointment as a foreman in the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1875, p. 630.)

Laid on the table.

Laborer in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. Patrick C. Langevin, stating that he worked for the Department in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards with a team for about 15 days during the month of April, and asking that he may be paid therefor.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be received and be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Suspension Bridge at 181st street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a new plan of approaches to the Suspension Bridge over Harlem river, at 181st street.

(Minutes, April 21st, 1875, pp. 664-5.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and laid on the table.

Adopted.

Maintenance of Parks.

The PRESIDENT and Commissioner MARTIN, to whom the communication of the Landscape Architect on the subject of the Maintenance of the Parks was referred to report what action should be taken thereon, verbally reported and recommended the adoption by the Board of the following preamble and resolutions, namely :

Whereas, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have allowed this Department the sum of \$584,000 for the maintenance for 1875, upon estimates calling for the sum of \$935,170.51, and the Senate Committee proposes to allow \$250,000 for the construction fund instead of \$575,000, the amount estimated by the Department and approved by the Assembly, which estimates were based upon the most careful consideration of economy and efficiency ; and

Whereas, this action limits the Department in its operations, so that needed undertakings must be postponed, incomplete works remain unfinished, structures that need repairs left to further dilapidation, police and general superintendence reduced so much as to be barely sufficient, and it may be in an emergency insufficient, for the preservation of order, and a diminution of expenditures beyond what is best for the proper preservation of the property under the charge of the Department must consequently be enforced.

Therefore

I.

Resolved, That the maintenance working force be reduced as rapidly as practicable without injury to the parks, to such a point that after a month from this time the amount of the pay-rolls together with the value of the tools and materials

used, except for lighting parks, shall not exceed fortnightly the average sum of \$9,000, and that in no case shall the maximum exceed \$11,000.

II.

Resolved, That the office of Design and Superintendence shall be furnished, within four days after the close of each pay-term, with a statement of the actual expenditure which has been made during that term for services or labor paid and to be paid for, under each of the subdivisions of and service of the Department on parks and places.

III.

Resolved, That the President be requested to enquire whether any, and if so what, changes of the present arrangements are necessary to establish the responsibility of the Property Clerk for the custody and care of all tools and materials of the Department which have not been issued for use, and for which the receipts of foremen or other responsible agents of the Department are held, and to enable him to estimate and report within three days after the close of each pay period, an approximate valuation of the tools and materials actually expended on each of the subdivisions of work during that pay-period.

IV.

Resolved, That hereafter the men employed on maintenance duties in the ordinary and regular way, shall be required to give one hour's actual work for each hour of time returned for the pay-roll, and shall not be paid for the time used in going to and from their work, or in the care of horses at the yards or stable before and after their regular day's work.

V.

Resolved, That the force shall hereafter be worked as nearly as may be practicable and economical, eight hours a day, and that when the amount of work needed to keep the parks in good order or to meet the requirements of the Board is delayed by the occurrence of unfavorable weather, and it becomes specially desirable that any part of the force shall be kept at work more than eight hours in any day, the foreman in charge of the same shall so keep them at work, returning their time accordingly, but that such occasional extension of the regular hours of work shall not be more than enough to make up for the time in which work is suspended on account of rain or other unfavorable circumstances.

VI.

Resolved, That with a view, if found practicable, of placing a part of the force needed for steady employment, and whose duties cannot always be well performed within the regular hours of the main force on a system of work by the week, a list be prepared of employes engaged in maintenance duties of a regular and stated character not intermitted on account of bad weather, with a statement of the character of the work of each, whether light or heavy, and whether requiring the exercise of special skill or unusual care and discretion, and of the number of hours daily in which, under ordinary circumstances, said services are needed.

VII.

Resolved, That the time of all men now acting under orders of the Director of the Menagerie, be kept and returned by him.

VIII.

Resolved, That pending the reconstruction of the cottage near the east green of the Central Park, the ball ground may be made use of as a croquet ground under such directions of the Superintendent as may be necessary to prevent its injury, and at such times as will not conflict with its regular use by the public school boys.

IX.

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to select a suitable skilled laborer to be during the summer in constant charge of the ball ground, who, under such instructions as may be given by the Landscape Architect shall employ such necessary means and so regulate the use of said ground as to save the turf as far as possible from being worn out; prevent an excessive number of boys from occupying it and the intrusion of all unauthorized persons upon it; secure the immediate repair of worn places, and guard against all disorder.

X.

Resolved, That when the turf either on the ball or other grounds is either excessively wet or dry from draught, the Superintendent of Parks be directed to suspend such use of it as has been customarily allowed on special days.

XI.

Resolved, That all persons in the employment of the Department observing visitors walking on the turf, when and where this is not authorized, or on the bridle road, or otherwise mis-

using any part of the parks, are directed to civilly advise, caution or remonstrate with the same, as may be desirable, and are instructed if such misuse is not at once discontinued, to take all reasonable and orderly means to secure their apprehension by the park-keepers.

XII.

Resolved, That a reduction be made of eight per cent. in the number of gas jets on the parks and places of the city, to be regularly lighted every night, selecting those not to be lighted, which are least necessary to the public convenience.

XIII.

Resolved, That with the present limited maintenance fund it is necessary that foremen should use all possible care to avoid keeping any man employed on work which can be left undone or postponed without obvious disadvantage, and that their utmost efforts are required to secure the largest possible return for the wages to be paid.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received, and that said preamble and resolutions be adopted by the Board.

(Minutes, May 7th, 1875, p. 17.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Night Watchmen.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to temporarily detail seven laborers as night watchmen, until the further order of the Board.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, pp. 689 and 690.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Watering Roads, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Jerome Avenue, and such other streets, roads and avenues, as shall hereafter be designated by the Board, be properly sprinkled during the summer months, and that the necessary work for that purpose be proceeded with, and the material purchased when required.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 687.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works :

1. A frame building on Central Park for the graminivorous animals.

(Minutes, May 5th, 1875, p. 1.)

2. A new roof on the Music Pavilion, situate on the Mall in Central Park.

(Minutes, May 5th, 1875, p. 1.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The COMPTROLLER of the City of New York was also present.

A quorum not being present, the President adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, the 26th May, 1875, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

The COMPTROLLER then retired, and the Board met in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the President adjourned the meeting until Friday, the 21st inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MAY 21st, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 7th, 10th, 14th and 19th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Maintenance of the turf on Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, on the subject of the maintenance of the turf on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that before taking any action thereon, that the Commissioners meet the Landscape Architect on the Central Park, and personally examine the turf and lawns.

Adopted.

It was arranged that the Commissioners would meet the Landscape Architect for this purpose at the Casino, on Saturday, the 22d inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

Stealing plants, eggs, &c., from Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting that recently there have been many acts of stealing, plants, eggs, birds, &c., on the Central Park, and that within the last few days one of the punch boxes was stolen and another broken, and

recommending various steps to be taken to put a stop to these acts.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that a wooden gate, of a kind such as is recommended in said communication, be erected at such entrance to the Central Park as the Landscape Architect shall designate.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the President be authorized and directed to have printed and posted at suitable places a notice offering a reward, not exceeding \$25, for the detection and conviction of any person found stealing any plants, eggs, birds or other property of the city on the Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

The PRESIDENT moved that the officer in command of the police be directed to keep a record of all acts of stealing or pilfering of any property from the Central Park, and of injury done to the property of the city on Central Park ; and that for this purpose the Superintendent, Superintending Gardener and Director of the Menagerie be directed to advise said officer of all such acts as soon as they come to their knowledge.

Adopted.

Lamps on Fifth Avenue.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, notifying this Department that he had instructed the Metropolitan and Harlem Gas-Light Companies to charge the cost of lighting the street lamps on the westerly side of Fifth Avenue, from 59th Street to 90th Street, to this Department, from and after June 1st, 1875.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that he be authorized to forward to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works a letter, which he read, and in which it is stated that it is impossible for this Department to undertake the responsibility of paying for the lighting of said lamps.

Adopted.

Music on Central Park.

From Mr. C. G. Grafulla, requesting that his band be employed to furnish the music on Central Park during this summer.

(Minutes, May 5th, 1875, p. 5.)

Laid on the table.

Accident at Third Avenue Bridge to tug *Thos. Connell*.

From Mr. W. T. Schultz, pilot, and Mr. Ed. Kelly, engineer of the tug *Thomas Connell*, complaining of injury done to said tug while passing through the draw in Third Avenue Bridge, on April 23d, 1875.

Also from the Superintendent, reporting upon said accident, and enclosing a statement of the draw tender, whereby it appears that the accident is not chargeable to any neglect of duty on his part.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communications be received and filed, and that Messrs. Schultz and Kelly be informed that neither this Department nor the city is liable on account of the accident.

Adopted.

Central Bridge draw.

From Messrs. F. & S. E. Goodwin, notifying the Department that the contractor (Thomas Hayden) for rebuilding the draw of Central Bridge, is indebted to them in the sum of \$730 for work done on said draw.

Filed.

Also from Mr. Otis T. Hall, attorney for Julius Schneider, Anthony Shunbuher, Xavier Miller and Anthony Herman, that various sums, amounting in all to \$142.60, are due by said contractor to his clients, for work done on said draw.

Filed.

(Minutes, May 7th, 1875, p. 16.)

Drain in 23d Ward.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting favorably upon the application of C. M. Vandervoort, for permission to lay a pipe drain from his residence on Union Avenue in the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 693.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that permission be given to Mr. Vandervoort to lay said pipe drain from his residence to the brook crossing and draining Denman Place. Said work to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, and without any cost or expense to the city.

Adopted.

New Street at Inwood.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the application of Mr. B. L. Ackermann and others with reference to the laying out of a new street at Inwood, west of the Bolton Road.

(Minutes, May 14th, 1875, p. 24.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin to report upon.

Watering Fifth Avenue.

From Mr. James Welsh, offering to water Fifth Avenue from 59th street to 97th street during the summer months, for \$7 per day.

The PRESIDENT stated that the offer of Mr. Welsh was at a much lower figure than the Department was able to do the same work for in previous years, and he moved that he be employed upon the terms stated. The work to be done under the directions of the Superintendent, and to his satisfaction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Horses.

From the Superintendent, stating that the five condemned horses would be sold on the 28th inst., as directed by the Board, and requesting that others be purchased in their place.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1875, p. 628.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be authorized and directed to purchase for the use of the Department five suitable horses at a cost not exceeding \$180 per horse.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioners of Accounts.

From the Commissioners of Accounts requesting to be fur-

nished with all the checks signed by the Treasurer and necessary vouchers from April, 1860, to April, 1870.

(Minutes, May 7th, 1875, p. 15.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the request of the Commissioners of Accounts be complied with.

Adopted.

Soldiers and Sailors' Monument.

From Mr. Launt Thompson, stating that the study of the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument is in an advanced state, and requesting the Commissioners to examine it.

(Minutes, Sept. 18th, 1872, p. 513.)

Filed.

Sea Wall at the Battery.

Commissioner O'Donohue, Chairman of the Executive Committee, verbally reported from said committee, and recommended that the contractor for repairing the sea wall at the Battery be directed to repair, in accordance with his contract, all of said sea wall within the enclosure of the Castle Garden and which is not covered by a wharf, also the entry to the boat basin. That he also be directed to lay the pavement in front of that portion of the said wall which was repaired by the force in the employment of this Department, where the pavement is not already laid, and that he be allowed therefor as extra work, the price of \$2.50 per lineal foot. That all said work be proceeded with at once.

(Minutes, May 14th, 1875, p. 24.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and recommendations of the Executive Committee adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Audit.

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

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., oats and corn.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	\$152 50
Am. Dist. Tel. Co., rent and services.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	8 00
Andrews, Wm. D., & Bro., iron pipe.	Museum of Art.	38 00
Byrne & Co., oats.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	100 00
Douglass, Wm. P., rent Mus. of Art.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	2,666 67
Gordon, Robt., Actg. Treas., wages, ins., &c.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	1,863 06
Howell, A. J., labor and materials.	Sea Wall at Battery, 1874.	2,892 21
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas meter bill.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	86 40
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	\$204 93
	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.	106 92
		311 85
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	\$76 99
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	16 75
	Maint. etc., H. R. Bridges.	57
	Laying out Monu- menting, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	4 92
		<hr/> 99 23

Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, labor and castings.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$2 38	
	Maint. H. R. Bridges	60 00	
	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	39 06	
		<hr/>	101 44
New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		1,056 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas me- ter bill.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		6 60
Riddle & Brintnall, coal.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$80 65	
	Museum of Art....	2 00	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	9 60	
		<hr/>	92 25
Simpson, A., bread.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		66 99
Tysen, David J., vegetables.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1874....		6 20
Tysen, David J., vegetables.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		437 50
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		16 20
Van Riper, Chas., spikes.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....		20 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office...	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....		30 00
Westchester County Gas Light Co., gas..	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridge.....		64 00
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			<u>\$12,202 90</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$8,298 87
Maintenance, &c., Harlem R. Bridges.....	231 49
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	105 81
Maintenance, Central Park and Parks and Places, 1874.....	620 00
Sea Wall at Battery, 1874.....	2,892 21
Laying out, monumenting, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c....	4 92
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	9 60
Museum of Art.....	40 00
	—————\$12,202 90

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve thousand two hundred and two dollars and ninety cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 " JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, May 18, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with
David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.	OR.	
May 5.	By balance.....	\$1,970 31
May 5	} By cash received from rents and licenses....	492 49
to		
May 19.		————— \$2,462 80

1875.	DR.		
May 5 } to } May 17 }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$701 54	
May 17	“ balance.....	1,761 26	
		<u> </u>	<u>\$2,462 80</u>

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, May 19th, 1875,
9.30 A. M.

Audit of Engineers' fees on works in late town of Morrisania.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, offered the following report :

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

IMPROVEMENT.	AMOUNT.
In the matter of regulating, grading and improving 159th Street, from 3d Avenue to Elton Avenue.....	\$54 62
In the matter of regulating, grading and improving 151st Street, from Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue.....	\$90 93
In the matter of regulating, grading and improving 156th Street, from 3d to St. Ann's Avenue, and sewerage said Street from St. Ann's Avenue to Millbrook.....	\$126 18

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Auditing Committee.

New York, 21st May, 1875.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, that the

Board do now approve the above mentioned bills of the Engineer in charge of said improvements, and that the amounts thereof be certified to the Finance Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

The Lieutenant and Officer O'Hearn.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, whom the President had designated to conduct the trial of Park-keeper Nicholas O'Hearn, on a charge preferred by the Lieutenant of a neglect of duty, in that he was absent without leave on the 5th and 6th days of May, presented the following report :

To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

Gentlemen—The undersigned, who was designated by the President to examine the case of Park-keeper Nicholas O'Hearn, arraigned for neglect of duty in being absent without leave on May 5th and May 6th, respectfully reports :

That the said Nicholas O'Hearn having pleaded "not guilty," he proceeded with the hearing of the case and examined the accused, Lieutenant Corcoran, Sergeants Von Dohlen and Pye.

That the evidence adduced showed, in substance, that on the 4th day of May, 1875, the said O'Hearn applied to Lieutenant Corcoran for a leave of absence for one day ; that having been refused the same, he, on the following day, applied to the President of the Department for the said leave, first, however, acquainting him with the fact that his application had been denied by the Lieutenant, and obtained from the Secretary a letter, of which the following is a copy :

[Friday,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square (East). }

NEW YORK, May 5th, 1875.

LIEUT. CORCORAN :

Sir,—I am directed by the President to authorize you to grant to Officer O'Hearn leave of absence for to-day, and to-morrow if necessary.

Resp'y,

(Signed)

WM. IRWIN,

Secy.

That on the 5th day of May, O'Hearn called the attention of the Lieutenant to the above letter, to which he received the reply "That will do, you can go;" from which he inferred that his leave of absence for May 5th and May 6th had been granted in accordance with the authority given by the President.

That on the 6th day of May, the Lieutenant stated to Sergeant Pye, in the presence of Sergeant Von Dohlen, that O'Hearn was absent, and that the President had given him leave for one or two days, if necessary.

That on the 6th and 7th days of May, the said Lieutenant, in his daily official reports, certified that O'Hearn was absent with leave on said 5th and 6th days of May.

This the Lieutenant explains by stating that he had not read the official reports which were made out by the Sergeant, and did not know their contents at the time of signing, and denied that he had given leave of absence to O'Hearn, or used any language to that effect.

The undersigned therefore reports that the said Nicholas O'Hearn was not guilty of the neglect of duty charged.

And, from a careful examination of the whole case, is of the opinion that Lieutenant Corcoran has been guilty of disrespectful conduct towards the President of the Department, in that he treated the communication of the Secretary, written by direction of the President, in a contemptuous manner.

That he has been guilty, by his own admission, of gross neglect of duty in signing official reports without knowing or inspecting the contents thereof, and as the charge against O'Hearn appears, by the testimony, to be wholly unfounded, and not the result of a mistake, the same must have been preferred maliciously.

And, as the whole matter has been carefully examined, and Lieutenant Corcoran has had a full and fair hearing, it seems unnecessary that another investigation be had, which must, necessarily, have the same result. I would, therefore, instead of preferring charges against him, recommend the adoption of the following preamble and Resolution :

Whereas, Lieutenant John Corcoran has been guilty of great disrespect to the President of the Department of Public Parks, in preferring charges against a Park-keeper, for being absent without leave, after the said President had signified his desire that leave should be granted to the said keeper ; and

Whereas, The said Lieutenant has been guilty of gross neglect of duty in signing official reports made to the Board without knowing their contents : therefore

Resolved, That the said Lieutenant John Corcoran be, and he hereby is, suspended without pay, and that Sergeant Von Dohlen be, and he hereby is, placed temporarily in command of the police force.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Commissioner, D. P. P.

Dated, May 19th, 1875.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report and the preamble and resolution therein recommended be adopted by the Board.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved, as an amendment to said motion, that the following preamble and resolution be adopted by the board :

Whereas, It appears by the evidence on the trial of park-keeper O'Hearn, for absence from duty without leave.

(1.) That O'Hearn applied to the Lieutenant in command for leave of absence, which was refused on the ground that he could not spare him on the days for which he asked leave of absence, and that O'Hearn then replied that he would "carry it over his head and go down to the President and get it in spite of him."

2. That O'Hearn thereupon applied to the President for leave of absence, and the President gave him a letter to the Lieutenant requesting him to give such leave of absence if necessary, thus declining to exercise the power given him by the By-Laws (Art. 3, sec. 1), and referring the question of the propriety of granting the leave of absence to the judgment of the Lieutenant.

3. That the Lieutenant refused to give O'Hearn leave of absence.

4. That O'Hearn absented himself from duty on the 5th and 6th of May, and yet remained around the Arsenal and Park.

Whereas, This was an attempt on the part of O'Hearn, will-

fully and without reasonable cause, to raise a question with and subvert the authority of the Lieutenant in command, and is an instance of the insubordination which prevails in the Department, on the part of certain employés who rely on the protection of Mr. Andrew H. Green, and who assert that he can control the Department against the Commissioners.

And whereas, The case of O'Hearn will be made an example of successful revolt, unless the Board makes of it a proof of the necessity of order and discipline.

Resolved, That O'Hearn be dismissed from his employment as park-keeper.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said preamble and resolutions offered by Commissioner Martin be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion made by Commissioner Williamson, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion made by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said original motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, At the trial of Nicholas O'Hearn, a park-keeper, on the 15th day of May, 1875, before Commissioner Williamson, designated by the President, under section 10 of article

II of the By-Laws, Commissioner Martin, who was present, put a question to O'Hearn at the close of his examination by Commissioner Williamson, which was excluded by Commissioner Williamson on the ground that no questions could be put except by himself.

Resolved, That the decision of Commissioner Williamson was erroneous, and that hereafter on the trial of any of the police force any Commissioner may put questions to any party or witness.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It appears by the evidence on the trial of Park-keeper O'Hearn, for absence from duty without leave :

1. That O'Hearn applied to the Lieutenant in command for leave of absence, which was refused on the ground that he could not spare him on the days for which he asked leave of absence, and that O'Hearn then replied that he would "carry it over his head, and go down to the President and get it in spite of him."

2. That O'Hearn, thereupon, applied to the President for leave of absence, and the President gave him a letter to the Lieutenant, requesting him to give such leave of absence if necessary, thus declining to exercise the power given him by the By-Law (Art. III, sec. 1), and referring the question of the propriety of granting the leave of absence to the judgment of the Lieutenant.

3. That the Lieutenant refused to give O'Hearn leave of absence.

4. That O'Hearn absented himself from duty on the 5th and 6th of May, and yet remained around the Arsenal and Park.

Whereas, This was an attempt on the part of O'Hearn, willfully, and without reasonable cause, to raise a question with and subvert the authority of the Lieutenant in command, and is an instance of the insubordination which prevails in the Department on the part of certain employés who rely on the protection of Andrew H. Green, and who assert that he can control the Department against the Commissioners ;

And *whereas*, the case of O'Hearn will be made an example of successful revolt unless the Board makes of it a proof of the necessity of order and discipline :

Resolved, That the action of the President, in interfering on behalf of a man so well known to belong to the "Green ring," without hearing from the Lieutenant the reasons of his refusal, is subversive of the discipline of the police force, and gives encouragement to the insubordination which is well known to exist in the Department, and to be one of the abuses which ought to be eradicated. That the President should either have taken the responsibility himself and have given the leave of absence, or if he referred the matter to the judgment of the Lieutenant, he should not have endorsed the application without hearing from the Lieutenant his reasons for refusing.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said preamble and resolution be laid on the table.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Noe—Commissioner Martin—1.

Parade Ground.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, By resolution on the 30th March, 1875, the Counsel to the Corporation was directed to take proceedings to acquire title to the lands laid out for the Military Parade Ground, etc.,

And whereas, The proceeding commenced by him has been disposed of by Judge Barrett of the Supreme Court, on the 17th May, inst., as follows :

In the matter of a Parade Ground and the Streets and Avenues:—The notice is clearly defective, and it is not improved by the reference to the map. There is no power of amendment vested in the court. It must act upon notice either by appointing the Commissioners or declining to do so. To give the court jurisdiction, the statute must be strictly complied with, and the notice must specify the nature and extent of the intended improvement as accurately and precisely as the time and place of the application. The proceedings must, therefore, be dismissed.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to inform the Board why he took the proceeding in a mode to be subjected to such a decision as has been made, and what he proposes to do to carry out the directions of the Department.

(Minutes, March 30th, 1875, p. 617.)

Adopted.

Steps at Mount St. Vincent, Kingsbridge.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Sisters of Charity of the Convent at Mount St. Vincent, in the 24th Ward, made application to this Department, through Mr. Develin, their attorney, that some wooden steps should be placed at the crossing to the railway station at Mount St. Vincent, so that passengers would not trespass upon their property ; and he presented a tracing showing the location where the steps were desired.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said subject and tracing be referred to the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, to report thereon, and the probable cost of erecting said steps.

Adopted.

Mowers.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent required six more mowers.

(Minutes, May 5th, 1875, p. 5.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to restore to employment six laborers heretofore employed by the Department as mowers.

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

Ayes---Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 6.20 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A.M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works :

1. A frame building on Central Park for the graminivorous animals.

(Minutes, May 19th, 1875, p. 31.)

2. A new roof on the Music Pavilion, situate on the Mall in Central Park.

(Minutes, May 19th, 1875, p. 31.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The COMPTROLLER of the City of New York was also present.

The PRESIDENT moved that, inasmuch as the bill granting the appropriation applicable to the payment of the above mentioned works, although passed by the Legislature, was not yet approved by the Governor, the opening of said proposals be adjourned until Wednesday, the 2d June, 1875, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The Comptroller then retired.

Streets, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards.

The Commissioners then received the following deputation from the North Side and Central Associations, viz. :

Saml. E. Lyon,	John J. Crane,
William Simpson,	Richard D. Hamilton,
Webster Woodman,	Isaac G. Johnson,
William R. Beel,	George H. Forster,
Alex. M. Stanton,	Wm. Cauldwell,
Lewis L. Delafield,	S. D. Bonfils,
R. M. Hoe,	W. C. Crane.
Charles J. Gillis.	

The deputation stated their views upon the subject of completing the maps establishing the streets, roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards, and presented certain resolutions, adopted by the Central Association, at a meeting held on the 14th inst.

The deputation then retired, and, on motion of the PRESIDENT, the meeting adjourned.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2d, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works :

1. A frame building on Central Park for the graminivorous animals.

(Minutes, May 26th, 1875, p. 51.)

2. A new roof on the Music Pavilion, situate on the Mall in Central Park.

(Minutes, May 26th, 1875, p. 51.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The COMPTROLLER of the City of New York was also present.

The PRESIDENT moved that, inasmuch as the bill granting the appropriation applicable to the payment of the above mentioned works, although passed by the Legislature, was not yet approved by the Governor, the opening of said proposal be adjourned until Wednesday, the 16th June, 1875, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The COMPTROLLER having retired, the Board organized in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
 “ WILLIAMSON.
 “ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 21st and 26th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Flagging Walks of City Hall Park and Washington Square.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 21st May, 1875, requesting the Department of Public Parks to cause the sidewalks around the City Hall Park and Washington Square to be flagged full width, and all the walks in both of them to be flagged four feet wide through the centre.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed, and that he be authorized to reply thereto, by forwarding to his Honor the Mayor a letter, which he read, stating that the appropriations granted to this Department are not sufficient for the purpose, and that a special appropriation asked for this purpose had been refused by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted.

Parade Ground.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, with reference to the recent decision of the Supreme Court dismissing the proceeding commenced by him for the purpose of acquiring title to the Parade Ground.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 48.)

Filed.

Lamps on Fifth Av.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works,

informing this Department that on the receipt of the letter of the President, stating the impossibility of this Department assuming the responsibility of paying for the lamps on the west side of Fifth Avenue, from 59th to 90th Streets, he had directed that as many lamps as were actually necessary, be maintained out of the Appropriation for that purpose granted to the Department of Public Works.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 35.)

Filed.

Corporation Newspapers.

From the Secretary of the Board of City Record, notifying this Department that at a meeting of the said Board, held on the 24th April, 1875, the following newspapers were designated, in accordance with the provisions of sec. 111, chap. 335, Laws of 1873, in which there may be inserted brief advertisements, calling attention to any contracts to be awarded or bonds to be sold, and referring for full information to the *City Record*, to commence on the 12th day of June, 1875, namely: *New York World*, *New York Tribune*, *Commercial Advertiser*, *Evening Express*, *Sunday Times*, *Sunday News*, *Staats Zeitung*.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 695.)

Filed.

Approaches to Railway Station.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, with the three similar plans of the grades, profiles and maps for filing, of the approaches to a proposed railway station on the west side of the New York and Harlem Railroad, near the junction of the Southern Boulevard and Berrian Avenue.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 687.)

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President, one of the Officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to

certify and file said three similar maps or plans and profiles, as provided by law; which said maps or plans and profiles show the width, course, windings and grades of a street from Berrian Avenue to a proposed station on the New York & Harlem Railroad north of the Southern Boulevard, as the same has been laid out and is hereby determined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and are signed "Geo. S. Greene, Civil and Topographical Engineer," and dated "New York, May 25th, 1875."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Repairs to Mount St. Vincent.

From the Superintendent, enclosing a letter from Mr. C. Ryan, requesting that certain repairs to the papering and painting of the rooms in Mount St. Vincent be made, the estimated cost of which the Superintendent states at from \$125 to \$150.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that the Superintendent be directed to have said repairs made immediately at a cost not exceeding \$150.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 49.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Supt's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting upon the progress of the work done under his direction for the two weeks ending May 2d, 1875.

(Minutes, May 14th, 1875, p. 24.)

Filed.

3d Avenue.

From Mr. E. C. Morrison, Engineer in charge of the improvement of Third Avenue, reporting upon the protest of Mr. James Bowes, concerning the progress of the improvement of said Avenue between 160th and 161st Streets, and stating that the work is being advanced as rapidly as he can have it done, and that it is owing to the hindrances placed in the way of the contractor by the residents along the line of the Avenue (Mr. Bowes among them) that the work was not completed last autumn.

(Minutes, May 14th, 1875, p. 25.)

Filed.

Repairs to Bronx River Bridge.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that one of the bridges over the Bronx River is in a dangerous condition, and that to repair it, it will be necessary to employ a house-mover to raise it from its bearings, and recommending Mr. E. W. Gilbert as a suitable person to employ in that capacity.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be authorized to employ Mr. E. W. Gilbert to raise the said bridge for the purpose of having it repaired, at a cost not exceeding \$30 per day, one-half of which only is to be paid by this Department, Mr. Gilbert undertaking to look to the Supervisor of Westchester County for the payment of the balance.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Watering the Roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, requesting that an engineer be appointed to take charge of the engine for pumping water to sprinkle the roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards, and also a driver with a double team to bring the engine and pump from place to place as required, and recommending Henry Rich, engineer, and Frederick Weeks, with his double team, for these positions.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be received, and that Henry Rich, engineer, and Frederick Weeks, with his double team, be employed as requested by the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, and that the pay of the engineer be fixed at \$2.40 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Repairs to Central Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that it is necessary to make some immediate repairs to the Central Bridge over Harlem River, and that he will require for that purpose, two carpenters and two laborers to help them.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Engineer of Construction be authorized to have said repairs made, and that the Superintendent be directed to detail two carpenters and two laborers for that purpose; the cost of said repairs not to exceed \$250.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Central Bridge Draw.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that it is important to decide immediately what course is to be taken with reference to the contractor for the rebuilding of the draw in Central Bridge; and that the contractor seems indisposed to do anything.

(Minutes, May 7th, 1875, p. 16.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the whole subject of the said contract for the rebuilding of said draw be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to take such action as may be necessary in the premises.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Reservoir Square.

From Mr. Robert E. Bateman, requesting that Reservoir Square be left open until a later hour in the evening than at present.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting on said communication and estimating the additional cost of keeping said square open until eleven o'clock P.M. instead of seven o'clock P.M. as at present, as follows:

Police, per month.....	\$46
Light, " "	65
Repairs and ordinary maintenance.....	5
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Total, per month.....	\$116

Also from the Superintending Engineer, reporting that some of the lamps in said Reservoir Square are in a bad condition, and should be repainted to preserve them from rust, and estimating the cost at \$30.

The PRESIDENT moved that said several communications be received; that said square be kept open each night until eleven o'clock P.M., that fifty-two lamps be lighted in said square each night until 11 o'clock P. M., and that the repairs to the lamps mentioned in the communication of the Superintending Engineer be made at a cost not exceeding \$30.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Pay of Employés on the Sea Wall at the Battery.

From the Disbursing Clerk, giving the names of employés on the Sea Wall at the Battery, and the amounts due to them, as follows :

Edward Van Valkenburgh,	March, 1875,	.....	\$20 00
“ “ “	April, “	.....	7 50
Samuel R. Smith,	“ “	.....	27 50
“ “	May, “	.....	30 00
Charles M. Harris,	March, “	.....	55 00

The PRESIDENT stated that pending the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the application to transfer \$500 from the appropriation for the repairs of said Sea Wall in 1874 to a like purpose in 1875, the above named employés could not be paid; that said transfer had now been made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and he therefore moved that said employés be placed on the next pay rolls for the amounts due to them respectively.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1875, p. 634.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Wool.

From the Property Clerk, reporting that he has 794 lbs. of wool on hand.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said wool be sold at public auction.

Adopted.

Sewer in Brook Avenue 23d Ward.

From Mr. Samuel E. Lyon, requesting that immediate action be taken to locate the sewer in Brook Avenue, in the 23d Ward.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit to the Board, as soon as possible, the specifications for the sewer in Brook Avenue, from tide-water to the railroad crossing at 156th Street, and that when they are approved of, that the Secretary be directed to insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the construction of said sewer.

(Minutes, July 29th, 1874, p. 173.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Music.

From Mr. D. L. Downing, making a proposition to supply music on the Central Park during the summer.

(Minutes, May 5th, 1875, p. 5.)

Laid on the table.

Ex-park-keepers Becker, Butler and Donaldson.

From Messrs. John E. Becker, Rudolph Butler and J. D. Donaldson, applying to be reinstated as park-keepers.

(Minutes, April 14th, 1875, p. 643 and 651.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said application be refused.

Adopted.

Sea wall at the Battery.

From Mr. A. J. Howell, making a proposition for additional repairs to the sea wall at the Battery.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 38.)

Laid on the table.

Rowdies on Central Park.

From Mr. John J. Burckle, complaining that the Eighth Avenue side of the Central Park, near the ball ground, is infested by a gang of rowdies.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be filed; and stated that the Lieutenant who was present, reported that he had attended to this matter, and hoped in a few days to break up the gang and rid the Park from the nuisance.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following report.

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats, etc.	Maint. & Govt. P.	
	& P.	\$353 80
Byrne & Co., hay, oats, etc.	Maint. & Govt. P.	
	& P.	262 88
Florence, Wm. H., services.	Maint. of Bridges. .	104 16
Moran & Armstrong, labor and mate- rials.	Museum of Art.	1,843 00
Nichols, S. P., horse.	Maint. & Govt. P.	
	& P.	250 00
Rollins, True W., iron and labor.	Mus. Nat. Hist.	29,000 00
Titus, Sarah, services.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wds., etc.	12 50
Watson Manfg. Co., iron and labor.	Mus. of Art.	20,300 00
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		\$52,125 94

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.	\$866 28
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.	104 16
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	12 50
Museum of Art.	22,143 00
Museum of Natural History.	29,000 00
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	\$52,125 94

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-two thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-four cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
HENRY G. STEBBINS,

Auditing Committee.

New York, June 2d, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.		CR.	
May 19.	By balance.....		\$1,761 26
May 19.	} " cash received from rent, licenses, grass and to pound.....		
June 2.			47 54
			<u>\$1,808 80</u>
1875.		DR.	
May 19.	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$56 54
June 2.			
June 2.	" balance.....		1,752 26
			<u>\$1,808 80</u>

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, June 2d, 1875.

9.30 A. M.

Certificate on Audited Bills.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller with relation to a certificate of the necessity for each expenditure made by the Department of an amount less than \$1,000, in pursuance of Sec. 92, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, reported that this requirement of the law is, and has been, complied with by this Department.

(Minutes, May 10th, 1875, p. 19.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Extension of Webster and Brook Avenues.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to report to the Board the estimated cost of the construction of the extension of Webster

and Brook Avenues, as laid out on the map or plan submitted by him to the Board.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 691.)

Adopted.

New street at Inwood.

Commissioner MARTIN, to whom was referred the communication of the Civil and Typographical Engineer, with the map or plan of a new street at Inwood, reported progress, and moved that the Civil and Typographical Engineer be directed to report the estimated cost of the construction of said new street, as laid out on said map or plan.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 36.)

Adopted.

Brook avenue and the Parade Ground.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that this Department notify the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, appointed or to be appointed, for the purpose of acquiring title to Brook avenue in the 23d Ward, and the Parade Ground; that all surveys and maps of said avenue and Parade Ground which they may require in the discharge of their duty will be furnished to them on application to this Department.

(Minutes, July 29th, 1874, p. 73, and June 2d, 1875, p. 54.)

Adopted.

Goats in Central Park.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that signs be posted at such places on the Central Park as the Landscape Architect shall designate, to the effect that all goats found on the Central Park will be liable to be shot

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT presented estimate No. 2, amounting to

\$2,000, for work done by John Hogan, contractor for the granite work of the Museum of Art in the Central Park, and moved that it be audited and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, without waiving the notice given to said contractor, by the resolution of the Board, on the 10th May, 1875, and entered on page 20 of the minutes.

(Minutes, May 10th, 1875, p. 20.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT presented a certified copy of Chapter 351, Laws of 1875, directing the Board of Commissioners of this Department to establish and equip the Museum of Natural History building now erected on Manhattan Square, and directing the Comptroller of the city to issue a public fund or stock for that purpose to such an amount, not exceeding \$200,000, as shall be certified by resolution of said Board to be necessary.

(Minutes, March 6th, 1875, p. 567.)

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be, and he hereby is, requested to issue a public fund or stock, to be denominated the "Consolidated Stock of the city of New York," to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, as directed by section 2, chapter 351, Laws of 1875, said sum being necessary for the equipment of the building of the Museum of Natural History.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to report to the Board in detail what works are necessary to be undertaken and completed, in connection with the Museum of Natural History building, in order to comply with the directions of chap. 351, Laws of 1875.

(Minutes, March 17th, 1875, p. 574.)

Adopted.

Fireworks, &c., on July 4th.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of procuring fireworks and music, and making other arrangements for the celebration of Independence Day (July 4th, 1875), be referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M., to meet on Friday the 4th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2d inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Gardening force.

From the Landscape Architect upon the organization of the gardening force.

(Minutes, Feb. 23d, 1875, p. 534, and March 19th, 1875, p. 595.)

Laid on the table.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting what work is necessary to be done to establish and equip the building for the Museum of Natural History.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 67.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Adopted.

Steps at Mt. St. Vincent, 24th Ward.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the application of the Sisters of Charity of the Convent at Mt. St. Vincent, in the 24th Ward, to have some

wooden steps constructed to enable passengers to go to and from the railroad station without trespassing upon the grounds of the convent.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 49.)

Laid on the table.

Contracts executed in 1874.

From the Comptroller of the City, stating that, where contracts have been executed in 1874, but the supplies furnished and used in 1875, the only proper course is to charge the amount for such supplies to the appropriation for 1874.

Filed.

Gatekeeper A. Watson.

From Gate-keeper Andrew Watson, resigning his position from May 31st, 1875.

Accepted and ordered filed.

Grand Street Park.

From Dr. Nelson Place and about 150 other residents of the 7th and 13th Wards, complaining of the condition of Grand Street Park, and especially of the urinal erected therein.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Audit.

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

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

Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	\$9 70
Crimmins, J. D., mould.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	622 26

Composite Iron Works Co., lamp post..	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		\$38 00
Donaldson, Thomas, gas brackets	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		2 00
De Grauw., Aymar & Co., tar pitch, &c.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		6 58
Florence, Wm. H., services.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	H. R. Bridges...		104 16
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co. rent of line.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		62 50
Gray, Wm. H., whip, harness and wagon.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		369 00
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		13 20
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	\$59 59	
	Maint., 23d and 24th		
	Wards.....	15 26	
	Museum of Natural		
	History.....	1 75	
		<hr/>	76 60
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, feather			
dusters.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		18 19
McDermott, John, meat.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		182 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		61 32
N. Y. Staats Zeitung, advertising.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	\$8 70	
	Maint., etc., H. R.		
	Bridges.....	6 90	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	8 40	
		<hr/>	24 00
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., varnish, etc....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	\$31 00	
	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d and		
	24th Wards, etc..	7 25	
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Tysen, David J., vegetables.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$416 60
Verplanck Bros., horse collar.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	18 00
Walton Bros., whistles.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	6 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,924 64
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.....	111 06
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	15 28
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	7 25
Museum Natural History.....	1 75
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	8 40
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	\$2,068 36
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and sixty-eight dollars and thirty-six cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

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JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,

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H. G. STEBBINS,

Auditing Committee.

New York, June 4, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Reduction of Wages

The PRESIDENT reported that, in pursuance of the request of the Board, he had met with his Honor the Mayor and the heads of the various departments of the City Government on the subject of the reduction of the price of labor. That at the meeting, which was held in the Mayor's Office, it was unanimously agreed that laborers in the employment of the City Government should be paid by the hour, and not by the day, and that the rate should be fixed at twenty cents per hour, which rate would give the laborers who should work for ten hours each day the same pay they now receive for eight hours work. He also presented a schedule showing the price at which it was agreed at said meeting to fix the pay of foremen, mechanics, &c.

(Minutes, April 23d, 1875, p. 678.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted, and the schedule presented by the President filed.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after the 5th day of June, 1875, the pay of all persons employed by the Department of Public Parks in the undermentioned capacities be, and hereby is, fixed at the following rates, namely :

Mechanical engineer in charge	\$6 00	per day, no extra time to be allowed.
Foremen of masons	5 00	" " " "
Foremen of carpenters	5 00	" " " "
Painter in charge	4 50	" " " "
Foremen of laborers	4 00	" " " "
Assistant do.	30	per hour employed.
Laborers	20	" " " "
Rockmen	23	" " " "
Blasters	25	" " " "
Skilled laborers	23	" " " "
Blacksmiths	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "
Blacksmiths' helpers	25	" " " "
Carpenters	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "
Masons	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "
Plumbers	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "
Painters	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "
Two-horse team and wagon	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "
Two-horse team without wagon	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "
Horse and cart	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "
Horse without cart	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "
Division gardeners	30	" " " "
Gardeners	25	" " " "

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preamble and resolutions, as an amendment to said resolution offered by Commissioner Williamson :

I.—Whereas, the wages of mechanics and laborers in this Department have been higher than the wages paid for similar work in this city.

II.—Whereas, there are many laborers seeking employment at low rates.

III.—Whereas, the amount allowed for maintenance by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment compels the Department to reduce its expenditures to a lower sum per week than the judicious management of the Parks requires.

IV.—Whereas, the resumption of labor this spring on the works of this Department has been delayed three months by the opposition of Mr. Andrew H. Green to the appropriation bill in the Legislature, and it is harder on the laborer to cut off three months from the season's work than to reduce his wages by the day.

V.—Whereas, the obstructions and delays Mr. Green interposes to the public work, which this Department and other departments propose to carry forward, hinders the progress of works necessary for the public interests, and which by giving full employment to laborers would sustain the rate of wages.

Therefore,

Resolved, That each mechanic and laborer who gives notice that he prefers to work ten hours a day shall be enrolled for such work, and shall receive pay for the two additional hours, at the rate per hour specified in the schedule of rates.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that the 4th and 5th clauses of the preamble offered by Commissioner Martin be stricken out.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said original resolution, with the amendment offered by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said original resolution, offered by Commissioner Williamson, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Commissioner's Badge.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that a commissioner's badge be purchased for Commissioner O'Donohue.

(Minutes, Jan'y 9th, 1875, p. 443.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Commissioner O'Donohue was, by consent, excused from voting.

3d Avenue Bridge.

The PRESIDENT stated that the old flooring on the 3d Avenue Bridge, over Harlem River, which is being removed by the contractor for laying a new floor, is reported by the Engineer of Construction to be worthless, and that if left piled at the bridge, will obstruct travel.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 684.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the subject of the disposal of said old flooring be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th, 1875.

Adjourned Meeting, 9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 2d and 4th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Permission to J. D. Ottiwell, to set, curb, &c., in 23d Ward.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of a resolution approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the 8th inst., whereby permission is given to Mr. John D. Ottiwell to set the curb and gutter stones and flag the sidewalks in front of his property, being the block of ground bounded by 142d and 143d Streets, St. Ann's and Brook Avenues, the work to be done at his own expense and under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Parks.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Engineer of Construction, to report upon.

Adopted.

Pay of men employed in Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that the men employed to care the animals, &c., must necessarily be engaged

each day more than eight hours, and requesting that they be employed on such terms as will enable him to have their services for such length of time each day as may be necessary.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be received, and that all men employed in the Menagerie under the supervision of the Director, be paid at the rate of \$16 per week, they to give such time as may be necessary, in the opinion of the said Director, for the proper discharge of their duties.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Grand Street Park.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the communication of Dr. Nelson Place and others with reference to the condition of Grand Street park.

(Minutes June 4th, 1875, p. 70.)

Received and filed.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting the progress of works under his charge for the two weeks ending June 5th, 1875.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 56.)

Filed.

156th street, 23d Ward.

From Rev. J. Hindler, pastor of the German M. E. Church, Melrose, requesting that 156th Street, on which street said church is situated, be opened.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1875, p. 546.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin to report upon.

Maintenance of the turf on Central Park.

The PRESIDENT reported that since the meeting of May 21st,

1875, a majority of the Commissioners had visited the Central Park and examined the condition of the turf, as then requested by the Landscape Architect, and moved that the following statement of their observations be entered on the minutes :

It is found that on a large part of the ball ground, the East Green where it has been used as a croquet ground, the ground adjoining the Mall where walking has been allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, and on all other grounds subject to foot wear, the turf of the park is now in large parts dead, while in other parts the fine and suitable grasses have been superseded by undesirable annuals and coarse grasses ; that in other places where the turf had been protected from foot wear, it is still in a fair condition. That these and other circumstances demonstrate that the use of the turf hitherto permitted has been excessive, and that greater restrictions need to be placed upon it than have hitherto been thought necessary.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 33.)

Adopted.

Suspension Bridge.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of adopting the plans for the approaches to the Suspension Bridge over the Harlem River, at 181st Street, be now taken up.

(Minutes, May 14th, 1875, p. 26).

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said subject be laid over until the next meeting of the Board ; which was

Adopted.

Sewer in Brook Avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board, as soon as possible, plans for Mill Brook sewer in Brook Avenue, from tide-water to the railroad-crossing at 156th Street.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 61).

Adopted.

Ball Ground.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Ball Ground in the Central Park be open, subject to the rules of the Depart-

ment, for base ball from the 12th June inst. to the 15th of next September, at which time it shall be ploughed up and re-grassed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Night Watchmen.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the following named persons, when favorably reported upon as to their physical qualifications by the Police Surgeon, be appointed night watchmen, viz. : Michael Sheehan, Cornelius Sanford, Patrick Sullivan, Charles Bernhard and Michael R. Halpin.

(Minutes, May 14, 1875, p. 29.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Auction sale.

The Treasurer stated that the auctioneer had made a return of the sale of the horses and the two houses on Riverside Park amounting in all to \$204, less his fees and advertising \$16.80, and moved that same be accepted.

(Minutes, March 27, 1875, p. 607 and April 30th, 1875, p. 695).

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 10:30 A. M., to meet on Friday, the 11th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

Riverside Avenue.

From the Comptroller of the city, calling the attention of the Department to the fact that a petition of property owners, together with a resolution, for the regulation, grading, &c., of Riverside Avenue, from 72d to 85th Street, and from 88th to 130th Street, had been presented to the Board of Aldermen on the 3d inst. ; and forwarding copies of two opinions of the Counsel to the Corporation on the subject of the legality of executing said work.

(Minutes, Jan'y 20th and Feb'y 17th, 1875, p. 463 and 517.)

Filed.

Courtland and Fordham Avenues.

From the Secretary of the Health Department, forwarding a copy of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Health on the 8th inst, viz. :

Resolved, That copies of the reports of Sanitary Inspectors on the condition of gutters on Courtland Avenue, at 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th and 159th Street, and of the ditch at east side of Fordham Avenue, 25 yards south of Marble Street, be forwarded to the Department of Public Parks for the necessary action.

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

Central Bridge Draw.

Commissioner MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, reported progress in the matter of the contract for the rebuilding of the draw in Central Bridge; and recommended that the Department, by its own force, take immediate steps to place the old draw in working order, at a cost not exceeding \$1,000.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 59.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Tinsmith and Plumber—23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that the rate of pay of persons employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards in the undermentioned capacities be fixed as follows :

Plumbers.....	\$3 50 per day
Tinsmiths.....	3 50 " "

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Engineer for Steam-engine, 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards was unable to procure the services of Henry Rich as engineer for the steam engine, and being obliged to have said engine set to work at once, had employed C. W. Green as such engineer, and he therefore moved that said C. W. Green be employed by the Board in said capacity from the time of his employment by the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and until two weeks from this date, at the rate of \$2.40 per day.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 58.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

3d Avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to give his opinion upon the following :

1. Whether there is any legal question or objection in letting out the work of paving Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the Northern boundary of the Twenty-third Ward, under the ordinance of the Common Council for that purpose, in one contract or in two separate contracts, as the Board may determine.

(Minutes, May 5th, 1875, p. 11.)

2. Whether the filling in of the streets intersecting Third Avenue between 147th Street and Harlem River, so as to make their crossings correspond with the new grade as directed by the ordinance of the Common Council can be included in the contract for grading Third Avenue; and also whether, under said ordinance, the pavement now laid on said portion of said

avenue can be removed and relaid ; and whether the ordinance already framed is sufficient, or any new ordinance is required.

(Minutes, Jan'y 9th, 1857, p. 441.)

Adopted.

Thinning Plantations.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. O. C. Bullard, had been employed by the Board for the purpose of thinning the plantations in the Central Park on the 3d day of March last, for thirty days from that date. That he had only worked for fifteen of said thirty days, but that since their expiration he had, under the direction of the Landscape Architect, worked for the remaining fifteen days. That he was paid on the pay-roll for the first fifteen days, but could not be for the second, as his time of employment by the Board had expired. He then presented a bill for the amount due Mr. Bullard for his services for said last fifteen days, amounting to \$135, and moved that the Board authorize and approve thereof.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1875, p. 549.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Report to his Hon. the Mayor.

The PRESIDENT then presented to the Board the report to his Hon. the Mayor, as directed by Sec. 27, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, of the transactions of this Department, for the three months ending March 31st, 1875.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be approved and the President requested to sign and transmit it to his Hon. the Mayor.

Adopted.

June 11, 1875.]

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Accounts of Museum of Nat. History Building.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the First Clerk be directed to show by proper entries in detail in the books of the Department, the exact expenditures, both actual and estimated, of the fund for the erection of the building for a Museum of Natural History.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 10.45 A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16th, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works :

1. A frame building on Central Park for the graminivorous animals.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 53.)

2. A new roof on the Music Pavilion, situate on the Mall in Central Park.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 53.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The Comptroller of the City of New York was also present.

The PRESIDENT moved that, inasmuch as the bill granting the appropriation applicable to the payment of the above mentioned works, although passed by the Legislature, was not yet approved by the Governor, the opening of said proposals be adjourned until Wednesday, the 23d June, 1875, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The Comptroller having retired, the Board organized in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 9th and 11th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Permission to J. D. Ottiwell to set curb, &c., in 23d Ward.

From the Engineer of Construction reporting upon the permission granted to Mr. J. D. Ottiwell to set, curb, &c., in front of his property in the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1875, p. 77.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and filed, and that the Engineer of Construction be directed to supervise said work without expense to the city.

Adopted.

Drinking Fountain at the Circle.

From Mr. Henry Bergh, President of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, requesting that a drinking fountain be placed at the Circle, where the Boulevard and 8th Avenue meet.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, recommending that a modification be made in the plans of the building for the Museum of Natural History, by substituting tile or cement instead of boarding for the floor, and submitting a proposition of Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, the contractors for the mason work of said building, by which they offer to make the changes in the arches of said building, which would be rendered necessary by such modification, for \$945.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received and referred to the Superintending Architect to report upon.

Adopted.

Audit.

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

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

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co. rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$9 22
Bullard, O. C., services.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	135 00
Cook, Ebenezer, sponges.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	4 00
Douglass, W. P., rent Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	666 87
Hall, James, regulating, &c., 3d Avenue Morrisania.....	Impt. 3d Avenue, Morrisania.....	6,738 17
Gates, Churche & Co., lumber.....	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards.....	108 24
Kohler & Perkins, gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P. 1874	1,172 87
Labagh, Wm. O., rock salt.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	6 10
New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	704 00
Oakley, Whitson, horses.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	900 00
Vanderbilt Bros., mower parts.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	53 93
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.....	64 00
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		\$10,562 20
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,478 92
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	108 24
Maintenance, &c., Harlem River Bridges.....	64 00

Maintenance, &c., Central Park and Parks and Places, 1874.	\$1,172 87	
Improvement 3d Avenue, Morrisania.....	6,738 17	
		<u>\$10,562 20</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars and twenty cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.
Auditing Committee.

New York, June 15, 1875.

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats &c.,.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$330 52
Adams, Union, & Co., Berlin gloves...	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	126 00
Barratt, Oliver, repairs to lamps.....	Maint. H.R. Bridges,	20 00
Barron, James S., & Co., matches, brooms, &c.,.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	81 12
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	124 97
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipes.....	Maint. etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	140 94
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., axes.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	15 00
Gatchel, A. S., hose and gas tips.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	68 00
Graham & Co., keep of horse, May....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	30 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas at stables, and Mt. St. V.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	37 50
Holt, Horace, dies and ribbon.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	7 50
Johnston, J. O., putting up awnings...	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	7 75
Jube, John P., & Co., carriage hardware.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$42 55
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 83
		<u>47 88</u>

Keuffel & Esser, drainage mat'ls.	Surveying laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$50 00
Kohler & Perkins, gravel.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P., 1874.	2,375 00
Leverett, Josiah S., & Co., rubber hose.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	50 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, May.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	50 05
McNab & Harlin Mfg Co., plumbing mat'ls.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	35 20
Place, Geo., emery wheel.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	3 10
Siney & Langstroth, lap-robe, etc.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	20 66
Titus, Sarah, services	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards	12 50
United Farmer's Milk Co., milk.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	16 74
Verplanck Bros., lap-robe, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	8 50
Vanderbilt Bros., grass seed, mowers, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	223 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office.	Maint 23d and 24th Wards	30 00
		\$3,856 43

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$1,193 16
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places 1874.	2,375 00
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.	20 00
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	183 44
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	84 83
	\$3,856 43

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-eight hundred and fifty-six dollars and forty-three cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, June 15, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.		CR.	
June 2.	By balance.....		\$1,752 26
June 2	} " cash received from rent licenses and sundry scales.....		
to			
June 16.	}		1,471 37
			—————
1875.		DR.	
June 2	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$1,434 37
to			
June 16.	}		
June 16.	" balance.....		1,739 26
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			—————
			\$3,223 63

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, June 16, 1875.

9.30 A. M.

Night Watchmen.

The PRESIDENT then presented the reports of the Police Surgeon on the physical qualifications of the following named persons, appointed as night watchmen on the 9th inst., viz. : Cornelius Sanford, Charles Bernhard, Patrick Sullivan, Michael R. Halpin and Michael Sheehan. All said reports are favorable ; but it appears that the last named (Michael Sheehan) is

above the age limited for applicants for appointment on the police force.

(Minutes, Jan. 19th, 1874, p. 530, and June 9th, 1875, p. 80.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said reports be accepted and approved in the cases of Cornelius Sanford, Charles Bernhard, Patrick Sullivan and Michael R. Halpin, and that Thomas Ryan be appointed a night watchman, in place of said Michael Sheehan, when favorably reported upon by the Police Surgeon as to his physical qualifications.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Special-keeper M. J. Kelly.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of Special-keeper M. J. Kelly, on a charge of neglect of duty in being absent without leave on the 8th inst., verbally reported that he found him guilty, and recommended that he be fined five days' pay, and cautioned that on the next conviction of a like offense he shall be dismissed.

(Minutes, September 30th, 1874, p. 280.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and the recommendation adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN moved, as an amendment to said motion, that Special-keeper M. J. Kelly be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that the whole subject be laid over until the next meeting of the Board, which was Adopted.

Tracings, &c., of the 24th Ward.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Civil and Topographical En-

gineer be directed to furnish Commissioner Martin with such tracings of the Fordham Heights, Spuyten Duyvil and Riverdale districts in the 24th Wards, as he may require, for the purpose of enabling him to present his views in respect to the improvement of said districts.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 691.)

Adopted.

General Foreman Manning.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE stated that he had been informed by a citizen that he had at various times paid foremen in the employment of the Department for special privileges granted to him on Central Park, and that he had at one time paid \$100 to General Foreman Manning for a like consideration.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that Commissioner O'Donohue be requested to examine and investigate the matters to which he referred, and to report to the Board thereon.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, verbally reported that the work of establishing and equipping the building for the Museum of Natural History should be proceeded with at once, and with that object recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That _____ prepare and submit to the Board the working plans, specifications and estimates of the several works specified in the communication of the Superintending Architect, presented to the Board on the 4th inst.

(Minutes, June 4th, 1875, p. 69.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted, and the resolution recommended adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Saddle horse.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President be au-

thorized to purchase a suitable saddle-horse for the use of the officer in command of the police force while in the discharge of his duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Watchman at Mount Morris Square.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent be directed to detail, temporarily, to the Lieutenant, a man for night duty at Mount Morris Square.

Adopted.

Statue of O'Connell.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had been waited upon by a committee of citizens who are desirous of placing a statue of Daniel O'Connell in the Central Park.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said subject be referred to the President and the Landscape Architect, with the request that they should report to the Board a suitable site on which to locate said statue in the event of its acceptance.

Adopted.

Music.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of making arrangements for music on the Central Park during the summer, with Mr. C. G. Grafulla and Mr. H. B. Dodworth, be referred to Commissioner O'Donohue, with power.

(Minutes, May 21st, and June 2d, 1875, p. p. 35 and 62.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

House on Riverside Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that Michael Starr had purchased one of the condemned houses on Riverside Park recently sold at auction ; that he had removed the unsafe portions of it, and repaired the remainder, which was certified to by an inspector of buildings from the Department of Buildings, and that said Mr. Starr desired permission to let the house remain where it is for the present.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1875, p. 80.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said Michael Starr be allowed to let his house remain on Riverside Park until the further order of the Board, on condition that he acts as a watchman on said Park, under the directions and orders of the Superintendent, without pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Plumber.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the pay of Wm. Cloughen, plumber, be fixed at \$3.50 per day from and after the 19th inst.

(Minutes, April 23d, 1875, p. 675.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Suspension Bridge.

The subject of adopting the plans for the approaches to the Suspension Bridge over Harlem River, at 181st Street, laid over at a previous meeting, was then taken up.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1875, p. 79.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, moved that the plans of approaches to said bridge, submitted by the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the 14th May, 1875, and marked E, be adopted by the Board.

(Minutes, May 14th, 1875, p. 26.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved, as a substitute for said motion, that the plan of approaches to said bridge, submitted by the Engineer of Construction on the 21st April, 1875, and marked C, be adopted by the Board.

(Minutes, April 21st, 1875, p. 664.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that the whole subject of the plans of the approaches to said bridge be laid over until the next meeting of the Board; which was
Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON the Board adjourned, at 12:30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23d, 1875.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works :

1. A frame building on Central Park for the graminivorous animals.

(Minutes, June 16th, 1875, p. 87.)

2. A new roof on the Music Pavilion, situate on the Mall in Central Park.

(Minutes, June 16th, 1875, p. 87.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The COMPTROLLER of the City of New York was also present.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

FRAME BUILDING ON CENTRAL PARK.

- 1. P. B. McEntyre..... \$3,700 00
- 2. T. D. Vanderver..... 4,200 00
- 3. James J. Donovan 3,493 00

NEW ROOF ON THE MUSIC PAVILION.

- 1. Andrew J. Campbell..... \$2,556 00
- 2. Geo. Fischer & Bro..... 2,150 00

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th, 1875.

Special Meeting, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square (East). }
NEW YORK, June 23, 1875.

Mr. ISAAC EVANS, Assistant Secretary :

Sir,—You will call a special meeting of the Board for Friday, the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of any business that may require attention.

Yours, truly,

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned to meet on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING.—9:30 A. M.

Present.—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

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

Parade Ground.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from his Honor, the Mayor, in reference to the proceedings instituted to acquire title to lands required for the parade ground, and recommending “ that such steps be taken as will cause them to be withdrawn,”

Also from the Comptroller, urging the discontinuance of said proceedings, when

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, in view of the opinions and wishes expressed by His Honor, the Mayor, in his letter of the 25th instant, and addressed to this department in relation to the establishment of a parade ground in the upper part of the city, and in view of the opinions and wishes of the Comptroller of the city expressed in his letter of the 24th instant on the same subject, it is,

Resolved, that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby requested to postpone the proceedings in the matter of the parade ground as ordered in the resolution of the Board, passed March 30th, 1875.

Commissioner MARTIN offered an amendment, as follows :

Resolved, That the Department adheres to its action in this matter, and declines to postpone the proceedings, and that it be referred to the Executive Committee to state their reasons therefor.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment made by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, that the subject be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to confer with the Mayor in relation thereto, and take such steps as in their judgment they may deem proper.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute offered by Commissioner O'Donohue, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

At this stage of the proceedings Commissioner Williamson left the meeting.

Plans Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following :—

Resolved, That the blank in the resolution adopted on the 16th inst., and recorded on page 94 of the minutes be filled with the words "Calvert Vaux," and that all the plans and specifications for the whole work be submitted together at the same time, and that the compensation therefore be $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for the balance of the first \$500,000, and one per cent. on the residue.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE it was laid on the table.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following :—

Resolved, That the whole subject of the finances and the accounts, and the report of the Commissioners of Accounts recently made to the Board of Aldermen be referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, it was laid on the table.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 10:55 A. M., to meet on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meetings, 16th, 23d, 25th, and 26th inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Aldermen to visit Departments.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding copy of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen :

Resolved, That each member of this Board be, and he is, authorized to visit any and all of the various Departments and places designated in or affected by subdivisions 1 to 26 in section 17 and section 90 of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

Filed.

Turn-Stiles for Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintendent of Museum of Natural History, asking that two “turn-stiles” be placed in the Museum Building for the purpose of “counting accurately the number of visitors to the Museum.”

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and that the two turn-stiles mentioned therein be constructed and placed as requested.

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

Ayes—Commissioners—Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Patrick Docherty.

From the Superintendent, recommending that Patrick Docherty, driver, be advanced to the grade of skilled laborer, with pay at \$2.50 per day.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said recommendation be adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners—Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Moran & Armstrong.

From the Superintending Architect, enclosing application of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, and recommending that they be paid the sum of \$12,000 as requested therein, "as they have done considerable work above the specified line on some portions of the building."

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the said communication be received, and that Moran & Armstrong be paid the sum of twelve thousand dollars on account of their fifth payment of \$14,000.

(Minutes, Dec. 22d, 1874, p. 421.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners—Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Observatory for instruction.

From Mr. Gardiner Shearman, Jr., and 16 other citizens of New York City, requesting that a site be allotted for an observatory for instruction in practical astronomy, which they propose to build.

From Mr. Alfred G. Compton, Professor of Mechanics,

Astronomy, &c., in the College of the City of New York, on the same subject.

Also from the Board of Education, recommending that said request be granted, and offering to equip said building with the instruments belonging to the College of New York.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communications, together with the general subject of erecting buildings on the parks for institutions not connected with the Department be referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Adopted.

Sprinkling Jerome Ave.

Two petitions numerously signed, by W. E. Smith and others, and by Jesse A. Marshall and others respectively, asking that Jerome Avenue be sprinkled until after the fall races.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said petitions be received and placed on file, and that Jerome Avenue be sprinkled when needed until after the fall races.

(Minutes, May 14, 1875, p. 30.)

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

Ayes—Commissioner Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Aquarium.

From Mr. P. T. Barnum, making a proposition in reference to establishing an aquarium on Central Park.

(Minutes May 13, 1874, p. 24.)

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

J. J. Schillinger.

From Mr. James Brand, asking that Mr. J. J. Schillinger be paid for work done on Five Points Park.

(Minutes, January 26, 1875, p. 478.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the application contained in said communication be rejected.

Adopted.

148th Street

From Mr. Wm. H. Payne, assignee of J. R. Baity, and from John McCarty, in reference to the non-appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of grading 148th Street, from Millbrook to St. Ann's Avenue.

(Minutes, May 5, 1875, p. 6.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin to report upon.

Filling.

From Messrs. Dillon, Clyde & Co., offering surplus material lying on Fourth Avenue adjacent to Central Park.

Referred to the Superintendent to report.

Plants in Propogating Department.

From Mr. Robert Demcker, late Landscape Gardener, asking that certain plants in the propogating department be restored to him.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Central Bridge Draw.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that the draw of Central Bridge "can be kept in working order with occasional repairs till the end of the season."

Filed.

Audit.

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

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

Arnold & Co., bricks and cement,	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$102 50
Byrne & Co., hay	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	144 32
De Graw, Aymar & Co., duck, rope, &c	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.	\$90 10
	Museum of Art.	69 93
		<hr/> 160 08

Gordon, Robt., Treas., ins. & wages Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$521 12
Graham & Co., keep of horse, April....	Survey., Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	30 00
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	44 88
Hilton, E. G., couplings.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	6 19
Lee Box & Lumber Co., labor and mate- rials.....	Maint. etc., Har- lem River Brgs.	1,909 14
Leverett, Josiah S., & Co. rubber pack- ing, &c.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and F.....	20 22
Murphy & Nesbit, cement.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	22 50
Miller, Anthony, ladders.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	48 00
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	18 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	61 00
Queen, Jas. W., & Co., polar planimeter..	Maint. Mus. and Obs., etc., 1874.	5 77
Roosevelt, Sam'l, & Co., hardware....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	35 00
Salamander Works, fire-brick, &c.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	102 24
Simpson, A., bread.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	18 00
Verplanck Bros., oil cloth.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	69 02
	City Parks Imp. F.....	2 00
		1 25
Vanderbilt Bros., scythes.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	3 25
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, scythes....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	40 00
		38 00
		<u>\$3,328 18</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$1,117 48
Maintenance, &c., of Harlem river bridges.....	1,909 14
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	147 88

Maintenance Mus. Obs. & Gal. of Art.	\$35 00
Museum of Art.	69 93
City Parks Improvement Fund.	19 25
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	30 00
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	\$3,328 18

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-three hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighteen cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } Auditing
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Committee.

New York, June 22, 1875.

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

Grant, W. H., petty expenses.	Maint. H.R. Bridges.	
	74.	\$28 50
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards	13 75
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.	Maint. H.R. Bridges,	\$95 76
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	154 28
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McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$19 43
	Museum of Art.	1 50
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		20 93
Manhattan Gas-light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	629 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	372 80
New York Times, advertising.	Maint. H. R. Bridges City Parks Impt. Fund.	\$2 00 2 00
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		4 00
Potter, Howard, Treas. Ins., &c, Mus. Natural History.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	471 76
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		\$1,790 78

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$1,647 27
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	13 75
Maintenance, etc., Harlem river Bridges.....	97 76
Museum of Art.....	1 50
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	2 00
Maintenance Harlem River bridges, 1874.....	28 50
	————— \$1,790 78
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventeen hundred and ninety dollars and seventy-eight cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, June 28th, 1875,

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Drinking Fountain at Circle.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting that it would be desirable to place a drinking fountain at the Circle, as requested by Mr. Henry Bergh, President of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

(Minutes, June 16, 1875, p. 88.)

Laid over.

Plans of Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting on certain modifications in the plans of the building for the Museum of Natural History, recommended by Calvert Vaux.

(Minutes, June 16, 1875, p. 88.)

Laid on the table.

Thomas Ryan.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting favorably on the physical qualifications of Thomas Ryan for the position of night watchman.

(Minutes, June 16th, 1875, p. 93.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted and approved.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting on the progress of the works under his charge for the two weeks ending June 19th.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1875, p. 78.)

Filed.

Drainage 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting what improvements are needed for the proper drainage of the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes, June 3, 1874, p. 70.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin.

Webster Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, giving estimate of cost of constructing the road-bed of Webster Avenue, with plan for same.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 64.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin.

Street at Inwood.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, on the cost of grading a new street at Inwood.

(Minutes, May 21, 1875, p. 36.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin.

Brook Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, giving an estimated cost of grading Brook Avenue.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 64.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin.

Sewer, Brook Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, presenting plans and estimates of proposed sewer through Brook Avenue.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1875, p. 79.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin.

Frame Building.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the two following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 3) of James V. Donovan, for the construction and erection of a frame building be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said James V. Donovan, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, June 23d, 1875, p. 99.)

Roof Music Pavilion.

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 2.) of George Fisher & Bro. for the construction of a new roof on the Music Pavilion on the Mall be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Fischer & Bro., and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, June 23d, 1875, p. 99.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Chap. 549, Laws 1875.

The PRESIDENT presented a certified copy of Chapter 549, Laws of 1875, in reference to the construction of blind drains in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Filed.

Adolph Klein.

The PRESIDENT stated that Park-keeper Adolph Klein had made application for pay for one day, absent with leave.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said application be denied.

Adopted.

Flooring Central Bridge.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Engineer of Construction had reported that the floors of the two spans adjoining the draw of Central Bridge were in a dangerous condition, and presented a proposition of the Lee Box & Lumber Co., to furnish and lay a new flooring for same at the rate of \$32 per one thousand feet, and stated that the said Engineer estimated the total cost would not exceed \$788.64.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said work be proceeded with, that the offer of the Lee Box & Lumber Co. be accepted, and that the President report to this Board, the circumstances under which this contract is made.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Patrick C. Langevin.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered that Mr. Patrick C. Langevin be paid for fifteen days' work rendered by him during the month of April, and moved that his action in the matter be approved.

(Minutes, May 14th, 1875, p. 25.)

Adopted.

Parade Ground.

Commissioner MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, presented the following report in relation to the proceedings in the matter of acquiring title to the lands for the Parade Ground :

(Minutes, March 30, 1875, p. 617.)

*To the Board of Commissioners of
Department of Public Parks :*

The Executive Committee have the honor to submit the following report :

By the letter of the Mayor of 25th June, 1875, addressed to the Department, we are called upon to consider the question of discontinuing the proceedings for acquiring title to the land laid out on the Harlem river for a military parade ground.

Under the Act of 1871, chapter 628, this land was selected for that purpose, and with the concurrence of the military authorities it was so laid out, and the map filed on the 5th day April, 1873. The effect of this under the provision of the statute making the filing of the map final and conclusive on all parties, is to condemn this property to the public use. In the words of the statute, it " became one of the public squares of the city."

This property is therefore in this condition, that it has been, under the right of eminent domain, taken by the public. The rights of property owners are finally and conclusively bound.

They can no longer sell or mortgage their property. They have a right against the city, as a forcible purchaser, to have the damages ascertained and paid ; that is, the price at which their land is to be taken is to be fixed by a commission and then they will be entitled to receive it. This is the only right they have, the right to the future payment, and the proceeding we have taken is the regular and only legal course to procure this payment.

The position is similar to the one in which two individuals would be placed who had contracted for the sale and purchase of land, where the purchaser was entitled by arbitration to fix the price, and pay it when he pleased.

It is at this stage we are asked to discontinue the proceeding. The answer is that it is an unjust and unwarrantable violation of a contract in which the city owes to the citizen extraordinary good faith.

A purchaser who exercises the sovereign right to lay his hand on private property, and then, at his own pleasure, to institute a proceeding, which he alone can take, to fix the price, is bound on every legal and equitable rule, after he has taken the first step, to proceed diligently and without interruption to the end.

But we are asked, after having condemned the land, to suspend indefinitely the proceeding by which the city can render a just equivalent to the landowner. Such delay of justice is a denial of justice.

If we were asked to reverse our action from the beginning and to relieve the property from the condemnation of this map, the case would be different; but we have no power to do this and that question is not before us. It is to stop midway, after the city has acted to the injury of the property owner, and to leave him under that injury without remedy.

The reasons presented to us are :

1st. That there are better locations. This form of objection, that can be made to any plan, loses its power in view of the thorough consideration given at the time the location was selected, and the fact that the Legislature has more than once refused to entertain applications to repeal or change it.

2d. That the depressed state of the times forbids any further expenditure or increase of the city debt. The only direct application this reason has to the question is this, that the city will now have the price at which it is to pay for this land assessed at a very low figure.

It also bears more hardly on the property owner than the city; his property condemned, taxed and unavailable, is as great a burden to him as any that the city bears. No one will look at this reason with any toleration, in the light that the city should, because of the hard times, fail in its just obligation.

The Executive Committee, with this report, present the following resolution :

Resolved, That this report be presented to the Mayor and the Comptroller as a statement of the grounds on which the Department have acted in commencing the proceeding.

New York 29th, June 1875.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received and the resolution presented therewith adopted by the Board.

(Minutes, June 26th, 1875, p. 104.)

Adopted.

Requisition, City Parks Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Martin offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be, and he is, hereby required to forthwith create and issue, in such manner and under such regulations as he shall determine, a public fund or stock, to be denominated "City Parks Improvement Fund," to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as authorized by Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and places, now under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Works of Construction.

The Landscape Architect verbally reported what works of construction are desirable to be proceeded with ; when

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the following undertakings be proceeded with, as recommended by the Landscape Architect, as rapidly as may be practicable, consistently with economy :

1. The Southeast Walk System, Central Park.
2. Unfinished work on and near Drive, southeast of Meadow, do.
3. Eighth Avenue Wall, do.
4. Eighth Avenue Slopes, do.
5. Entrance Roads and adjoining Slopes on Eighth Avenue, do.
6. Roadsteps and Fountain, do.
7. City Hall Park.
8. Five Points Park.
9. Washington Square Fountain.
10. Lincoln Monument Enclosure.
11. Madison Square Fountain.
12. Places at 63d and 65th Streets and Boulevard.
13. Walks at Mount Morris.
14. Grand Street and Canal Street Parks.
15. Completion of Sidewalks on south side of Manhattan Square and the approaches from it to the Museum of Natural History.
16. Grading of Sidewalk on the north, east and west sides of Manhattan Square.
17. Riverside Park.
18. Morningside Park.
19. Supplementary Work on Architectural Structures.
20. Tompkins Square.

(See Doc. 63, Minutes January 29, 1875, p. 482.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the three following resolutions :

\$10,000 reserved.

Resolved, That the sum of \$10,000 of the Construction Fund be set aside and regarded as a reserve to be used in providing a system of watering for the Ball Ground and for enlarging the accommodation of the Walks.

Plans of Cottages.

Resolved, That plans be prepared for cottages to replace the East Green and Hens Head cottages.

Lamps for Fountain, Union Sq.

Resolved, That designs be prepared for lamps in connection with the fountain at Union Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Finances and Accounts.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the following resolution be taken from the table :

Resolved, That the whole subject of the finances and the accounts, and the report of the Commissioners of Accounts recently made to the Board of Aldermen, be referred to the Executive Committee.

(Minutes, June 26th, 1875, p. 104.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the whole subject of the finances and the accounts be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

Plan of Tompkins Square.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect is hereby instructed to prepare and present a plan for the improvement of Tompkins Square with a view to securing increased advantages for popular recreation thereupon, and if possible reconciling such advantages, as far as practicable with the continued use of the square, or a part of it, as a parade ground.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, p. 37.)

Adopted.

Opening Draw, 3d Av. Bridge.

The PRESIDENT submitted a form of order for the direction of the tenders as to the manner of opening the draw of Third Avenue Bridge, and moved that said form be approved and posted in the tenders' house.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at one o'clock to meet on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, July 1st, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

THURSDAY, JULY 1st, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING.—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 29th and 30th ults. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read.

Estimates for 1876.

From his Honor the Mayor, informing this Department that on the 24th ult. the Comptroller was requested by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to notify this Department to prepare the estimates for the year 1876, and to transmit the same in duplicate to that Board and to the Board of Aldermen before the 1st of September next, and calling the attention of this Department to the necessity of the strictest economy.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed and that the Landscape Architect be directed to prepare and submit to the Board as soon as possible a draft of the necessary estimates for the year 1876.

Adopted.

Paving Third Avenue.

From the Clerk to the Common Council, forwarding copies of preambles and resolutions adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 10th ult., directing this Department to proceed

with the work of paving Third Avenue, from Westchester avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, .)

Filed.

Pay of Laborers.

From the Clerk to the Common Council, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 10th ult., protesting against the action of the various heads of departments in reducing the pay of laborers.

(Minutes, June 4th, 1875, p. 73.)

Filed.

Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent, stating that to proceed with the works recently directed, he will require 80 laborers and 20 rockmen additional.

(Minutes, June 29, 1875, p. 118.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that the number of laborers and rockmen mentioned therein be appointed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Photographic Gallery.

From Mr. W. M. Lawlor, asking permission to establish a photographic gallery on the Central Park.

(Minutes, March 6th, 1875, p. 569.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and the application refused.

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

The PRESIDENT, who was requested to report upon the circumstances of the necessity for the order given on the 29th ult. for the repairs to the Central Bridge, verbally reported, and presented a communication of the Engineer of Construction, by which it appears that the work, which is the flooring of the two main spans adjoining the draw of said bridge, is of immediate necessity, and that it will not cost more than \$800.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 116.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the President be requested to make application to the Common Council for permission to have the repairs to said Central Bridge made by days' work, or otherwise, as may be deemed best for the interests of the City by the Commissioners of this Department.

Adopted.

Reduction of Force in 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of reducing the force of laborers now employed in the 23d and 24th Wards be referred to Commissioners Martin and Williamson, with power.

Adopted.

Engineer of Steam Engine in 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that the services of W. C. Green as Engineer of the steam engine in the 23d and 24th Wards be continued until the 22d inst., at the same rate of pay previously fixed.

(Minutes, June 11, 1875, p. 83.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Special Night Duty.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to either detail from the labor force, or employ at the rate of \$2.50 per day, until the 22d inst., a sufficient number of men for special night duty on the Central Park and Mount Morris Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 11.10 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, 8th inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, JULY 8th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings, of June 29th and 30th, and July 1st, 7th and 8th, 1875, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read:

Main street, 24th Ward.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of this Department to the condition of the street gutter on Main street, near Cross street, in the 24th Ward.

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

Paving 3d Avenue.

Grading 3d Avenue, 147th street to Harlem River.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that “there is no doubt that the work in question” (paving 3d Avenue, from Westchester avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward) “can be lawfully divided, and let under two separate contracts, and” that he does “not think there would be any risk that by so doing the assessments for the work would be rendered invalid.”

Also stating that the ordinance heretofore passed for the grading of 3d Avenue, from 147th Street to Harlem River, is not sufficient to enable the work of making the grade of the cross streets correspond to the new grade of said avenue to be proceeded with, or to take up and preserve the pavement, &c., now laid on said portion of 3d avenue ; that the work of grading the avenue should not be proceeded with until an additional ordinance is obtained, amending the ordinance already passed in these respects.

Also stating that said portion of 3d avenue, having been once paved, and the expense thereof paid for by an assessment, it cannot be repaved unless a majority of the owners of the property on the line of said portion of the said avenue petition therefor, as required by Sec. 115, Chap. 335, Laws 1873.

(Minutes, June 11th, 1875, p. 83.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received and filed, and that the President be authorized to transmit a copy thereof, together with a draft additional ordinance, as recommended by the Counsel to the Corporation, to his Honor the Mayor, with the request that said additional ordinance would be passed as soon as possible.

Adopted.

Estimates for 1876.

From the Comptroller, notifying this Department to send the departmental estimates for 1876 to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment prior to 1st day of September, 1875,

(Minutes, July 1st, 1875, p. 125.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to the Landscape Architect to prepare and submit a draft of such departmental estimates to the Board at as early a day as possible.

Adopted.

Hugh Gatey, laborer, detailed as Special Keeper

From Mr. E. F. Jenkins, Secretary of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, complaining of Hugh Gatey, laborer detailed as a special keeper, having plunged a little boy into the basin of the fountain on Washington Square.

Also from said Hugh Gatey, admitting that he had done so.

The PRESIDENT stated that on the receipt of said communications he had suspended said Hugh Gatey.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communications be received and filed, the action of the President approved, and that said Hugh Gatey be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Reports.

From the Superintendent, reporting the progress of the works under his charge during the four weeks ending Saturday, July 17th, 1875.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 114.)

Filed.

Foreman of Rockmen.

From the Superintendent, stating that he required a foreman of rockmen, and recommending Christopher Smith, a former employé of the Department, for the position.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and that Christopher Smith be appointed foreman of rockmen, at the pay of \$4.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Masons, Brick-layers, &c.

From the Superintendent, stating that he requires the fol-

lowing mechanics and laborers—viz. : 10 stone-masons, 12 brick-layers, 2 granite-cutters, 2 stone-cutters and 25 laborers.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1875, p. 126.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the number of stone-masons, &c., required by the Superintendent be appointed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Horse for Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent, stating that the Department has no horse at present suitable for the use of the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, and recommending that one be specially purchased for his use.

(Minutes, March 19, 1875, p. 593.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the President be authorized to purchase a horse for the use of the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, at a cost not exceeding \$225.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Filling.

From the Superintendent, reporting upon the proposition of Messrs. Dillon, Clyde & Co. offering surplus material for filling, and stating that it would cost the Department about 95c. a yard when delivered, or nearly double as much as the same kind of material can be bought for from other parties.

(Minutes June 29th, 1875, p. 110.)

Filed.

Filling on Eighth avenue slopes and Manhattan square.

From the Landscape Architect, stating that there is required about 5,000 yards of earth filling on the Eighth avenue slopes and about 16,000 yards on Manhattan square. That both of these works were in progress at the time of the passage of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, and that under the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, as published in Document No. 49, the Department can purchase the material for filling at these points without advertising; also that the proposal of Messrs. John D. and Thomas E. Crimmins to deliver filling at Manhattan square for 38c. per cubic yard is the lowest bid the Department has received for this work.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be received and filed, and that it be referred to the President to make a contract with Messrs. John D. & Thomas E. Crimmins for the delivery of 10,000 cubic yards of earth filling on Manhattan square, at 38c. per cubic yard, if such an amount can legally be contracted for without public advertisement.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the under-mentioned matters referred to him, as follows :

Aquarium.

That the Department cannot now legally establish an Aquarium on Central Park, in the manner proposed by Mr. P. T. Barnum, and that, even if it could, it would not be advisable to do so.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 109.)

Plants in Propagating Department.

That the claim of the late Landscape Gardener, for the de-

livery to him of plants at present in the houses of the propagating department, and which he claims as his, is not a perfectly sound one, as he had no right to place his private property among that of the Department, but stating that, as the value to the Department of the plants claimed is small, he would recommend that the late Landscape Gardener (Mr. Robert Demcker) be allowed to withdraw the plants, which have been labeled and regarded as his, and are known by employés of the Department to have been placed in the houses by him.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 110.)

Boats on Harlem Lake.

That it is not advisable to allow boats to be placed for hire on Harlem Lake at present, and that, therefore, the application of Mr. Stephen Roberts for permission to do so, should be declined.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and the recommendations of the Landscape Architect on said several matters adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Gardening Force.

From the Landscape Architect, upon the organization of the gardening force.

(Minutes, June 4th, 1875, p. 69.)

Laid on the table.

Drainage of the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting what improvements are needed for the proper drainage of the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 114.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin.

Concord Avenue.

From the Engineer in charge of improvements ordered by

the late Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania, upon the condition of Concord Avenue, in the 23d Ward, and stating that the contractor is not proceeding with his work, and has done nothing for about a year.

(Minutes, Feby. 1st, 1875, p. 494.)

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, James Finegan, the contractor for the regulating and grading of Concord Avenue, from Home Street to Westchester Road, in the late town of Morrisania, now the 23d Ward of the city of New York, under a contract entered into by him with the Board of Trustees of said late town, dated the 3d day of April, 1873, has failed to comply with the provisions of said contract, by which said work was to be completed on or before the expiration of fifteen months from the date of said contract;

And whereas, Said work has been abandoned by said contractor and his assignees, and it is the opinion of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, who are the successors of said Board of Trustees, that the said work is unnecessarily delayed ; that the said contractor and his assignees are wilfully violating the conditions and covenants of said contract; that the said work is not being done or progressed according to the terms of said contract, and that said work is not fully completed within the time named in said contract ; therefore :

Resolved, That the said contractor and his assignees be, and are hereby, notified, in pursuance of the terms of said contract, to discontinue all work under said contract, and that the Commissioners of this Department shall proceed to complete said work according to the terms of said contract, and in case the expense of the same shall exceed the sum which would have been payable under said contract, if the same had been completed by said contractor or his assignees, shall charge such excess to the said contractor and his sureties.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preambles and resolution be served upon the said contractor, his sureties and assignees.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

J. W. Maclay, Prin. Assist. to the Civil and Top. Eng.

From Mr. J. W. Maclay, Principal Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, requesting leave of absence for one month without pay.

The PRESIDENT moved that said application be granted.

Adopted.

Sale of Lambs.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that there are now about sixty-three lambs on the Central Park which should be sold.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said lambs be sold at public auction.

Adopted.

Australian Magpies.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the purchase of two Australian Magpies, now on exhibition at the Menagerie, and stating that they are worth \$20.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said Australian Magpies be purchased at a cost not exceeding \$20.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Cross walk at 5th Ave. and 59th street, entrance to the Central Park.

From Mr. Selig Steinhardt, and a number of other residents and citizens, asking that a cross walk be laid from the south-

east corner of 60th Street and 5th Avenue, to the walk adjoining the westerly entrance of Central Park and 5th Avenue.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Adopted.

U. S. Post Office and Court House.

From Mr. C. T. Hulburd, Superintendent of the United States Post Office, etc., asking permission to make a central entrance to said United States Post Office and Court House in the side-walk at the south side of City Hall Park as shown on a diagram enclosed, to replace the present curb by a 10 inch granite curb to correspond with that round said building, to build the basins and lay the drain as shown on said diagram. Also, to slightly change the grade of the street at said proposed entrance.

(Minutes, April 14th, 1875, p. 648.)

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That permission be given to the United States to make a central entrance to the new United States Post Office and Court House, and also the changes, alterations, basins and drain as mentened in the communication of Mr. C. T. Hulburd, Superintendent of said building, dated the 19th July, 1875, on the following conditions :

1st. That the plans for the proposed changes, alterations, work and grades shall be submitted to and approved by the Superintending Engineer of this Department.

2d. That any lamp-posts that require removal, shall be re-set where directed by this Department.

3d. That the United States shall not claim any right or title to control or mänge any part of the ground now under the jurisdiction of this Department, or any of the constructions that may hereafter be made by the United States upon it, by virtue of this permission.

4th. That all said changes, alterations, work and grades shall be done at expense of the United States, and that the right to revise, alter and reconstruct the same be reserved to this Department.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue.—4.

Public Religious Services on the Parks.

From Mr. L. E. Jackson, Secretary of the New York City Mission, asking permission to hold preaching services in the public parks.

The PRESIDENT moved that said application be refused, it being contrary to the rules of the Department to grant permission to hold religious meetings on the public parks.

Adopted.

Turf on Washington Square.

From Mr. M. H. Meyer, complaining that on the west side of Washington Square the grass and turf is destroyed by boys and girls continually running on it.

Also from the Landscape Architect, reporting on said communication, and stating that the allegations of Mr. Meyer are correct, that considerable spaces of turf have been worn out, and that other residents in the vicinity have recently complained that Washington Square is no longer a decent place to pass through with a lady, on account of the impertinence and rudeness of the men who occupy the seats upon it.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communications be received and filed, and that the Lieutenant be notified to pay special attention to the abatement of the nuisances complained of.

Adopted.

Watering Sedgwick Avenue.

From Mr. W. B. Ogden and others, asking that Sedgwick Avenue, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be sprinkled with water.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, to report upon the estimated expense of watering said Avenue.

Adopted.

Stuyvesant Square.

From Mrs. C. A. M. Salmon, asking that certain repairs may be made to Stuyvesant Square.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Superintending Engineer, to report upon the cost of the repairs asked.

Adopted.

Building at 60th St. and Fifth Av.

From Mr. M. Lulering, asking permission to erect an additional story on the building, at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Sixtieth Street.

Application refused.

Shetland Ponies and Pony Carriages.

From Mr. J. J. Snow, applying for a license to place Shetland Ponies and Pony Carriages for children, on the Central Park, for hire.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, to report upon.

Central Bridge.

From Mr. W. H. Florence, Keeper of the Central Bridge, asking that a man be detailed to assist in keeping the bridge clean.

(Minutes, Oct. 2d, 1872, p. 518..)

Refused.

Foreman.

From Mr. Henry Mollard, applying for the position of foreman.

Laid on the table.

Museum of Natural History Building.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that the wood work and tinning of the temporary roof of the tower of the Museum of Natural History Building require to be painted immediately, and recommending that the work be done by the Park force, as the estimated cost will not exceed \$125.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that said work be done by the Park force.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

College avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding a letter of Mr. Wm. L. Tidball, relative to the proposed closing of College Avenue from One hundred and forty-first Street to One hundred and thirty-nine Street, and the widening of Third or Morris Avenue between One hundred and thirty-eighth and One hundred and thirty-ninth Streets.

(Minutes, April 23d, 1875, p. 672.)

Referred to Commissioner MARTIN to report upon.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presenting the following two reports.

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

Brunssen, Geo. & Co., hats and caps..	Maint and Govt. P. and P.....		\$159 25
Cook, Ebenezer, sponges.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		21 06
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		11 12
Fischer, W. L., car fares to June 1st..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		12 00
Hoener, Heller & Bardel, badge.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		30 00
Holt, Horace, dies and ribbon.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		14 00
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$69 59	
	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	30 01	
	Maint. H. R. Bridges	5 00	
	Surveys, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	1 54	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	2 25	
	Mus. Nat. His.....	2 00	
	Music, Central Park.	1 25	
		<hr/>	111 64
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., sperm oil.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$67 73	
	Maint., H.R. Bridges	32 25	
		<hr/>	99 98
Jube, John P. & Co., carriage, axle and rims.....	City Parks Impt. F. Surveying, laying out, &c. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$10 50	
		2 75	
		<hr/>	13 25
Keuffel & Esser, engineer's supplies..	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		106 35
Moffatt, David & Co., harness-leather.	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$12 45	
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	9 67	
		<hr/>	22 12

Mooney, Peter, armadillos... ..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$30 00
McDermott, John, meat.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	182 00
N Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas. .	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	3 85
Telfair, J. H., & Co., turpentine and oil.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$87 23
	Maint., Harlem R. Bridges.....	20 00
		<hr/> 107 23
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office, June.....	Maint. &c. 23d and 24th Wards	30 00
		<hr/> \$953 85

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$697 50
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	60 01
Maintenance, &c., Harlem River Bridges.....	57 25
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23 and 24 Wards, etc.....	4 29
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	131 55
Museum Natural History.....	2 00
Music Central Park.....	1 25
	<hr/> \$953 85

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nine hundred and fifty-three dollars and eighty-five cents,

(Sgd.)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,

Auditing Committee.

New York, July 7, 1875.

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

Afleck, Wm. & Co., oats, hay, &c....	Maint. and Govtmt. Parks and P.....	\$409 19
Ackerman, Wm. G., dockage.....	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards . . .	35 00

Am. Dist. Tel. Co., rent and services..	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	\$8 10
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., borax.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P. ..	3 75
Florence, Wm. H., services.....	Maint., &c., H. R.	
	Bridges.....	104 16
Graham & Co., keep of horse.....	Surveys, laying out,	
	etc., 23d and 24th	
	Wards.....	30 00
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, nails.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	25 75
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	35 70
Johnston, J. O., flags.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	60 00
Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	11 85
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	40 70
Manhattan Gas Light, gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	143 27
Mapes, Danl., Jr., hay, straw, &c.....	Maint. 23d and 24th	
	Wards.....	85 64
Perkins, James H., broken stone	Maint. 23d and 24th	
	Wards.....	1,916 30
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	109 50
Russell, W. D., steam engine.....	Maint. 23d and 24th	
	Wards.....	600 00
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	16 00
Titus, Sarah, services.....	Maint., &c., 23d and	
	24th Wards.....	12 50
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	16 20
Van Riper, Chas., sundries.....	Maint., etc., 23d and	
	24th Wards.....	60 65
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	18 00

J. Welsh, sprinkling Fifth Av. Maint. and Govmt.	
Parks and P.	\$217 00

\$3,959 26

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.	\$1,115 01
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	2,710 09
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.	104 16
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	30 00
	<u>\$3,959 26</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Thirty-nine hundred and fifty-nine dollars and twenty-six cents.

(Signed,)	DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
“	JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>

New York, July 15, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with
David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.	CR.	
June 16. By balance.		\$1,739 26
June 16 } to } July 21. }	“ cash received from rents, licenses, &c.	3,250 41
		<u>\$4,989 67</u>

1875.	DR.	
June 16)	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$3,275 51
to 21. }		
July 21. " balance.....		
		————— \$4,989 67
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(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, July 21, 1875.
9.30 A. M.

Observatory for Instruction.

The PRESIDENT then stated that the Landscape Architect, to whom the communications of Mr. G. Shearman, Jr., and others, relative to the allotment of a site for, and the establishment of an observatory for instruction in practical astronomy, were referred to report upon, had requested him to obtain the views of Professor Henry Draper, on the subject, as he had formerly been appointed by the late Board of Commissioners of Central Park as Director of the Astronomical Observatory of the Park.

He then presented, as the report of the Landscape Architect on the subject, a communication from Professor Draper, in which he states that to erect and properly furnish an observatory such as the city should have would cost at least \$500,000, and that before any such proposition is entertained all the proposed plans for the building and instruments should receive a very careful consideration.

(Minutes, February 11th, 1869, p. 84, and June 29th, 1875, p. 108.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication and report be received and that Mr. G. Shearman, Jr., and the others who made the application, be respectfully informed that the Board do not think it advisable to entertain the proposition

of establishing such an observatory on the Central Park at present.

Adopted.

Urinal, Reservoir Square.

The PRESIDENT, to whom the subject of the removal of the urinal in Reservoir Square was referred, presented another petition from Mr. C. O'Reilly for its removal, and he then reported verbally that it is not advisable to remove it, but that all the objectionable features connected with it can be removed by having proper trees and shrubs planted round it, that this planting however cannot be done until the autumn.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1875, p. 478.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and adopted, and that accordingly proper trees and shrubs be planted round said urinal so as to obscure the entrances to it from the public and the houses in the vicinity.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Fifth Avenue Central Park Wall.

The PRESIDENT stated that Fifth Avenue is being graded by the Department of Public Works from Ninetieth Street north, it therefore became necessary to build up the Central Park wall near 109th and 110th Streets high enough to retain the filling placed on said avenue and to prevent its encroaching on the Central Park, and that he had given orders for that work to be proceeded with.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the action of the President be approved, and that said wall be built up sufficient-

ly high to prevent the filling placed on said avenue from encroaching on the Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

New street at Inwood.

Commissioner MARTIN, to whom the subject of a new street at Inwood, west of Bolton Road, and the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer thereon, was referred, reported verbally in favor of laying out said new street as recommended by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, except that it be made 60 feet in place of 80 feet in width.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 114.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and laid over.

Adopted.

Police Trials.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, who the President had designated to conduct the trials of the following named members of the police force, reported as follows :

Park-keeper Patrick Sheran, charged with disobedience of orders and neglect of duty. Guilty, with extenuating circumstances. Recommended to be reprimanded by the President.

Sergeant Von Dohlen, charged with neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Gate-keeper Casper Antes, charged with using disrespectful language concerning his superior officer. Charge dismissed.

Night-watchman Cornelius Sanford, charged with being absent without leave. Excused, his explanation being sufficient.

Night-watchman Patrick Sullivan, charged with being absent without leave. Guilty. Recommended to be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendations therein adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, who the President had designated to conduct the trial of Park-keeper Nicholas O'Hearn, on a charge of neglect of duty, on the 26th June, 1875, reported that he found him guilty, and recommended him to be fined three days' pay.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 43.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

Commissioner MARTIN moved as a substitute therefor that said report be received, and that Park-keeper Nicholas O'Hearn be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute moved by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Nays—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said original motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Nays—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Pay of Laborers, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The pressure for employment in this Department is very largely in excess of its ability to supply labor; and whereas, the largely increased demand by unemployed laborers grows in part out of the excess of wages paid by this over other Departments of the city Government; therefore it is

Resolved, That from and after the thirty-first inst. the pay of the laborers be, and hereby is, fixed at 20c. per hour, and the pay of mechanics, foremen, assistant-foremen, skilled laborers and gardeners, be reduced in the same proportion.

(Minutes, June 4th, 1875, p. 73.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said preamble and resolution be laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

Riverside and Morningside Parks.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Landscape Architect be directed to report at the next meeting of the Board what work is to be done on Riverside and Morningside Parks this year, with an estimate of the cost thereof.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 120.)

Adopted.

Special Night Duty.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the services of the men employed for special night duty on Central Park and Mount Morris Square, be continued until the 31st inst.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1875, p. 128.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Noes—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Engineer of Steam Engine in 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the services of W. C. Green, as Engineer of the steam engine in the 23d and 24th Wards, be continued until the 31st inst.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1875, p. 127.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 1.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, JULY 27th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 21st, 1875, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Vouchers for payments by the City.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following ordinance, approved of by his Honor the Mayor on the 6th inst. :

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of New York do ordain as follows :

Section 1. No payment shall be made by the Comptroller for work done or supplies furnished, except upon proper vouchers rendered by the head of the appropriate Department, or other proper officer, Board or Commission, for whom such work was done or supplies furnished. Such vouchers shall be made out in triplicate, and shall contain the certificates of such subordinate officers as the head of the Department may require, and of such form and purport as he shall prescribe, and also a certificate of the head of the Department. One of the triplicate vouchers shall be retained in the Department or office by which the vouchers are rendered, and the other two shall be transmitted to the Department of Finance for payment.

A receipt of the amount paid shall be taken upon each of the two vouchers sent to the Department of Finance, and after payment one copy of the voucher shall remain on file in the De-

partment of Finance, and the other copy shall within five days be returned to the Department or office whence it emanated, where it shall be placed on file. Either of the vouchers shall be of equal value, as evidence of work done or supplies furnished.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and filed, and that the vouchers for the payment of liabilities incurred by this Department be made in accordance with the directions of said ordinance.

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding the following resolution, approved by his honor, the Mayor, on the 26th inst., viz.:

Resolved, That it is hereby ordered that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks shall have all the necessary repairs to the Central, or McComb's Dam Bridge, over the Harlem river, executed and done in such manner, by days' work or otherwise, as to them shall seem best for the interests of the City, without entering into a contract therefor, as provided by Sec. 91, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1875, p. 127.)

Filed.

Riverside and Morningside Parks.

From the Landscape Architect reporting what work is necessary to be done on Riverside and Morningside Parks this year, with an estimate of the cost.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 153.)

Received and referred to Commissioner Martin to report.

From the Engineer of Construction, on the following matters:

3d Av. Paving.

The appointment of a City Surveyor and Inspectors on the work of paving Third Avenue from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 133.)

Sewer in 144th St.

The necessity of urging the passage of the ordinance heretofore applied for to build a Sewer in 144th Street.

(Minutes, September 24th, 1874, p. 270.)

Inspector on Harlem River Bridges.

That the Inspector detailed to him on the repairs to the Harlem River Bridges (Mr. F. L. Underhill) has been absent, on account of his sickness, for the last three or four weeks, and that he requires some one to temporarily take his place.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be received ; that a sufficient number of Inspectors to oversee the work of paving Third Avenue be appointed by the Board ; that the appointment of a City Surveyor on said work be laid over until the next meeting of the Board ; and that the President be authorized to detail some one of the employés of the Department to the Engineer of Construction temporarily, as an Inspector on the Harlem River Bridges.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

G. W. Tice and J. S. Tice.

From Messrs. G. W. Tice and J. S. Tice, tenants on Riverside Park, stating that they are unable to pay their back rent and their present running rent in full.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Messrs. Tice be allowed to continue in the occupation of the premises on condition that they pay each month their accruing rent and half a month of the rent they are now in arrear, until all arrears are paid up.

Adopted.

Central Bridge Draw.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented a communication from the Engineer of Con-

struction, upon the value of the work done and materials delivered by the contractor for the rebuilding of the draw in Central Bridge.

(Minutes, June 11th, 1875, p. 82.)

Laid on the table.

Audit.

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

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

Conkling, W. L., & Son, embroidering coats.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		\$54 00
Claffin, H. B., & Co., toweling.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		16 70
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. H.R. Bridges,		64 00
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., rope.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$10 64	
	Museum of Art.....	14 45	
		<hr/>	25 09
Dripps, M., maps.....	City P'ks. Imp. Fund.		22 00
Gordon, Robert, Treasurer Museum of Art, Ins. and wages.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		583 22
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$139 78	
	Maint. H. R. Bridges.	86 76	
		<hr/>	226 54
Hosp. Ph., plants and trees.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		573 75
Holt, Horace, stamps.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		2 50
Journal of Commerce, subs., 1875.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		15 00
P. Handibode, coal.....	Maint 23d and 24th Wards		22 50
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		597 00

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Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	\$441 25
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, castings.	Maint. 23d and 24th	
	Wards.	36 00
McNab & Harlin, Mfg. Co., plumbg.		
mats.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	15 72
Martin, T. M. C., & Sons, brushes.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	33 54
New York Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	628 00
Roosevelt, Samuel, & Co., hardware.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	78 21
Vaux, Calvert, commissions.	Museum of Nat Hist.	2,000 00
Van Riper, Chas., sundries	Maint., etc., 23d and	
	24th Wards.	173 70
Warner, Wyllys H., grate-bars.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	21 60
Wetmore & Co., iron.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	15 90
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, bolts, &c.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	15 30
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		\$5,611 52
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$3,192 11
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	232 20
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.	150 76
Museum Natural History.	2,000 00
Museum of Art.	14 45
City Parks Improvement Fund.	22 00
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	\$5,611 52
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-six hundred and eleven dollars and fifty-two cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

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JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,

Auditing Committee.

New York, July 20, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Statue of O'Connell.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported, for himself and the Landscape Architect, that the site between the first two trees on the east side of the Mall, south of the Concert Ground, on the Central Park, would be a suitable one on which to place a statue of Daniel O'Connell, in the event of the acceptance of said statue.

(Minutes, June 16th, 1875, p. 95.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Filling on Manhattan Square.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that before concluding a contract with Messrs. John D. and Thos. E. Crimmins to deliver 10,000 cubic yards of filling on Manhattan Square, as authorized at the last meeting of the Board, he had stated the facts to the Corporation Counsel, and asked his advice as to the legality of said proposed contract, and that he had received his reply, which he presented and read, and in which it is stated :

“After considering the facts stated in your letter, it seems to me extremely doubtful whether the proposed filling to be done in Manhattan Square can be regarded as a ‘work in progress’ within the meaning of Section 91 of the Charter of 1873, and I am unwilling to take the responsibility of advising that such work be done without public letting.”

That in consequence of such advice from the Counsel to the Corporation, he had not concluded said contract.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 137.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be accepted, and that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements for proposals to deliver 10,000 cubic yards of filling on Manhattan Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Central Bridge

Commissioner MARTIN moved that all necessary repairs to the Central Bridge and Draw be proceeded with by days' work.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 156.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Carpenter.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that, inasmuch as the repairing of said Central Bridge will require the services of more carpenters than at present employed, James Lysaght be appointed a carpenter.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Gate-keeper.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Hugh Reilly be appointed a gate-keeper in the place of Andrew Watson, resigned, subject to the favorable report of the Surgeon on his physical qualifications.

(Minutes, June 4th, 1875, p. 70.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Accounts.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President and Commissioner O'Donohue be appointed a committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts from the 1st October, 1874, to the 30th June, 1875, inclusive.

(Minutes, October 23d, 1874, p. 323.)

Adopted.

Transfer of Balances of Appropriations.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of two hundred and thirty-eight dollars and twenty-three cents (\$238.23) from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the maintenance and government of Harlem River Bridges, 1874, to that for the maintenance and government of Harlem River Bridges, 1873; also, to transfer a further sum of twenty-six dollars and ninety-two

cents (\$26.92) from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the maintenance and government of the Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art, 1874, to that for the maintenance and government of the Museum, Observatory and Gallery of Art, 1873.

Adopted.

Screened Gravel.

The PRESIDENT presented a requisition of the Superintendent for 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel; whereupon,

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Secretary be directed to insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to deliver said amount of screened gravel.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Bill of C. Vaux.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON presented a bill of C. Vaux, architect, for advising the Landscape Architect in regard to various matters, from August to November, 1874, and amounting to \$350, and moved that said bill be referred to the Auditing Committee, with instructions to audit it.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Animals, &c., left on Exhibition in the Menagerie.

The PRESIDENT presented a list of all animals, birds, &c., left at the Menagerie for exhibition, with the names of the owners and the cost of the keep of said animals, &c.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said list be filed, and that the subject of keeping on exhibition and the feeding of animals, birds, &c., not belonging to the Department, be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Chap. 608, Chap. 619, Laws of 1875.

The PRESIDENT presented certified copies of Chap. 608, Laws of 1875, and Chap. 619, Laws of 1875. The first granting \$575,000 in bonds of the city of New York, for the purpose of construction works and repairs to architectural structures, and \$50,000 in like bonds for the purpose of laying out, &c., the 23d and 24th Wards, during 1875, this sum being in addition to the amount appropriated for the same purpose by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The latter granting authority to this department to set apart a site on the Central Park for a building for the "American College of Music."

(Minutes, May 10th and June 29th, 1875, pp. 21 and 118.)

Filed.

Approaches to 7th Regiment Statue.

The Landscape Architect presented a plan showing the site of the 7th Regiment Statue, and of proposed approaches to it. (Minutes, July 8th, 1874, p. 133.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said plan be approved and adopted by the Board.

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

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Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson,
O'Donohue—4.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned
at 12 o'clock noon, to meet on Friday, the 30th inst., at 10
o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, JULY 30th, 1875.

9.30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for paving Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northerly side of 163d street.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 133.)

PRESENT—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The COMPTROLLER of the City of New York.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

NO	NAME OF BIDDER.	PER SQUARE YARD OF NEW PAVEMENT.	PER SQUARE FOOT OF NEW BRIDGE STONE.	TIME IN WHICH WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED.
1	William A. Cuming.....	\$1 85	47 cents.	80 days.
2	James H. Perkins.....	3 07	79 “	150 “
3	Charles C. Reed.....	1 98	45 “	120 “
4	John P. Cumming, Jr.....	2 12	49 “	125 “
5	Isaac Lunny.....	1 87	48 “	60 “
6	Edward Bradburn.....	1 69	39 “	70 “
7	James Everard.....	2 03	44 “	70 “
8	John Bennett.....	1 49	39 “	145 “
9	John G. Smith.....	1 97½	50 “	75 “
10	John B. Devlin.....	1 97	50 “	50 “
11	R. & J. Cuninghame.....	1 95	48 “	150 “

The Surveyor's estimates, on which the bids are to be tested, are as follows :

2,000 square yards of new pavement.

7,500 square feet of new bridge stone.

The time to complete the work to be calculated at \$3.50 per day.

The Comptroller having retired, the Board met in adjourned session, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1875.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for paving Third Avenue, from the northerly side of 163d Street to the northerly boundary of the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, July 30th, 1875, p. 167.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

- “ MARTIN.
- “ WILLIAMSON.
- “ O'DONOHUE.

The COMPTROLLER of the city of New York.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

NO	NAME OF BIDDER.	PER SQUARE YARD OF NEW PAVEMENT.	PER SQUARE FOOT OF NEW BRIDGE STONE.	TIME IN WHICH WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED.
1	John G. Smith.....	\$1 83	45 cents.	80 days.
2	Charles Guidet.....	2 45	75 “	150 “
3	Robert Jardine.....	1 79	40 “	90 “
4	John P. Cumming, Jr.....	2 15	51 “	125 “
5	Isaac Lunny.....	2 08	58 “	100 “
6	Edward Bradburn.....	1 82	40 “	80 “
7	John C. Dowling.....	1 62	55 “	120 “
8	John B. Devlin.....	1 83.	45 “	65 “
9	James Everard.....	2 48	60 “	80 “
10	John Bennett.....	1 67	43 “	135 “

The Surveyor's estimates on which the bids are to be tested are as follows :

2,500 square yards of new pavement.

6,500 square feet of new bridge stones.

The time to complete the work to be calculated at \$3.50 per day.

The COMPTROLLER having retired, the Board met in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
 “ WILLIAMSON.
 “ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 27th and 30th July, 1875, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Maps, &c., of 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, requesting that copies of maps, plans and surveys in this Department, relating to the 23d and 24th Wards be furnished for the purpose of placing them on file in the Department of Public Works ; and stating that if this Department has not sufficient help to make said copies that he would send a draughtsman to make them.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to said communication, and informed the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works that every facility would be given to any draughtsman he might send for the purpose of making copies of all said maps, plans and surveys.

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

Adopted.

The Fountains.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, stating that the supply of water in the reservoirs at present is very low, and asking that all the fountains in the public parks be stopped during the night.

The PRESIDENT stated that, as requested, he had ordered all the fountains to be stopped between the hours of 8 o'clock P. M. and 8 o'clock A. M. until further order.

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

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction with reference to repairing the draw in Central Bridge.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed, and that said draw be repaired, by days' work, to the extent required by the specification therefor, heretofore approved by the Board; and that in executing the work the Engineer be directed to adhere to said specifications as far as possible.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 161.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Repairs to Mineral Springs.

From Mr. Carl H. Schultz, lessee of the Mineral Springs in Central Park, presenting a bill for repairs done on said building, amounting to \$44.80.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the work charged for in said bill has been executed, and that it was necessary.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Carl H. Schultz be paid the amount (\$44.80) expended by him on said repairs.

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

Ayes—Commissioners, Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Sprinkling Sedgwick Av.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting that the estimate cost of sprinkling Sedgwick Avenue would be \$300 for tanks and pipes, and \$7 to \$10 per day for labor.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 142.)

Laid on the table.

Main Street, 24th Ward.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that the condition of the gutter on Main Street, near Cross Street, in the 24th Ward, to which the Health Department called the attention of this Department, is caused by the gutter becoming stopped by the deposits from foul water thrown from the houses near, as the grade at that point is very slight. That he is having the gutter paved to the opposite side of Cross Street, so as to give a more uniform fall, but that the nuisance complained of cannot be abated unless the Health Department prevent the owners of the houses from throwing the foul refuse water in the gutter.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 133.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that the President be requested to communicate the substance thereof to the Health Department.

Adopted.

Courtland and Fordham Avenues.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting that he had remedied the matters complained of by the Health Department respecting the gutters at Courtland Avenue and 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th and 159th Streets, and the ditch on the east side of Fordham Avenue.

(Minutes, June 11, 1875, p. 81.)

Filed.

Gate-keeper, Hugh Reilly.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting favorably on the physical qualifications of Hugh Reilly.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 162.)

The PRESIDENT stated that on receipt of said report, he had directed said Hugh Reilly to be placed on the police force as a gate-keeper.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the said report be received and the action of the President approved.

Adopted.

Night Watchman, Thomas Morrissey.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting that he had examined Thomas Morrissey, and that he found his physical qualifications satisfactory.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said Thomas Morrissey be appointed a night watchman in the place of Patrick Sullivan, dismissed.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 152.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbens, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, notifying the Department that unless they receive directions to make the alterations in the floor of the arches of the Museum of Natural History buildings, which they heretofore offered to do for \$945, by the 1st of August, that they would withdraw their offer.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 113.)

Laid on the table.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, contractors for the mason work of the Museum of Natural History building, requesting that the foundations of the areas of said building be built immediately.

Referred to the Superintending Architect to report upon.

Westchester Avenue.

From Mr. Wm. Cauldwell, requesting that Westchester Avenue, in the 23d Ward, be widened to at least 80 feet.

(Minutes, March 17th, 1875, p. 576.)

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

Delmonico Place.

From Mr. Wm. Cauldwell, requesting that Delmonico Place be extended so as to intersect Boston Avenue, and that the name of said place be changed.

Filed.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that the communication and map for the extension of said Delmonico Place, from 156th Street to the Boston Avenue, heretofore submitted to the Board by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and laid on the table, be taken therefrom.

(Minutes, January 20th, 1875, p. 467.)

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, or a majority of them, deem the changes (specified on the map or plan hereinafter mentioned) in the streets, roads and avenues, as laid down and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the County of Westchester, on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required : therefore,

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks

of the city of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the street, road or avenue, within that part of the 23d Ward of the city of New York which formerly constituted the town of Morrisania, and which lies north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the Hudson river; running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th Street and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem river, and running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem river to the Sound, north of Randel's Island, shown on a map or plan dated "Mount St. Vincent, Central Park, January 14th, 1875," and signed "Geo. S. Greene, Civil and Top. Eng.," of the width, extent and direction that said street, road or avenue is designated on said map or plan by red lines, figures and color, and that the width, extent and direction of the said street, road or avenue so laid out is such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good; and that the President of the Department cause the said street, road or avenue to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same is not already so designated; also to have prepared and submitted to this Board three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the name of Delmonico Place, in the 23d Ward, be changed to "Trinity Avenue."

Adopted.

Art Museum.

From Mr. John Hogan, contractor for the granite work of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, stating that he has completed sufficient work to entitle him to the third payment of \$8,500 on this contract, and in a few days will have completed sufficient to entitle him to the fourth payment of \$2,000.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 65.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare the estimates for said two payments when the contractor has completed sufficient work to entitle him to them, and that they be then audited, without waiving the notice given to said contractor by resolution of the Board, on the 10th May, 1875, and entered on page 20 of the minutes.

Adopted.

F. L. Underhill.

From Mr. F. L. Underhill, rodman, asking leave of absence until September 1st, 1875, on account of ill health.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Underhill has been seriously ill with typhoid fever during all the month of July, and that he had directed him to be returned on the pay-roll and allowed full pay during that time.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the President's action in the matter be approved, and that Mr. Underhill be granted leave of absence without pay until September 1st, next.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

T. A. Henry, Sergeant.

From Mr. T. A. Henry, sergeant, asking for twenty days leave of absence from the 15th instant, on account of ill health.

Referred to the Lieutenant to report.

Pay of Laborers detailed as Special Keepers.

From John McCarthy, laborer, detailed as special keeper, asking for an increase of pay.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the pay of John McCarthy and Daniel Dwyer, laborers, detailed as special keepers, be fixed at the rate of \$2.24 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Geo. W. Snow.

From Mr. O. Spaulding and others requesting that George W. Snow be re-employed as foreman.

Laid on the table.

F. Bernard Lynch.

From Mr. John E. Devlin and others, requesting that F. Bernard Lynch be employed as a foreman.

Laid on the table.

Peter Madden.

From Peter Madden, applying to be appointed a gate-keeper, and enclosing a recommendation from Messrs. E. L. Cornell & Co., and others.

Laid on the table.

Madison Square Fountain.

From Mr. Parry, requesting that a small amount of masonry be done to the foundations of the fountain in Madison Square, so as to enable him to proceed with the contract for the erection of the fountain.

(Minutes, Oct. 9th, 1874, p. 306).

Referred to the Superintending Architect to report upon.

Shetland Ponies, &c.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the application of Mr. Joseph J. Snow for a license permitting him to place

Shetland ponies and pony carriages for children on the Central Park for hire, and recommending that the Board authorize a trial, for two months, of the project of providing ponies for children for hire in Central Park, the route to be from Copcot to the Marble Arch; the ponies to be led on the east side of the drive: the charges to be for a single ride either way 10 cents; for a ride both ways 15 cents; the ponies not to be over four feet in height, of good appearance and their equipment and management to be satisfactory to the Superintendent.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 143.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the report of the Landscape Architect be received and adopted, and that Mr. J. J. Snow be allowed to place Shetland ponies for hire on the Central Park upon the conditions recommended, during the next two months; Mr. Snow to pay to the Department each month 15 per cent. of his gross receipts.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

Ametrano, E. J., fireworks.....	Independence Day.	\$375 50
Babbitt, B. T., soap.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and Places..	7 25
Cohn, A. B., mower parts.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and Places..	14 69
Dugan, Francis, repairs to slating.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and Places..	165 03
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Independence Day.	900 00
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music, Central Park	550 00
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., rope.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	48 02

Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber.....	Maint. etc., H. R. Bridges.....	\$240 83
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber... ..	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	131 70
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music, Central Park	550 00
Lugar, J. G., & Sons, labor and matls....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	73 50
Lee Box and Lumber Co., labor and matls.	Maint. etc., Harlem R. Bridge.....	786 02
Lefferts, Marshall, Jr., galvzd. nails....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	6 50
McDermott, John, meat.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	182 00
Mapes, Danl. Jr., hay and oats.....	Maint. etc., 23d and 24th Wards	39 61
Mott, J. L., iron works, casting.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	13 78
McKeon, J. J., magpies.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	20 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	1,250 00
Pratt, Chas. & Co., oils....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	\$13 28
	Maint. etc., H. R. Bridges...	1 60
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Rollins, True Worthy, labor and matls...	Museum of Nat. His.....	8,000 00
Rollins, " " temporary roof...	Museum of Nat. His	980 00
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., hardware, &c..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	\$50 23
	Survg. layg. out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	6 50
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Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	56 73
		8 00
Siney & Langstroth, harness, th'd, etc.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	\$10 58
	City Parks Impt. Funds.....	3 02
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		13 60

Union Home and School, music.	Independence Day.	\$30 00
Vanderbilt Bros., mower parts.	Maint., and Govmt. P. and Places.	23 85
Van Riper, Chas., sundries.	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.	24 50
Wetmore & Co., iron and steel.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places.	55 31
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		\$14,561 30
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$1,894 00
Independence Day.	1,305 50
Music, Central Park.	1,100 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	171 31
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.	1,052 95
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	6 50
Museum Natural History.	8,980 00
City Parks Impt. Fund.	51 04
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	\$14,561 30

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and sixty-one dollars and thirty cents.

(Signed),

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, }
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, }

Auditing Committee.

New York, August 3d, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks,

In account with DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, Treasurer.

1875.		Cr.	
July 21.	By balance.....		\$1,714 16
July 21st.	} " cash received from rents, licenses, grass, &c.		841 97
to			
Aug. 4th.			<u> </u> \$2,556 13
July 21st.	} To cash paid into city treasury.....	Dr.	
to			\$75 36
Aug. 4th.			
Aug. 4th.	" balance.....		2,480 77
			<u> </u> \$2,556 13

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, August 4, 1875, 9.30 A. M.

Police Uniforms.

The PRESIDENT stated that the quality of the lining of the police uniforms furnished by Messrs. Conklin & Son, was reported by the Lieutenant and Property Clerk to be inferior to that required by the contract, and moved that the whole subject be referred to Commissioner WILLIAMSON, with power.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1875, p. 635).

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved; That Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, be paid for his compensation as architect for the completion and equipment of the Museum of Natural History, at the following rates: two and one-half per cent. for plans, working-drawings and specifications, and three-fourths per cent. for superintendence on the first \$500,000 of expenditure, and two and one-half per cent. for plans, working-drawings and specifications for the completion and equipment of the building, and that the superintendence, after the expenditure of the first \$500,000, be left with the Superintending Architect of this Department.

(Minutes, December 9th, 1873, p. 444).

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Noe—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Engineering Force.

The PRESIDENT stated that, on the application of the Landscape Architect, he had re-employed on the 7th July last the following named persons in the engineering force, at the rates set opposite their names.

Charles M. Harris, Assistant Engineer.....	\$5 00	per day.
Ed. A. Miller, Rodman.....	3 00	“ “
D. Campbell, “.....	3 00	“ “
Wm. A. Jeffries, Axeman.....	2 50	“ “
John Arnold, “.....	2 50	“ “

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the employment of the above named persons, from July 7th up to date, at the rates above mentioned, be approved by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Engineer of Steam Engine in 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the services of W. C. Green, as engineer of the steam engine in the 23d and 24th Wards, be continued from the date of the expiration of his last employment until the 11th inst.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 153.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Foreman Wolf.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE stated that he was informed that certain charges had been preferred by persons in the employment of the Department against foreman Wolf, and he moved that the investigation of said matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

City Surveyor on 3d Avenue paving.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Louis Falkenau be appointed City Surveyor, on the work of paving Third Avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of appointing a City Surveyor on said work be laid over until next meeting.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 11th, inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 4th, 1875, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Fifth Avenue.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, requesting this Department to establish the width of the roadway and sidewalks of Fifth Avenue, for 350 feet from the Northern boundary of Central Park, and 350 feet from the Southern boundary of Mount Morris Square ; and submitting duplicate plans of the same.

(Minutes, March 14th, 1875, p. 23.)

Commissioner MARTIN, thereupon, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the duplicate plans, showing the lines of curb on the Fifth Avenue, north of the Central Park and south of Mount Morris Square, submitted to this Department by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, are hereby adopted, and the lines of curb, as the same are shown on said plans, for the distance of 350 feet north of the outer

boundary of the Central Park, and for the distance of 350 feet south of the outer boundary of Mount Morris Square, are hereby determined by this department in pursuance of Sec. 1, Chap. 850 of the Laws of 1873; that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to certify both of said plans, to cause one of them to be filed in this Department, and to transmit the other to the Department of Public Works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, stating that the following resolution had been adopted by a majority vote of all the members of said Board, on the 9th inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum., "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," authorized by Chapter 608 of Laws of 1875, as per requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated 29th day of June, 1875. One hundred thousand dollars (100,000).

(Minutes June 29th, 1875, p. 118.)

Filed.

Plants in Propagating Department.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting that, on further investigation, he finds that the testimony in regard to the original ownership of the plants in the propagating department, claimed by Mr. Robert Demcker, late Landscape Gardener, is conflicting; that there is evidence that some of them have been paid for by this Department, and that there is no evidence that any of them legally belong to Mr. Demcker, sufficient to justify their delivery to him under the resolution of the Board of 21st of July last.

He therefore recommends that Mr. Demcker be requested, within 14 days, to cause the plants claimed by him to be marked, and to present written evidence of the witnesses whom he represents will testify to the facts establishing his ownership, and of the identity of the plants marked, with those the history of which is given by such witnesses; and that Mr. Demcker be notified that if he fails to furnish satisfactory evidence within the time named, the Department will not consider itself required to give further attention to the matter.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 137.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and the recommendations therein adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Estimates for 1876.

From the Landscape Architect, presenting a draft of the estimates for 1876.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 134.)

Laid on the table.

Stuyvesant Square.

From the Superintending Engineer, reporting upon the cost of the repairs to Stuyvesant square, requested by Mrs. C. S. A. M. Salmon, and estimating it at \$3,000.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 143.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of the repairs to said Square be referred to Commissioners Williamson and O'Donohue, to report upon.

Adopted.

Eighth Avenue.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that there is no provision made to carry off the water from the east side of

Eighth Avenue, adjacent to the Central Park; that the Department of Public Works is making such provision on the west side of said avenue, and recommending that that Department be requested to make a similar provision on the Central Park side of the avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and that the President be requested to call the attention of the Commissioner of the Department of Works to the matter, as suggested by the Superintending Engineer.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting what work has been done by the force under his charge during the two weeks ending Saturday, July 31st, 1875.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 135.)

Filed.

Daniel Draper.

From Mr. D. Draper, Director of the Meteorological Observatory, asking leave of absence for two weeks.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and Mr. D. Draper be granted leave of absence for two weeks, with pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Basins at Third Avenue and Grove Street.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that the receiving basins at Third Avenue and Grove Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, which were built

by the contractor for regulating said Third Avenue, are not sufficient for the purpose of receiving all the water that finds its way to that point, but that as they were built by the contractor in accordance with his contract, he cannot be called upon to rebuild them

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the subject of reconstructing or enlarging said basins, and the pipes leading to them, be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Repairs to House of Bronx River Draw Tender.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that the house occupied by Mrs. Titus, draw-tender of Bronx River bridge, is the property of the city, that it is in a very wretched condition, and estimating the cost of repairing it at \$175 to \$200.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of having said house repaired be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Work done on 145th Street, Twenty-third Ward.

From Mr. James R. Angel, attorney for Messrs. Haideran & Klein, presenting their bill for work done on vacant lots on 145th Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, in pursuance of a reso-

lution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the town of **Morrisania**, of December 10th, 1873.

Commissioner **MARTIN** moved that said communication and claim be referred to Commissioner Williamson to examine and report upon.

Adopted.

M. C. Barr, Inspector of the Museum Buildings.

From M. C. Barr, Inspector of the Museum Buildings, asking to be allowed pay for one week, during which he was absent on account of illness.

The **PRESIDENT** moved that M. C. Barr be allowed pay for week he was so absent.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

City Surveyor Third Avenue Paving.

From Mr. Wm. Rumble, asking to be appointed City Surveyor on the work of paving Third Avenue.

(Minutes, August 4th, 1875, p. 183.)

Laid on the table.

Inspector on Third Avenue Paving.

From Mr. R. D. Hamilton and others asking that Mr. John Armstrong be appointed an inspector on the work of paving Third Avenue.

Laid on the table.

C. Bernhard.

From Night Watchman, Charles Bernhard, asking to be promoted to the position of Gate Keeper.

(Minutes, June 6th, 1875, p. 80.)

Laid on the table.

Inventory of Tools, &c.

From the Property Clerk, submitting an inventory of all tools, implements, &c., of the Department on the 1st July, 1875, as required by Sec. 4, Art. II of the By-Laws.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication and inventory be received and filed.

Adopted.

Gardeners.

From the Superintending Gardener, asking that two additional good gardeners be employed.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be received, and that two gardeners, as requested, be employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Donkeys.

From Mr. John Lucas, the licensee of the donkeys let for hire on the Central Park, asking that he be granted a more extended route on which to hire out said donkeys.

(Minutes, March 6th, 1875, p. 569.)

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

T. A. Henry, Sergeant.

From the Lieutenant, reporting upon the application of Sergt. T. A. Henry for leave of absence.

(Minutes, August 4th, 1875, p. 176.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Sergeant Henry be granted ten days leave of absence, with pay, and that the Lieutenant be authorized to designate some one of the park-keepers to do his duty during his absence.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Audit.

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

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

Brunssen, Geo., & Co., hat.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.	\$3	00
Colwell, Jas. W., lumber.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	735	90
Colwell, Jas. W., lumber.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	134	67
Claffin, H. B., & Co., thread and silk.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	8	31
Detwiller, Street & Co., fireworks.	Independence Day..	3,113	01
Evening Post, advertising.	Maint. and Govmt., Parks and P.	\$4	67
	Maint. H. R. Bridges	2	60
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards	2	67
	City Parks Improve- ment Fund.	5	26
		<hr/>	15 20
Evening Post, binding.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	25	50
Edge, I. G. & I., fireworks.	Independence Day.	1,894	00
Gould's Mfg. Co., force-pump.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.	225	00
Hillman, Caleb, monuments.	Surveying, Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.	9	00

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Hillman, Caleb, monuments.....	Surveying, Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$14 70
Hogan, John, labor and materials.....	Museum of Art....	8,500 00
Hogan, John, labor and materials.....	Museum of Art....	2,000 00
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$62 66
	Surveying, Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.....	6 90
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	23 91
	Music—Cent. Park	1 50
		<hr/> 94 97
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	5 40
Moran & Armstrong, labor materials..	Museum of Art.....	2,000 00
Marvin's Safe Co., lock.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	75 00
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	3 03
Nichols, S. P., horse.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	250 00
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	67 50
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	54 80
Shepperd, F., sundries,.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 45
Simpson, A., bread—June.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	45 50
Schultz, Carl A., repairs to spa.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	44 80
Vanderbilt Bros., grass-seed.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	24 75
		<hr/> \$19,348 49

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places...	\$669 52	
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,126 60	
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	2 60	
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	36 00	
Music, Central Park.....	1 50	
Independence Day.....	5,007 01	
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	5 26	
Museum of Art.....	12,500 00	
		<u>\$19,348 49</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen thousand three hundred and forty-eight dollars and forty-nine cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, }
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing Committee.*

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Sale of Wool.

The TREASURER reported that the wool ordered to be sold had been sold at public auction through Messrs. Mills & Coffin, who had rendered their account of sales, showing net proceeds amounting to \$240.64.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 61.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to accept said account of sales and receive payment for said wool as therein stated.

Adopted.

Exotic Plants.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON presented a letter from the Landscape Architect, stating that the exotic plants were now ready for inspection at Mount St. Vincent, and recommending that they be sold by public auction.

(Minutes, May 7th, 1875, p. 16.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the subject of the disposal of said exotic plants be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Paving.

The PRESIDENT offered the following two resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 8) of Mr. John Bennett for the paving of Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northerly side of 163d Street, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said John Bennett, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, July 30th, 1875, p. 167.)

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 7) of Mr. John C. Dowling for the paving of Third Avenue, from the northerly side of 163d Street to the northerly boundary of the 23d Ward, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said John C. Dowling, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, August 4th, 1875, p. 169.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Engineering Force.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following persons be restored to full pay,

and that the Disbursing Clerk is hereby directed to place their names upon the pay-roll of the officers and clerks for August, together with the amounts remaining unpaid to them respectively at its date for services since 23d March last, and to charge the same to construction account, viz, John Bogart, Otto Sibeth, Halsted Hermans and Arthur Krause.

(Minutes, March 24th, 1875, p. 600.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

City Surveyor.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It is important that all the surveying in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards on all sewers and street improvements should be done by this Department, for the purpose of saving expense to the property owners ; therefore,

Resolved, That a city surveyor be employed in this Department in the corps of Civil and Topographical Engineers. That it shall be his duty to do all the surveying work on the contracts that may be made by the Department, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for any street or sewer construction work. That his salary shall be two thousand dollars a year, and that the salary shall be apportioned upon the different contracts upon which he shall be engaged, and collected in the usual manner in the assessment for the work under such contract.

(Minutes, January 9th, 1875, p. 441.)

Adopted.

Engineer of Steam Engine in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that the employment of W. C. Green, as Engineer of the steam-engine in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be continued until the first September next.

(Minutes, Aug. 4th, 1875, p. 182.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue— 4.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M., to meet on Thursday, the 12th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present.—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

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

The following communication was presented and read:—

From the Superintendent of Parks and Superintending Architect upon the following matters :

Museum of Natural History.

Recommending that an order be given to Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son to make the alterations in the arches of the Museum of Natural History building for the purpose of enabling a tile in place of a wooden floor to be laid.

(Minutes, Aug. 4th, 1875, p. 173.)

5th ave. & 8th ave. walls and repairs to Architectural structures.

Recommending that the mason work on the Fifth and Eighth Avenue walls and on the repairs to the architectural structures be proceeded with immediately, and stating that, if these works are ordered, he will require 39 stone-masons, 9 stone cutters, 1 black-smith, 6 bricklayers, 2 granite-cutters and 45 laborers in addition to the present force.

Morningside Park.

That if it is proposed to proceed with and complete the con-

struction of the sewer on Morningside Park, he will require 12 bricklayers and 12 laborers in addition for this work.

(Minutes, June 29th and July 21st, 1875, pp. 119 and 150.)

The PRESIDENT moved that, as recommended in said communication, the plan submitted by Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, on the 16th June, 1875, for a modification of the original plan of the Museum of Natural History building by substituting tile or cement instead of boarding for the floor, and the consequent necessary changes in the brick-arches be adopted; and that an order be given to Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, the contractors, to make such necessary changes in said arches at a cost not exceeding \$945.

(Minutes, Aug. 4th, 1875, p. 173.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the mason work on the Fifth and Eighth Avenue walls, and the repairs to architectural structures on the Central Park be proceeded with, and that the mechanics and laborers required for that purpose, as mentioned in said communication, be employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the completion of the construction of the sewer in Morningside Park at

the present time, and the employment of the mechanics and laborers necessary for the work, as mentioned in said communication, be referred to the President and Commissioner Martin, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Swings for Children on Central Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to reconstruct the swings for children on the Central Park, at a cost not exceeding \$700, which shall be charged to construction account.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Mr. W. H. Grant, Engineer of Construction.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. W. H. Grant, Engineer of Construction, had applied for leave of absence, and moved that he be granted leave of absence with pay for two weeks.

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that, inasmuch as it is necessary to have the draw in the Central Bridge rebuilt as soon as possible, the Engineer of Construction be directed to expedite the work as much as possible, and that sixteen carpenters be appointed and set to work on it as soon as he is ready to proceed.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 161.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Marion and Berrian Avenues.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that, inasmuch as the late Counsel to the Corporation had not replied to the communication of this Department relative to the title of the city to Marion Avenue, the subject of proceeding with the flagging of the sidewalks of said avenue and of the sidewalks of Berrian Avenue, as directed by the ordinances of the Common Council, be referred to the President and Commissioner Martin, to report.

(Minutes, April 30th and May 7th, 1875, pp. 686 and 14.)

Adopted.

Labor Tickets.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent be instructed not to honor any labor tickets issued to laborers, unless presented to him within three days from the time of delivery to the laborers.

Adopted.

Foreman P. McGovern.

Commissioner O'Donohue moved that Patrick McGovern be appointed a foreman of laborers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Restoration of Laborers.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the President be authorized to restore to work, in his discretion, any laborers who may have been dropped from the pay-roll on account of having been absent from sickness, provided such absence has not been longer than ten days.

(Minutes, Oct. 21st, 1874, p. 309.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1875.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following supplies :

1. The delivery on Manhattan Square of 10,000 cubic yards of earth fillings.

(Minutes, July 27, 1875, p. 161.)

2. The delivery on any of the public parks, as required, of 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel.

(Minutes, July 27, 1875, p. 163.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The COMPTROLLER of the City.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

For the delivery of 10,000 cubic yards of earth filling.

No. 1.	John D. & Thos. E. Crimmins.....	at 41 cents per cubic yard.			
“ 2.	John Slattery.....	“ 42 “ “ “			
“ 3.	H. H. Brown & John J. Quinn.....	“ 49 “ “ “			
“ 4.	John T. Doyle.....	“ 61 “ “ “			
“ 5.	Wm C. Jardine.....	“ 70 “ “ “			
“ 6.	A. W. Cambell.....	“ 85 “ “ “			

For the delivery of 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel.

No. 1.	Egbert H. Fairchild.....	at \$2 33 per cubic yard.			
“ 2.	John A. Boker.....	“ 2 10 “ “			
“ 3.	Michael Fay.....	“ 2 44 “ “			
“ 4.	Charles H. Kohler and James H. Perkins.....	“ 1 79½ “ “			
“ 5.	Jesse Ryder.....	“ 1 80 “ “			
“ 6.	Andrew Geoghegan.....	“ 2 25 “ “			
“ 7.	Andrew Govan.....	“ 1 85 “ “			

The Comptroller having retired, the Board met in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
 “ WILLIAMSON.
 “ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 11th and 12th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Pay of Laborers.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Aldermen on June 24th, 1875, and received from his Honor the Mayor, without his objection or approval on August 11th, 1875, viz. :

“*Resolved*, That the wages of all unskilled laborers employed in the several Departments of the City Government be, and the same is hereby fixed, at the sum of two dollars per day of eight hours, that being by State law, a legal day's work.”
 (Minutes, July 21, 1875, p. 152.)

Filed.

T. W. Rollins.

From the Comptroller, calling the attention of the Department to the fact that Mr. T. W. Rollins, contractor for the iron work of the Museum of Natural History building, had exceeded the time allowed by the contract for the completion of the work, and thereby rendered himself liable to a fine as provided by said contract.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Ponds, Lakes, &c., of Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that large accumulations of mud, sand and refuse from the sewerage of the Central Park had gathered in the several ponds and lakes in the

Park, and that especially the pond near Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street was in a state liable to cause malarial diseases.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

Sheep-Fold.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the work of grading the ground in front of the sheep-fold, completing the steps and placing a picket fence around it, was partly completed when all construction work was suspended last March, and asking further instructions in the matter.

(Minutes, March 6, 1875, p. 566.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent be directed to continue and complete said works in connection with the sheep-fold.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Morris Spillane.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that Morris Spillane, a rockman, be appointed a blaster.

The PRESIDENT moved that said Morris Spillane be appointed a blaster, as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Bridge over Bronx River.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that the second bridge over the Bronx river broke and fell into the stream while a number of cattle were passing over it, on the 17th inst.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be directed to repair the bridge, in a temporary manner, as soon as possible.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that the town authorities of Westchester village, who will have to pay half the expense of rebuilding the said bridge over the Bronx river, are required by law to appropriate the moneys required for such purposes by September 1st, in each year. That, for the purpose of making such appropriation, they desire to be informed what plans this Department would propose for a new bridge, and the estimated cost of the structure.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans for iron bridges, to take the place of the wooden ones now over the Bronx river, and give an estimate of the cost of the construction of the same, at the next Board meeting; and that the President be requested to communicate with the authorities of said village of Westchester on the subject.

Adopted.

American Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintendent of the American Museum of Nat-

ural History, asking that a desk-case be constructed for the use of said Museum.

(Minutes, December 23, 1874, p. 424.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said desk-case be constructed by the force in the employment of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

8th ave. wall.

From the Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., requesting instructions as to the completion of the work on the Eighth Avenue wall under their contract.

(Minutes, August 7, 1873, p. 181.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said Wilson & Hughes Stone Co. be directed to proceed at once and complete the work of building the Eighth Avenue wall in pursuance of said contract.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Camera Obscura.

From Mr. Henry J. Janton, asking permission to erect a camera obscura on the Central Park.

(Minutes, March 6, 1875, p. 569.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said request be refused.

Adopted.

Valentine Gauch.

From Messrs. Frederick Baker, Smith Ely, Jr., and others, recommending Mr. Valentine Gauch for a position on the police force.

Laid on the table.

Ponies and Pony carriages.

From Mr. J. J. Snow, asking that his license to let ponies for hire on Central Park be extended for two years. Also that he be granted a license to let pony carriages for hire on the Park.

(Minutes, August 4, 1875, p. 177.)

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

Adopted.

Repair to Roads in 24th Ward.

From Mr. Henry F. Spaulding, stating that he and some other residents in the vicinity of Riverdale, in the 24th Ward, had repaired certain of the roads in that locality, and asking the Department to audit and pay a bill of the expenses of such repairs.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be referred to the President to inform Mr. Spaulding that the Board cannot recognize claims incurred in such a manner by private citizens.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :—

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

Ames Plow Co., canal barrows.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$41 56
Am. Dist. Tel. Co., rent and services..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	6 15
Byrne & Co., hay, oats, corn, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P. . .	590 80
Douglass, W. P., rent Museum of Art..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	1,333 33
Florence, Wm. H., services.....	Maint. Har. Riv. Bridges.....	104 16
Gordon, Robt., Treas., ins. and wages..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and Places..	534 96
Russell, W. D., fittings to engine . . .	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	282 81
Ryder, Frank, screened gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	658 57
Simpson, A., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	63 49
Titus, Sarah, services.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 50
Taylor, J. O., horse.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	225 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	18 90
Valentine & Briggs, rent office, July...	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	30 00
Van Riper, Chas., spikes, &c.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$19 00
	Maint. H. R. Bdgs.	4 00
		23 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, carriage hard- ware.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	15 57
		<u>\$8,940 80</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$3,221 77	
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	569 31	
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	108 16	
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	41 56	
		\$3,940 80

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-nine hundred and forty dollars and eighty cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,

Auditing Committee.

New York, August 17, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners, Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the Minutes :

Department of Public Parks,

In account with DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, *Treasurer.*

1875.	Cr.		
Aug. 4th	By balance.....	\$2,480 77	
Aug. 4th	} " cash received from rent, licenses and sheep,	1,368 57	
Aug. 18th.			\$3,849 34
1875.			
Aug. 4th	} To cash paid into city treasury.....	\$1,849 44	
Aug. 18th.			
Aug. 18th.	" balance.....	1,999 90	
			\$3,849 34

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, August 18, 1875, 9.30 A. M.

Maintenance Account.

The PRESIDENT reported that the expenses of the maintenance of the parks was exceeding the appropriations for the year, and presented the following statement, viz. :

STATEMENT *Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1875, August 7.*

Estimated and actual expenditure to date.....	\$*288,788 94
Average for the 7 months ending July 31st.....	41,182 70
Balance remaining for five months, from July 31st to December 31st inclusive.....	\$131,721 06
Average per month.....	26,343 21

*This sum includes the gas for the current year.

Present rate of Current Expenditure per month as founded upon that of July, 1875.

Laborers' pay-roll, average per fortnight, \$9,400.....	\$20,716 00
Park keepers.....	5,400 00
Gate-keepers.....	2,500 00
Officers and Clerks.....	5,075 00
Materials.....	2,200 00
	\$35,891 00
	\$35,891 00

Commissioner WILLIAMSON thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the services of the clerical force heretofore charged to Maintenance shall be divided on the pay-roll as follows : two-thirds Construction, and one-third Maintenance ; and this division shall date from August 1st, 1875.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Noe—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report at the next meeting what reduction, if any, can be made in the expense of maintaining the parks ; and if the expense can be reduced, to what extent and in what manner.

Adopted.

Morningside Park.

The PRESIDENT and Commissioner MARTIN, to whom the subject of continuing the construction of the sewer on Morningside Park was referred, verbally reported that said work would cost more than \$1,000, and not having been in progress at the date of the passage of the Charter, will therefore have to be let on contract, after public advertisement.

(Minutes, August 12th, 1875, p. 200.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received, and that the Superintending Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board at its next meeting specifications for the completion of said sewer.

Adopted.

The Superintending Engineer, who was requested to attend, stated that it was necessary to make an inlet to the said sewer on Morningside Park, before the construction of said sewer was further progressed, and that the cost of such inlet would not amount to \$1,000.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that said inlet be constructed by days' work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

J. Tice.

The TREASURER presented a communication from Mr. J. Tice, a tenant on Riverside Park, asking to be relieved of his arrears of rent, as he is unable to pay them.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 157.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Treasurer be authorized to release Mr. J. Tice from payment of rent for which he is now in arrears.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Third Avenue Paving.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had caused Mr. John Benet and Mr. John C. Dowling to be duly notified on the 13th inst., that the contracts for paving Third Avenue had been awarded to them, but that neither of them had accepted as required by Sec. 91, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1875, p. 195.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that, inasmuch as said contractors had failed to accept said awards and to execute the contracts, the work be re-let, and that the Secretary be directed to re-advertise for proposals therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Engineering Force.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the following named

persons be re-employed in the office of the Superintending Engineer, at the rates of pay set opposite their names respectively, namely :

Charles M. Harris, assistant engineer.....	\$5 00	per day.
Ed. A. Miller, rodman.....	3 00	“
D. Campbell, rodman.....	3 00	“
W. A. Jeffries, axeman.....	2 50	“
John Arnold, axeman.....	2 50	“

(Minutes, August 4th, 1875, p. 182.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said motion be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Thos. Morrissey, Night-Watchman.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE presented the resignation of Thomas Morrissey, night-watchman, and moved that it be accepted.

(Minutes, Aug. 4th, 1875, p. 173.)

Adopted.

John Boyle.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then presented the report of the Police Surgeon, certifying to the physical qualifications of John Boyle, and moved that said John Boyle be appointed a night-watchman in place of Thos. Morrissey, resigned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Sea Wall at the Battery.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Superintending Engineer be directed to report at the next meeting of the Board whether it is advisable to make any further repairs to the sea wall at the Battery, under the present contract.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 62.)

Adopted.

C. Bernhard.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved the night-watchman Charles Bernhard be promoted to the position of gate-keeper.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1875, p. 190.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

The PRESIDENT was, by consent, excused from voting.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet on Friday, the 20th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 18th and the 20th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding copy of the following preambles and resolutions adopted by the Board of Aldermen :

Parade Ground.

Whereas, Proceedings have again been taken to have Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court, on Monday, June 28, 1875, in the matter of a Parade Ground, in the upper part of this island, of about 100 acres of land ; and

Whereas, Proceedings previously taken to carry out this project were discontinued by the Department of Public Parks for good and sufficient reasons, and this discontinuance was sustained by a decision of the Court of Appeals against an appeal made by property owners in interest ; and

Whereas, The laying out of a Parade Ground in the proposed locality was projected prior to the annexation of a portion of Westchester County to the city of New York, as presenting the most eligible site then available for the purpose ; and

Whereas, The present time is one of great financial embarrassment, causing a depression in business bearing heavily upon the resources of all classes of the community, and crippling the

means of taxpayers, especially by reduction of rentals and incomes from city property, making it imperative that all unnecessary expenditures by the city and increase of the public debt shall be avoided as far as possible; and

Whereas, The estimated cost of the proposed Parade Ground, for lands taken and laying out the grounds alone, will amount to about one million and a half dollars (\$1,500,000), to be added to the city debt by the issue of bonds, the interest on which, with the expenses of maintenance, will require the sum of at least one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) to be raised annually by taxation for this object; and

Whereas, So large an increase of the funded debt and of the taxes, already so oppressive and heavy upon the taxpayers of this city, are not wise and judicious measures at this time of general depression of business; therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be respectfully requested to discontinue the proceedings aforesaid, and thereupon the Counsel to the Corporation be respectfully requested to withdraw the pending application for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the opening of said proposed Parade Ground, and the Supreme Court be respectfully requested not to appoint Commissioners for such purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Department of Public Parks, the Corporation Counsel, and to the Supreme Court.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 116.)

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, laid over.

Washington Avenue, Twenty-third Ward.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, requested to cause the roadway of Washington Avenue from First to Fifth Street in the Twenty-third Ward, to be raised to a proper height, so that water will not settle thereon, and become stagnant, and otherwise repair the avenue and put it in good order, fit for travel.

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

Grading Streets crossing Third Avenue.

Resolved, That when Third Avenue, from One hundred and forty-seventh Street to the Harlem River, is being graded, as heretofore directed by ordinance approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 21st day of December, 1874, that the following ad-

ditional work shall be done under the direction of the Department of Public Parks, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted, namely :

1. So much work or grading upon the cross streets intersecting Third Avenue, between One hundred and forty-seventh Street and Harlem River, as may be necessary to preserve and facilitate approach and access from such streets to and across said Third Avenue.

2. The taking up and preservation of the pavement, curb and gutter stones, bridge, or crossing stones, and the flagstones of the sidewalks now laid on said Third Avenue, between One hundred and forty-seventh Street and Harlem River.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 133.)

Filed.

8th Ave. Wall.

From the Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., replying it would begin work immediately on the enclosure wall of Central Park on Eighth Avenue as directed by the Board.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 209.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be referred to the President to endeavor to obtain a reduction in the price of the work under contract with said company, and to obtain from the Superintending Engineer a statement of the work, and the extent of wall to be built.

Adopted.

Eighth Avenue.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, replying that provision is being made to carry off the water from the west side of Eighth Avenue, adjoining the Park.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1875, p. 187.)

Filed.

I. W. Maclay.

From I. W. Maclay, Principal Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, requesting permission to continue his absence without pay, subject to being recalled by the Board.

(Minutes, July 21th, 1875, p. 140.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said permission be granted upon the condition mentioned.

Adopted.

M. J. Kelly.

From M. J. Kelly, resigning his position of special keeper.

Accepted.

Repairs of walks in City Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the walks in the City Hall and Reservoir Parks, and the walks and roads in Washington Square needed repairs.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 54.)

Referred to the President and Commissioner Martin to report upon.

Art Museum.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that John Hogan, Contractor for the granite work of the building for the Museum of Art, had done sufficient work to entitle him to the payment of the fifth installment under his contract.

(Minutes, August 4th, 1875, p. 175.)

The President moved that the subject be referred to the Auditing Committee to audit said claim without waiving the notice given to said contractor, by resolution of the Board passed May 10th, 1875, p. 20 of the minutes.

Adopted.

Audit.

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

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

Affleck, Wm. & Co., corn.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		\$47 50
Buerk, G. E., repairs to clocks.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		22 20
Byrne & Co., corn.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		47 25
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.....		\$64 00
Faure, Alfred, plants.....	City Parks Imp. F.		335 00
Gates Church, E., & Co., lumber.....	Maint., etc., H. R.		27 85
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	City Parks Imp. F.		13 07
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		39 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$143 84	
	Maint. H. R. B'dges	89 28	
		<hr/>	233 12
Kohler & Perkins, screened gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks & P., 1874.	\$806 30	
	City Parks Imp't Fund.....	1,112 34	
		<hr/>	1,918 64
Keuffel & Esser, engineers' supplies.....	City Parks Imp't Fund.....	\$12 00	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	14 16	
		<hr/>	26 16
Mapes, Daniel, Jr., oats and hay.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		39 93
McDermott, John, meat—July.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		189 00
McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., plumbing materials.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		24 02

Manhattan Gas Light Co., [gas-meter bills.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$73 70
Manhattan Gas-Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	597 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	389 34
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	42 90
New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	628 00
Sanderson, Bros. & Co., steel.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$20 99
Vanderbilt Bros. & Co., mower parts and nuts.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	26 38
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		<u>\$4,805 05</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$2,291 12
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1874,	806 30
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	181 13
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	39 93
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc..	14 16
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,472 41
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	<u>\$4,805 05</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-eight hundred and five dollars and five cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, August 24th, 1875.]

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats, straw, etc.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		\$381 74
Bartlett, J. W., globes.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	\$38 25	
	Maint., etc., H. R.		
	Bridges.....	15 75	
			54 00
Barron, James S., & Co., brooms, &c..	Maint., etc., H. R.		
	Bridges.....	\$1 20	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	72 00	
			73 20
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		\$22 87
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber.....	Maint., etc., H. R.		
	Bridges.....	\$177 85	
	Maint. 23d and 24th		
	Wards.....	308 55	
			486 40
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music—Cent. Park		540 00
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	\$41 66	
	City Parks Improve- ment Fund.....	83 34	
			125 00
Gilbert, E. W., labor and materials...	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards.		255 00
Leverett, Josiah S., hose.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		20 00
Moffat, Davis & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		25 43
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, etc....	Mus. Natl. History..		37 26
Stackpole & Bro., repairs to tape, etc..	Surveying, laying out, etc. 23d and 24th Wards.....		3 00

Walton Bros., whistles and waste.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$28 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt. F.	51 00
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		\$2,102 90

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$629 95
Maintenance, etc., Harlem river Bridges.....	194 80
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	563 55
Music, Central Park.....	540 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	3 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	134 34
Museum Natural History.....	37 26
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\$2,102 90	

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

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON } *Auditing*
 " JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, August 18th, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

H. W. Rollins.

The President, to whom was referred the communication received from the Comptroller in reference to the contract made with T. W. Rollins for the iron work of the Museum of Natural History Building, verbally reported, that the Comptroller informed him that said communication was intended only for a formal notification of the facts therein related.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 206.)

Commissioner Williamson moved that said report be received and adopted.

Adopted.

Foreman Wolf

Commissioner O'Donohue, Chairman of the Executive Committee, to which was referred certain charges preferred against Foreman John Wolf, reported that the majority of said committee finds the charges proved and reaches the conclusion that said Foreman Wolf should be dismissed.

(Minutes August 4, 1875, p. 183.)

The PRESIDENT stated that not having been invited to attend he was not present during the investigation of said charges.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the recommendation in said report that Foreman John Wolf be dismissed from the employment of the Department, be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Noe—Commissioner Stebbins—1

Westchester Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer. reporting on the request of Mr. Wm Caudwell that Westchester Avenue be widened to at least 80 feet, and recommending that said avenue be widened to the width of 100 feet, " as it will always be one of the principal lines of travel."

(Minutes, August 4, 1875, p. 174.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer report the estimated cost of the con-

struction of the road bed of Westchester avenue 60 feet wide, 80 feet wide and 100 feet wide, respectively.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent reporting on the progress of the works under his charge during the two weeks ending August 14, 1875.

(Minutes, August 11, 1875, p. 188.)

Filed.

Sea-Wall at the Battery.

From the Superintending Engineer, reporting on the advisability of making further repairs to the sea-wall at the Battery, under the present contract.

(Minutes August 18, 1875, p. 217.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the contract, made with A. J. Howell, for repairing the sea-wall at the Battery be and is hereby terminated.

(Minutes, Nov. 24, 1874, p. 365.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Bridges over Bronx River.

From the Engineer of Construction, presenting plans for iron bridges, to take the place of the wooden bridges, now over the Bronx River, and giving the estimate of the cost of the construction of the same, as follows :

Drawbridge, Westchester Turnpike.....	\$12,000
Samuel Street, or "Flour Mill Bridge".....	8,500
Bleach Bridge.....	9,250

Pelham Bridge	9,250
Williams Bridge	10,000
Woodlawn Bridge.....	9,000
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Total	\$58,000

(Minutes August 18, 1875, p. 208.)

Laid over.

Central Bridge Draw.

From the Engineer of Construction, presenting bids for furnishing the lumber required for the new draw of Central Bridge.

(Minutes, August 4, 1875, p. 171.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that sealed bids for supplying all the lumber requisite for constructing said draw be obtained from J. J. Van Pelt, W. Menzies & Son, C. & R. Poillion and Lee Box and Lumber Co., and presented to the Board.

Adopted.

Sewer, Morningside Park.

The Superintending Engineer presented the specifications for the proposed sewer on Morningside Park.

(Minutes, August 18, 1875, p. 214.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said specifications be received and adopted, and that advertisements be published for proposals to execute the work of constructing said sewer.

Adopted.

Filling on Manhattan Square.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 6) of A. W. Cambell for delivering on Manhattan Square ten thousand cubic yards of earth-filling be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract, therefore, be awarded to said A. W. Cambell, and that the

President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, August 18, 1875, p. 205.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Gravel.

The PRESIDENT moved that, pending the awarding of the contract for furnishing 5,000 cubic yards of gravel, the Treasurer be authorized to purchase, on the requisition of the Superintendent of Parks, Roa Hook gravel to an amount not exceeding four hundred cubic yards.

(Minutes, Aug. 18, 1875, p. 205.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Report to the Mayor.

The PRESIDENT presented the report to his Hon. the Mayor, as directed by Sec. 27, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, of the transactions of this Department for the three months ending June 30, 1875.

(Minutes, June 11, 1875, p. 84.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, moved that said report be approved, and the President requested to sign and transmit it to his Hon. the Mayor.

Adopted.

Estimate for 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the draft of the Departmental estimates for 1876 be taken from the table.

(Minutes, August 11, 1875, p. 187.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said draft of estimates for 1876, be referred to the President and Commissioner Martin to revise and transmit the same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted.

Reduction of Maintenance Force.

The Superintendent of Parks verbally reported on the means of reducing the expenses chargeable to the maintenance fund.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 214.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the salaries of the clerical force be apportioned, and charged to the Construction and Maintenance funds, *pro rata*, on the amount of pay-rolls charged to said funds.

Commissioner MARTIN moved as a substitute that the present method of charging the salaries of the clerical force be continued.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion of Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said original motion of the President, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN presented his report on the general

subject of laying out streets, roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes, June 16th, 1875, p. 93.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock p. m. to meet on Thursday the 26th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 25th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, stating that “ the return walls at end of main hall of Art Museum building do not form part of the present contract,” and recommending “ the introduction of additional lintels, so as to secure a direct vertical pressure for the work remaining to be done,” and enclosing the proposition of The Watson Manufacturing Co. to furnish said additional lintels for the sum of \$550 ; which was endorsed by the Superintending Architect, certifying that said work was necessary to “ enable the contractors for the mason work to proceed with their wall.”

(Minutes, April 19th, 1875, p. 659.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the recommendation in said communication be adopted, and that an order be given to The Watson Manufacturing Co. to furnish and erect eight cast-iron lintels required in the construction of the building for the Museum of Art, for a sum not exceeding \$550.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

J. E. Childs.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that, "in consequence of the pressure of work in preparing plans and estimates and bills of timber, I have been obliged to obtain the assistance of J. E. Childs for nine days, at \$5 per day."

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 230 and 231.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Disbursing Clerk be directed to place the name of said J. E. Childs on the payroll for the month of August for nine days, at the rate of \$5 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Bids for lumber.

The President submitted sealed proposals from J. J. Van Pelt, W. Menzies & Son, C. & R. Poillion and Lee Box & Lumber Co., respectively, for furnishing the lumber required for the construction of the draw of Central Bridge.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 231.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said proposals be referred to the Engineer of Construction to report to the President as to which is the lowest bid, and that the purchase of said lumber be made in accordance therewith.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Temporary gates for entrances, Central Park.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That temporary fences with double swinging gates and turnstiles be placed at all the entrances to the Central Park on the west side, except at Fifty-ninth street.

That they be made of wood, in the style of picket fences, and at as small expense as practicable, under the direction of the Superintending Architect, and charged to construction account.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, at 4.45 o'clock P. M., the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1875.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works :

I. Paving Third Avenue from Westchester Avenue to the northerly side of 163d Street.

II. Paving Third Avenue from the northerly side of 163d Street to the northerly boundary of the Twenty-third Ward.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 215.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The COMPTROLLER of the city of New York.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

I.

NO	NAME OF BIDDER.	PER SQUARE YARD OF NEW PAVEMENT.	PER SQUARE FOOT OF NEW BRIDGE STONE.	TIME IN WHICH WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED.
1	J. A. Devlin.....	\$2 00	60 cents.	100 days.
2	J. Baird.....	1 97	49 “	80 “
3	C. Guidet.....	2 15	60 “	150 “
4	J. P. Cumming, Jr.....	2 12	49 “	100 “
5	E. Bradburn.....	1 76	38 “	70 “
6	J. B. Devlin.....	1 75	45 “	60 “
7	J. G. Smith.....	1 85	45 “	150 “
8	J. H. Perkins.....	2 80	66 “	129 “
9	Isaac Lunney.....	2 25	50 “	90 “
10	Jas. Everard.....	1 63	40 “	85 “
11	J. D. & T. E. Crimmins.....	2 04	49 “	60 “
12	Mills & Ambrose.....	1 83	40 “	300 “

The Surveyor's estimates on which the bids are to be tested are as follows :

20,000 square yards of new pavement.

7,500 square feet of new bridge stones.

The time to complete the work to be calculated at \$3.50 per day.

II.

NO.	NAME OF BIDDER.	PER SQUARE YARD OF NEW PAVEMENT.	PER SQUARE FOOT OF NEW BRIDGE STONE.	TIME IN WHICH WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED.
1	J. A. Devlin.....	\$2 10	60 cents.	150 days.
2	J. Baird.....	1 97	49 "	80 "
3	C. Guidet.....	2 25	62 "	180 "
4	John P. Cumming, Jr.....	2 15	51 "	125 "
5	E. Bradburn.....	1 84	38 "	70 "
6	J. B. Devlin.....	1 75	45 "	95 "
7	J. G. Smith.....	1 93	49 "	150 "
8	J. H. Perkins.....	2 94	72 "	130 "
9	Isaac Lunney.....	2 35	50 "	90 "
10	Jas. Everard.....	1 78	40 "	90 "
11	J. D. & T. E. Crimmins.....	2 23	50 "	130 "
12	Mills & Ambrose.....	1 88	40 "	300 "

The Surveyor's estimates on which the bids are to be tested are as follows :

25,000 square yards of new pavement.

6,500 square feet of new bridge stones.

The time to complete the work to be calculated at \$3.50 per day.

The Comptroller having retired, the Board met in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 25th and 26th August, 1875, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read.

Filling on Manhattan Square.

From Mr. A. W. Campbell, accepting the award made to him for the delivery of 10,000 cubic yards of filling on Manhattan Square.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 232.)

Filed.

Gravel.

From Messrs. Kohler & Perkins, claiming the award for the delivery of 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel for the parks.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 205.)

Laid over until next meeting.

Trinity Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, with the three similar plans of the grades, profiles and maps for filing of the extension of Trinity Avenue (late Delmonico Place), from 165th Street to Boston Avenue.

(Minutes, August 4th, 1875, p. 174.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President, one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file said three similar maps or plans and profiles as provided by law; which said maps or plans and

profiles show the width, course, windings and grades of the extension of Trinity Avenue (late Delmonico Place), from 165th Street to Boston Avenue, as the same has been laid out and is hereby determined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and are signed "Geo. S. Greene, Civil and Topographical Engineer," and dated "New York, August 20th, 1875."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting the work done by the force under his charge for the two weeks ending Saturday, August 28th, 1875.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 230.)

Filed.

The Pool.

From the Superintendent of Parks recommending that the Pool on Central Park, near Eighth Avenue and 101st Street, be now cleaned, as he can use the material taken from it to fill and grade the slopes on Eighth Avenue, between 100th Street and 106th Street ; and stating that to do so he would require about eight additional horses and carts.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 206.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with the work of cleaning the Pool, the material taken therefrom to be used as recommended, and that eight additional horses and carts be employed for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent, stating that he requires the following number of mechanics and laborers in connection with the works of construction at present being prosecuted, viz., 8 stone cutters, 8 laborers and 4 double teams.

Commissioner MARTIN moved said communication be received, and that the number of mechanics, laborers, &c., required by the Superintendent as therein mentioned be appointed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Washington Ave., 23d Ward.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the condition of Washington Avenue in the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 222.)

Laid over until next meeting.

From the Engineer of Construction on the following subjects :

Central Bridge.

The rebuilding of the two main spans of Central Bridge.

(Minutes, August 4th, 1875, p. 171.)

Mill Brook Sewer.

The taking of proper soundings, to enable the specifications for Mill Brook Sewer to be prepared.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1875, p. 79.)

Bridges over Bronx River.

The making of a survey of the location of the draw-bridge over the Bronx River.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 230.)

Laid over until next meeting.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Ames Plow Co., wheelbarrows.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$83	13
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music, Central Park	520	00
Draper, Danl., Meteorological supplies.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	26	37
Hadfield J. W., fireworks.....	Independence Day.	1,444	00
Howell, A. J., labor and materials.....	Battery sea wall,		
	1874.....	2,040	78
Welch, J., services.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P. ..	217	00
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, nails and			
iron.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	22	46
Hillman, Caleb, monuments.....	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d and		
	24th Wards.....	6	30
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., oil....	Maint. Har. Riv.		
	Bridges.....	\$19	20
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and Places....	72	00
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Merchant, S. L., & Co., cement.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$35 00
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$202 50
	Museum Natl. Hist...	67 50
		<hr/> 270 00
Norris & Williams, plumbing mats....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	5 50
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., hard- ware.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	10 70
Vaux Calvert, superintendence.....	Museum of Art.....	450 00
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and materls.	Museum of Natl. Hist.....	1,145 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$6,637 44

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$354 03
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	19 20
Independence Day.....	1,444 00
Music—Central Park.....	520 00
Sea wall at Battery, 1874.....	2,040 78
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	6 30
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	320 63
Museum Natural History.....	1,212 50
Museum of Art.....	450 00
	<hr/> <hr/> \$6,867 44

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-three hundred and sixty-seven dollars and forty-four cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, August 31, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Bids for lumber.

The PRESIDENT submitted to the Board the report of the Engineer of Construction on the various proposals for furnishing the lumber required for the construction of the draw of Central Bridge, by which it appears that the following are the amounts bid, viz.:

1. William Menzies & Son.....	\$3,405 00
2. Lee Box and Lumber Co.....	3,837 00
3. C. & R. Poillion.....	3,976 00
4. J. J. Van Pelt.....	4,544 00

The PRESIDENT also reported that the order had been given to the Messrs. Menzies & Son as the lowest bidders.

(Minutes, August 29th, 1875, p. 236.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and approved.

Adopted.

Ram.

The PRESIDENT reported that, in consequence of the deterioration of the breed of sheep on Central Park, it became necessary to introduce some new rams among the flock, and stated that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had concluded with Mr. L. G. Morris for the purchase of a South Down ram for \$100.

He also stated that Mr. Morris promised to donate to the Department a second ram.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the arrangement made with Mr. L. G. Morris by the President be approved, and that said ram be purchased.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Sprinkling Roads and 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT presented the following bills, which had been incurred by the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards in preparing tanks, &c., for sprinkling the roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards, and moved that same be approved and referred to the Auditing Committee to audit, viz. :

Geo. B. Robbins.....	\$35 35
Geo. Scofield..	20 50

(Minutes, May 14, 1875, p. 30.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Engineering Force.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the following named persons be employed in the office of the Superintending Engineer during the month of September, at the rates of pay set opposite their names, viz. :

Charles M. Harris, Asst. Engineer.....	\$5 00 per day.
Ed. A. Miller, rodman.....	3 00 “
Wm. A. Jeffries, axeman.....	2 50 “
Peter Kelly, “	2 50 “
John Arnold, “	2 50 “

And also that they be allowed pay at the rates above mentioned for such time as they may have heretofore actually

worked for the Department, and for which they have received no compensation ; which time shall be certified to by the Superintendent Engineer.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 215.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Monday, the 6th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 25th and 26th August and 1st September, 1875, were read and approved.

Hon. R. M. Blatchford, Ex-Commissioner.

The order of business having been suspended, the PRESIDENT notified the Board of the death of Hon. Richard M. Blatchford, Ex-Commissioner, and moved that the following be entered on the minutes, which, on being seconded by Commissioner Martin, was unanimously adopted.

The death of the Hon. Richard M. Blatchford is announced as having taken place at Newport, R. I., on the 3d inst.

The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks are moved by the event to record upon their minutes their regret at this intelligence, and also to offer their testimony to the valuable services that he rendered the city while a Commissioner of the Central Park for the long period of twelve years, from 1858 to 1870, eminently important in the history of the Central Park as the period of its formation and construction. Mr. Blatchford was subsequently a Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks in 1872. His course in this important public trust was marked by the ability, faithfulness and integrity which has distinguished him in all the acts of his public and private life.

The present Board unanimously offer this tribute to his memory, and direct that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to his family.

The following communications were presented and read :

Eleventh Avenue.

From the Comptroller of the city, forwarding a copy of the order of the Supreme Court, confirming the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the opening of Eleventh Avenue northwardly from the northerly line of the road or public drive to the southerly line of the street leading from Kingsbridge Road, near Inwood Street, to the Harlem River near Sherman's Creek.

Also stating that "the amount of awards in the case, with the taxed costs, is \$729,700;" and forwarding a draft resolution which he states it is necessary should be adopted by this Department to enable the bonds to pay said awards and costs, to be issued in pursuance of section 7, chapter 565, Laws of 1865.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution, as requested by the Comptroller :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby direct that the public fund or stock authorized and directed to be created by section 7 of chapter 565 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24th, 1865, shall be issued at such time or times, and in such manner, of such description and in such amounts as the Comptroller of the city of New York, in compliance with the provisions of said section, shall from time to time find to be necessary to provide funds for the payment of the damages awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and of the expenses, charges and disbursements in a certain proceeding instituted by virtue of said chapter, to wit :

In the matter of the application of the Commissioners of the Central Park for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, relative to the opening of Eleventh Avenue northwardly from the northerly line of the road or public drive to the southerly line of the street leading from Kingsbridge Road near Inwood Street to the Harlem River near Sherman's Creek, in the city of New York.

Such public fund or stock shall be payable not more than forty years from the date of issue thereof, and shall bear interest, payable half yearly, at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum; and the total amount of such fund or stock hereby directed to be issued shall not exceed the sum of seven hundred and twenty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars, and shall be issued in sums composed of even hundreds of dollars, and for not less than the par value thereof.

Proposals for said fund or stock shall be invited by said Comptroller by advertisement for the period of ten days, and the fund or stock shall be awarded by the Comptroller to the person or persons, corporation or corporations who shall offer the highest premiums for the same, except that said fund or stock, or any portion thereof, may be subscribed for and awarded to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the city of New York, without proposals being invited for the same, in the manner aforesaid; and said Comptroller shall, upon the payment of the price for which said fund or stock shall be so awarded, issue certificates therefor in such form as said Comptroller may direct, and as nearly as may be in the usual form of stock of the county of New York heretofore issued.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Parade Ground.

From the Counsel to the Corporation asking for further instructions with regard to proceeding with the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the military parade ground.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 221.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN, thereupon, presented a statement upon the subject of the proceedings for said military parade

ground, referred to in the preambles and resolution of the Board of Aldermen of August 12th, 1875, and entered on pages 221 and 222 of the minutes of August 25th, 1875.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said statement be received and printed in the minutes ; and that the subject be referred to Commissioners Martin and Williamson with power, and the request that they confer with his Honor the Mayor and the Counsel to the Corporation in relation thereto.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

STATEMENT UPON THE SUBJECT OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MILITARY PARADE GROUND PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER MARTIN AND ORDERED PRINTED IN THE MINUTES.

In any case, a conclusion reached upon an incomplete or partial consideration of the facts, should make but little impression upon the minds of those who have investigated all the facts. This case presents an illustration of the practical wisdom of the Legislature in placing the decision of so important a question of administration in a department, whose duty it is fully to investigate facts, before coming to a decision.

A consideration of all the facts of this case will not lead to the conclusion the Board of Aldermen have reached without stating them as the basis of their action, and we respectively present them for their information.

The military parade ground was, with two years' deliberations, selected and laid out by this Department and the military authorities under Chapter 628 of the Laws of 1871. The map was filed on the 5th April, 1873.

The effect of filing this map on the public and on the owners of the property within its area, was—

That the filing of the map became final and conclusive on all parties. There remained no power to alter or recall it. The property shown on the map was condemned to the public use. In the words of the statute "it became one of the public squares of the city." It was, under the exercise of the right of eminent domain, taken for the public use.

To this extent the rights of the owners of the property are finally and conclusively bound. They cannot sell or mortgage their property. They have no longer an unincumbered estate in property ; it is condemned to another use than theirs. They have a right against the city, as a forcible purchaser, to be paid for their land, and to have the price fixed by a commission, to be appointed in a legal proceeding which the city alone can commence. They cannot improve their land and recover anything, when the price is fixed, for the value of their improvements ; and in the meantime they must pay taxes and assessments.

Under the mandate of the law this Department has commenced the legal proceeding by which the price of the land is to be ascertained, as the first step toward enabling the owners to recover payment for it.

It is this proceeding that we are asked to discontinue. The answer to it is that it is an unwarrantable and unjust violation of a contract in which the city owes the citizen, upon whose property it has laid its strong hand, extraordinary good faith.

A purchaser who exercises the sovereign right to lay his hand on private property, and has it then at his own pleasure to institute the legal proceeding which he alone can take, is bound on every legal and equitable rule, when he has taken the first step, to proceed diligently and without interruption to the end.

If we were requested or had the power to reverse our action from the beginning and to recall the map, a different case would be presented. We are requested to stop midway, to suspend indefinitely the proceeding by which the city can render a just equivalent to the land owner, and after the city has acted to his injury, to leave him under that injury without remedy. The reasons the Board of Aldermen assign in support of the resolution are, that more available sites for this purpose are now presented within the enlarged area of the city ; that the cost of the property will be great ; that the times are hard, and that the pressure of the city debt and high taxes is burdensome.

It is equally true that the Legislature has more than once refused to entertain applications to repeal this law or change this site ; that the cost of the property will be much less than it was when the law was passed, and that its value is now at an extreme of depression. The hard times, the debt and the high taxes are controlling reasons on all questions of expediency or of policy, but are not reasons that any one would assert or accept for violating obligations. The burden is more oppressive on the property owner whose land is condemned, taxed and unavailable, than it is upon the city or on any other citizen.

We concede that within the sovereign powers of the city is included the right, which the statute permits, of the postponement of this proceeding; that in view of a public emergency it can violate private right by arbitrary action, and inflict injury on private citizens. If the city chooses to exercise this right it should be done in face of the facts we present, and not upon considerations that exclude them, or the whole matter can be properly submitted to the court, where the reasons urged would be considered, and private rights would receive due protection.

Sea Wall at the Battery.

From the Superintending Engineer, recommending that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the balance of the funds for repairing the sea wall at the Battery, appropriated in 1874, to the year 1875.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 230.)

The PRESIDENT thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer from the appropriation for the "repair of sea wall at Battery, 1874," to the appropriation for the "repair of sea wall at Battery, 1875," the sum of one thousand five hundred and eight dollars and thirty-three cents (\$1,508.33), said amount being in excess of the requirements of the first mentioned appropriation.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Maintenance of 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, requesting that expenses incurred with a view to the rebuilding of the Bronx River bridges be not charged against the fund for the "Maintenance and government of public places, streets, roads, avenues and bridges, 23d and 24th Wards."

Filed.

Filter in Morningside Park Sewer.

From the Superintending Engineer, recommending that a filter at the outlet of the pipes running to the pond on Morningside Park be constructed without delay, and estimating the cost at less than \$500.

(Minutes, Aug. 25th, 1875, p. 231.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said filter be constructed by days work, as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Foreman of Masons.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that it is necessary to appoint a foreman of masons as soon as possible.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that Robert McWhinney be appointed foreman of masons, and his pay be fixed at \$6 per day.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved to amend said motion by striking out therefrom the name "Robert McWhinney," and substituting therefor the name "Wm. F. Croft," and by adding thereto, that said appointment shall only be for the month of September, 1875.

The PRESIDENT moved to amend said motion of Commissioner O'Donohue by substituting therein the name "Robert McWhinney" for that of "Wm. F. Croft."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to motion moved by the President, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Noe—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said original motion, as amended by Commissioner O'Donohue, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Noe—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Belvedere.

From Mr. H. L. Marindin, Assistant United States Coast Surveyor, asking permission to place a temporary staff on the Belvedere, for the purpose of recovering a triangulation point of the United States Coast Survey.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

Adopted.

Inspector on Third Avenue Paving.

From Mr. J. D. Armstrong, making application to be appointed an inspector on the work of paving Third Avenue.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1875, p. 190.)

Laid on the table.

Audit.

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

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

Afleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats, straw, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		\$294 79
Barron, James S., & Co., brooms and brushes.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		33 00
Byrne & Co., hay, oats, straw, &c....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		291 21
Colwell, Jas. W., lumber.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		223 16
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., rope.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		10 19
Gordon, Robt., Actg. Treas., ins. and wages.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		520 25
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P..... City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$41 66	
		20 84	62 50
Hogan, John, labor and materials....	Museum of Art....		10,000 00
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P..... Maint. 23d and 24th Wards..... Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.. City Parks Impt. Fund..... Music Central Park.	\$84 87 32 92 21 08 11 66 1 00	
			151 53
Moran & Armstrong, labor and ma- terials.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		5,088 95
Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund..... Maint., &c., H. R. Bridges.....	\$310 06 13 76	
			323 82

Mott, J. L., Iron Works, castings...Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	\$23 63
Smyth, W., disinfectant	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	5 00
Simpson, A., bread, August.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	70 84
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	\$72 00
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	8 00
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		80 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	17 28
Vanderbilt, Bros., grass, seed and nuts.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.....	\$10 00
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	21 00
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		31 00
Watson, Mfg. Co., labor and ma- terials.....	Museum of Art...	4,050 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	55 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, sledges, &c.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	22 80
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,474 72
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	256 08
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.....	13 76
Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c....	21 08
Music—Central Park.....	1 00
City Parks Impt. Fund	5,538 31
Museum of Art.....	14,050 00
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	\$21,354 95
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-one thousand three hundred and fifty-four dollars and ninety-five cents.

(Signed)

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, September 6, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Grading, &c., 3d Av., from 147th St. to Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit to the Board the specifications for grading, regulating, &c., Third Avenue, from 147th Street to the Harlem River, as directed by ordinances of the Common Council.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 222.)

Adopted.

Third Avenue Paving.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following two resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 10) of Mr. James Everard for the paving of Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northerly side of 163d Street, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said James Everard, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Sept. 1st, 1875, p. 239.)

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 6) of Mr. J. B. Devlin for the paving of Third Avenue, from the northerly side of 163d Street to the northerly boundary of 23d Ward, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said J. B. Devlin, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Sept. 1st, 1875, p. 240.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Eng. of Steam-Engine in 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that the employment of W. C. Green, as engineer of the steam-engine in the 23d and 24th Wards, be continued from the 1st to the 30th inst.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Assistant-Engineer Calkins.

The PRESIDENT moved that the pay of Assistant Engineer Calkins be charged, until further order, to construction.

(Minutes, March 24th, 1875, p. 599.)

Adopted.

Eng. and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Edgar B. Van Winkle be appointed "Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements;" that it be referred to the Executive Committee to report at the next meeting upon his duties, his salary and the mode of its payment.

(Minutes, Aug. 11th, 1875, p. 196.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Organization of Gardening Force.

The PRESIDENT moved that the communication of the Landscape Architect, on the gardening force, presented to the Board on the 21st July, 1875, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 138.)

Adopted.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that from and after this date the gardening force be organized and managed as recommended by the Landscape Architect in said communication, namely :

1. That for gardening maintenance purposes eight districts be formed. Six to be on the Central Park ; the smaller Parks to form one, and the Nursery and Hot-houses one (Mount Morris Park remaining as at present).

2. For each gardening district a division gardener to be in immediate charge of all gardening work in his division, and responsible for the care of its trees, shrubs and plants (turf excepted). His time to be taken and reported, as the time of division gardeners is at present, by the Maintenance Foreman of the ground in which his division is included.

3. Two gardeners and two garden laborers to be enrolled with each division gardener, and to be at his orders whenever he shall require their services ; at other times to be at the orders of the foreman, by whom their time should be returned as heretofore.

4. The above gardening force to be under the exclusive orders of the Superintending Gardener, and nothing to be done on ground occupied by trees, shrubs or plants except under his orders or with his approval.

5. Additional laboring force, carts and other means, when certified by the Superintending Gardener to be necessary for his work, to be provided as may be directed by the Superintendent of Parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Irrigation of the Ball-Ground.

The Landscape Architect stated that it is necessary to lay a quantity of iron pipe through the Ball-Ground, when it is being ploughed up, as heretofore ordered by the Board, in order to provide for its proper irrigation, but that the quantity required would cost over \$1,000.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said subject be referred to the President and Commissioner Williamson to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation, and if necessary, to direct advertisements for said pipe to be inserted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Report of Dept. ending Dec., 1873.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the subject of the selection and procurement of the illustrations for the report of the Department ending December, 1873, be referred to the President, in conjunction with the Landscape Architect.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Eighth Avenue Wall.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the subject of determining the amount of the Eighth Avenue wall on the Central Park, to be built under the contract with the Wilson & Hughes Stone Company, be referred to the President and Commissioner Williamson, with power.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 223.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

148th Street.

Commissioner MARTIN, to whom the communication of Mr. Wm. H. Payne, relative to the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of grading 148th Street, from Millbrook to St. Anne Avenue, verbally reported that Section 9, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, directs that the appointment of three such Commissioners shall be made jointly by the Commissioners of this Department and the Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 110.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received, and that the subject of the appointment of said Commissioners be referred to the President and Commissioners Martin and Williamson, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 7.00 o'clock P. M.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1875.

SPECIAL MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
86 Union Square, N. Y. }
6th September, 1875.

Mr. Wm. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M., to take action in the matter of making a requisition on the Comptroller of the city for the further issue of bonds for the construction of the Museums of Natural History and of Art, authorized by Sec. 2, Chap. 290, Laws of 1871.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 6th inst. was dispensed with.

Museums of Natural History and Art.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of

Public Parks of the city of New York hereby make requisition upon the Comptroller of the city of New York for the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), for the construction of a Museum of Art and a Museum of Natural History, as provided by Sec. 2, Chap. 290, Laws of 1871.

(Minutes, Oct. 23d, 1874, p. 321.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

D. Campbell.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that David Campbell, late a rodman in the engineering force, be allowed pay at the rate of \$3 per day for such time as he has, prior to September 1st, 1875, actually worked for the Department, and for which he has received no compensation, which time shall be certified to by the Superintending Engineer.

(Minutes, Sept. 1st, 1875, p. 247.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Roads, &c., in 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had received from Mr. H. F. Spaulding a petition addressed to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and signed by a number of the owners of property in the vicinity of Riverdale, in the 24th Ward, urging that Board to make a more liberal appropriation for the care of the roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards than that made last year ; and moved that said petition be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 233.)

Adopted.

Parade Ground.

Commissioners MARTIN and WILLIAMSON reported, verbally, that they had directed the Secretary to transmit to the Board of Aldermen and to the Counsel to the Corporation an extract from the minutes of the last meeting of the Board, containing its action in regard to the subject of the Military Parade Ground ; that they had had an interview with the Counsel to the Corporation, but could not agree upon any instructions to give him in the matter.

(Minutes, Sept. 6th, 1875. p. 251.)

Received.

Eighth Avenue Wall.

The PRESIDENT and Commissioner WILLIAMSON, to whom the subject of determining the amount of the Eighth Avenue wall to be built by the Wilson & Hughes Stone Co. under their present contract, was referred, with power, reported verbally that they had directed said Wilson & Hughes Stone Co. to proceed with the Eighth Avenue wall to the extent of filling up the openings in the wall by the gates, and where it is best to have the same quality of stone as is already there, not to exceed about 600 feet, and as much less as is practicable, and not to go beyond the obligations of the existing contract. That on the completion of these openings, they directed the contract to be closed.

(Minutes, September 6th, 1875, p. 263.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received and approved.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 4.15 o'clock P.M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present.—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned to meet on Friday, the 17th September, 1875, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 6th, 8th and 15th insts., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Filing on Manhattan Square.

From the Comptroller, returning the proposal of Mr. A. W. Campbell to deliver 10,000 cubic yards of earth filling on Manhattan Square, without his approval of the sureties thereon, and stating that Mr. Campbell offers Messrs. William Canning and William Dassler as substitutes for said sureties. Also, enclosing a copy of an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, in which he states: “ I think there can be no doubt that, “ under these provisions of the charter and the ordinances, it “ is lawful in any case to substitute as sureties other persons “ than those named in the proposals, provided such substitution is made with the consent of the head of the department “ making the contract, &c.”

(Minutes August 25th, 1875, p. 231.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of this Department hereby consent to the substitution of Messrs. Wm. Canning and Wm. Dassler in place of Messrs. Arthur Flynn and Robert Blair, as sureties for the faithful performance of the contract awarded to said A. W. Campbell, and that the President be requested so to certify to the Comptroller.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Sea Wall at Battery.

From the Comptroller, stating that the contract with Mr. A. J. Howell for repairing the sea wall at the Battery provides that all said work shall be finished and completed on or before the 1st June, 1875, in default of which the contractor shall forfeit and pay the sum of \$10 each day thereafter that the work remains unfinished ; that the work was not completed until August 20th, 1875 ; and asking whether there is any reason why the penalty should not be enforced.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 230.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President be requested to notify the Comptroller that, in the opinion of the Commissioners of this Department, good and sufficient reasons exist why the penalty should not be enforced, and that they have concluded not to enforce the same.

Adopted.

Fountain Basin, Madison Square.
Street in Twenty-third Ward.

From the Health Department, complaining of the condition of the Fountain Basin in Madison Square, and of an unpaved street on the east side of Railroad Avenue, 100 feet north of 169th street, in the Twenty-third Ward.

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

Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting a diagram, pre-

senting the outline of a plan for connecting the existing drives and walks of the Central Park with the entrances opposite the nearest corners of Manhattan Square.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said diagram be approved and the design provisionally adopted, except in respect to the archway foot-approaches to Manhattan Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

House on Riverside Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, notifying the Board that the house on Riverside Park, occupied by Mr. Daly, was partially destroyed by fire on the 4th inst., caused by sparks from a house on Ninety-seventh street, which was previously burning.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Daly requested permission to repair said house at his own expense, on the condition that he would be allowed to occupy it, free of rent, until required by the Department.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that Mr. Daly be allowed to repair said house, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, and that on his so doing, he be allowed to occupy it, free of rent, until it be required by the Department, but in any case not exceeding two years from this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Foreman for Laying Tar Pavement.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the walks in the lower section of the Central Park are ready to have the tar pavement laid on them, and requesting that the late foreman, A. A. Ranney, and four or five of his men, be employed for this work.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to employ said A. A. Ranney at \$4.50 per day, and four of the men formerly employed under him, and who are skilled at the work of laying said pavement, at \$2.24 per day, during the month of September.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting what force he will require, and the expense of the same, for the remainder of the year.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Pavement.

From Mr. James Everard, accepting the award for paving Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northerly side of 163d Street.

(Minutes, September 6th, 1875, p. 259.)

Filed.

From Mr. J. B. Devlin, accepting the award for paving Third Avenue, from the northerly side of 163d Street to the northerly boundary of the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, September 6, 1875, p. 259.)

Filed.

L. A. Risse.

From Mr. L. A. Risse, applying for the position of inspector on the work of paving Third Avenue.

Also from Mr. G. S. Greene, Jr., recommending Mr. L. A. Risse for said position.

Laid on the table.

L. Falkenau.

From Mr. L. Falkenau, applying for remuneration on account of work done, as City Surveyor, on the Third Avenue paving.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, to report upon at the same time a report is made upon the salary, &c., of Mr. Edgar B. Van Winkle, Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements.

(Minutes, September 6th, 1875, p. 260.)

Adopted.

Gravel.

From Messrs. Kohler & Perkins, stating that if the contract for the delivery of 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel is not awarded to them, they shall take measures to protect their rights to the award.

(Minutes, September 1st, 1875, p. 241.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Art Museum.

From Mr. John Hogan, contractor for the granite work of the building for the Museum of Art, stating that he is now entitled to the sixth and seventh payments on account of his contract.

(Minutes, Sept. 25th, 1875, p. 224.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be instructed to prepare the estimates for the work done by said contractor whenever he is entitled to them under the terms of his contract.

(Minutes, May 10th, 1875, p. 20.)

Adopted.

Mineral Springs.

From Mr. Carl H. Schultz, lessee of the Mineral Springs in Central Park, asking for a reduction of his rent.

(Minutes, March 6th, 1875, p. 568.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Adopted.

Earth Filling.

From Mr. Dwight H. Olmsted, stating that he can dispose of a quantity of earth filling on 117th Street, near Morningside Park, and asking whether the Department will purchase it.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be requested to inform Mr. Olmsted that the Department will take the earth filling without rock, and remove it from his property, when required for use on the Parks, but cannot pay any money for the material.

Adopted.

Audit.

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

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

Rollins, T. W., labor and material.....Mus. of Art..... \$15,491 00

Being the sum of fifteen thousand four hundred and ninety-one dollars.

New York, September 15th, 1875.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Museums of Natural History and Art.

The PRESIDENT reported that the several contractors for erection of the Museums of Natural History and of Art, informed him that the Comptroller of the city had refused to pay their estimates on account of the work not having been finished within the times stipulated in their contracts, unless specially authorized by this Department to do so.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be requested to obtain from the Architects written statements concerning the failure of said contractors to complete their work within the times stipulated, and submit them to the Board at its next meeting.

Adopted.

3d Ave., grading.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Engineer of Construction having reported to him that the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings, &c., required some assistance, he had authorized him to employ L. Falkenau and Patrick Phillips for that purpose, on their agreeing to receive such compensation as the Board shall hereafter determine, in case any compensation can be legally paid them for such work.

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

Adopted.

148th street and 143d street grading, &c.

156th street sewer.

Commissioner MARTIN reported that he had consulted with the Counsel to the Corporation, and had agreed with him on the following named persons, namely: Meyer Butzel, Wm. Meikleham and Hugh Ferrigan, as fit and proper persons to appoint as Commissioners to assess the expenses of regulating and grading 148th street, from St. Ann's Avenue to Mill Brook. That the works of regulating, &c., 143d Street, from Willis Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue, and of constructing a sewer through 156th Street, from St. Ann's Avenue to 3d Avenue, also authorized by the late Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania, were completed, but that no Commissioners had been appointed in either case. He then moved that the appointment of said Commissioners be signed and transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his approval and signature:

(Minutes, September 6th, 1875, p. 263.)

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

Ayes—Commissioner Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock A. M., to meet at 3 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, the 18th inst.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, of the 17th instant, was dispensed with.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT, as requested at the last meeting, submitted the written statements of Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, and of the Superintending Architect, certifying that neither Messrs. Moran & Armstrong nor the Watson Manufacturing Company, contractors respectively for the mason and iron work of the Museum of Art, can be held responsible for not completing their contracts within the times stipulated, the delay having occurred by no fault of theirs.

(Minutes, September 17th, 1875, p. 277.)

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the penalties contained in the contracts made with Messrs. Moran & Armstrong and with the Watson Manufacturing Company for the mason work and for the iron work, respectively, of the Museum of Art, in the case of the non-completion of said works within the times in said contracts

stipulated, are hereby remitted, up to and including the following dates, being the dates on which their last preceding estimates were audited and authorized to be paid, viz. :

Messrs. Moran & Armstrong's contract up to and including August 11th, 1875.

The Watson Manufacturing Company's contract up to and including September 6th, 1875.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Gravel.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the communication of Messrs. Kohler & Perkins, verbally reported thereon, and submitted a communication from the Superintendent of Parks, wherein he states :

“I have examined the samples of gravel furnished by Messrs. Kohler & Perkins, and by Andrew Govan, with their proposals, and I consider that neither of them are suitable to be used on the walks and roads of the parks, nor are they similar to the gravel heretofore used by the Department.”

(Minutes, May 9th, 1874, p. 13, and Sep. 17th, 1875, p. 275.)

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, On examination of the bids and samples for screened gravel, opened on 18th August, 1875, it appears that the bid of Jesse Ryder is irregular and informal, and that the samples furnished by Andrew Govan and by Kohler & Perkins are not suitable for walks and roads as required, and are not similar to that heretofore used in the Central Park ; therefore—

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 2) of Mr. John A. Bouker for the delivery of 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract therefor be awarded to said John A. Bouker ; and that the President be, and he

hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Aug. 18th, 1875, p. 205.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Work on 145th Street, 23d Ward.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. James R. Angel, Attorney for Messrs. Haideran & Klein, presenting their bill for work done on 145th Street, in the 23d Ward, verbally reported that said work was authorized by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the late town of Morrisania, passed December 10th, 1873, but that, on examination of the laws, it appears that this Department has no power or authority to audit said bill.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1875, p. 189.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received and approved, and that Mr. Angel be notified thereof.

Adopted.

J. E. Childs. Central Bridge.

The PRESIDENT reported that, the Engineer of Construction having informed him that he was in immediate need of a foreman of carpenters on the work of rebuilding the draw of Central Bridge, he had, on the 10th inst., authorized him to employ J. E. Childs in that capacity.

(Minutes, Aug. 26th, 1875, p. 236.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the action of the President be approved ; that the pay of J. E. Childs be fixed at \$6 per day, and that his employment be only until and including the 25th inst.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 4 o'clock P. M., to meet on Thursday, the 23d inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23d, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 17th and 18th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read.

Fees, &c., Received by Officers of City Government.

From the Comptroller, reciting Sec. 96, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, and requesting that he be furnished with the names of all persons in the employ of this Department or under its supervision or control who receive, or who are authorized to receive or who are likely to receive, any fees, perquisites or commissions or any percentage or moneys that belong to the city, or which, by the requirements of law, should be paid into the City Treasury.

Referred to the President.

Civil and Topographical Force.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the force under his control, the duties of the members thereof, and the work they have been employed upon.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Horses and Carts.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that he required eight more horses and carts.

Commissioner Williamson moved that the number of horses and carts reported by the Superintendent of Parks to be required, be employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Elton Ave., 23d Ward.

From Mr. C. Moritz and others, complaining of the condition of Elton Avenue in the 23d Ward.

Referred to the Engineer in charge of improvements in the 23d Ward authorized by the Board of Trustees of the late town of Morrisania, to report.

Lake, Ponds, &c., in Central Park.

From Mr. Jas. L. Worth, complaining of the condition of the lake and ponds in Central Park.

(Minutes, Sept. 1st, 1875, p. 242.)

Commissioner Martin moved that the Executive Committee be relieved from the further consideration of the report of the Superintendent of Parks on the subject of cleaning the lake and ponds in Central Park, presented to the Board on the 18th August, 1875, and that it and the communication of Mr. Jas. L. Worth be referred to the President to report.

(Minutes, Aug. 18th, 1875, p. 206.)

Adopted.

Parker McCuen, Tailor.

Commissioner Williamson, who was designated by the Pres-

ident to conduct the trial of Parker McCuen, tailor attached to the police force, on a charge of intoxication and neglect of duty on August 12, 1875, verbally reported that said Parker McCuen admitted the charge; that he has been suspended without pay since said 12th of August, and that it was his first offense, although he has been attached to the police force of the Department for more than four years.

Commissioner Martin moved that said report be received and laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

148th St. and 143d St. Grading, etc.

156th St. Sewer.

Commissioner Martin presented the following appointment of Messrs. Meyer Butzel, Wm. Meikleham, and Hugh Ferrigan, as commissioners to assess the expenses of regulating and grading 148th and 143d Streets, and of constructing a sewer in 156th street, signed by the Counsel to the Corporation, and moved that it be filed, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a certified copy thereof to each of said Commissioners.

(Minutes, Sept. 17th, 1875, p. 278.)

Adopted.

APPOINTMENT.

Whereas, The late Board of Trustees of the Town of Morrisania duly authorized and executed contracts for the several works hereafter mentioned, but did not appoint Commissioners to apportion and assess the expenses thereof, as directed by Sections 47 and 48, Chapter 277, Laws of 1864.

Therefore we, the undersigned, Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, and the Counsel to the Corporation of said City, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority in us vested by Section 9, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, appoint

Meyer Butzel,
William Meikleham,
Hugh Ferrigan,

all of New York city, and owners of a freehold estate liable to taxation therein, and who are not interested in or affected by said works or improvements, Com-

missioners to assess the expenses of the following mentioned works or improvements, namely:

1. Regulating and grading 148th Street, from St. Ann's Avenue to Mill Brook. Contractors, John R. Baity and John McCarty.

2. The construction of a sewer through 156th Street, between St. Ann's Avenue and Third Avenue. Contractor, Green Wright.

3. Regulating and grading 143d Street, from Willis Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue. Contractor, Green Wright.

Dated this 17th September, 1875.

(Sig'd).	H. G. STEBBENS,	} Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.
"	WM. R. MARTIN,	
"	DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,	
"	JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,	
"	WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, Counsel to Corporation.	

3d. Av. Improvement, 23d Ward.

The PRESIDENT reported that the Engineer in charge of the 3d Avenue Improvement had certified the final estimate of the contractor, Mr. James Hall, and he moved that it be referred to the Auditing Committee to examine and report thereon, and on the subject of the compensation allowed to Mr. E. C. Morrison, as engineer in charge of said improvement.

(Minutes, November 24th, 1874, p. 367)

Adopted.

Works of Construction.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that all the works of construction mentioned on page 119 of the Minutes of June 29th, 1875, and not already specially directed to be prosecuted, be proceeded with.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 119.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Noe—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

By consent, Commissioner WILLIAMSON stated, in explanation of his foregoing vote, that he is willing to favor the immediate prosecution, to a limited degree, of all the works mentioned on page 119 of the Minutes, giving as a reason therefor, that, although there is a fair question as to the advisability of proceeding with all at once, yet, as it is highly important that some of the works should be proceeded with at once, and as it may be fairly claimed that more equal justice will be done to the citizens at large by the prosecution of all, he feels it to be his duty to vote in the affirmative.

Foundation wall, 110th Street.

Approaches to 7th Regt. Statue.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the foundation of the enclosing wall of Central Park, along 110th Street, and the construction of the approaches to the 7th Regiment statue be completed as soon as possible.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 164.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Draw-bridge over Bronx River.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare a survey of the location of the draw-bridge over the Bronx River, at the point to be indicated by the Engineer of Construction, and submit the same to the Board.

(Minutes, September 1st, 1875, p. 244.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Clerical Force, pay of.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the salaries of all employes in the following offices, viz., Commissioners' office, Design and Superintendence (excepting Engineers and Architects), Superintendent of Parks, Disbursing Clerk and Property Clerk, be, until further order, charged in the proportion of one-half to the maintenance of Parks and Places, and one-half to Construction.

(Minutes, March 24th, 1875, p. 598.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

J. E. Childs, Foreman, Central Bridge.

W. C. Green, Engineer of Steam Engine.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the employment of J. E. Childs, as foreman of carpenters on repairs of Central Bridge, and of W. C. Green, as engineer of steam engine in the 23d and 24th Wards, be continued at their present pay until November 1st, 1875, if their services are so long required.

(Minutes, Sept. 6th and 18th, 1875, pp. 260 and 283.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Wm. F. Croft, Foreman of Masons.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the temporary ap-

pointment of Wm. F. Croft, as foreman of masons, at \$6 per day, be made permanent until the further order of the Board.

(Minutes, Sept. 6th, 1875, p. 255.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Suspension Bridge, 181st Street.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of adopting the plans for the approaches to the Suspension Bridge over Harlem River at 181st Street, laid over at the meeting of the Board held on June 16th, 1875, be now taken up.

(Minutes, June 16th, 1875, p. 97.)

The PRESIDENT moved as a substitute for said motion, that said subject be further laid over, and made the special order of business at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 12:30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Monday, the 27th instant, at 4 o'clock P. M

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d inst. was dispensed with.

The following communication was presented and read :

Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that, to enable him to proceed with the different works ordered by the Board on the 23d inst., it is necessary that there should be employed immediately 200 laborers, 12 stone-masons, 8 stone-cutters, 6 rockmen and 1 blacksmith.

(Minutes, Sept. 23d, 1875, p. 286.)

The PRESIDENT moved that 100 laborers, 12 masons, 8 stone-cutters, 6 rockmen and 1 blacksmith be employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Suspension Bridge, 181st st.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of adopting the plans for the approaches to the Suspension Bridge over Harlem River at 181st Street, laid over at the last meeting, and made the special order of business at this meeting, be now taken up.

(Minutes, Sept. 23, 1875, p. 289.)

Adopted.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that the plan of approaches to said Suspension Bridge over the Harlem River at 181st Street, marked C, and signed by the Engineer of Construction, be adopted by the Board, except that the centre line of the approaches to said bridge from the west side of said river shall be made to correspond with the centre line of 181st Street.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chap. 604 of the Laws of 1874, the said Commissioners do hereby lay out the streets, avenues and roads within that part of the city of New York north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of One hundred and fifty-fifth Street, at or in the Hudson River ; running thence easterly along said southerly line of One hundred and fifty-fifth street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River ; and running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem River, to the Sound north of Randal's Island, shown on a map marked C, dated "Department of Public Parks, Bureau of Construction, New York, April 21st, 1875," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Eng. Beu. Const'n," of the widths, extent and direction that said streets are designated on said map by red lines, figures and color, except that the centre line of the street, road or avenue thereon, approach-

ing the proposed Suspension Bridge, shall be made to extend in a straight line from the middle of 181st Street, produced in a straight line to the eastern side of 10th Avenue, to a point in the centre line of the street approaching said bridge, as laid down on said map, one hundred feet west of Aqueduct Avenue, and that the widths, extent and direction of the said streets, avenues and roads, so laid out, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good.

And that the President of the Department cause the said streets, avenues and roads to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, and also to have prepared and submit to this Board the three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of the law above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Morningside Park Sewer.

The PRESIDENT presented to the Board a plan and profile of the sewer for Morningside Park, dated August 25th, 1875, and signed "John Bogart, Supt. Engineer," and moved that said plan and profile be approved by the Board.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 231.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

John Smith.

The PRESIDENT stated that John Smith, who is placed in charge of the stone-cutters in the employment of the Department, was recently fired at and wounded in the arm, by a man whom he had recommended to be discharged for incompetency. That he was absent from work for about a week on account of

his wound. The President then moved that said John Smith be allowed full pay for all the time he was absent on account of said wound.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, to meet on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d and 27th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Eighth Avenue.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, stating that that Department had entered into a contract to pave Eighth Avenue, from 59th to 125th Street, and asking the consent of this Department thereto, in order to remove all doubts as to which Department has authority, under Chap. 632, Laws of 1866, over that portion of said avenue, between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first Streets.

Referred to the President.

Concord Avenue, 23d Ward.

From Mr. James R. Angel, urging the completion of the work of regulating and grading Concord Avenue, in the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 138.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be referred to the President to ascertain from the Counsel to

the Corporation and report to the Board, what proceedings are necessary to have said avenue completed.

Adopted.

Tompkins Square.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting a design for the improvement of Tompkins Square, including the erection of a raised tribune thereon.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 121.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said design be approved and adopted by the Board, but that the question of the construction of the proposed tribune be postponed for future consideration.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Boat-house.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that the boat-house on the Lake in Central Park be completed immediately.

(Minutes, Feb'y 25th, 1874, 583.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said boat-house be completed and erected forthwith.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Superintendent's Reports.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the work done

by the force under his charge during the two weeks ending September 11th, and also for the two weeks ending September 25th.

(Minutes, Sept. 1st, 1875, p. 242.)

Filed.

Rockmen.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that P. Curtin, J. McNally and William Moore, laborers, be promoted to the rank of rockmen.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said three laborers be promoted to rockmen, as recommended by the Superintendent of Parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Ice on the Pool.

From Mr. Jacob Boehm, proposing to cut and take the ice from the Pool in Central Park during the coming winter, and offering to pay therefor \$700.

(Minutes, Aug. 26th, 1874, p. 221.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Secretary be directed to insert a notice in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for taking away the ice from said Pool during next winter.

Adopted.

Rams—Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that he can exchange three rams, which are now useless, for a number of birds, which are needed in the Menagerie.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

S. B. Smith, F. W. Brown.

From First Assistant Division Engineer S. B. Smith, and from F. W. Brown, messenger, asking to be allowed pay for certain days they were absent during September on account of sickness. Both of said applications are approved of by the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

The PRESIDENT moved that said applications be granted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT, as requested at the meeting of the 17th inst., submitted the written statement of Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, and of the Superintending Architect, recommending that the penalties contained in the contracts of Mr. T. W. Rollins for the granite work, the iron work and the slating of the Museum of Natural History building, for the non-completion of said contracts within the times stipulated, be waived.

(Minutes, Sept. 18, 1875, p. 279.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report ;

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

Byrne & Co., oats.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$70 00
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., chamois and paper	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	11 00
Colwell, Jas. W., lumber.....	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards	144 20
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint., &c., H. R. Bridges	64 00
Christern, F. W., sut'r to Building News, &c.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	18 05
Conklin, W. L., & Sons, uniforms....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	1,665 00
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music Central Park..	545 00
Graham & Co., keep of horse.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	30 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-meter....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	42 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint., &c., H. R. Bridges	\$99 72
	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	160 66
		<hr/> 260 38
Jube, John P., & Co., carriage hard- ware	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	32 63
Keuffel & Esser, engineers' supplies...	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, etc...	\$1 50
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	70 24
	Music Central Park..	8 40
		<hr/> 80 14

Lanthier, L. A., picture frames.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	\$17 00
Moran & Armstrong, labor and ma- terials	Museum of Art.	14,000 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, walk boxes and grates	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P. City Parks Impt. Fund.	\$55 77 55 77
		<hr/> 111 54
McDermott, John, meat.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	233 80
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	597 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas-meter. .	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	68 20
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	396 50
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	47 85
Meller & Shedden, Scotch pipe.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards	199 20
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	3 85
New York Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	628 00
Parry, Thomas, labor and materials. .	City Parks Impt. Fund.	1,732 50
Rollins, True W., labor and materials	City Parks Impt. Fund.	6,800 00
Rollins, True W., labor and materials.	Museum Natl. Hist.	18,055 00
Ryder, Frank, screened gravel.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	628 75
Rader, G. W., & Co., vitrified pipe. . .	City Parks Impt. Fund.	198 00
Robbins, George B., labor and ma- terials	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	35 35

Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	\$8 50	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.	75 13	\$83 63
Slattery, Jas., building-sand and stone.	City Parks Impt. Fund.		194 50
Smith, S. A., swings.	City Parks Impt. Fund.		153 00
Scofield, George, labor and materials.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		20 50
Vanderbilt Bros., grass seed.	City Parks Impt. Fund.		42 00
Verplanck Bros., harness materials. . .	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	\$19 35	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	4 50	23 85
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office— August.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		30 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.		36 00
Ziegler & Co., chairs.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.		97 20
			<u>\$47,395 62</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$4,819 06
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	429 25
Maintenance, &c., Harlem River Bridges.	163 72
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	36 00
Music—Central Park.	553 40
City Parks Improvement Fund.	9,339 19
Museum of Natural History.	18,055 00
Museum of Art.	14,000 00
	<u>\$47,395 62</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-seven thousand three hundred and ninety-five dollars and sixty-two cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment. And that all penalties to which the following contractors, viz., Moran & Armstrong, Thos. Parry and T. W. Rollins, are severally liable to date, under the terms of their several contracts on account of which payments are hereby authorized to be made, for the non-completion of the works contracted for within the times stipulated, be and are hereby remitted, on the condition that said contractors release the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty and this Department from all responsibility on account of any claims said contractors may have by reason of their being delayed in the execution of said works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner O'Donohue, Chairman of the Executive Committee, verbally reported upon the force required for the care and maintenance of the roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th wards, and handed in a list of the laborers and double teams recommended by said Committee to be employed during the month of October.

(Minutes, Sept. 17th, 1875, p. 274.)

Commissioner Martin moved that said report be received, and the recommendation of said Committee adopted by the Board.

The PRESIDENT moved, as a substitute therefor, that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be authorized to retain during the month of October such 15 laborers and 8

double teams as his experience has proved to be the most efficient.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute moved by the President, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Concord Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented to the Board a certified copy of its resolution directing the work on Concord Avenue in the 23d Ward, to be discontinued, with the endorsement of its service on the contractor, his sureties and assignees, and moved that same be filed.

(Minutes, July 21st and Sept. 29th, 1875, pp. 138, 295.)

Adopted.

Lakes, Ponds, &c., in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the subject of the cleaning of the lakes and ponds in Central Park, presented a communication on the subject from the Superintendent of Parks whereby it appears that he can make use of the material taken from said lake and ponds for filling and for manure, and he verbally reported recommending said work to be executed.

(Minutes, Sept. 23d, 1875, p. 284.)

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Materials are needed for filling along the Fifth Avenue and Eighth Avenue slopes and on Manhattan Square.

And whereas, The accumulations in the waters of the Park, the Fifth Avenue pond, the skating pond, the Conservatory lake and the Harlem Meer have increased so that these ponds need cleaning, and the sewerage from the cottages and buildings running into these waters have rendered them offensive and unhealthy.

Resolved, That the materials needed for filling be taken from the lakes and ponds in the Central Park ; that if it appears that any of it is suitable for manure it be laid aside for that purpose, and that the expenses of the portion taken for filling be charged to construction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Lieutenant Corcoran.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of Lieutenant Corcoran on a charge preferred by Mrs. Ann Durham, for insulting her in the Central Park, verbally reported that the charge was not sustained, and recommended that it be dismissed.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received and the recommendation adopted.

Adopted.

Park-keeper N. O'Hearn.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of Park-keeper Nicholas O'Hearn, on a charge of being absent without leave on the 9th inst., verbally reported that he found him guilty, and recommended that he be fined 15 days' pay, and that the President be requested to notify him that on his conviction, within three months from this date, of a similar or other charge, he will be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

(Minutes, July 21st, 1875, p. 152.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and the recommendation adopted by the Board.

Commissioner MARTIN moved, as a substitute therefor, that Park-keeper Nicholas O'Hearn be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute moved by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Wm. Carr, Painter in Charge.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE presented charges against Wm. Carr, Painter in charge, verified by the affidavits of certain painters, formerly employed in the Department, whereupon

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of said charges be referred to Commissioners O'Donohue and Williamson, to examine and report.

Adopted.

Foremen and Laborers.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the residue of the laborers, required by the Superintendent of Parks, namely, one hundred, be employed, and that the following named six persons be appointed foremen, at \$4.50 per day, viz., Lawrence Rock, Patrick Norton, George Byrne, John F. Carroll, Thomas Nolan and Luke Garvey.

(Minutes, Sept. 27th, 1875, p. 291.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Gardening Force.

The PRESIDENT stated that to carry out the directions of the Board with regard to the organization of the gardening force he had directed that the following changes be made, to take effect on the 26th inst., viz. :

John Arnold, Axeman,	to be	Division Gardener.
Robert Huhn, Gardener,	do.	do. do.
John Johnson, Laborer,	do.	do. do.
Philip Bender,	do.	do. do.
John Jaudas,	do.	do. do.
Conrad Doorner, do.	do.	Gardener.
George Brownlow, do.	do.	do.
Albert Schwenke, do.	do.	do.
Charles Becker, do.	do.	do.

And he moved that the Board do now approve of his action.

(Minutes, September 6th, 1875, p. 261.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Engineering Force.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the following named persons be employed in the office of the Superintending Engineer until the end of October, 1875, at the rates set opposite their names, viz. :

C. M. Harris, Assistant Engineer \$5 00 per day

Ed. A. Miller, rodman	\$3 00	per day.
Ed. Kennedy, chairman	3 00	“ “
D. Campbell, “	3 00	“ “
J. C. Trimble, “	3 00	“ “
Wm. A. Jeffries, axeman	2 50	“ “
Peter Kelly, “	2 50	“ “

(Minutes, Sept. 1st, 1875, p. 247.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Foreman A. A. Ranney.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the employment of foreman A. A. Ranney and the four men engaged with him in laying the tar pavement on the Central Park walks, be continued until the end of October, 1875.

(Minutes, Sept. 17th, 1875, p. 274.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

House on the Great Hill, Central Park.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintending Gardener be allowed to occupy the house on the Great Hill, in Central Park, until further orders.

Adopted.

Deficiencies of 1873.

The President stated that the efforts of the Department last February to obtain from the Legislature a provision for the deficiencies in the appropriations of 1873 did not meet with success, and that a number of bills of that year, with a few others of previous years, were still unpaid.

(Minutes, Feb. 23d, 1875, p. 537.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the President be requested to make application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer a sufficient amount to meet said bills from any unexpended balance of appropriations which may be in excess of the amount required.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned to meet on Friday, the 8th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 29th September and the 6th October, 1875, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read.

Morris Street, 24th Ward.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding the following resolution, approved by his Honor, the Mayor, on the 4th inst:

Resolved, That the attention of the Park Department be called to the exceeding, broken and dangerous condition of that portion of Morris Street (in the 24th Ward) commencing at the intersection of Waverly Street and running along said Morris Street west, and where said Morris Street crosses Prospect Avenue, and that said Department be respectfully requested to take immediate steps for the repair of said street.

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

Construction fund.

From the Comptroller, requesting that he be furnished with a statement of the amount which will be required for the comple-

tion and repair of architectural structures in the Central Park, in order that the same may be specifically applied to such purpose, and that in the requisitions which may be hereafter made against the fund provided by Chap. 608, Laws of 1875, the items which are to be charged for the completion of architectural structures be separated from those to be charged for the construction and improvement of parks, squares and public places.

Referred to the President.

Morris Av., 23d Ward.

From Mr. Wm. L. Tidball, forwarding a petition from a number of property owners, requesting that the adopted map for extending Morris Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, to meet Lincoln Avenue, be changed so as to widen said Morris Avenue from 80 to 100 feet between 138th and 141st Streets.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer reporting thereon.

(Minutes, March 17th and April 23d, 1875, pp. 577 and 672.)

Laid on the table.

Donkeys, Ponies, &c., on Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting on the application of John Lucas for an extended route on the Central Park for the hire of donkeys, and of J. J. Snow, for an extension of his license to let ponies for hire on Central Park; and also upon the general subject of licenses of like character on Central Park.

He recommends that John Lucas be permitted to establish a route for the hire of donkeys, as a trial, between the Arsenal and the Mall; and that the license of J. J. Snow be extended to January 1st, 1876.

(Minutes, Aug. 11th and 18th, 1875, pp. 191 and 210.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received; that said John Lucas be permitted to establish a

route as recommended, and upon the same conditions and terms as the license he now has, between the Arsenal and the Mall, until January 1st, 1876 ; also, that the license of J. J. Snow, to let ponies for hire on Central Park, be extended until January 1st, 1876 ; and that the residue of the communication be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying this Department of the following action of said Board :

Sea Wall at the Battery.

The transfer of \$1,508.33 from the appropriation "Repair of Sea Wall at Battery, 1874," to the like appropriation for 1875.

(Minutes, Sept. 6th, 1875, p. 254.)

Filed.

Museum of Natl. Hist. and Art.

The authorization of the issue of \$50,000 of the stock for the Museum of Natural History and of Art as directed by Chap. 290, Laws of 1871.

(Minutes, Sept. 8th, 1875, p. 265.)

Referred to the President.

Eleventh Avenue.

The authorization of the issue of \$500,000 of stock for the payment of assessments incurred by reason of the opening of Eleventh Avenue.

(Minutes, Sept. 6th, 1875, p. 250.)

Filed.

Deficiencies 1873, &c.

Returning the application of this Department for an appropriation to meet the deficiencies of 1873 and previous years, with the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to

return said communication to the Department of Public Parks, with the request that they obtain an explanation from Mr. Wales, their former President, who is alleged to be responsible therefor.

(Minutes, Sept. 29th, 1875, p. 308.)

Referred to the President.

Third Ave. Paving.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, stating that it would be necessary to have two inspectors on each section of the Third Avenue when the pavement is being laid, if so many can be legally appointed.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 156.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that two Inspectors be appointed on each section of said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Riverside Park.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that it would be necessary to remove the sheds and out buildings of the Claremont Hotel, and to use the grounds occupied by the tenant (Mr. Hale) of the first house south of said hotel, in carrying forward the work now being prosecuting of Riverside Park.

(Minutes, Sept. 23d, 1875, p. 286.)

Referred to Commissioner MARTIN.

Third Ave. Bridge.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that all the lanterns on the Third Avenue Bridge require to be repaired, and

recommending that they be removed and the ordinary Bartlet street lamp substituted in their place.

(Minutes, Jan'y 9th, 1875, p. 439.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that all the lanterns of the old plate-glass pattern be removed and replaced by the Bartlet street lamps as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Candelabra.

From the Superintending Engineer, recommending that a second tube placed inside the gas-pipe at the Candelabra be removed, as it had gathered rust and prevented the free flow of gas.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and said pipe be removed as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Elton ave., 23d Ward.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting that the contractors for regulating, &c., Elton Avenue, in the 23d Ward, promised to grade a proper approach at 161st street.

(Minutes, Sept. 23d, 1875, p. 284.)

Filed.

Wm. D. Beall.

From Mr. William D. Beall, clerk, applying for an increase of pay.

Laid over until next meeting.

S. R. Smith.

From Mr. S. R. Smith, late inspector on the work of repairing the sea-wall at the battery, applying for the payment of \$37.50, for services as such inspector at the rate of \$2.50 per day; this amount being in addition to that already paid him on the regular pay-rolls.

Referred to the President to report.

E. B. Jennings.

From Mr. Edwin B. Jennings, applying for a position as engineer in the office of the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings, &c.

Laid on the table.

E. M. Paton.

From Mr. E. M. Paton, applying for a position on the police force.

Laid on the table.

Flags of Irish Brigade.

From Mr. W. O'Meagher, Corresponding Secretary of the Irish Brigade Officers' Association, offering to place the battle flags formerly presented to the Irish Brigade by the citizens of New York, in the Museum in Central Park.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that a suitable book with blank forms of donations to the Department be prepared, and that each person making a donation other than to the Menagerie collection, be required to sign one of said forms filled up in accordance with the terms of his donation. That the President be requested to notify Mr. O'Meagher that said

flags will be received and placed in the Museum at Mount St. Vincent, and that a form of donation will be sent him to sign.

Adopted.

Eng. and Surveyor of Street Openings and Imps.

Commissioner MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, verbally reported upon the duties, salary and mode of its payment, of the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, and recommended that the Board should reconsider the preamble and resolution with reference to the employment of a City Surveyor, adopted on August 11th, 1875, and entered on page 196 of the minutes, and should adopt as a substitute therefor the following preambles and resolutions, viz.:

Whereas, in the method heretofore pursued in this city in proceedings for acquiring title to the land needed for the public use and in prosecuting the improvements of streets, it has been the practice to appoint a city surveyor in each proceeding, and this has led to needless and excessive expense for each survey and opened the door to various abuses.

Whereas, the whole of the city, north of 155th Street has been thoroughly surveyed by this Department and the maps and records thereof are in the charge of this Department and can be supplied without further expense for the purposes of street openings and improvements.

Whereas, great saving of expense and other advantages will result to the public and to the owners of property upon streets, the opening or construction of which is under the control of this Department, if the necessary surveys are supplied by this Department under the direction of its Surveyor and Engineer, whose salaries and expenses may be apportioned upon the different works upon which he shall be engaged.

Whereas, the Board, on 6th Sept., appointed Mr. Edgar B. Van Winkle, one of the city surveyors, to be "Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements."

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, to perform the services of engineering and surveying on all work of street opening and improvement which shall be under the jurisdiction of this Department; that he shall have access to all maps, plans and papers relating to such work in the custody of other offi-

cers of the Department and facilities for copying the same when he requires it; that he shall have the aid of an assistant for field-work and draughtsmen and other assistants when required, who shall be approved by the Board and employed by the Engineer and Surveyor as may be required by him in the performance of his duty, and that his salary shall be \$3,000 per annum from the date of his appointment.

Resolved, that it be referred to the President to ascertain, on consultation with the Comptroller, whether the salary of the Engineer and Surveyor and the pay of his assistants, employes, and the expenses of the office can be paid under existing laws.

Resolved, that Mr. Edgar B. Van Winkle is hereby appointed City Surveyor, upon the following works:

Paving Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of 23d Ward.

Grading Third Avenue, from Harlem River to 147th Street.

Flagging sidewalk W. side Marion Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Ridge Street.

Flagging sidewalk W. side Berrian Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Isaac Street.

(Minutes Aug. 11th and Sept. 6th, 1876, pp. 196, 260.)

The recommendation to reconsider the preamble and resolution of August 11th, 1875, was, on motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, unanimously adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and the recommendations made therein be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Audit.

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

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

Conway, Thomas, keep of horse.	Surv'g, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		\$31 00
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables. .	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.		309 71
Cook, Ebenezer, soap.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.		3 50
Florence, Wm. H., services August and September.	Maint., etc., Harlem River Bridge.		208 32
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.	City Parks Imp't Fund.	\$31 25	
	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	31 25	62 50
Gordon, Robt., Treas., expenses Museum of Art.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.		928 97
Grafulla, C. S., music.	Music, Central Park.		535 00
Johaston, Jo., ensign and pendants. . . .	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.		27 60
Morris, Lewis G., ram.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.		100 00
Noe, James H., & Sons, shoe brushes. .	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.		9 00
Simpson, A., bread, February.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.		54 29
Stackpole & Bros., engineer's supplies.	City Parks Imp't Fund.		5 50
Slattery, James, mould.	City Parks Imp't Fund.		724 98
Titus, Sarah, services, August and Sept.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		25 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk.	Maint. and Govt. Parks and P.		16 20
Verplanck Bros., axle grease, harness, &c.	Maint. and Govt. Parks and P.	\$35 45	
	City Parks Imp't Fund.	61 75	97 20

Vanderbilt Bros., seed and mowers parts. Maint. and Govt.		
	Parks and P.	\$27 80
Van Riper, Chas, spikes, rope, &c.	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards.	75 98
Welch, J., sprinkling Fifth avenue.	Maint. and Govt. Parks and P.	427 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, bolts and scythes	Maint. and Govt. Parks and P.	\$23 20
	City Parks Impt. Fund.	3 70
		26 90
		<u>\$3,696 40</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$1,993 97
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.	208 32
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	100 98
Music—Central Park.	535 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.	827 13
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	31 00
	<u>\$3,696 40</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-six hundred and ninety-six dollars and forty cents.

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, October 5th, 1875.

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

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

October 8, 1875.]

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.		CR	
Aug. 18.	By balance		\$1,999 90
Aug. 18	} " cash received from rents, licenses, grass, to etc.....		3,271 56
Oct. 6.			
			\$5,271 46

1875.		DR.	
Aug. 18	} To cash paid into the City Treasury.....		\$3,199 47
Oct. 6.			
Oct. 6.	" balance.....		2,071 99
			\$5,271 46

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, October 8th, 1875,
9.30 A. M.

Third Ave. Improvement, 28d Ward.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported verbally upon the final estimate of the contractor, Mr. James Hall, for the improvement of Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, recommending that said estimate be audited, and sent to the Finance Department for payment, on said contractor releasing the city and this Department from all claims arising from or on account of the performance of his contract, although the work has not been completed within the time stipulated, and although the amount exceeds the amount of the bonds authorized by Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, to be issued for such purpose, this Department not having the power to restrict the amount of work contracted for by the Commissioners who executed the contract, and under whose authority the work was commenced.

Also recommending that as the final certificate had been signed by the Engineer appointed by the Board in charge of

said improvement, on September 15th, 1875, his pay as such engineer shall cease on that date.

(Minutes, September 23d, 1875, p. 286.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Grading Third Avenue—147th Street to Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT presented the specifications for grading and regulating Third Avenue, from 147th Street to Harlem River, prepared by the Engineer of Construction.

(Minutes, September 6th, 1875, p. 259.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said specifications be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Shed for Carpenters at Central Bridge.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Engineer of Construction reported that it was necessary to have a shed near the Central Bridge for the carpenters, and that the keeper of the bridge, W. H. Florence, had one which was suitable, and which he had used temporarily for this purpose.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to make an arrangement with said W. H. Florence

for the use of his shed during the time required by said carpenters, at a sum not exceeding \$20 a month.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Maintenance Fund.

The PRESIDENT presented the following statement showing the condition of the Maintenance Fund, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes:

*Statement—Maintenance and Government Parks and Places,
October 4, 1875.*

Estimated and actual expenditure to date.....	\$361,501 12	
Deduct expenditures for museums to date.....	13,261 09	
	<hr/>	\$348,240 03
		<hr/> <hr/>
Average for the nine months ending September 30th, 1875.....	\$38,693 34	
Balance remaining for three months, from September 30th to December 31st, 1875.....	88,498 88	
Deduct balance set apart for museums.....	16,738 91	
	<hr/>	\$71,759 97
		<hr/> <hr/>
Average for remaining three months.....	\$23,919 99	

*Present Rate of Current Expenditure per Month, as Founded on
that of September, 1875.*

Laborers' pay roll—average per fortnight \$7,100.....	\$14,899 00	
Park-keepers' pay roll.....	5,400 00	
Gate-keepers' ".....	2,400 00	
Officers' and clerks' pay roll.....	* 2,609 00	
Materials.....	2,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$27,508 00
		<hr/> <hr/>

* This sum is estimated in accordance with the resolution of the Board, passed September 23, 1875, pp. 288.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 213.)

Park-keeper Edward Burns.

The PRESIDENT reported that a complaint had been made by a citizen against Park-keeper Edward Burns, for his having used very insulting language to him. That the Park-keeper had admitted the truth of the complaint.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said officer Edward Burns be fined fifteen days' pay, and be reprimaded by the President; which reprimand shall be read publicly in presence of the whole force.

Adopted.

Officer Philip Corcoran.

The PRESIDENT stated that Park-keeper Philip Corcoran was absent, with leave, on September 14th, on the occasion of the annual celebration of the Veterans of the Mexican War, but that he was not allowed pay for that day; and he moved that he be allowed pay for that day on the next pay-roll.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Laborers.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and reasolution :

Whereas, More workmen are called for by the Superintendent on the Parks outside of the Central Park, and it is just and right that work should be done on all the City Parks in equal measure without discrimination, and the season for out-door work is nearly over :

Resolved, That one hundred more men be employed on the construction work of the Department on the Parks in the city other than the Central Park.

(Minutes, September 29th, 1875, p. 305.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Horses and Carts.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that eight additional horses and carts be employed, as they are required by the Superintendent.

(Minutes, Sept. 23d, 1875, p. 284.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Watering Fifth Avenue.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. James Welsh, who now waters Fifth Avenue, from 59th Street to 97th Street, be notified to discontinue the watering of said avenue.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 37.)

Adopted.

Sewer in 144th Street.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be requested to renew the application to the Mayor and Common Council for an ordinance to enable this Department to construct a sewer in 144th street, from Third Avenue to Millbrook, and in Third and Willis Avenues, from 143d Street to 145th Street.

(Minutes, Sept. 25th, 1874, p. 270.)

Adopted.

Requisition City Parks Improvement Fund.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be,

and he is hereby, required forthwith to create and issue, in such manner and under such regulations as he shall determine, a public fund or stock, to be denominated "City Parks Improvement Fund," to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as authorized by Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and places now under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 118.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Suspension Bridge, &c.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President be requested to confer with the Comptroller with respect to the issue of the bonds for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing a bridge over the Harlem River, the requisition for which was made on February 20th, 1875.

(Minutes, Feb. 20th, 1875, p. 530.)

Adopted.

Coal.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for the delivery of 200 tons of coal, required by the Superintendent.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Thomas Beatty.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Park-keeper Thomas Beatty be promoted to the rank and pay of sergeant, and that he be detailed to the same duty which he now performs, namely, the supervision of the lower city parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue.—4.

Parker McCuen.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that, inasmuch as Parker McCuen has been suspended without pay since August 12th last, and that being a sufficient punishment for the offense of which he was found guilty, he be restored to his position as tailor on the police force.

(Minutes, September 23d, 1875, p. 284.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A.M., to meet on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 4 o'clock P.M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 8th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Riverside Park.

From his Honor the Mayor, requesting to be informed whether any, and if so, what, work is being prosecuted on Riverside Park.

(Minutes, Oct. 8th, 1875, p. 314.)

Referred to the President to reply.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From Mr. G. C. Goeller, calling attention to the slow manner in which the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge is opened and closed, and suggesting that a steam engine be erected at the bridge for the purpose of opening and closing the draw.

Referred to the President to reply.

Increase of Pay.

From the following employés, namely ; F. A. Calkins, Assist-

ant Engineer; Halsted Hermans, Rodman; Arthur Krause, Draughtsman, and A. M. Whittmore, Messenger, asking that their pay be increased.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communications, and that of Wm. D. Beall, clerk, presented at the last meeting, be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Superintending Engineer's Office.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that he requires more assistance in the Engineer Corps.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and that Alexander M. Bailey be appointed as Second Assistant Engineer in the office of the Superintending Engineer, and that his pay be fixed at \$5 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Central Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction recommending that the draw of Central Bridge be closed for the purpose of repairs, from the 20th instant.

Laid on the table.

Audit.

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

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

Robert Gordon, Actg. Treas. Mus. of

Art., Taxes.....Maint. & Govt. P.

& P..... \$3,696 55

\$3,696 55

Amounting to the sum of thirty-six hundred and ninety-six dollars and fifty-five cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, October 12th, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported upon the following matters referred to him:

Construction Fund.

That he had seen the Comptroller of the city with respect to his request to be furnished with a statement of the amount required for the completion and repair of architectural structures in the Central Park, and that the items to be charged thereto may be separated from those to be charged to the construction and improvement of parks, &c., and that the Comptroller informed him that he had submitted the question of the application of the funds provided by Chap. 608, Laws of 1875, to the Corporation Counsel, and that he would inform this Department of his decision.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 311).

Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements.

That he had consulted with the Comptroller of the city with regard to the payment of the salary of the Engineer and Surveyor

of street openings and improvements, his assistants, employés, and the expenses of his office, and that the Comptroller stated that such salaries and expenses could be paid under existing laws, and that he would pay them, provided he was informed on what works the Engineer and his assistants were employed, so as to enable him to charge the amount to each separate work.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 317.)

Suspension Bridge.

That he had conferred with the Comptroller of the city with respect to the issue of bonds for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing a bridge over the Harlem River, and that the Comptroller stated it would be necessary for this Department to designate what bridge the bonds were required for, before they could be issued.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 326.)

Deficiencies of 1873, &c.

That he had obtained an explanation concerning the deficiencies in the appropriations for 1873, and previous years from Hon. S. H. Wales, the former President of this Department, and had transmitted it, together with the application of this Department, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 313.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said several reports be received.

Adopted.

Park-keeper Edward Burns.

The PRESIDENT stated that the citizen who complained of the conduct of Park-keeper Edward Burns informed him that said officer had made a sufficient apology to him, and that he had requested the Board to remit the fine imposed on said officer.

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the citizen who complained of the conduct of officer Edward Burns, has stated that said officer has apologized to him for his misconduct, and has requested the remission of the fine directed to be imposed on said officer ; therefore,

Resolved, that said fine of fifteen days' pay be, and hereby

is, remitted, and that this preamble and resolution be read in presence of the whole force.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 324.)

Adopted.

Gas.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert advertisements for proposals to light the public parks, squares, places and bridges under the control of this Department with gas, from January 1st, 1876, to April 30th, 1876, both days inclusive.

Adopted.

Reports of Landscape Architect, &c.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be requested to make requisition upon the Department of Public Works to print the following number of additional copies of reports, which are included in the general report, ending December, 1873, viz., 250 copies of the report of the Landscape Architect, 500 copies of the report of the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, and 500 copies of the report of the Director of the Menagerie.

Adopted.

Repairs to Roads in 24th Ward.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill for \$780.37, sent to this Department by residents near Riverdale, in the 24th Ward, as the cost of repairs made by them to certain roads in that district.

(Minutes, Aug. 18th, 1875, p. 210).

Laid on the table.

A. L. Risse.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that Mr. A. L. Risse be appointed as draughtsman in the office of the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements.

(Minutes, Sept. 17th, 1875, p. 275.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that it be referred to Commissioner Martin to report at the next meeting a suitable compensation to be allowed Mr. A. L. Risse as draughtsman.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 5:15 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Sec'y, D. P. P

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting, of the 12th inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Gravel.

From the Comptroller of the city, returning the proposal of Mr. J. A. Bouker for the further consideration of the Board, and stating that the proposal of Mr. Jesse Ryder to supply 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel is regular, and that it appears to him that the interests of the city would be greatly subserved in awarding the contract to Mr. Ryder.

Also from the Counsel to the Corporation, in which he states that “ the Commissioners of the Department of Parks had no option in the matter, but were bound to reject Mr. Ryder's proposal.”

(Minutes, September 18th, 1875, p. 280.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had, on the receipt of the communication from the Comptroller, requested the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the subject. That he had returned the proposal of Mr. J. A. Bouker to the Comptroller, with a copy of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation. And he moved that said communications be filed.

Adopted.

Riverside Park.

From the Comptroller of the city, asking to be furnished with copies of the proceedings of this Department, limiting the amount of work to be done on Riverside Park.

(Minutes, October 12, 1875, p. 329.)

Referred to the President to reply.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.

From Mr. Thos. Bland, Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, requesting to be informed of the amount which the Department will appropriate this year for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of said museum, and giving an estimate of the amount which will be required from this date until January 1st, 1876, amounting to \$6,565.33.

(Minutes, February 26th, 1875, p. 540.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the amount of \$6,600 be set apart for the above mentioned purpose this year, in addition to the amount already expended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Central Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that the closing of the draw of Central Bridge at the present time will not cause much inconvenience, on account of the stopping for the season of the regular steamboats on the Harlem River, and that it is very important that the work of rebuilding the draw should be pressed forward at once.

(Minutes, October 12th, 1875, p. 330.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the draw to be closed on and after the 25th inst., and that the work be progressed with as fast as possible, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the progress of the works under his charge during the two weeks ending Saturday, October 9th, 1875.

(Minutes, September 29th, 1875, p. 296.)

Filed.

Double Teams and Carts.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that he required four double teams and four horses and carts in addition to those already employed.

The PRESIDENT moved that said number of double teams and horses and carts, required by the Superintendent of Parks, be employed.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 325.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Eighth Avenue.

From the Superintendent Engineer, stating that the curb on the east side of Eighth Avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Sixty-sixth Streets, and on other portions of said avenue where the established grade of the avenue is level, is not now laid so as to make a good horizontal line with the park wall, and recommending that the curb be re-set to a proper line and grade at these points; and also that the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works be requested to approve such change as may be required for the purpose.

(Minutes, July 29th, 1875, p. 167.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the recommendations therein be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Morris Street, Twenty-fourth Ward.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that he would have Morris Street in the Twenty-fourth Ward (referred to in the resolution of the Common Council), repaired as soon as possible.

(Minutes, Oct. 8th, 1875, p. 311.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to the resolution

of the Common Council by sending a copy of said communication of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to his Hon. the Mayor, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Bartlett McCarty.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer and the Landscape Architect, recommending Mr. Bartlett McCarty for employment.

Laid on the table.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, presenting the plans and specifications for the establishing and equipping of the Museum of Natural History, and stating that the estimated amount of all the work is \$189,500.

(Minutes, June 16, 1875, p. 94.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said plans and specifications be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the several works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Elevated Railway, City Hall Park.

From Mr. R. Stone, requesting permission to erect an elevated railway for the purpose of exhibition in front of the City Hall, in City Hall Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that, inasmuch as it is inexpedient to place any of the public parks at the disposal of private parties for such exhibitions, the application of Mr. Stone be declined.

Adopted.

Increase of Pay.

From the following employés, namely, John Watkins, janitor, and F. W. Brown, messenger, asking for an increase of pay.

(Minutes, October 12th, 1875, p. 329.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communications, and all others on the same subject, be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Audit.

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

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

Ames Plow Co., wheelbarrows and plows. City Parks Impt. F.	\$166 25	
Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	14 29	
		\$180 54
Briek, Riley A., & Co., pipe.....City Parks Impt. F.		88 80
Drake, H. K., shovels.....City Parks Impt. F.		182 00
Greene, Geo. S., petty expensesSurveyg, Layg., etc.		
23d & 24th Wards		50 00
Hancock, Kate, services.....Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.		24 00
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, nails.Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	\$12 75	
City Parks Imp. F.	18 90	
		21 65

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Hazard Powder Co., fuse and powder.	City Parks Impt. F.	\$345 12	
	Art Museum.	6 38	
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			\$351 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-meter.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.		47 70
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	\$50 37	
	City Parks Impt. F.	23 84	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards	15 80	
	Music, Central Park	1 00	
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			\$1 01
Judd Linseed & Sp. Oil Co., sp. oil.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	\$54 57	
	Maint. H. R. Bridges	27 75	
	City Parks Impt. F.	5 55	
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			87 87
Mapes, Daniel, Jr., hay feed and coal.	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards		40 14
Merchant, S. L., & Co., Portland cement.	City Parks Impt. F.		175 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas-meter.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.		83 60
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas-meter.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.		3 58
Simpson, A., bread.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.		74 30
Sheridan, M., building-stone.	City Parks Impt. F.		114 00
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., hard- ware.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	\$1 20	
	City Parks Impt. F.	14 16	
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			15 36
Valentine and Briggs, rent office, Sept.	Maint. 23d and 24th		
	Wards		50 00
Wetmore & Co., iron.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	9 50	
	Maint. H. R. Bridges	14 88	
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			24 38
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			\$1,695 43

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Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.	\$375 86
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.	85 94
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.	42 63
City Parks Improvement Fund.	1,133 62
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	50 00

Art Museum.....	\$6 38
Music—Central Park.....	1 00
	<hr/> \$1,695 43

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Sixteen hundred and ninety-five dollars and forty-three cents.

(Signed,)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

“

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,

Auditing Committee.

New York, October 12, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT, as requested at the meeting of the 17th September, 1875, submitted the written statement of Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, and of the Superintending Architect, recommending that the penalties contained in the contract of Mr. John Hogan, for the granite work of the Museum of Art, for the non-completion of said contract within the time stipulated, be waived.

(Minutes, September 29th, 1875, p. 298.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said John Hogan be paid the amount due to him, in pursuance of his contract, and that all penalties to which he is liable to date for the non-completion of said contract within the time stipulated be, and hereby are, remitted, upon the condition that said John Hogan releases the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city and this Department from all claim and demand beyond the price stipulated to be paid to said contractor by said contract, on account of any

extra or other work which he has been obliged to perform, or on account of any damages or losses to which he may have been put in executing his said contract.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.		CR.	
Oct. 6.	By balance.....	\$2,071	99
Oct. 6	} " rents and licence.....	860	01
to			
Oct. 20.			
			<u>\$2,932 00</u>
1875.		DR.	
Oct. 6	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$1,214	02
to			
Oct. 20.			
Oct. 20.	" balance.....	1,717	98
			<u>\$2,932 00</u>

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, October 20th, 1875.

9.30 A. M.

Central Bridge.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to detail twenty-five laborers, as required by the Engineer of Construction, for the purpose of rebuilding the draw of Central Bridge.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

C. Sanford, F. Branagan.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that night-watchman Cornelius Sanford be transferred from the police force to that under the Superintendent of Parks; that he be placed as watchman on Central Bridge, and his pay fixed at \$2.50 per day.

And that Francis Branagan be appointed night-watchman, subject to the favorable report of the Police Surgeon on his physical qualifications, in place of said Sanford.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1875, p. 80.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Saturday, the 23d inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23d, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 20th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Third Avenue Paving.

From Messrs. J. and L. F. Kuntz and a number of other owners of property on the line of Third Avenue, complaining that the Engineer of Construction, for various reasons, has several times delayed the progress of the work of paving said avenue, between 163d Street and the northern boundary of the Twenty-third Ward, so that they are apprehensive the work will not be finished this year.

Also from Mr. Henry D. Purroy, on the same subject.

Also from Mr. Charles Guidet, protesting, as an unsuccessful bidder for the work, against the manner in which the contractor is executing his work, and stating that had he supposed permission would have been granted to him to lay the pavement in the manner in which it is being done, he could have underbid the contractor.

(Minutes, September 6th, 1875, p. 259.)

Filed.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the contractor, Mr. J. B. Devlin, and a committee of the property owners, who were in attendance, and also the Engineer of Construction and the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings, &c., be received. Adopted.

The following were then received : Mr. J. B. Devlin, contractor, Messrs. Joseph Kuntz and Joseph Pickard, property owners, the Engineer of Construction and the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements.

The property owners expressed themselves satisfied with the manner in which the work was being executed.

The Engineer of Construction explained the particulars in which the contractor was not executing the work in accordance with the specifications, and that it was his endeavor to have the specifications complied with that had delayed the work.

He also recommended that the contractor be allowed to use granite blocks of seven inches in width for the pavement, they being equivalent to six inches in trap block.

The Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings, &c., made a similar statement.

The contractor stated that after hearing the criticisms on his work, he would comply more exactly with the specifications.

They then retired and

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred, with power, to the Engineer of Construction, to determine the depth of the gutter on Third Avenue from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward ; and that he be permitted to allow the use of granite blocks for paving said avenue of a width not exceeding seven inches, and in the gutters not exceeding nine inches.

Adopted.

Francis Branagan.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting favorably upon the physical condition of Francis Branagan, night watchman.

(Minutes, October 20th, 1875, p. 344.)

Filed.

Morris Avenue, 23d Ward.

From Mr. J. L. Mott, assenting to the petition recently presented to the Board to widen the proposed extension of Morris Avenue, between 138th and 141st Streets.

(Minutes, Oct. 8th, 1875, p. 312.)

Referred to the President to report.

Increase of Pay

Commissioner MARTIN moved that all applications for increase of pay be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, October 20th, 1875, p. 340.)

Adopted.

Laborers.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that, inasmuch as the season is far advanced, and as it is advisable to have the work on Tompkins Square completed this year, and as it doubtful whether the present force is sufficient, fifty more laborers be employed on that square.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 324.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

A. L. Risse,

Commissioner MARTIN, to whom it was referred, reported

verbally, recommending that the pay of Mr. A. L. Risse, draughtsman, be fixed at \$5 for each day on which he is employed by the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements.

(Minutes, Oct. 12th, 1875, p. 333.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and that the recommendation therein be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 5.45 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the construction of a sewer for Morningside Park.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 231.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened:

No..	NAME OF BIDDER.	SEWER PER LINEAL FOOT.	MAN-HOLE.
1...	Henry T. Guion.....	\$4 75	\$30 00
2...	John H. McCabe.....	4 74	30 00
3...	Michael Smith.....	3 70	50 00
4...	Patrick Mulholland.....	3 59	14 00
5...	J. D. & T. E. Crimmins.....	4 71	40 00
6...	Robert Montgomery.....	3 95	50 00
7...	Frank A. O'Donnell.....	4 15	50 00
8...	Henry Held, Jr.....	5 40	10 00
9...	Edward Bradburn.....	4 25	18 00

The Engineer's estimates of the work by which the bids are to be tested, are as follows, namely:

520 lineal feet of brick sewer.

1 Man-hole.

The Comptroller of the city having retired, the Board met in adjourned session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A telegram was received from Commissioner O'Donohue, stating that he was unable to be present at the meeting.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

Reduction of Force in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, respecting the reduction necessary to be made in the force under his charge.

(Minutes, Sept. 19th, 1875, p. 302.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin to report.

Engineering Force.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that the services of the engineers, &c., in his office, who were appointed until the end of October, 1875, are necessary for a longer period.

(Minutes, Sept. 29th, 1875, p. 306.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the following named persons be employed in the office of the Superintending Engineer until the end of November, 1875, at the rates of pay set opposite their names :

C. M. Harris, Assistant Engineer.....	\$5 00 per day.
E. A. Miller, Rodman.....	3 00 “
E. Kennedy, Chainman.....	3 00 “
D. Campbell, “	3 00 “
J. C. Trimble, “	3 00 “
W. A. Jeffries, Axeman.....	2 50 “
Peter Kelly, “	2 50 “

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Vault at Mount St. Vincent.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that the vault at Mount St. Vincent, Central Park, is so damp, and also insecure from fire, that the maps and plans stored there are being destroyed by mould, and are in danger of total destruction in case a fire should take place.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintending Engineer and the Superintending Architect be directed to report to the Board the best means to remedy the defects complained of.

Adopted.

Carriage Service.

From Messrs. Platt & Clapp, the licensees of the carriage service on Central Park, with respect to the payments of the fees due by them to the Department.

(Minutes, April 30th, 1875, p. 695.)

The PRESIDENT moved that he be discharged from the consideration of the subject of the renewal of the license to said Messrs. Platt & Clapp, and that the whole subject be referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report.

Adopted.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, mentioning some of the improvements to the menagerie which are most wanted.

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Audit.

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

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

Hogan, John, labor and material.....Museum of Art.....	\$12,000 00
Hogan, John, labor and materials.....Museum of Art.....	1,500 00
Hogan, John, labor and materials.....City Parks Impt.	
Fund	5,950 00
Donvan, Jas. V., labor and materials.City Parks Impt.	
Fund.....	2,969 05
	<hr/> \$22,419 05
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RECAPITULATION.

Museum of Art.....	\$13,500 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	8,919 05
	<hr/> \$22,419 05
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two thousand four hundred and nineteen dollars and five cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, October 23, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Applications for Increase of Pay

The PRESIDENT moved that all applications for increase of pay be laid over until the next meeting.

(Minutes, October 23d, 1875, p. 347.)

Adopted.

Music.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the music on Central Park be discontinued for the season after the 30th inst.

(Minutes, June 16th, 1875, p. 95.)

Adopted.

Reservoir Square.

The PRESIDENT moved that Reservoir Square be closed each evening, after the 31st inst., at 7 o'clock P. M., and that the lighting of said square be discontinued after that date until further order.

(Minutes, June 2d, 1875, p. 59.)

Adopted.

Sewer for Morningside Park.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 4) of Mr. Patrick Mulholland, for the construction of a sewer for Morningside Park, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Patrick Mulholland, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Oct. 27th, 1875, p. 349.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Title to Streets, &c., in 23d Ward.

Commissioner MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, verb-

ally reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution, namely :

Resolved, That the President be authorized and requested to instruct the Counsel to the Corporation to commence proceedings to acquire the title, for the public use, to the following streets and avenues in the 23d Ward, wherever said streets and avenues have not been heretofore legally opened, and to include them all in one proceeding, namely :

1. 138th Street, from Harlem River to Long Island Sound.
2. 149th Street, from Harlem River to the Southern Boulevard.
3. Westchester Avenue, from Third Avenue to the boundary line of the former town of Morrisania.
4. Cliff Street, from Third Avenue to Union Avenue.
5. 161st Street, from Jerome Avenue (late Central Avenue) to Third Avenue.
6. 165th Street, from Boston Avenue to Union Avenue.
7. 167th Street, from Jerome Avenue (late Central Avenue) to the Southern Boulevard.
8. Tinton Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to 169th Street.
9. That portion of Prospect Avenue within the boundaries of the former town of Morrisania.
10. Willis Avenue, from 147th Street to Third Avenue.
11. 148th Street, from Third Avenue to St. Anns Avenue.
12. 156th Street, from Third Avenue to Elton Avenue.

(Minutes, March 3d and 17th, 1875, pp. 547, 576.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and that the resolution thereby recommended be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Friday, the 29th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 27th inst. was dispensed with.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, be directed to prepare and submit to this Board the plans, specifications and estimates for the slating, plastering, heating, and all other work necessary to complete the Museum of Art building ready for occupation.

(Minutes, Dec. 9th, 1873, p. 444.)

Adopted.

A. A. Ranny.

The PRESIDENT moved that the services of A. A. Ranny, foreman, be continued until the end of November, 1875, if so long required by the Superintendent of Parks.

(Minutes, Sept. 29th, 1875, p. 307.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Mineral Springs.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Carl Schultz be allowed to close the Mineral Springs in Central Park, for the season, on the 1st November, 1875.

Adopted.

Increase of Pay.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that all applications for increase of pay be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, Oct. 27th, 1875, p. 353.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3d, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 27th and 29th of October, 1875, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Eighth Avenue.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, concurring in the proposed change of grade of the sidewalk on Eighth Avenue adjacent to the Central Park.

(Minutes, October 20th, 1875, p. 338.)

Filed.

Supt.'s Report.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the progress of the work under his charge for the two weeks ending Saturday, October 23d, 1875.

(Minutes, Oct. 20th, 1875, p. 337.)

Filed.

Central Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that it will be

necessary to close the Central Bridge for travel in a few days, on account of the repairs to the draw.

(Minutes, Oct. 20th, 1875, p. 337.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication and said subject be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Falkenau.

From Mr. L. Falkenau, with respect to his application for remuneration on account of work done as City Surveyor on the paving of Third Avenue.

(Minutes, Sept. 17th and Oct. 8th, 1875, pp. 275, 317.)

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

Adopted.

Joseph Scott.

From Mr. Joseph Scott, applying for employment in the Department.

Laid on the table.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presenting the following two reports:

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats and corn, &c.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	\$265 83
Byrne & Co., hay, corn and oats.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	179 56
Bouker, John A., gravel.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	\$966 23
	City Parks Impt. F..	924 42
		<hr/> 1,890 65
Barron, Jas. S., & Co., brooms.	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	27 00
Central Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint., &c., H. R.	
	Bridges.	64 00

Colwell Lead Co., lead-pipe.....	City Parks Impt. F.	\$15 74
Colwell, Jas. W., lumber.....	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	104 96
Frith & Hinchman, brick, lime, &c....	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	\$14 20
	City Parks Impt. F.	211 00
		<hr/> 225 20
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music, Central Park.	545 00
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music, Central Park.	545 00
Gifford & Beach, spokes.....	City Parks Impt. F.	7 56
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$180 96
	Maint., &c., H. R. Bridges.....	112 32
		<hr/> 293 28
Keuffel & Esser, engineers' materials..	City Parks Impt. F.	15 75
Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	17 60
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas-meter.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	54 72
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	408 06
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	597 00
New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	628 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., steam heat.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$181 04
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	181 04
		<hr/> 362 08
Price, Theo., clock.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	17 00
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving cement.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	988 40
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., hard- ware.....	City Parks Impr. Fund.....	21 78

Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, oil, &c.	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$76 12	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	8 00	
		<hr/>	\$84 12
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	Parks and P...	\$28 21	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	75 27	
		<hr/>	103 48
Verplanck Bros., saddle, blankets, &c....	Maint., 23d and		
	24th Wards...	\$5 25	
	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d &		
	24th Wards...	7 00	
	Maint. and Govt.		
	Parks and P...	32 20	
		<hr/>	44 45
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			\$7,506 22
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places	\$3,605 61
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	2,517 08
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	176 32
Music—Central Park.....	1,090 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	110 21
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc....	7 00
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	\$7,506 22
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-five hundred and six dollars and twenty-two cents.

(Signed)	DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,	}	<i>Auditing</i>
	JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,			Committee.

New York, October 22, 1875.

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, corn, oats, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	\$174 66
Byrne, J. E., & Co., hay and corn.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	104 49
Brundage, Ed. H., twines.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	28 53
Drake, H. K., shovels.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	180 00
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., tar.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	26 00
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	\$6 31
	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	8 51
	Maint. Harlem River Bridge.	1 30
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	25
		<hr/> 16 37
Jackson, W. H., & Co., grates, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	17 25
Jube, John P., & Co., carriage hard- ware.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	10 40
McDermott, John, meat, Sept.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	180 52
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, curbs, covers and casting.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	53 68
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing matls.	City Parks Impt' Fund.	\$11 98
	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	1 25
		<hr/> 13 23

Merchant, S. L., & Co., cement.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$7 00	
	City Parks Imp't Fund.....	84 00	
		<hr/>	\$91 00
Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber.....	City Parks Imp't Fund.....		639 18
Noe's, James H., Sons, feather dusters...	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		16 88
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., sand screen, &c.....	City Parks Imp't Fund.....		17 32
Rader, G. W., & Co., vitrified pipe....	City Parks Imp't Fund.....	\$263 55	
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	89 25	
		<hr/>	352 80
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c....	Maint., etc., Harlem River Bridges..		25 15
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., nails.....	City Parks Imp't Fund.....		17 60
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		16 00
Slattery, James, building stone.....	City Parks Imp't Fund.....		264 37
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, bolts, augers, &c.....	City Parks Imp't Fund.....	\$35 48	
	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	5 50	
	Maint., &c., Harlem River Bridges...	5 42	
		<hr/>	46 40
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			<u>\$2,241 83</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$570 99
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,549 47
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.....	31 87
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	89 50
	\$2,241 83
	\$2,241 83

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two hundred and forty-one dollars and eighty-three cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } Auditing
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Committee.

New York, October 26th, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.	CR.	
Oct. 20.	By balance.....	\$1,717 98
Oct. 20	} " rent.....	50 00
to		
Nov. 3.		\$1,767 98
1875.	DR.	
Oct. 20	} To cash paid into the City Treasury.....	\$58 72
to		
Nov. 3.		
Nov. 3.	" balance.....	1,709 26
		\$1,767 98

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P

Ice on the Pool.

The PRESIDENT stated that, as directed by the Board, the following advertisement had been inserted in the *City Record*, viz. :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST). }
October 7, 1875.

Sealed proposals for removing the ice from the pool, in Central Park, near One hundred and first street and Eighth Avenue, during the coming winter season, will be received at the above office until the 31st October, 1875.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department, and endorsed "Proposals to remove Ice from Pool, Central Park."

That only one proposal had been received, which was from Mr. C. Dowd, offering \$600 for the privilege of removing the ice from the pool.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the privilege of cutting and taking away the ice on said pool during the coming season be granted to Mr. Jacob Boehm, on his paying \$700, as heretofore offered by him, on or before Saturday, the 20th inst.

(Minutes, Sept. 29th, 1875, p. 297.)

Adopted.

Report to the Mayor.

The PRESIDENT presented the report to his Honor the Mayor for the three months ending September 30th, 1875.

(Minutes, .)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be approved and referred to the President to sign and transmit.

Adopted.

3d Avenue grading.

The PRESIDENT stated that Daniel Campbell had been employed by the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings,

for three days on work of grading Third Avenue from 147th Street to the Harlem River, and he moved that said employment be approved and his pay, and that of L. Falkenau and Patrick Phillips, whose employment was previously approved, be fixed as follows :

L. Falkenau.....	\$5 per day.
Daniel Campbell.....	3 " "
Patrick Phillips.....	3 " "

(Minutes, Sept. 17th and Oct. 12th, 1875, pp. 277 and 331.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Accounts.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President and Commissioner O'Donohue, the Committee heretofore appointed to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts, be continued and authorized to audit said accounts up to November 1st, 1875.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 162.)

Adopted.

Suspension Bridge.

The PRESIDENT presented the three similar maps and profiles of the approaches to the proposed suspension bridge north of High Bridge, prepared for filing, whereupon

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That Henry G. Stebbins, the President and one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file said three similar maps or plans and profiles as provided by law; which said three

maps or plans and profiles show the width, course, windings and location of the approaches to the proposed suspension bridge across the Harlem River, north of the bridge known as the "High Bridge," but not more than half a mile therefrom, as the same have been laid out and are hereby determined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and are signed "Geo. S. Greene, Civil and Topo. Eng.," and dated "New York, October 28th, 1875."

(Minutes, September 27th, 1875, p. 292.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Applications for increased pay.

The PRESIDENT moved that all applications for increase of pay be further laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes _____).

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 10.40 o'clock A. M., to meet on Friday, the 5th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 3d inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Pay Rolls.

From the Comptroller of the city, with respect to the manner of preparing the laborers' pay-roll.

Referred to the President, with power.

Construction Works.

From the Comptroller of the city, asking to be informed what works, on which men are now employed, were in progress at the time the charter was passed, which, in the opinion of the Commissioners of this Department, come under the exception, to be done "otherwise than by contract," and asking for other information regarding said works.

(Minutes, Oct. 20th, 1875, p. 336.)

Referred to the President to reply.

Birch Trees.

From Mr. H. A. Nelson, stating that the Park Commissioners of Montreal, Canada, had forwarded some birch trees to the Central Park.

The President stated that the birch trees had been received, and he offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board acknowledge with great pleasure and thanks the receipt from the Mount Royal Park Commission, of Montreal, of a present of Canoe Birch trees, and that the Landscape Architect be instructed to have the same planted in suitable positions on the Central Park.

Adopted.

Treasurer's Accounts.

The President and Commissioner O'DONOHUE verbally reported that they had examined and audited the accounts of the Treasurer up to November 1st, 1875, and found them correct in all respects.

(Minutes, Nov. 3d, 1875, p. 365.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received, and the committee discharged.

Adopted.

Mineral Springs.

Commissioner MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, made a verbal report with respect to the application of Mr. Carl H. Schultz, for a reduction of his rent for the Mineral Springs in Central Park. He presented a letter and statement of Mr. Schultz, by which it appears that the gross receipts at the Mineral Springs for the year ending November 1st, 1875, amounted to only \$2,662.55, the yearly rent reserved by the lease being \$2,700.

He therefore recommended, that the rent due by Mr. Schultz for the two quarters ending respectively on August 1st, and November 1st, 1875, be remitted.

(Minutes, Sept. 17th, 1875, p. 276.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Mr. Wm. H. Grant.

The PRESIDENT presented to the Board the resignation of Mr. Wm. H. Grant, Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, which, on motion of Commissioner Martin, was accepted.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, p. 42.)

Gen. George S. Greene.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That General George S. Greene, the Civil and Topographical Engineer, be, and hereby is, transferred from the position of Civil and Topographical Engineer to that of Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, and that his salary be fixed at \$5,200 per annum.

(Minutes, May 20th and June 11th, 1874, pp. 42 and 78.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Mr. Wm. H. Grant.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. William H. Grant, be, and hereby is, appointed Engineer in charge of the repairs of Central Bridge, and of the paving of Third Avenue from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward ; and that his compensation be, and hereby is, fixed at \$2,600 per annum until

January 1st, 1876 ; and that the Engineer of Construction be relieved from the supervision of these works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Civil and Topl. Engineering Force.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, referred to the Executive Committee to report to the Board, as soon as practicable, a plan for the reorganization of the Civil and Topographical Engineering Corps, with a view to greater economy and efficiency in its administration.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, p. 42.)

Adopted.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect is hereby requested to prepare a plan for laying out the annexed district of the 23d and 24th Wards ;

Resolved, That he is hereby authorized to employ as his assistant an Engineer to act directly under his orders, to be approved by the Board, and at such rate of pay as the Board may determine for the time he is actually employed on such work ;

Resolved, That all maps, plans and other documents belonging to the Department relating to this work shall be placed at his service, and that the corps of the Civil and Topographical Engineer shall render him such assistance and consultation as he may require.

(Minutes, Aug. 25th, 1875, p. 233.)

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

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Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Applications for increased pay.

The PRESIDENT moved that all applications for increased pay be further laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, Nov. 3d, 1875, p. 366.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th inst. was dispensed with.

Marion Avenue.

Berrian Avenue.

The PRESIDENT and Commissioner MARTIN made a verbal report in favor of proceeding with the work of flagging the sidewalks on the following avenues, as directed by ordinances of the Common Council, viz.:

1. West side of Marion Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Ridge Street.
2. West side of Berrian Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Isaac Street.

(Minutes, August 12th, 1875, p. 202.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board, and that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit to the Board specifications for said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Third Avenue Paving Inspectors.

The PRESIDENT stated that the undermentioned persons had been appointed inspectors on the work of paving Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of the Twenty-third Ward, on the dates set opposite their names respectively, and he moved that the Board do now approve of such appointments, and fix their pay at \$3.50 per day :

John Meehan, September 28th, 1875.

Michael Barry, October 9th, 1875.

J. D. Armstrong, October 19th, 1875.

Isaac Bodine, November 8th, 1875.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 314.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON the Board adjourned at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 1875.

SPECIAL MEETING—5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square (East), N. Y. }
9th NOVEMBER, 1875.

MR. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Friday, the 12th inst., at 5 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 5th and 9th instants were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Printing, Stationery, &c.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, notifying this Department that the amount allowed for “ Printing, Stationery and Blank Books” for the current year

is exhausted, and that no more requisitions, chargeable against that appropriation, can be filled until further notice.

Filed.

Reduction of the Maintenance Force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the following reduction be made in the maintenance force, viz. :

- 3 painters and 1 skilled laborer in painter's gang.
- 2 watchmen on Morningside Park.
- 4 watchmen on Riverside Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to reduce the maintenance force by discharging the number of employes therein recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Steam-pipe for Mount St. Vincent.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that it is necessary that two coils of steam-pipe should be put up in the large room at Mount St. Vincent, to keep the plants, which are to remain there during the winter, from freezing.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that, as recommended in said communication, two coils of steam-pipe be placed in the large room on the southwest corner of Mount St. Vincent.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Third Avenue Paving.

From Mr. William H. Grant, Engineer in charge of the work of paving Third Avenue, reporting the continuance of irregularities by Mr. J. B. Devlin, in the execution of his contract for paving Third Avenue from 163d Street to the northern boundary of the Twenty-third Ward. Also reporting that the inspectors do not obey his instructions.

(Minutes, Oct. 23d, 1875, p. 345.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be referred to Commissioner Williamson and himself to investigate and report.

The PRESIDENT moved, as a substitute therefor, that the two inspectors on said work be discharged, and others appointed in their place.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

C. Ryan, late Superintendent of Parks.

From Mr. C. Ryan, late Superintendent of Parks, asking that arrangements be made to pay him his salary as such Superin-

tendent, which is still due, for the months of December, 1874, and January, 1875.

(Minutes, Feb. 1st, 1875, p. 496.)

The PRESIDENT moved that special certificates be made out for the amount due Mr. C. Ryan for his salary as Superintendent of Parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Morris Avenue.

From Mr. W. L. Tidball, relative to the widening of the proposed extension of Morris Avenue.

(Minutes, Oct. 23d, 1875, p. 347.)

Filed.

Bridge over Bronx River.

From Messrs. Henry Bucking, Jas. Angus and a number of other citizens of New York and residents of Westchester township and county, petitioning that a bridge be constructed over Bronx River, at or near the foot of Prospect Street, in the 24th Ward.

(Minutes, May 7th, 1875, p. 13.)

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Sewer in 143d Street.

From Mr. Edward Gustaveson, applying, on behalf of the owners of property on 143d Street, between Third Avenue and College Avenue, for permission to lay, at their own expense, a 12-inch cement sewer in 143d Street, from a point 75 feet distant from Third Avenue to the sewer in College Avenue.

Also, from the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, recommending the granting of such permission.

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission requested be granted, the plans for said sewer being first submitted to and approved by the Board.

Adopted.

Applications for increase of pay

From Mr. F. A. Calkins, Assistant Engineer, and a number of other employés, applying for an increase of their pay.

(Minutes, Nov. 5, 1875, p. 371.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communications, and all other similar applications, be considered at the same time.

Adopted.

Battery Park.—Elevated Railroad.

From Mr. M. Courtwright, President of the New York Elevated Railroad Company, stating that said company is desirous of extending its railroad from Battery Place along and through Battery Park, to connect with the South Hamilton Avenue and Staten Island Ferries, and asking an interview with the Board for the purpose of determining its location.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the President be requested to notify Mr. Courtwright that the Commissioners of this Department will meet him, and the directors of said company, at their office, No. 7 Broadway, on Monday, the 15th inst., at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Audit.

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

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

American Dist. Tel. Co., rent and services	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$8 15	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	8 15	
		<hr/>	\$16 30
Arnold & Co., bricks, cement, &c.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....		53 85
Adler, Jacob, & Co., gloves.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		107 25
Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats and meal.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		135 88
Byrne & Co., hay, oats and meal.....	Maint. and Govt. Parks and P.....		206 78
Bartlett, J. W., lamp chimneys.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		6 25
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		114 46
Colwell, Jas. W., lumber.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		32 72
Conway, Thos., keep of horse, Oct....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....		30 00
Douglass, Wm. P., rent Mus. of Art...	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		2,000 00
Donaldson, Thomas, labor, chimnies, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		42 96
Gold & Stock Tel. Co., rent of line....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$31 25	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	31 25	
		<hr/>	62 50
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber.....	Maint. Harlem River Bridges.....		9 73

Keuffel & Esser, engineer's supplies... Maint., Harlem Riv.		
Bridges.....	\$47 78	
City Parks Impt.		
Fund.....	41 84	
Surveying, laying		
out, &c., 23d and		
24th Wards, etc..	10 72	
	<hr/>	\$100 29
Mapes, Daniel, Jr., hay and oats..... Maint. 23d & 24th		
Wards.....		34 74
Menzies, Wm., & Son, timber..... Maint. Harlem Riv.		
Bridges.....		33 39
Moffatt, David & Co., leather... .. City Parks Imp't		
Fund.....	\$17 25	
Maint. and Govmt.		
Parks and P.....	3 50	
	<hr/>	20 75
New York Cement Co., cement..... City Parks Impt.		
Fund.....		675 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent		
to Nov. 1st..... City Parks Impt.		
Fund.....	\$625 00	
Maint. and Govmt.		
Parks and P.....	625 00	
	<hr/>	1,250 00
National Ice Co., ice..... Maint. and Govmt.		
Parks and P.....	\$33 09	
Music, Central Park.	23 60	
City Parks Imp't		
Fund.....	2 10	
	<hr/>	58 79
National Ice Co., ice..... Maint. and Govmt.		
Parks and P.....	\$0 82	
Surveying, laying		
out, &c., 23d and		
24th Wards, &c..	2 97	
	<hr/>	3 79
Roosevelt, Sam'l, & Co., hardware..... City Parks Impt. F.	\$25 62	
Maint. H. R. Bridges	5 00	
Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	16 33	
	<hr/>	46 95

Serrells, John J., est. of services as en-		
gineer.....	Surveyg, Layg., etc.,	
	23d & 24th Wards	\$225 00
Sanderson Bros. & Co., spring steel...	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	3 00
Simpson, A., bread, Oct.....	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	87 54
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk.....	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	16 74
Vanderbilt Bros., barley, &c.....	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	\$9 50
	City Parks Impt. F.	87 50
		<hr/> 97 00
Vaux, C., Commission and Superintend-		
ence.....	Museum Natl. Hist..	1,625 00
The <i>World</i> , advertising sewer.....	City Parks Impt. F.	3 20
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt. F.	246 30
Walton & Bros., lanterns.....	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	9 00
		<hr/> \$7,355 16

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$3,457 50
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,763 21
Museum of Natural History.....	1,625 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc....	268 69
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards... ..	121 31
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	95 85
Music—Central Park.....	23 60
	<hr/> \$7,355 16

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-three hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixteen cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, November 10th, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Wm. Carr, painter in charge.

Commissioners O'DONOHUE and WILLIAMSON presented their report of the examination of the charges against Wm. Carr, painter in charge, and recommended that he be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

They also recommend that it be referred to the Superintendent of Parks to report to the Board what changes should be made in regard to those classed and paid as painters.

(Minutes, September 29th, 1875, p. 305.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received, and that the recommendation therein for the dismissal of Wm. Carr, painter in charge, be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Appropriation for Music, 1875.—Transfer of balance.

The PRESIDENT stated that there would be a balance remaining unexpended of the appropriation for music this year ; that the publication of the Third Annual Report of this Department was delayed on account of the exhaustion of the appropriation for "Printing, Stationery and Blank-books." He therefore offered the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the President be, and hereby is, requested to apply to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer the balance unexpended and not required for "Music, Central Park, 1875," to the appropriation for "Printing, Stationery and Blank-books, 1875," to be applied only to pay for the publication of the Third Annual Report of this Depart-

ment, and for such other printing, stationery and blank-books as this Department may require.

Adopted.

Arrears of rent.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Treasurer, presented a report of arrears of rent due the Department by tenants on Riverside Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, the recommendations therein adopted, and the subject referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Adopted.

Laborer.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE stated that at his request James Hanly had been employed, with his horse and cart; that Hanly had handed him a letter of recommendation, purporting to be signed by Mr. L. C. Curry. He now presented a letter from Mr. Curry, stating that his name had been forged to said recommendation. He therefore moved that said James Hanly be discharged, and that Patrick Boyle be employed in his place.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Paving.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer in charge of the work of paving Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward, be allowed to permit trap-rock stones of not exceeding seven inches in width to be used in paving the gutters of said avenue.

(Minutes, October 23, 1875, p, 345.)

Adopted.

Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that Mr. J. J. R. Croes, Divis-

ion Engineer, be, and hereby is, appointed Civil and Topographical Engineer, and that his salary be fixed at \$4,500, per annum.

(Minutes, November 5, 1875, p. 369.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Tompkins Square.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks, Mr. Munckwitz, be notified immediately to examine the work on Tompkins Square, and see that the men at work thereon are doing their duty, and that he be instructed to direct the foremen to suspend any man who is delinquent in his duty.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 7 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 12th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Morningside Park.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, stating that the contractor for filling New Avenue, on the easterly side of Morningside Park, from 110th to 114th Street, will be compelled to encroach on said Park unless this Department completes the wall on the Park boundary, and asking the intention of the Department in relation thereto.

Also from the Superintending Engineer, stating that said wall is partly built, the work having been suspended when all other work on Morningside Park was stopped. That unless the wall is now built the Avenue slopes will be filled into the Park, and this Department will have to excavate this filling, and shore it up at such time in the future as the wall may be built. That the estimate cost of completing the wall is \$12,000, and that it will be economy to build it at once.

Referred to the President to report.

Westchester Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting his estimates of the cost of the construction of Westchester Avenue, in the 23d Ward, from Third Avenue to the town line of the former town of Morrisania, if graded to the width of sixty-six feet (the present width), eighty feet and one hundred feet.

(Minutes, August 25th, 1875, p. 229.)

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting that four of the deer had been killed in the deer park at night by dogs.

Commissioner MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, thereupon verbally reported as follows, upon the subject of necessary improvements to the Menagerie.

That it was not opportune to consider any permanent plan for this collection, or any other than convenient temporary arrangements for the preservation and exhibition of the animals, and to do this at as small a cost as practicable; that it was also important to remove the animals from the space between the Arsenal and the 5th Avenue.

That an adaptation and improvement of the present site would be most advantageous; by occupying the space in the rear of the Arsenal, between the bridle road and Transverse road No. 1, by removing all the buildings now standing between the Arsenal and the 5th Avenue to that site, by completing and enlarging the buildings thereof, so as to provide winter quarters for the deer and for the other animals now kept in the vicinity of the Arsenal, and by arranging the site for such buildings with connecting paddocks, and for the buildings to be removed. By such changes the accommodation of the animals and their exhibition to the public would be provided for.

When this removal is made, and the space between the Arsenal and the 5th Avenue cleared of all its present buildings, that space could be planted and ornamented as part of the park.

It is recommended that the Landscape Architect be directed to prepare a plan for the site indicated, for the buildings to be removed to it and for the completion and repair of the buildings now existing, with general description and estimate

of the cost of the buildings and fences, and also an estimate of the cost of the removal of buildings to their proposed site.

(Minutes, Oct. 27th, 1875, p. 351.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received, and referred to the President to consult with the Counsel to the Corporation as to the legality of charging said works to the construction fund.

Adopted.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that, until more permanent arrangements are made for the care of the animals at the deer park, the Superintendent of Parks be directed to detail a man to the Director of the Menagerie to act as a night watchman at said deer park.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Paving.

From Mr. James Everard, contractor for paving Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to 163d Street, complaining that the Engineer in charge of the work required the railroad tracks on the avenue to be lowered to a depth of from four to six inches below the grade of the avenue as established, thereby requiring him to excavate more than required by the contract.

Referred to the President to reply.

Third Avenue Paving.

From Mr. John Meehan, Inspector on the work of paving Third Avenue, from 163d Street to the northern boundary of the Twenty-third Ward, complaining of the manner in which the Engineer in charge of said work is directing same to be executed.

(Minutes, Nov. 12th, 1875, p. 377.)

Referred to Commissioners Williamson and O'Donohue to report upon.

Audit.

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

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

Conklin, W. A., medicine.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$20 77
Central Gas Light Co., gas, Oct.....	Maint., Harlem Riv. Bridges	64 00
Devlin, John B., paving	Paving 3d Ave., from Westchester Ave. to northern bound- ary 23d Ward....	7,279 38
Faure, Alfred, plants.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$260 00
Godwin, J. H., rent of dock.....	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards....	18 00
Greene, Geo. S., petty expenses.....	Surv'g, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	46 61
Graffula, C. S., music.....	Music, Central Park.	275 00
Harrison, Joseph, rent of dock.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	24 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas meter....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	55 20
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, October...	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$208 22
	Maint. Harlem Riv. Bridges	129 24
		<u>337 46</u>
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$37 64
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	39 63
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	15 25
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	25
	Music, Central Park.	25
		<u>93 02</u>

Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas meter. Maint. and Govmt.			
	Parks and P....		\$76 18
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas, Oct....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....		597 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Oct....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....		419 73
Potter, Howard, Treas. Mus. Nat. Hist.,			
expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....		170 00
Ryan, C., services.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., 1874.	\$208 33	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	208 33	
			416 66
Ryan, C., services.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$208 33	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	208 33	
			416 66
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., petty ex-			
penses, M. A.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....		605 07
Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., labor and			
materials.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		4,159 81
			<u>4,159 81</u>
			<u>\$15,334 55</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places	\$2,398 14
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	4,876 10
Paving 3d Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to Northern	
Boundary, 23d Ward.....	7,279 38
Music—Central Park.....	275 25
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1874.	208 33
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	193 24
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	57 25
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	46 86
	<u>\$15,334 55</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty-five cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, November 17, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.		CR.	
Nov. 3.	By balance.....		\$1,709 26
Nov. 3	} " Pound and sundry receipts, grass, rent to and licences		
Nov. 17.			792 57
			<hr/> \$2,501 83
1875.		DR.	
Nov. 3	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$792 57
Nov. 17.			
Nov. 17.	" balance.....		1,709 26
			<hr/> \$2,501 83

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, November 17th, 1875.

9.30 A. M.

Reduction of the Force in 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had, on the 15th inst., directed

that the force of laborers employed in the 23d and 24th Wards for the maintenance and government of the streets, &c., be reduced to five men, and he moved that his action be approved by the Board.

(Minutes, Oct. 27th, 1875, p. 350.)

Adopted..

Drainage, &c., of Central Park.

The Landscape Architect then read a report to the President upon the subject of the drainage of Central Park.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 66.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue— .

Police Force.

Applications for appointments on the police force were received from Michael Finigan and D. C. McBride.

Laid on the table.

Vitrified Pipe.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON presented a requisition, dated November 13th, 1875, from the Superintendent of Parks, for a quantity of vitrified pipe, and moved that the Secretary be directed to insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to furnish said pipe in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Superintending Engineer.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Estimates for 1876.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject of the moneys needed for the maintenance of the Department for 1876 be referred to the President and Commissioner Martin for their report.

(Minutes, Aug. 25th, 1875, p. 233.)

Adopted.

Construction Money.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject of the construction work of the Department for the year 1876, and the money needed therefor, be referred to the President and Commissioner Martin for their report.

Adopted.

Reports for 1874 and 1875.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the annual reports of the Department for 1874 and 1875 be consolidated in one volume, and that the Landscape Architect be requested to superintend their preparation, and submit them to the Board.

Adopted.

Engineer of Construction.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, No appropriation has as yet been made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the bridges proposed over the Harlem River.

Resolved, That the pay of Gen. Geo. S. Greene, Engineer of Construction, be reduced one half until the direction be given to him to commence work on the plans of the two bridges on the Harlem River.

(Minutes, Feb. 20th and Nov. 5th, 1875, pp. 530, 369.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said preamble and resolution be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That for the purpose of expediting the business of the Department, a meeting be held on Wednesday evening of each week, at half-past seven o'clock.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion of Commissioner Williamson, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M., to meet on Friday, the 19th inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1875.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following supplies, viz. :

I.—Lighting the public lamps in the parks, squares, places and bridges, under the control of this Department, with gas, from January 1st, 1876, to April 30th, 1876, both days inclusive.

(Minutes, October 12th, 1875, p. 326.)

II.—The delivery of 200 tons of coal.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 326.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

I.

NAME OF COMPANY MAKING PROPOSAL.	Gas, &c., for each lamp for four months.	Each lamp post straightened.	Each column re-leaded.	Each Stand-pipe refitted.	Each lamp-post removed.	Each lamp-post reset.	Each new lamp fitted up.	
	Gas, &c.							
No. 1. The Harlem Gas Light Co.	{ For Jan'y, '76.....\$4 08 } “ Feb'y, '76..... 3 45 } “ March, '76..... 3 45 } “ April, '76..... 2 97 }	\$13 95	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$10 00	\$10 00
No. 2. The Metropolitan Gas Light Co., of the city of New York.....		14 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	10 00
“ 3. The New York Gas Light Co.,.....		6 00	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	10 00	10 00
“ 4. The Manhattan Gas Light Co.....		6 00	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	10 00	10 00
“ 5. The New York Mutual Gas Light Co.		10 00	3 50	3 50	5 00	3 50	12 00	12 00

The Harlem Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the public parks and places within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows, namely :

“By a line commencing at the intersection of the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street and the East River ; running thence along the centre line of said Seventy-ninth Street and the centre line of Transverse Road No. 2, to the Hudson River ; thence along said Hudson River to Spuyten Duyvil Creek ; thence along said Creek to the Harlem River ; thence along said Harlem River and through the draws in the Central and Third Avenue Bridges to the East River, and thence along the East River to the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street, the place of beginning.”

The Metropolitan Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the following public parks and places, viz.:

“Reservoir Park, Park Avenue Parks, Plaza at Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Streets and Fifth Avenue, entrance to the Central Park at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, Circle at Fifty-ninth Street and Broadway, Transverse Road No. 1 and the south side of Transverse Road No. 2.”

The New York Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the public parks and places within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows, namely :

“South of a line running through Grand Street from the East River to Sullivan Street, thence to Canal Street and through Canal Street to the North or Hudson River.”

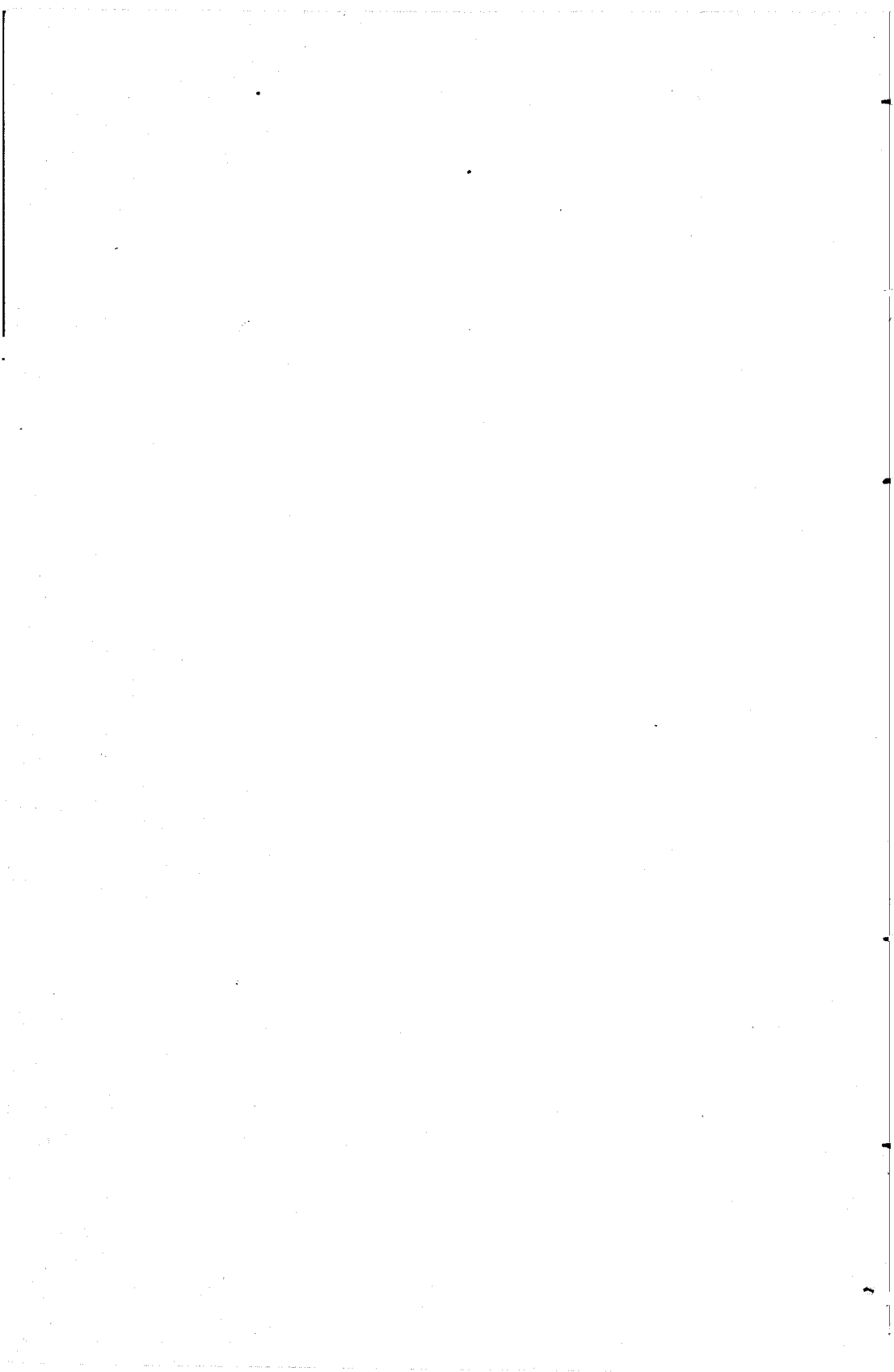
The Manhattan Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the public parks and places within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows : “On the north, by the centre line of Thirty-fourth Street ; on the south, by the centre line of Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets ; on the east, by the East River ; on the west, by the Hudson River.”

The New York Mutual Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the following public parks and places, namely: "Cooper Institute Park, Jackson Square, Tompkins Square, Washington Square, Washington Monument, Union Square Park, Madison Square Park, Worth Monument, and the Candelabra situated at the intersections of Twenty-third Street and Twenty-fourth Street with Broadway."

II.

No. 1.—Edward A. Breen	\$5.90	per ton of 2,240 lbs.
No. 2.—Walter Weston	\$5.45	" " "
No. 3.—Ver Planck & Irwin	\$5.30	" " "

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 17th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Third Avenue Grading.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, as follows :

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

November 18th, 1875.

A remonstrance of property owners against grading Third Avenue, from Harlem Bridge to One hundred and forty-seventh street, having been received and referred to the Committee on Lands, Places and Park Department, consisting of Aldermen Lysaght, Blessing and Deane, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the petition and memorial of property owners in opposition to the regrading of Third Avenue, in the annexed district, be directed to communicate with the Department of Public Parks, in order that they may ascertain, before reporting to this Board, what steps, if any, have been taken by said Department under the ordinance recently passed by the Board of Aldermen, and the clerk is hereby directed to notify the Department of Parks of the action taken by this Board on the subject.

(Minutes, Oct. 8th, 1875, p. 322.)

Referred to the President to reply.

From Mr. T. Mason Oliver, stating that a committee of property owners on the line of said Third Avenue, from Harlem bridge to 147th street, desired to have an interview with the Commissioners for the purpose of stating their objections to the proposed work of grading said portion of the avenue.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Mr. Oliver be notified that the Commissioners will receive said committee on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

From the Engineer of Construction, suggesting that the specifications for grading said portion of Third Avenue be amended in accordance with a copy which he submitted.

(Minutes, Oct. 8th, 1875, p. 322.)

Referred to the President to report.

Berrian Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting specifications for flagging the west side of Berrian Avenue from Kingsbridge Road to Isaac Street.

(Minutes, Nov. 9th, 1875, p. 373.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said specifications be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Filling on Manhattan Square.

From the Superintendent Engineer stating that the contractor for delivering 10,000 cubic yards of filling on Manhattan

Square, will not have the total amount delivered by the time specified in the contract.

(Minutes, Aug. 25th, 1875, p. 231.)

Referred to the President.

138th Street, Twenty-third Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the location adopted by the Board for the wooden pile bridge over Harlem River, near Madison Avenue, requires a change to be made in the lines of 138th Street in the Twenty-third Ward, so that they shall strike the bulk-head lines of Harlem River about 55 feet north of their present location, and stating that as the title to said 138th Street is directed by the Board to be acquired, it is necessary that the lines of the street should be changed before proceedings are commenced for that purpose. He also submitted a map showing the required change in the lines of said street.

(Minutes, January 30th and Oct. 27th, 1875, pp. 490 and 354.)

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, or a majority of them, deem the change (specified on the map or plan hereinafter mentioned) in the streets, roads and avenues as laid down and established by the commissioners appointed under chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the county of Westchester, on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required ; therefore,

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues within that part of the 23d Ward of the city of New York which formerly constituted the town of Morrisania, and which lies north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street at or in the Hudson River, running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th street and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River ; and running thence southerly along the middle of said

Harlem River to the Sound, north of Randel's Island, shown on a map or plan dated "New York, November 18th, 1875," and signed "J. J. R., Croes, Civil and Top. Engr. Dept. Public Parks," of the width, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated on said map or plan by red lines, figures and color, and that the width, extent and direction of the said streets, roads and avenues so laid out are such as to the said Commissioners or a majority of them seem most conducive to the public good; and also, that all streets, roads and avenues or any portions thereof, heretofore laid out within said part of the city of New York embraced by said map or plan, which are thereon shaded black, are hereby discontinued and closed, as it seems to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, most conducive to the public interest to discontinue and close the same; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads and avenues to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments where the same are not already so designated; also to have prepared and submitted to this Board three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

The Museum of Natural History Building.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that on account of some alterations in the roof construction of the Museum of Natural History building, it is necessary that the mason work of the south gable of the building should be altered and raised. That Messrs. Weeks & Son, the contractors, offered to do the work for \$114, which he thinks too high, and recommending that the work be executed by the force of the Department.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said work be ordered to be executed by the force in the employment of the Department, as recommended by the Superintending Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Museum of Natural History Building.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that Mr. Bickmore, the Superintendent of the American Museum of Natural History, has requested that the room in the northeast corner of the Museum of Natural History Building be fitted up with rough planks, shelving, doors, &c., &c., so that it can be used during the winter as a store-room for the collections of said Museum. Also estimating the cost of such work at \$150.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintendent be directed to have said room fitted up as requested, and that the work be done by the force in the employment of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Patrick Shields.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that Patrick Shields has been employed for the last five years repairing the harness, &c., &c., but that his time was kept by the late Painter in charge, and that he was allowed painters' rate of pay. That the recent discharge of all the painters, including the Painter in charge, necessitates some new arrangement to be made as regards said Patrick Shields.

(Minutes, November 12th, 1875, p. 376.)

Laid on the table.

Morris Avenue and College Avenue, 23d Ward.

The PRESIDENT made a verbal report concerning the widening of the proposed extension of Morris Avenue, in the 23d Ward, from 138th Street to 141st Street, and submitted a communication from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that the avenue be widened to 100 feet between said streets, in accordance with a map prepared by the late Civil and Topographical Engineer, which he also submitted.

He also submitted a statement of the views of the various property owners nearest to 138th Street, who would be affected by said widening.

He also recommended that the portion of College Avenue and of 140th Street, colored with a black shade on the map submitted, be closed and discontinued.

(Minutes, October 23d, 1875, p. 347.)

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, or a majority of them, deem the changes (specified in the map or plan hereinafter mentioned) in the streets, roads and avenues, as laid down and established by the Commissioners appointed under chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the county of Westchester, on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required ; therefore,

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues within that part of the 23d Ward of the city of New York which formerly constituted the town of Morrisania, and which lies north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th street, at or in the Hudson River ; running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th street and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River ; and running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem River to the Sound, north of Randel's Island, shown on map or plan dated October 28th, 1875, and signed "Geo. S. Greene, Civil and Top. Engr.," of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues

are designated on said map or plan by red lines, figures and color, and that the widths, extent and direction of the said streets, roads and avenues, so laid out, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good ; and also that all streets, roads and avenues, or any portions thereof heretofore laid out within said part of the city of New York embraced by said map or plan, which are thereon shaded black, are hereby discontinued and closed, as it seems to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, most conducive to the public interest to discontinue and close the same; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads and avenues to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated ; also to have prepared and submitted to this Board three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Coal.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 3) of Messrs. Verplanck and Irwin, to deliver 200 tons of coal, be rejected as informal, inasmuch as it is not accompanied by the consent of two householders or freeholders to become bound as sureties as required by the ordinances of the Common Council.

(Minutes, Nov. 19th, 1875, p. 399.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the proposal (No. 2) of Mr. Walter Weston, to deliver two hundred tons of coal be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Walter Weston, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Nov. 19th, 1875, p. 399.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Battery Park—Elevated Railway.

The PRESIDENT stated that in view of the meeting which the Commissioners of this Department had with the Directors of the New York Elevated Railroad Company, it was necessary that some action should be taken by the Board on the subject.

(Minutes, Nov. 12th, 1875, p. 379.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that the subject be referred to the President and Commissioner Martin, with the request that they consult the Counsel to the Corporation in regard to the matter, and report.

Adopted.

Applications for Increased Pay.

All the applications for increased pay which had been presented, were laid before the Board, and, after discussion of the subject, on motion of the President, seconded by Commissioner Martin, they were all rejected.

(Minutes, Nov. 12th, 1875, p. 379.)

Adjournment.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Saturday the 20th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Nays—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday, the 22d inst, at 8 o'clock P. M.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Nays—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Nays—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday, the 22d inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Nays—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

By consent, Commissioner MARTIN explained his vote on the two preceding motions, and stated that he voted in the negative because he has legal engagements beyond his control, which prevent his attendance in the afternoons.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 5.45 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th inst. was dispensed with.

Grading Third Avenue.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the order of business was suspended, and the committee of property owners, consisting of Messrs. T. M. Oliver, William Cauldwell, John York and John L. Burnett, who oppose the grading of Third Avenue from 147th Street to Harlem River, were received, as directed by the Board, at its last meeting.

(Minutes, Nov. 19th, 1875, p. 402.)

Messrs. Oliver, Burnett and Cauldwell then addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed grading, and stated that a large majority of the property owners were opposed to it. That they had addressed a petition to the Board of Aldermen, asking that the ordinances directing the work should be reconsidered, and they requested that in the mean time no further action should be taken in the matter by this Department.

The PRESIDENT then explained to the committee that this Department was only carrying out the instructions of the Common Council in regard to the matter. That the avenue, from 147th Street to Harlem River, is not now at the grade established by the map laying it out, and that the most the Department could now do was to suspend action in the matter for the present.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That no further action be taken in the matter of regulating and grading Third Avenue, from 147th Street to Harlem River, until ordered by the Board. That the Civil and Topographical Engineer report to the Board what, if any, changes he would recommend to be made in the established grade of said portion of Third Avenue, and that the Secretary be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Board of Aldermen.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

The committee then retired.

Battery Park.—Elevated Railroad.

The PRESIDENT then stated that Mr. W. L. Scott, a director of the New York Elevated Railroad Company, was in attendance, and desired to be heard before the Board, and he moved that he be now received.

Adopted.

Mr. W. L. Scott was then received, and he explained the route throug the Battery Park, which the New York Elevated Railroad Company desired to occupy by their road. He also urged on the commissioners to take some immediate action in the matter.

Commissioner MARTIN then presented the following report, upon the application of the said Railroad Co. for permission to construct its line through the Battery Park, viz. :

Commissioner MARTIN, from the committee to whom was referred the application of the New York Elevated Railroad Company for the designation of a route across the Battery, on his own behalf, reports as follows :

Under the route designated by the Commissioners of Rapid Transit, appointed under the Act of 1875, chap. 606, this railroad company apply to the Department for permission to construct their road, from the southerly end of Greenwich street, diagonally across the corner of the Battery to State street, about 200 feet southerly from Battery place, and then, after passing along State street and the edge of the Battery till within about 200 feet northerly from Whitehall street, to enter upon the Battery, and cross it diagonally to a point opposite to and on a line with Front street.

Reference is made to their map, which shows with precision the lines they propose.

This Department has the power to comply with their application.

I.—The jurisdiction of the Department over the Central Park is defined in section 4 of chapter 771 of the Laws of 1857. Their powers are full and exclusive to “govern, manage and direct;” and they possess generally “all the power and authority now by law conferred on or possessed by the “Common Council of said city, in respect to the public “squares and places in said city.”

By section 16 of chapter 383, laws of 1870, all the parks and public grounds south of Canal Street, including the Battery, were placed under their “control and management.” Those above Canal Street had been placed there by section 94, of chapter 137 of 1870. By section 6 of chapter 290, laws of 1871, the Department are vested, in respect to all these parks, with the power and authority theretofore possessed by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, in language which follows the original section in the law of 1857, above quoted. They have, therefore, the like powers in respect to all the city parks. The exercise of these powers in the Central Park furnishes illustrations apposite to the present case.

These powers may be regarded as those of ownership, with this exception, that they can not alienate the property, or permit acts out of which adverse rights can arise in favor of any other party (*Milbau v. Sharp*, 27 N. Y., 611). Within this restriction, they have complete power to hold and manage the parks, for the public use in its broadest sense, and to permit any structure or erections for such use thereon,

II.—The next question is whether the power of the Department in regard to the construction of the road is affected by anything in the Rapid Transit Act. The last clause of subdivision 5, of section 26 of that act (Chap. 606, Laws of 1875) is quoted in that light. It provides that no railway corporation created under that act “shall have the right to acquire the use “or occupancy of public parks or squares,” etc., “except such “as may have been designated for the route or routes of “such railway.” This provision can be read affirmatively, that such corporation shall have the right to acquire the use and occupancy of such public parks as may be designated for the route or routes of such railways.

The provision of the 4th section of the act that the commissioners shall fix and determine the route, and shall have exclusive power to locate it, over the lands in any county, except such as are contained in public parks, should not be brought into conflict with the 26th section, by construction, for the 26th section gives the power which the 4th section omits to give.

The 4th section, after the general direction to fix and determine the route, makes the power of the commissioners to locate it exclusive of all other authority over all lands except public parks and other excepted sites and areas.

Sub. 5, of the 26th Section, three times recognizes the fact that a public place may be designated for the route. But such designation cannot be made by the commissioners solely. They have not exclusive power to locate a route over a public place or park. The designation or location must receive the concurrence of the authority over the public place or park.

The commissioners have exercised their power by a general and duplicate or alternative designation “along the edge of the Battery and State st.,” leaving it to this Department to concur and to fix the precise line of construction, within the breadth of the designated route, according to their power and their judgment of the public interests.

III.—The route laid out for the company by the Rapid Transit Commissioners is, in the following words :

“Beginning at the intersection of Greenwich street and Battery Place, to, over and across Battery Place to the edge of the *Battery and State street, thence over, through and along the edge of the Battery and State street* to Whitehall street, thence over, through and along Whitehall street, to and connecting with the South Ferry, Hamilton Avenue Ferry and Staten Island Ferry, and from the intersection of State street and Whitehall street over and across Whitehall street to Front street” (minutes of the commissioners, 2d September, 1875, p. 166).

The description of their route is followed by a general resolution (p. 169),

“ *Resolved*, That whenever either of the routes hereinbefore fixed and determined, crosses a street, avenue, place or lands, such route includes, and is intended to include, and shall be deemed to include such crossing, and so much of said street, avenue, place or lands, as is there crossed, so as to allow and enable the construction of continuous and connected lines of railway along the route so crossing.”

The language of the description and the resolution indicates the distinction between the general designation of the route, and the line of actual railroad construction, to be fixed within the limits of the route, *i. e.*, the row of posts may be placed at points on a line (within the area of the street, avenue or park designated as the route), which is left to be determined by the engineers of the railroad corporation, or such other authorities as have cognizance of the subject. The designation of the route does not give the precise limitation of the engineers line of construction, but the breadth of surface within which it may be laid down.

IV.—The designated route includes the border of the Battery, and permits the adoption of the proposed line. The words of the description are, “to the edge of the Battery and State street,” and also, “over, through and along the edge of the Battery and State street.” The question is, what signification is to be given to the phrase “edge of the Battery.” Obviously, it does not mean the Battery side-walk along State street, east of the boundary of the Battery, for that is a part of, and is included in the term “State street.” Neither does it mean the lineal edge of the Battery, because a railroad cannot be built upon a mathematical line. Necessarily, therefore, it must mean the breadth of land along the interior border, or belt of the Battery, contiguous to State street. This view is supported by a definition which Webster gives of the word “edge,” viz: “the border, a part adjacent to the line of division, especially that which is nearest or approaching.”

The Department have, therefore, power to permit the construction of a road over the area of the Battery, on a line within a reasonable distance from State street, and this is to be determined by subjecting the line of favorable construction for the railroad, to the controlling considerations of the public use to which the Battery is held. The terms of the permission must be those of a revocable license. No estate in the land should be granted, and the public should be protected from the creation or growth of any adverse right by possession, contract or legal implication.

VI.—The use to which the Department holds the Battery is for the public, as a pleasure ground. This involves the preservation of green-sward, foliage and paths for the public travel.

A street railroad, and even a steam railroad upon a street, have been declared by the courts of last resort to be consistent with, and in furtherance of the uses for which streets and avenues are held by the public. The use of lands for the purposes of this railroad, in the Act (subdivision 5 of section 26, chap 606), is "declared to be a public use, consistent with the uses for " which the roads, streets, avenues and public places are publicly held." There is, therefore, not any conflict between the use of the Battery as a pleasure ground, and the uses of it by the public for such a railroad. The utilitarian use may be regarded as in accordance with the æsthetic use. The enjoyments of its natural beauties will be of the same nature, when the people ride through it on the road, as when they walk along its paths. The uses are of the same character and supplement each other without interference.

There are many reasons why the use of the Battery as an ornamental pleasure ground will be interfered with less by a road a few yards within its boundary, than by a road on its exact boundary, or on State street.

The rows of trees on that boundary and street, which are as fine as any on its whole surface, will not be destroyed; and the line can be laid over the green sward without injury to any tree of notable value. The railroad structure can be planted out where requisite, and it will not become the most prominent object, and wholly unrelieved, that strikes the attention of the visitor, as he approaches the Battery, at any of its entrances.

VII.—The general power of the Rapid Transit Commissioners to designate a route is exclusive over all lands, except public parks. There this Department has power to approve and concur. Without this approval, the designation is ineffectual. The Commissioners have designated a route under which the railroad will be built along the edge of the Battery, or along the street which borders it. Since this is inevitable, and since, in view of the public uses for which the Battery is held, there may be a choice, it is the obvious duty of this Department to exercise its power, and to control the precise line of construction.

I, therefore, recommend that the precise line be determined by the Landscape Architect, and that an agreement with the company be prepared in accordance with this report.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and referred to the President and Commissioner Martin, the committee appointed to consult with the Counsel to the Corporation on the subject.

(Minutes, November 19th, 1875, p. 408.)

Adopted.

Mr. W. L. Scott then retired, and the order of business was resumed.

The following communication was received and read :

Engineer Force.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that he will require the services of those members of the engineering force, whose employment expires at the end of November, 1875, for a longer period.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the following named persons, now employed in the office of the Superintending Engineer be continued in such employment, at the rates set opposite their names, until the 15th December, 1875, viz. :

C. M. Harris, Assistant Engineer.....	\$5 00	per day.
E. A. Miller, Rodman.....	3 00	" "
E. Kennedy, Chainman.....	3 00	" "
D. Campbell, ".....	3 00	" "
J. C. Trimbell, ".....	3 00	" "
W. A. Jeffries, Axeman.....	2 50	" "
Peter Kelly, ".....	2 50	" "

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Audit.

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

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats, etc.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	\$284 04
Byrne & Co., hay, oats, etc.	Maint and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	281 13
Barron, Jas. S., & Co., brooms.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.	27 00

Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., ginger.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		\$1 10
Claffin, H. B., & Co., muslin, cloth, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$8 79	
	City Parks Imp. F.	10 00	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards &c..	4 94	
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Draper, Daniel, sundries.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		21 21
Ferris, Wm. L., elm trees.....	City Parks Imp F..		100 00
Guest, Isaac B., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		7 50
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	City Parks Imp. F.		12 83
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		30 15
Johnston, J. O., taking down awnings..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		5 50
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., hard- ware.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$8 96	
	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.....	10 22	
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Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stoves, &c....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$113 79	
	City Parks Imp. F.	167 80	
		<hr/>	281 59
Murphy & Nesbit, bricks.....	City Parks Imp. F.		331 70
Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber and saw- dust.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$6 90	
	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.....	3,555 46	
		<hr/>	3,562 36
McDermot, John, meat, Oct.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		190 40
Mapes, Daniel, Jr., hay, oats, etc.....	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....		37 71
Merchant, S. L., & Co., cement.....	City Parks Imp. F.		258 50
Pratt, Chas., & Co., oil.....	City Parks Imp. F.		13 95

Rader, G. W., & Co., vitrified pipe.....	City Parks Imp. F.		\$179 57
Stevens, Plowdon, planing out timber....	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.....		19 18
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$20 40	
	City Parks Imp. F.	59 60	
			80 00
Verplanck, Bros., robes, blankets, &c....	City Parks Imp. F.	\$27 50	
	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	4 25	
			31 75
Van Riper, Chas., powder and sundries.	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	\$6 50	
	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.....	24 98	
			31 48
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City P. Impt. Fund		68 00
Ziegler, J., & Co., cloth.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		11 25
			<u>\$5,910 81</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.....	\$3,609 84
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,229 45
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	1,022 37
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	44 21
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	4 94
	<u>\$5,910 81</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-nine hundred and ten dollars and eighty-one cents.

(Signed,) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
 " JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Auditing Committee.

New York, November 22, 1875.

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

Bartlett, J. W., lamp globes.....	Maint., etc., Harlem R. Bridges.....	\$4 50
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	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$49 50	
			<hr/> \$54 00
Conway, Thos., keep of horse.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....		16 00
Crimmins, J. D. & T. E., building sand.	City Parks Imp. F.		58 80
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., blocks and rope.....	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.....		68 65
Hunter, Keller & Co., gas-pipe....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		17 70
Lefferts, Marshall, Jr., galvanized iron.	City Parks Impt. F.		15 68
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., waste, solder, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		17 58
Norris & Williams, plumbing and ma- terials.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$2 50	
	City Parks Impt. F.	155 09	
			<hr/> 157 59
Titus, Sarah, services.....	Maint. and Govmt. 23d and 24th Wards.....		12 50
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.....	\$14 00	
	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	7 00	
			<hr/> 21 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office, Oct..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		30 00
Voorhis, John D., pavement.....	City Parks Impt. F.		500 00
<i>The World</i> , advertising.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		4 80
			<hr/> <hr/> \$974 30

RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund.....	\$729 57
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	99 08

Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.....	\$87 15
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	42 50
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	16 00
	\$974 30

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nine hundred and seventy-four dollars and thirty cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
 " JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
 Auditing Committee.

New York, November 23d, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Title to Streets, &c., in 23d Ward.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Board on the 27th day of October, 1875, requesting the Corporation Counsel to take proceedings for acquiring title to certain streets in the 23d Ward, be amended by striking from the list of such streets, " 167th street, from Jerome (late Central) Avenue to the Southern Boulevard."

(Minutes, October 27th, 1875, p. 353.)

Adopted.

Clerical Force, pay of.

The PRESIDENT moved that the salaries of all employés, now charged in the proportion of one-half to maintenance of parks and places and one-half to construction, be charged, from November 1st, 1875, and until further order, in the proportion

of one-fourth to maintenance of parks and places, and three-fourths to construction.

(Minutes, September 23d, 1875, p. 288.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Reduction of Salaries.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the importance of a reduction in the expenses of the City Government is plainly demanded by the public voice, and, in obedience thereto, this Department orders—

First.—That all salaries of \$1,000 and up to \$2,000 be, and they are hereby, reduced by 5 per cent. thereon.

Second.—All salaries above \$2,000 and up to \$4,000 be, and are hereby, reduced 10 per cent. thereon.

Third.—All salaries above \$4,000 be, and the same are hereby, reduced 15 per cent. thereon.

Fourth.—These reductions shall take effect from and after the 1st December next.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said resolution be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, Thomas Hayden, the contractor for building a new draw for, and placing it in proper position in, the Central bridge, over the Harlem River, is not entitled to any payment on account of said contract, and has, by abandoning said work, forfeited all his rights in said contract.

And whereas, Said new draw is now being built by days' work, as authorized by the Common Council ; therefore,

Resolved, That no payment be made to said Thomas Hayden on account of said contract, and that the Comptroller of the city be notified of this resolution.

(Minutes, May 7th, 1875, p. 16.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Central Bridge.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It is disadvantageous to keep the draw of Central bridge closed.

Resolved, That the work on the repairs to said bridge be placed under the Superintendent of Parks, and that he be directed to place double gangs on said work, and to report without delay whether any more men should be employed in order to have the work on the bridge completed as soon as practicable.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1875, p. 369.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Streets in portion of 24th Ward.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to this Board plans for streets, roads and avenues within that section of the 24th Ward which is bounded by Jerome (late Central) Avenue, Woodlawn Cemetry, the Harlem Railroad and the Southern Boulevard, together with an estimate of the cost of construction.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer and Landscape Architect be directed to prepare and submit to this Board plans for streets, roads and avenues within that section of the 24th Ward which is bounded by Jerome (late Central)

Avenue, Woodlawn Cemetery, the Harlem Railroad and the Southern Boulevard, together with an estimate of the cost of construction.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1875, p. 370.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

167th Street, 23d Ward.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer and Landscape Architect be directed to prepare and submit to this Board plans for altering and amending the lines and grades of 167th Street, from Jerome (late Central) Avenue to Union Avenue, and an extension of said 167th Street to the Southern Boulevard.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said resolution be amended by striking therefrom the words "and Landscape Architect."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Marion Avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer and

Landscape Architect be directed to prepare and submit to this Board plans and profiles of the grades of Marion Avenue in the Twenty-fourth Ward, from Kingsbridge Road to Ridge Street.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said resolution be amended by striking therefrom the words "and Landscape Architect."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th instant were read and approved, and on motion of the PRESIDENT the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of this date was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Concord Ave.

From the Health Department, with reference to the condition of Concord Avenue.

Also from the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards reporting on the same subject.

The PRESIDENT stated that, as requested by the Board on the 29th September, 1875, he had applied to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice as to the proper method to proceed with the completion of the grading of said Avenue, but had not as yet received his reply. That he had replied to the Health Department stating the action taken by this Department in relation to said Avenue, and forwarding a copy of the report of the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, and moved that his action be approved.

(Sept. 29th, 1875, p. 295.)

Adopted.

Battery Sea Wall.

From the Comptroller of the city, stating that he had deducted \$338.37 from the final estimate of Mr. A. J. Howell, the contractor for repairing the sea-wall at the Battery, that amount being for extra work not included in the contract.

(Minutes, May 21st, 1875, p. 38.)

Referred to the President to reply.

Deficiencies of 1873.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution adopted by said Board on the 25th inst, viz. :

“Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) is hereby transferred from the appropriation for ‘Fire Department Fund,’ 1874, the same being in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriation for ‘Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places,’ 1873, the same being insufficient.”

(Minutes, Oct. 12, 1875, p. 332.)

Filed.

American Museum of Natural History.

From the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that a watchman be placed at the Museum of Natural History building, as a large quantity of valuable collections will be stored in the building during the winter.

(Minutes, Nov. 19, 1875, p. 405.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the Superintendent of Parks to detail a watchman as requested, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Filling at Manhattan Square.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally with reference to the subject of the delivery of filling on Manhattan Square by the contractor, and presented a letter from the Superintending En-

gineer, stating that about 2,300 cubic yards have been delivered. That the contractor is delivering the filling at the rate of about 250 to 300 cubic yards a-day, and that he does not know that there will be any loss to the city in the event of the time specified in the contract being overrun.

(Minutes, Nov. 19, 1875, p. 402.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

College Avenue, 24th Ward.

The PRESIDENT stated that the authorities of St. John's College in the 24th Ward had called on him and represented that Mr. John B. Haskin had erected one, and was in the act of erecting a second house on the line of College Avenue in front of the property of the college.

That he had instructed the Civil and Topographical Engineer and the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards to examine the matter and report to him, which reports he then submitted to the Board.

It appearing from these reports that the houses seem to stand on College Avenue, but that there is a question raised as to whether that portion of College Avenue on which they are erected was ever dedicated as a public street by Mr. Haskin, whose property the street originally was,

Commissioner MARTIN moved that both the authorities of St. John's College and Mr. John B. Haskin be requested to furnish this Department with copies of all deeds and other documents relating to the subject of the dedication of said College Avenue as a public street, and also that they submit in writing any statement they may desire to make on the subject.

Adopted.

Offices at Fordham, in 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that the lease of the offices at Ford-

ham for the use of the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards expires on the 1st January next, and that it was necessary to renew the lease for another year or make some other provision.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the subject of procuring offices for the use of the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards for the year 1876, be referred to the President with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Reduction of Salaries.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the preamble and resolution offered by the President with relation to the reduction of salaries, and laid on the table at the meeting of the Board held this day, be now taken from the table.

Adopted.

(Minutes, Nov. 24, 1875, p. 422.)

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preamble and resolution, as a substitute therefor :

Whereas, The amounts of the salaries now paid by this Department are not properly adjusted to the character and extent of the services rendered by the officers and employés ; because many of them have been at various times fixed or altered, and by changes in the allotment of duties, have become disproportioned to the value of the services rendered.

Whereas, Some of the positions now held in the Department, are filled by persons who are incompetent to the duties put upon them, and some of them are unnecessary and ought to be abolished ;

And *whereas*, under these circumstances, the proportionate reduction proposed in the resolution of the President, works inequality and injustice among the employés of the Department, some of whom are now filling superfluous offices and others doing faithful work for inadequate compensation ;

And *whereas*, the resolution does not reduce the salary of the President :

Resolved, That the reduction proposed in the report of Commissioner Martin, presented on the 19th November, 1875, and now made to the Board, be adopted, with the following modifications, to take effect on 1st December, 1875 :

In the Secretary's Bureau :	
To reduce Mr. I. Evans to	\$2,500
" Mr. D. P. Lord to	2,500
To discharge Mr. F. C. A. Hecker.	
In the Disbursing Clerk's Office :	
To discharge Mr. G. H. Harrison.	
To reduce Mr. W. Van Valkenburgh to.....	3,500
In the Property Clerk's Office :	
To vacate the office and discharge the incumbent.	
In the Bureau of Construction :	
To reduce General George S. Greene to.....	4,500
In the Superintending Engineer's Office :	
To reduce Mr. John Bogart, Superintending Engineer, to.....	4,500

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution offered by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said original preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 6:30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Monday, the 29th inst. at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of the 24th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Menagerie.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that the contemplated improvements and repairs, recommended to be made to the Menagerie by Commissioner Martin in his report from the Executive Committee, which was presented to the Board on the 17th inst., seem to come plainly within the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, and that he has no doubt that the expenses thereof can be paid out of the fund authorized to be raised by said section.

(Minutes, Nov. 17th, 1875, p. 338.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the said report presented by Commissioner Martin to the Board on the 17th inst., recommending certain improvements and repairs to be made to the Menagerie, be adopted by the Board, and that the improvements and repairs thereby recommended be made, and the cost of the work charged to the fund provided by Section one, Chap. 608, Laws of 1875.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Boston Avenue, Twenty-third Ward.

From Mr. W. H. Grant, Engineer in charge of the work of paving Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, recommending that a slight change be made in the grade of Boston Avenue at its junction with Third Avenue.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report upon.

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that he had placed six laborers and four carpenters additional on the work of repairing the draw of Central Bridge, and had given orders that the entire force work nine hours instead of eight.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1875, p. 423.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and the action of the Superintendent approved by the Board.

Adopted.

Suspension of Laborers.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that he had suspended nine laborers on the city parks, on account of there not being sufficient work at this season of the year to keep them all employed.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and the action of the Superintendent approved by the Board.

Adopted.

Henry Rown, Gate-keeper.

From Henry Rown, gate-keeper, resigning his position from the 25th inst.

Accepted.

College Avenue, 24th Ward.

From Mr. John H. Harnett, attorney for St. John's College, stating that all the documents bearing upon the subject of the alleged encroachments on College Avenue, in the 24th Ward, by Mr. John B. Haskin, will be furnished to the Department as soon as possible.

Also from Mr. John B. Haskin, asking to be excused from furnishing the Department with any documents relating to said subject for the present.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1875, p. 429.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communications be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Third Avenue, grading.

From Mr. William Cauldwell, explaining that he only opposed the grading of Third Avenue between 141st and 147th Streets, and that he considered the grading of said avenue from 141st Street to Harlem River to be imperatively necessary, to give status to the avenue for business purposes.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1875, p. 411.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, for his consideration when reporting upon the grade of said avenue.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1875, p. 412.)

Adopted.

Berrian Avenue, flagging.

From Mr. Philip Duffy, on behalf of himself and a number of other property owners on the line of Berrian Avenue, between Kingsbridge Road and Isaac Street, requesting that they

be permitted to lay the flagging on the sidewalk on the west side of said avenue, as directed by the Common Council, at their own expense.

(Minutes, Nov. 19th, 1875, p. 402.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that permission be granted to the property owners along said portion of Berrian Avenue to lay said flagging on the sidewalk at their own expense, the work to be done under the directions of the Engineer of Construction, and to be completed before April 1st, 1876; and that in the meantime, all other action in the matter be suspended.

Adopted.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From Mr. Henry Lewis Morris, requesting that the location for the proposed bridge over Harlem River, from 139th Street on the west side, to 138th Street on the east side, of said river, be changed to Fifth Avenue on the west side and 149th Street on the east side of said river.

(Minutes, Jan. 30th, and Nov. 19th, 1875, pp. 490 and 403.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be referred to the President, with the request that he reply thereto, that it is not considered expedient to change the location heretofore determined upon.

Adopted.

Westchester Avenue, 23d Ward.

Commissioner MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, reported verbally in favor of widening Westchester Avenue, in the 23d Ward, to 100 feet, and he presented a letter from the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the subject, together with a map or plan of said avenue, from Third Avenue to the Bronx River.

(Minutes, November 17th, 1875, p. 388.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, or a majority of them, deem the changes (specified on the map or plan hereinafter mentioned) in the streets, roads and avenues, as laid down and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the register of the county of Westchester, on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required ; therefore

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues within the 23d Ward of the city of New York, lying north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the Hudson River ; running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River ; and running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem River to the Sound, north of Randel's Island, shown on a map or plan entitled "A map or plan of Westchester Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York, from Third Avenue to the Bronx River," dated "New York, November 27th, 1875," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated on said map or plan by red lines, figures and color ; and that the widths, extent and direction of the said streets, roads and avenues, so laid out, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good ; and that the President of the Department cause the several streets, roads and avenues to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated ; also to have prepared and submitted to this Board three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Morningside Park.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that the building of the wall of Morningside Park, from 110th to 114th Street, as requested by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, would have to be done by contract ; that before a contract could be executed, the season would be so far advanced that no mason-work could be executed, so that the work could not be done before next spring ; and that he had so informed the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works.

(Minutes, November, 17th, 1875, p. 387.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and adopted.

Adopted.

Suspension Bridge.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, that the President be authorized and requested to instruct the Counsel to the Corporation to commence proceedings to acquire the title, for the public use, to the approaches to the proposed suspension bridge across the Harlem River north of the bridge known as the "High Bridge," but not more than half a mile therefrom, as the same are shown on the maps thereof filed by this Department.

(November 3d, 1875, p. 365.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Extension of Webster and Brook Avenues.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the communication of the late Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting the map or plan of Brook and Webster Avenue extension, presented to the Board on April 23d, 1875, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, April 30th and June 29th, 1875, pp. 691 and 114.)

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, or a majority of them, deem the changes (specified on the map or plan hereinafter mentioned) in the streets, roads and avenues as laid down and established by the commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the county of Westchester on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required ; therefore,

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues within the 23d and 24th Wards of the city of New York lying north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the Hudson River ; running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River ; and running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem River to the Sound north of Randel's Island, shown on a map or plan entitled " A map or plan for the extension of Brook Avenue, for the widening and extension of Webster Avenue through the valley of Mill Brook, and for adjacent and connecting streets," dated " February 9th, 1875," and signed " Geo. S. Greene, Civil and Top'l Engineer," of the width, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated on said map or plan by red lines, figures and color, and that the width, extent and direction of the said streets, roads and avenues so laid out are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good ; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads and avenues to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where, the same are not already so designated ; also to have prepared and submitted to this Board three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Reduction of Salaries.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the subject of the reduction of salaries be now taken up.

(Minutes, Nov. 24, 1875, p. 430.)

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the salary of Mr. John Bogart, Superintending Engineer, be reduced from \$5,200 to \$4,500.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor :

Resolved, That the importance of a reduction in the expenses of the City Government is plainly demanded by the public voice, and in obedience thereto this Department orders—

First.—That all salaries of \$1,000 and up to \$2,000 be and they are hereby reduced by 5 per cent. thereon.

Second.—All salaries above \$2,000 and up to \$4,000 be and are hereby reduced 10 per cent. thereon.

Third.—All salaries above \$4,000 be and the same are hereby reduced 15 per cent. thereon.

Fourth.—These reductions shall take effect from and after the 1st December next.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute offered by the President, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that said original resolution be amended to read as follows :

Resolved, That the salaries of the following named employes be fixed at the rate set opposite their names respectively, from December 1st, 1875, viz.:

George S. Greene, Engineer of Construction	\$5,000
John Bogart, Superintending Engineer	5,000
J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Top'l Engineer	5,000

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said amended resolution be amended by striking therefrom the following : "George S. Greene, Engineer of Construction, \$5,000."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said motion to amendment moved by Commissioner Williamson, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the salaries of Mr. Isaac Evans, Assistant Secretary, and Mr. D. P. Lord, First Clerk, be reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the office of Property Clerk be abolished.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved as a substitute therefor, that the Executive Committee be instructed to visit and examine the offices of the Property Clerk and the Disbursing Clerk and report.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute moved by Commissioner O'Donohue, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the salary of Mr. W. D. Beall, clerk, be fixed at \$1,200, and that his title be changed to "Second Clerk."

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved as a substitute therefor, that the further consideration of the subject of salaries be laid on the table until the next meeting of the board.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 6:40 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet on Friday, the 3d inst., at o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3d, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of November 29th, and December 1st, 1875, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Battery Park—Elevated Railroad.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, with relation to the question of the construction of the line of the New York Elevated Railroad Company through the Battery Park, in which he states as follows, viz. :

“ It so happens that the whole matter” * * * “ is
“ entirely within your disposal. By Chapter 290 of the Laws
“ of 1871, it is provided that the Park Commissioners ‘ shall
“ ‘ possess all the powers and authority heretofore possessed
“ ‘ by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of said city ;’
“ and the power has been continued by the Charter of 1873 to
“ the present time, so that all the authority of the City over
“ the Battery resides in the Park Department. Under its
“ earliest Charter the city acquired an absolute ownership in
“ fee simple in a strip of land all round the island between
“ high and low water-mark—an ownership without limita-
“ tion of any kind nor coupled with any trust. For the most
“ part, this strip of land has been sold by the city, and is built
“ upon and owned now by private persons. This ownership is
“ an entirely different title from any which the city gets by
“ authority of the State, and by exercising the right of eminent
“ domain. In all these latter cases it may be questionable

“ whether the land so assigned is not always held as a public trust for limited purposes and uses, but in the case of this strip of land, it is owned by the city absolutely, with all the powers of disposition that a private individual has over his property. This strip of land at the Battery covers the entire width of Greenwich Street at its junction with Battery Place, and runs through the Battery to the edge of the Battery and State Street, in about the line indicated as the most desirable to be pursued in this case.”

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1875, p. 412.)

Filed.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Landscape Architect to examine and report forthwith on the best route for the construction of the line of the New York Elevated Railway Company from the corner of Battery Place and Greenwich Street to Whitehall Street, in view of the purposes for which the Battery is now held.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare and submit to the Board such agreement between this Department and the New York Elevated Railroad Company in respect to their route between Battery Place and Whitehall Street, or such preambles and resolutions as he may recommend, with his opinion on any points that may arise.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation states in his opinion to the Department, dated December 1st, 1875, when referring to public parks, the ownership of which the city gets by authority of the State, that “ in all these” * * * “cases it may be questionable whether the land so acquired is not always held as a public trust for limited purposes and uses.”

Resolved, That he be, and hereby is, requested to inform this Board whether, in his judgment, the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, have the legal right to designate a route for a railroad over or through the Battery Park or any portion of it.

And whether the Commissioners governing this Department have the legal right to allow the New York Elevated Railroad

Company to construct its line over or through said Battery Park or any portion of it.

Adopted.

Concord Avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation stating that if this Department completes the work of regulating and grading Concord Avenue in the 23d Ward, it will have to do so in accordance with the laws in existence for such works in the late town of Morrisania prior to the 1st day of January, 1874. That it is doubtful whether there is now any power to raise the funds necessary for the prosecution of works under such laws; and recommending that application be made to the Legislature to authorize the work of completing this improvement on Concord Avenue, to be done under and in accordance with the general provisions of law relating to similar works in this city.

(Minutes, Nov. 24, 1875, p. 427.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received and filed, and that the President be requested to have prepared and submitted to the Board a draft act, as recommended by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

Pay-Rolls.

From the Comptroller of the city, returning the pay-rolls of the laborers for the two weeks ending November 20th, 1875, and stating that "upon examination it is found that they are "not in accordance with" his "request of November 3d," 1875, "requiring a separate pay-roll for each different work on "which the labor or service has been performed, charged to "the several appropriations or funds to which they belong."

Filed.

(Minutes, Nov. 5th, 1875, p. 367.)

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas The pay-roll of the Department for the two weeks ending November 20, 1875, which was returned by the Comptroller on 2d inst., has been made out according to the forms prescribed by the Finance Department and long in use; and

Whereas, The letter of the Comptroller of the 3d November, 1875, did not prescribe any new or different forms, and requested only that we should send "a separate pay-roll for each class of work," which was complied with by showing the distinction between the only classes of work known in the Department, that of "Maintenance" and "Construction."

Whereas, The Comptroller is in error in stating in his letter of 2d inst. that the pay-roll which he returns is "not in accordance" with his request of November 3d.

Whereas, He does not in his letter prescribe any new forms for rendering accounts or make any intelligible indication of what separation on the pay-rolls he wants by omitting to define what he means by "different works;" and

Whereas, The accounts of the labor of the men on the pay-roll cannot, as the accounts have been kept, be separated with any accuracy:

Resolved, That Mr. Green be requested to pay the men on the pay-rolls which are hereby returned to him for that purpose.

That he be requested, if he desires to prescribe any new or different forms for rendering accounts, to send the same to the Department for future pay-rolls.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preambles and resolution as a substitute for those offered by Commissioner Martin:

Whereas, On the request of the Comptroller of the city, contained in his letter of the 3d November, 1875, the laborers' pay-rolls for the two weeks ending the 6th November, 1875, was prepared in three separate rolls, which proved satisfactory to the Finance Department, and the laborers were all paid; and

Whereas, The subsequent laborers' pay-roll for the two weeks ending November 20th, 1875, has not been so separated, and in consequence the laborers have not received their pay.

Resolved, That the laborers' pay-roll for the two weeks ending November 20th, 1875, be prepared and separated in the same manner as that for the two weeks ending November 6th, 1875, and that the same course be pursued in the future until further order.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute offered by the President, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that the preambles and resolution offered by Commissioner Martin be separated.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preambles offered by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Pay of Laborers.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding copies of the following preambles and resolutions adopted by the Board of Aldermen, on November 8th and 23d, 1875, respectively.

Whereas, The people of this city have, at the late election, declared in the most emphatic and unmistakable terms against the wisdom of reduction of the laborers wages by the heads of the several Departments; and

Whereas, It is the part and duty of wise public officials to recognize as final and conclusive the decision of the sovereign people; now, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Common Council, in the name of the people of the city, whom we directly represent, do most respectfully and earnestly renew our recent demand that the heads of the several Departments reconsider their action, and restore, without delay, the wages of the public laborers to their former standard.

Whereas, This Common Council has ordered, by unanimous vote, that the pay of the laborers shall be \$2 per day, and as it is important that this Board should be informed by the heads of the several Departments of the City Government if it is intended by them to conform to the direction thus given by the Common Council; be it therefore

Resolved, That the heads of the several Departments of the City Government be, and they are hereby, required to report to this Board, at its next meeting, if they intend to obey the order of this Common Council, making such increase in the daily wages of the laborers, or if they still intend to persist in refusing to comply with the said order so increasing the pay of laborers in the employ of the City Government.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 206.)

Filed.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President be requested to inform the Board of Aldermen that no reduction has, as yet, been made by this Department in the pay of laborers.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting on the progress of the work under his charge for the four weeks ending Nov. 20th, 1875.

(Minutes, November 3d, 1875, p. 357.)

Filed.

Streets in 24th Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan for streets, roads and avenues within a portion of that section of the 24th Ward, which is bounded by Jerome Avenue Woodlawn Cemetery, the Harlem Railroad and the Southern Boulevard.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1875, p. 423.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, road and avenues within the 24th Ward of the city of New York, lying north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the Hudson River ; running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River ; and running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem River to the Sound, north of Randel's Island, shown on a map or plan entitled "A map or plan of streets, avenues and roads in the 24th Ward of the city of New York north of the Southern Boulevard and west of the Harlem Railroad," dated "New York, December 3d, 1875," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the widths, extent and

direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated on said map or plan by red lines, figures and color ; and that the widths, extent and direction of the said streets, roads and avenues so laid out are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good ; and that the President of the Department cause the several streets, roads and avenues to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated ; also to have prepared and submit to this Board three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Boston Avenue, 23d Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting in favor of the change of the grade of Boston Avenue in the 23d Ward, at its junction with Third Avenue, recommended by Mr. Wm. H. Grant, Engineer, and submitting a plan and profile of the proposed change.

(Minutes, Nov. 29th, 1875, p. 434.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, or a majority of them, deem the changes (specified on the plan and profile hereinafter mentioned) in the streets, roads and avenues, as laid down and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the county of Westchester, on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required ; therefore,

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby alter, amend and establish the grades

of the streets, roads and avenues within that part of the 23d Ward of the city of New York which formerly constituted the town of Morrisania, and which lies north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street at or in the Hudson river; running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem river; and running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem river to the sound, north of Randel's Island, shown on a plan and profile entitled "Plan and profile showing grades of portions of the 3d Avenue and Boston Avenue, as altered, amended and established by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874," dated "New York, December, 3d, 1875," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the extent and direction that said grades are designated on said plan and profile, and that the grades so altered, amended and established are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good. And that the President of the Department cause to be prepared and submit to this Board three similar plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

John Rodner, Laborer.

From the Disbursing Clerk, reporting that a laborer working in Foreman Carroll's gang had personated a man named John Rodner, to whom a labor ticket had been given. That the man at work is not John Rodner, but that he was unable to ascertain his real name.

Filed.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said laborer be discharged, and that he be not paid any money appearing on the pay-rolls to be due to John Rodner.

Adopted.

3d Avenue Paving Inspector.

From Mr. Wm. H. Grant, Engineer in charge of the paving of Third Avenue, recommending that the services of Isaac Bodine, inspector on said work, be dispensed with for the present.

(Minutes, November 9, 1875, p. 374.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Paving,

From Mr. Wm. H. Grant, Engineer in charge of the paving of Third Avenue, stating that Mr. Everard, the contractor for paving the section of said avenue south of 163d Street desires to continue the paving, although, in his judgment, if he does so during the frost, the pavement will be damaged and may require to be relaid when the frost goes. Also that a portion of the curb-stones, which have been set, require to be raised, but that this cannot be done until Spring.

(Minutes, November 17th, 1875, p. 389.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Monumenting and Naming Streets, North End of Island.

The PRESIDENT reported that Messrs. John Haven and Lawson N. Fuller and Dr. C. A. Stoddard, a committee from the Washington Heights Association, had called on him with reference to monumenting and naming the streets north of 155th Street on the Island, and had presented to him the following resolutions adopted by said association, viz. :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to wait upon and confer with the Commissioners of Parks, and endeavor to impress upon them the importance of having permanent monuments set, without delay, in that portion of this Island north of 155th Street, to designate the streets, avenues or drives, which have been, or may hereafter be, laid out by such Commissioners, and of having suitable names given to all such streets, avenues or drives, and of having cut upon every such monument the number, name or the initial letter of the street, avenue

or drive which such monument is designed to mark or indicate, in the same manner as all streets and avenues south of 155th Street were marked and designated more than sixty years ago; of having every such monument set upon the marginal line of such street, avenue or drive, and that wherever two such intended highways intersect each other such intersection shall be indicated by one of such monuments, lettered to indicate such point of intersection.

Resolved, That such committee be requested to suggest to the Commissioners of Parks the propriety of helping to preserve some of the historical associations connected with this end of the Island, by selecting for the names of some of the roads laid out by them names of individuals distinguished for the services rendered by them to their country, in this locality, during the war of American Independence. And, furthermore, that your committee prepare and submit to the Commissioners of Parks a list of names which they deem suitable and proper to be so applied, and request said Commissioners to adopt them.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said resolutions be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

Adopted.

Gas.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposals (Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4) of The Harlem Gas Light Co., The Metropolitan Gas Light Co., The New York Gas Light Co. and The Manhattan Gas Light Co. to light the public lamps in the parks, squares, places and bridges under control of this Department, with gas, from Jan'y 1st to April 30th, 1876, both days inclusive, be accepted as the lowest bids for the several portions of the city mentioned in their several proposals; that the contracts be awarded to them therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Nov'r 19th, 1875, p. 397.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Bridle Paths in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT presented a report from the Landscape Arch-

itect on the subject of a promenade, consisting of a drive, ride and walks, arranged side by side in the Central Park.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 67.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Pay of Laborers, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay of laborers, foremen and mechanics be fixed at the rates now established and paid by the Department of Public Works and the Department of Docks.

(Minutes, July 21, 1875. p. 153.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then offered the following preamble and resolution as a substitute therefor :

Whereas, The laws of the United States and the State of New York have limited a day's labor to eight hours, and

Whereas, The cost of all necessaries of life is continued at a high rate,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board \$2 is not too much for a day's labor of eight hours.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute offered by Commissioner O'Donohue, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that said resolution, and the whole subject, be laid on the table.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved as an amendment to said resolution, that there be added at the end thereof the following : “ And that, if the pay of the laborers is reduced, the “ salaries of the President and Treasurer be reduced in the “ same proportion.”

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson.—2.

Nays—Commissioners Stebbins, O'Donohue.—2.

Commissioner Martin then offered the following preambles and resolution, as a substitute for said original motion :

Whereas, The obstructions from the Comptroller, and the delay in this Department in ordering the work forward, prevented the laborers from being set to work until the month of October, leaving but two months of working weather, and this has been harder on the laborers, by shortening the length of the working season, than any reduction of the wages by the day.

Whereas, The obstructions and delays Mr. Green interposes to the public work which this Department and other Departments propose to carry forward, hinders the progress of works necessary for the public interests, and which by giving full employment to laborers would sustain the rate of wages : therefore

Resolved, That the subject of the reduction of the pay of laborers, foremen and mechanics be, and hereby is, postponed indefinitely.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said preambles and resolution be separated.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said preambles offered by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Nays—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution offered by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said original resolution offered by the President, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 7.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1875.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square (East). }

NEW YORK, 10th Dec., 1875.

Mr. Wm. Irwin,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday, the 13th inst., at half-past nine o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned to meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock P. M.

Wm. Irwin,

Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 3d and 8th instants and this A. M. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Suspension of Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that, as it would be disadvantageous to proceed with all the mason-work, particularly such work as setting cut-stone, &c., during the winter season, he had suspended 39 masons and stone-cutters until further orders.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the action of the Superintendent of Parks be not approved by the Board, and that said masons and stone-cutters be restored to work.

The PRESIDENT moved as a substitute therefor, that the action of the Superintendent of Parks be approved by the Board and that said masons and stone-cutters be discharged.

Commissioner MARTIN moved to amend said substitute moved by the President so that it would read as follows :

“That the action of the Superintendent of Parks be approved by the Board, and that twenty of said masons and stone-cutters be discharged, and nineteen restored to work.”

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, moved by Commissioner Martin, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute motion, moved by the President, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said original motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, then moved that the Superintendent of Parks be instructed to restore to work sixteen of said masons and stone-cutters.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Engineering Force.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that he will require for some time longer the services of those members of the Engineering force whose employment expires on the 15th inst. (Minutes, November 24th, 1875, p. 417.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the following named persons, now employed in the office of the Superintending Engineer, be continued in such employment, at the rates set opposite their names, until the end of December, 1875, viz.:

C. M. Harris, Assistant Engineer.....	\$5 00 per day.
E. A. Miller, Rodman.....	3 00 "
E. Kennedy, Chainman.....	3 00 "
D. Campbell, ".....	3 00 "
J. C. Trimble, ".....	3 00 "
W. A. Jeffries, Axeman.....	2 50 "
Peter Kelly, ".....	2 50 "

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Watson Manufacturing Company, contractors for the iron work of the Museum of Art, stating that they have been delayed in their work by no fault of theirs, that they have all the material for the completion of their work delivered on the ground, and asking for the following payments on account, viz.:

On account of the	7th	payment of \$17,200.....	\$12,000
"	"	8th " 17,200.....	12,000
"	"	9th " 9,200.....	6,000
"	"	10th " 9,200.....	5,000
"	"	16th " 4,500.....	3,500

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting on said application and recommending that the payments on account be made as requested, as the work can not now be finished this winter.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare the necessary estimates for payments on account to said Watson Manufacturing Company as requested.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Broadway Underground Railway.

From Mr. A. E. Beach, President of the Broadway Underground Railway, asking permission for the occasional temporary removal of the iron grating over the shaft of said railway at City Hall Park.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said permission be granted, under such directions as the Superintendent of Parks shall prescribe.

Adopted.

Audit.

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

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

Bartlett, J. W., lamp tops, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$27 60
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone. . .	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	617 02
Byrne & Co., oats.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	66 25
Crimmins, J. D., & Thos. E., build- ing sand.	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	19 60
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., annealed iron. .	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	7 62
Croes, Jas. J. R., petty expenses.	Surv'g, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	34 12
Donovan, Jas. V., graminivorous build- ing.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	523 95
Gates, Church E., lumber and sash. . .	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards....	78 55
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas meter, October and November.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	185 90
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., butts, services, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.... City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$2 25 19 06
		<hr/> 21 31
Moran & Armstrong, labor and mat'ls. Museum of Art.		7,000 00
Moran & Armstrong, labor and mat'ls. City Parks Impt. Fund.....		898 05
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas meter, October and November.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	15 95
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, cement. . . .	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	935 21
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	862 05
Rollins, True W., iron and labor.	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	4,250 00

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Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$13 50
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and mater'ls	Mus. Nat'l History	9,000 00
Wetmore and Co., iron.....	Maint. Harlem Riv. Bridges.....	35 58
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	51 90
Ziegler & Co., stool.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 50
		<hr/>
		<u>\$24,648 66</u>

RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund.....	\$7,335 91
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places	1,160 00
Museum of Natural History.....	9,000 00
Museum of Art.....	7,000 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	83 05
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	35 58
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	34 12
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	<u>\$24,648 66</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to twenty-four thousand six hundred and forty-eight dollars and sixty-six cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, December 7th, 1875.

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay and oats....	Maint & Gvt. P. & P.	\$136 17
Byrne & Co., hay.....	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	76 34
Florence, Wm. H., services.....	Maint. H. R. Bridges.	104 16
Jube, John P., & Co., car'ge hardware.	City Parks Imp. F..	16 34
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials...	Survey'g, Lay'g out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	59 04

Merchant, J. L., & Co., cement.....	City Pks. Imp. F...	\$164 70
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	City Pks. Imp. Fund.	\$469 80
	Museum Nat. Hist...	2 70
		<hr/> 472 50
Stevnes, Inst. of Technology, test'g iron. Maint.	H. R. Bridges.	9 00
Slattery, Jas., buildg. stone and sand.	City Pks. Imp. Fund.	206 25
Welsh, J., sprinkling 5th ave.....	Maint. & Gvt. P. & P.	63 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, hardware..	City Pks. Imp. Fund.	6 60
		<hr/> <hr/> \$1,314 10

RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund.....	\$863 69
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	275 51
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	113 16
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	59 04
Museum of Natural History.....	2 70
	<hr/> \$1,314 10

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen hundred and fourteen dollars and ten cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, November 30th, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Riverside Park, Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had had an inter-

view with the Counsel to the Corporation and the Comptroller with relation to the prosecution of the work of improving Riverside Park and Tompkins Square, and that the Counsel to the Corporation had stated that the question of the right of this Department to prosecute said works by days' labor, and not by contract, was doubtful, but that the laborers could recover the amount, and the Comptroller would be obliged to pay them; that the difficulty might be removed by the passage by the Common Council for an ordinance authorizing the works to be prosecuted otherwise than by contract.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in view of the doubts that appear to be entertained by the Counsel to the Corporation upon the rights of the Board governing this Department to do the work upon Tompkins Square and Riverside Park otherwise than by contract, that the Board of Aldermen be requested to pass an ordinance authorizing the execution of the work, to the extent herein described, by days' labor, viz. :

ON RIVERSIDE PARK.

To complete grading of cuts and slopes, and leave them in shape to stand without injury.

ON TOMPKINS SQUARE.

To complete walls, sewers and drains where, if not completed, work already done in excavation would be wasted by caving in of banks during the winter.

Resolved, That pending the action of the Board of Aldermen or until further notice, the Superintendent be, and he is hereby, directed to reduce the working force on Tompkins Square and Riverside Park to the extent of ten laborers on each gang.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Paving Third Avenue.

The PRESIDENT reported that, as the contractors were obliged to suspend operations on the work of paving Third Avenue, he

had suspended the inspectors on the following dates, until further order, viz. :

Isaac Bodine.....	December 4th, 1875.
John Meehan.....	" 9th, "
Michael Barry.....	" " "
J. D. Armstrong.....	" 11th, "

And he moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes, November 9th, 1875, p. 374.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A telegram was received from Commissioner O'Donohue stating that he was unable to be present.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 13th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Pay Rolls,

From the Comptroller of the city again returning the laborers' pay-roll for the two weeks ending November 20th, 1875, and requesting that it be separated and made out in the same manner as the pay-rolls for the previous two weeks.

(Minutes, Dec. 3, 1875, p. 444.)

The PRESIDENT stated that the request of the Comptroller had been complied with, and moved that the communication be filed.

Adopted.

Sewer for Morningside Park.

From the Deputy-Comptroller of the city, returning the proposal of Mr. Patrick Mulholland for the construction of a sewer

for Morningside Park ; and requesting that Mr. Patrick Sheehy be substituted as a surety thereon in place of Mr. Michael Gavin.

(Minutes, Oct. 27, 1875, p. 353.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board hereby consents to the substitution of Mr. Patrick Sheehy in place of Mr. Michael Gavin, as a surety upon the proposal of Mr. Patrick Mulholland, to construct a sewer for Morningside park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying this Department that said Board had authorized the Comptroller of the city to issue \$25,000 of the " City Parks Improvement Fund Stock."

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 325).

Filed.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From Mr. Fordham Morris, Secretary of the North Side Association, forwarding a copy of the following resolution adopted at a meeting of said association, held on November 20th, 1875, viz :

Resolved, That the secretary of this association be directed to urge upon the Board of Apportionment the necessity of making the issue of bonds required by the Department of Parks, for building the bridge across the Harlem River, from 138th street to the head of Madison Avenue, and that it be respectfully urged upon the Park Department to adopt a plan of such height that the small steamers navigating Harlem river may pass under the said bridge without opening the draw.

(Minutes, Feby. 20, 1875, p. 530.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that the Secretary be directed to send a copy thereof to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted.

Grading Third Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer reporting upon the grade of Third Avenue, from 147th street to Harlem river, and the changes he would recommend therein, as follows: viz. :

From Harlem Bridge to 135th street, the established grade coincides with the existing grade, and should remain. From 135th street to 142d street the established grade is higher than the existing grade. This is necessary in order to obtain proper drainage and sufficient depth of cellars. There is, however, an excessive amount of filling called for by the established grade between 138th street and 142d street, and between those points the grade can be somewhat lowered, with advantage to the property, with no detriment to drainage provisions and at a saving of 3,308 cubic yards of embankment, costing \$1,654.

From 142d street to 144th street, a very slight modification of the established grade will make it conform to the existing grade, and will save the expense of repaving the whole street.

From 144th street to 147th street there can be no advantage in changing the existing grade to that established by the Commissioners of 1868.

He also submitted a map and profile showing the amendments and alterations of grade which he recommended.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1875, p. 412.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and referred to the President with power.

Adopted.

Monumenting and naming Streets north end of Island.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the resolutions of the Washington Heights Association, with reference to the monumenting and naming of streets, and which were presented to the Board on the 3d inst.

(Minutes, Dec. 3d, 1875, p. 453.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that the Secretary be directed to send a copy thereof to the Washington Heights Association.

Adopted.

Marion Avenue flagging.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting specifications for flagging the sidewalk, on the west side of Marion Avenue, from Kingsbridge road to Ridge street.

(Minutes, Nov. 9, 1875, p. 373.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said specifications be approved by the Board, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

City Hall Park.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that the removal of the accident Hospital from the City Hall Park, by the Department of Charities and Corrections, will leave a blank space which will require to be treated as part of the park. That the cost of doing so will not exceed \$1,000.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said subject be referred to the Landscape Architect with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3

Foreman P. Norton.

From Foreman Patrick Norton, asking to be allowed pay for six days in the month of November last, during which he was absent on account of having sprained his ankle.

The Superintendent of Parks endorsed said application, recommending that it be granted.

The PRESIDENT moved that said application be granted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Michael Doyle, laborer.

From Michael Doyle, laborer, asking to be transferred to the position of stone-cutter.

The Superintendent of Parks endorsed the application, recommending that it be granted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said application be refused.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. John Hogan, contractor, presenting a bill of \$1,216.66 for extra work in connection with the building for the Museum of Art.

(Minutes, Oct. 20, 1875, p. 342.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said bill be disallowed.

Adopted.

Improvement of 8d Avenue.

From Mr. Richard Foley, stating that the sum of \$224.51 was deducted from the amount to which he was entitled as Engineer of Third Avenue Improvement, on account of the error made in giving the lines of the avenue between Rose and Grove Streets; and asking that he be now paid said sum of \$224.51.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that, inasmuch as the settlement heretofore made with Mr. Foley was a final one in full for all claims on his part, his claim be disallowed.

(Minutes, Nov. 6, 1874, p. 335.)

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

From Mr. James McCrea, applying for the position of keeper of Central Bridge.

Laid over until the next meeting.

Sewer in 143d Street.

The PRESIDENT presented the plans for the sewer proposed to be built in 143d street by the property owners.

Also a communication from the Engineer of Construction, advising, for sanitary reasons, that permission to connect said sewer with that now in College Avenue, be refused, and also stating that an efficient sewer could not be laid below the action of the frost so as to connect with Third Avenue.

(Minutes, Nov'r 12, 1875, p. 378.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said plans and communications be referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Streets in Twenty-fourth Ward.

The PRESIDENT reported that a deputation from the Central Association, consisting of Messrs. R. L. Anderton, W. C. Crane, H. C. Brocken, G. D. W. Clocke, C. A. Vinton, W. J. Brewster and S. D. Bonfils, had waited upon him and urged that the district of the Twenty-fourth Ward lying north of the Twenty-third Ward, east of Jerome Avenue and south and west of the Southern Boulevard, be laid out and the maps of the streets filed as soon as possible.

That he had recommended them to put their request in the form of a petition and have it signed by as many property owners as possible, and forward it to the Department.

Battery Park.

The PRESIDENT reported that application had been made to the Common Council by the United States Government for the purchase of a portion of the Battery Park, east of the Whitehall boat slip, as authorized by Chapter 320, Laws of 1873.

That the Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom the application had been referred, had applied to this Department for such information and advice in the matter as the Commissioners could give.

He then presented a copy of the application of the United States Government containing a map of the portion of the Battery Park referred to.

Also a report from the Landscape Architect, in which he states, "That the land in question has no especial value with reference to the present uses of that park, and hence that there are probably no very good reasons why the transfer should not be made."

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said subject be laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

Boston Av.—Third Av., 23d Ward.

The PRESIDENT then presented the three similar plans and profiles for filing, showing the change of grade at the junction of Boston Avenue and Third Avenue, in the 23d Ward, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Henry G. Stebbins, the President, and one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file said three similar plans and profiles, as provided by

law, which said three plans and profiles show the grades of portions of the Third avenue and Boston Avenue, in the Twenty-third ward of the city of New York, formerly the town of Morrisania, as the same have been altered, amended and established, and are hereby determined by the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and are signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," and dated "New York, December 8th, 1875."

(Minutes, Dec. 3d, 1875, p. 450.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Treasurer's Accounts.

The Treasurer presented the two following accounts, which were received, and ordered printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.	CR.		
Nov. 17.	By balance.....	\$1,709	26
Nov. 17, } to } Dec. 1. }	" cash received from rents and licenses.....	918	00
		<u>2,627</u>	26
1875.	DR.		
Nov. 17 } to } Dec. 1. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$860	00
Dec. 1.	" balance.....	1,767	26
		<u>2,627</u>	26

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, December 1, 1875,

9.30 A. M.

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.		CR.	
Dec. 1.	By balance.....	\$1,767	26
Dec. 1	} " pound, rents, and licenses.....	394	71
to			
Dec. 15.	}		\$2,161 97
DR.			
Dec. 1	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$416	66
to			
Dec. 15.	}		
Dec. 15.	" balance.....	1,745	31
			<u>\$2,161 97</u>

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, December 15, 1875. 9.30 A. M.

Laying out 23d & 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be authorized to employ, under the resolution of November 5th, 1875, entered on page 370 of the minutes, additional assistants, if he requires them, to act directly under his orders ; the rate of the compensation of his assistants to be approved by the President, and the amount not to exceed \$250 per month in the aggregate.

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be authorized to hire an office in the vicinity of his residence, the rent of which shall not exceed \$300 per annum.

(Minutes, November 5, 1875, p. 370.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Overcoats for Park-keeper's force.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be

directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for the purchase, by contract, of eighty overcoats for the Park-keeper's force.

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

Ayes--Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.20 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1875.

SPECIAL MEETING.—4 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in session by unanimous consent of all the Commissioners.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 13th inst, at 4 o'clock P. M., and 15th inst., was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Museum of Art.

From Mr. J. Taylor Johnston, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, with reference to the construction and completion of the building for the Museum of Art.

Also from Mr. C. Vaux, on the same subject, and enclosing a correspondence which he has had, in relation to the matter, with Mr. Johnston.

(Minutes, Oct. 29, 1875, p. 355.)

After consideration of the foregoing communications, Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the officers and members of the Metropolitan Museum of Art be invited to attend a meeting of the Board for the consideration of the subject of the Museum building, its plans and completion.

That Mr. Vaux, with his associates, and also Mr. Munckwitz and Mr. Lord be notified to attend the meeting.

That all the plans and drawings of the Museum, finished or unfinished, contracts and specifications, and estimates of its cost, be brought to the meeting, for the purpose of complete information on the subject.

That a special meeting for this subject be held on the 7th day of January, 1876, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Battery Sea Wall.

From the Comptroller, again notifying the Department that he had deducted \$338.37 from the final estimate of Mr. A. J. Howell, the contractor for repairing the sea wall at the Battery, as the same was for extra work; that he had paid Mr. Howell the balance, and requesting that a separate voucher be sent to the Finance Department for the amount deducted.

(Minutes, Nov. 24, 1875, p. 428.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the request of the Comptroller be complied with, and that a separate voucher be made out for \$338.37, the amount due for extra work, payable to Mr. A. J. Howell, and that it be transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

City Park Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the Department that authority had been given to the Comptroller of the City to issue "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," to the amount of \$50,000.

(Minutes, Dec. 15, 1875, p. 474.)

Filed.

Cleaning the City Parks

From the Police Department, declining to furnish this Department with tickets for the dumping of the sweepings of the Parks on the scows of the Police Department.

Filed.

Morris Ave., College Ave., 138th St.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, with the three similar maps or plans and profiles, for filing, of portions of Morris Avenue, College Avenue and 138th Street, as heretofore adopted by the Board.

(Minutes, Nov. 6th, 1874, and Nov. 19, 1875, pp. 332, 403 and 406.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Henry G. Stebbins, the President, and one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file, as provided by law, said three similar maps or plans and profiles showing the location, width, course, windings and grades of Morris Avenue, as widened and extended from the former northerly town line of Morrisania southerly to 138th Street; of College Avenue, as widened and extended from 158th Street to 143d Street; of 138th Street, as altered from River Avenue to the Harlem River bulk-head line; and also such portions of said avenues and streets as are discontinued and closed within the 23d ward of the City of New York, formerly the town of Morrisania, as the same have been laid out, discontinued and closed, and are hereby determined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and which said maps or plans and profiles are signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," and are dated New York, December 21st, 1875.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

College Avenue, 24th Ward.

From St. John's College, Fordham, petitioning to have the houses erected by Mr. John B. Haskin on College Avenue, in the 24th Ward, removed, and furnishing certified copies of two deeds which have reference to the subject.

(Minutes, Nov. 29th, 1875, p. 435.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said petition be received and laid on the table; and that Mr. John B. Haskin be notified thereof.

Adopted.

Laying out of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Bridges over Harlem River.

From Mr. Fordham Morris, Secretary of the North Side Association, forwarding copies of the following preambles and resolutions adopted by said Association on the 18th inst., viz.:

"Whereas, At a recent session of the Board of Aldermen the estimate of the Department of Public Parks for an appropriation for surveying, laying out and monumenting the annexed district was stricken out by said Aldermen. Now, therefore, be it, and it is, hereby

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to wait upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and urge upon them the adoption of said estimate.

"Whereas, The Department of Public Parks are clothed by law with full powers to construct certain bridges over and tunnels under the Harlem River; and

"Whereas, Said Department have presented an estimate to the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment asking them to make an appropriation for such purposes.

"Now, therefore, be it, and it is, hereby

"Resolved, That the Harlem River Improvement Committee be requested to wait upon the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and urge upon them the adoption of a resolution appropriating funds for the purposes hereinabove indicated; or, if in the opinion of said Board it may be unwise to make an appropriation sufficiently large to carry on the whole of said work, that they be asked to appropriate a sum sufficient to enable the Department of Parks to initiate the construction of such bridges and tunnels."

(Minutes, Dec. 15, 1875, p. 474.)

Filed.

Broadway Underground Railway.

From Mr. Homer Fisher. requesting that the permission given to Mr. A. E. Beach, President of the Broadway Underground Railway, to open the iron grating in the City Hall Park, over the shaft of said railway, be discontinued.

(Minutes, December 13th, 1875, p. 466.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that no action be taken on the subject without first hearing Mr. Beach.

Adopted.

Audit.

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

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

Architectural Iron Works, castings.	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.	\$231 00
Affleck, Wm., & Co., oats, corn, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	116 00
Babbitt, B. T., soap.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	7 00
Byrne & Co., oats, corn, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	115 50
Bartlett, J. W., globes and reflectors.	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.	93 75
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe	City Parks Imp. F.	18 31
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., matches and borax.	City Parks Imp. F.	\$3 75
	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.	1 63
		<hr/> 5 38

Donaldson, Thos., Argand burner, tube, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.... City Parks Imp. F.		\$3 50 10 80
		<hr/>	\$14 30
Everard, James, paving.....	Paving 3d Ave., from Westchester Ave. to northern boundary 23d Ward.....		3,417 49
Florence, Wm. H., services, November..	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.....		104 16
Gates, Church E., posts and lumber....	Maint., 23d & 24th Wards..... Maint.H.R.Bridges	\$22 61 85 43	
		<hr/>	108 04
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.... City Parks Imp. F.		\$15 62 46 88
		<hr/>	62 50
Hosp, Philip, plants.....	City Parks Imp. F.		452 50
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron.....	Maint and Govmt. Parks and P....		24 85
Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas-meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		70 20
King, Joseph, keep of horse.....	Surveying & Lay- ing out 23d and 24th Wards....		15 00
Keuffel & Esser, engineers' supplies....	Surveying & Lay- ing out 23d and 24th Wards....		23 98
Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas-meters..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		95 15
Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas, Nov...	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		339 25
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, dusters	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....		12 73

Menzies, Wm., & Sons, timber.	Maint. etc., H. R.		
	Bridges.	\$68	08
Mapes, Daniel, Jr., hay, oats, etc.	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.	42	91
Mallory & Co., rope.	City Parks Impt. F.	94	09
N. Y. Gas-Light Co., gas, Oct. and Nov.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.	1,254	20
Pollock & Van Wagenen, register.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.	35	00
Perkins, Jas. H., broken stone.	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.	878	72
Pennsylvania Coal Co., coal.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.	279	90
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., saw and pans.	Maint and Govt.		
	P. and P.	\$7	60
	City Parks Impt. F.	1	54
		<hr/>	9 14
Rader, G. W., & Co., vitrified pipe, etc.	City Parks Impt. F.	87	63
Simpson, A., bread.	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.	90	23
Titus, Sarah, services, Nov.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.		12 50
Telfair, I. H., & Co., oils.	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.	\$7	50
	City Parks Impt. F.	5	60
	Maint. Harlem R.		
	Bridges.	6	20
		<hr/>	19 30
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk, Nov.	Maint and Govt.		
	P. and P.	17	10
Valentine & Briggs, rent, Nov.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.		30 00
Watrous & Wilson, lumber.	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.	\$70	00
	City Parks Impt. F.	16	35
		<hr/>	86 35
		<hr/>	\$8,332 24
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,562 96
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	737 45
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	588 62
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	986 74
Paving 3d Ave., from Westchester Ave to Northern bound- ary 23d Ward.....	3,417 49
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	38 98
	————— \$8,332 24
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-three hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-four cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

“ JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,

Auditing Committee.

New York, December 14, 1875.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Appropriations for 1876.

The President and Commissioner Martin, the committee to whom was referred the subject of the estimates of the Department for its maintainance moneys for 1876, and the appropriations therefor by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, verbally reported that the President had, in September, 1875, presented the estimates to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, together with the reasons, and report of Mr. Olmsted in their support. That the Board had decided to reduce the

estimates to a sum much less than the allowance for 1875. That after the estimates had been returned to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment from the Board of Aldermen, and on 27th December, 1875, Commissioner Martin had appeared before them and presented the reasons why the appropriations for 1876 should not be reduced below the amount appropriated in 1875.

These reasons were in the form of a written argument, and were presented to the Board.

(Minutes, Nov. 17th, 1875, p. 394.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received, and that the statement presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be printed as a document of this Board.

(See Document No. 68.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that the subject of the appropriations for 1876, as adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, be referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration and report.

Adopted.

Maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The manner of performing the work of maintaining the roads in the 23d and 24th Wards during the year 1875, has been the subject of complaint of citizens of those wards.

Resolved, That those citizens be notified to attend a meeting of the Board, for the purpose of hearing and investigating their

complaints, and that Mr. Morrison, and such persons or assistants as he may invite, be notified to be present.

Resolved, That this subject be taken up at the meeting on the 5th day of January, 1876.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

Maintenance of 23d and 24th Wards.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the order of business was suspended, and, as directed on the 29th ult., the following citizens of the 23d and 24th Wards were received with reference to the subject of the manner of performing the work of maintaining the roads in said wards, viz. :

Messrs. H. Barney, Waldo Hutchings, J. G. Johnston, H. F. Spaulding, A. D. Ewen, E. D. Ewen, J. H. Godwin, M. L. Delafield, L. L. Delafield, T. N. Cuthbert, Webster Woodman, W. G. Ackerman, G. H. Petrie and Rev. C. H. Burr, Jr.

The Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards was also present.

The Commissioners having heard the various suggestions made for the better caring of the roads, the above named gentlemen retired.

(Minutes, Dec. 29th, 1875, p. 483.)

At this point Commissioner O'Donohue left the meeting.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the 13th (4 o'clock,

P. M.), 15th and 29th of December, 1875, were then read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the Minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.		CR.	
Dec. 15.	By balance.....		\$1,745 31
Dec. 15 } to } 31st. }	By sundry receipts ...		86 00
1876.			
Jan. 1st } to } 5th. }	By cash received from pound, rent and license.		79 28
			————— \$1,860 59
1875.		DR.	
Dec. 15 } to } Jan. 5, 1876. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$72 05
Jan 5.	To balance.....		1,788 54
			————— \$1,860 59

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, January 5th, 1876.
9.30 A. M.

Grading Third Avenue.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally in favor of changing the grade of Third Avenue, from 138th Street to 147th Street, as recommended by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and adopting the map of such changes submitted to the Board on the 15th December, 1875.

(Minutes, December 15th, 1875, p. 475).

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and adopted.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, or a majority of them, deem the changes (specified on the map or plan and profile hereinafter mentioned) in the grades of the streets roads and avenues as laid down, and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868 on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the County of Westchester on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required ; therefore,

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York by Chapters 329 and 604 of the laws of 1874, they do hereby alter, amend and establish the grades of the streets, roads and avenues within that part of the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York which formerly constituted the town of Morrisania, and which lies north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the Hudson River, running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River, running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem river to the sound north of Randel's Island, shown on a map or plan and profile entitled "Map or plan and profile showing grades of Third Avenue, from 138th Street to 147th Street in the 23d Ward of the city of New York, formerly the town of Morrisania, as altered amended and established by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, in pursuance of Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed respectively May 6th and June 5th, 1874," dated "New York, December 14th, 1875," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the extent and direction that said grades are designated on said map or plan and profile, and that the grades so altered, amended and established are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good. And that the President of the Department cause to be prepared and submitted to this Board, three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday, the 7th inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 3.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Appropriations for 1876.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding the following, as the apportionment made to this Department for the year 1876, viz. :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

For Salaries—To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, Architects and Landscape Architects, and all other employes of the Department, excepting Mechanics, Gardeners and Laborers, and their foremen employed on the work of maintaining the Parks and Places, excepting also the Topographi-

cal Engineer and his Assistants in charge of surveying, monu- menting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer-in-Charge of Public Places, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	\$55,000 00
Police—Salaries of, including Cap- tain, Lieutenant, Sergeants, Pat- rolmen, Post and Gate Keepers, and Night Watchmen.	110,000 00
Maintenance of the Parks, including the wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics and laborers employ- ed on works of maintenance, and including also the sum of \$30,000 for the keeping, preser- vation and exhibition of the col- lection in the American Museum of Natural History, and the Me- tropolitan Museum of Art, and also the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory. . . .	187,500 00
	<hr/> \$352,500 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.	40,000 00
Music—Central Park.	5,000 00
Independence Day, Celebration of.	7,500 00
Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty- fourth Wards.	40,000 00
Rebuilding and Repairing Bridges over the Bronx river, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.	15,000 00

Surveying, Laying Out, Monumenting, etc., north end of Island and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	\$25,000 00
City Hall Park Pavement.....	10,000 00
	\$495,000 00

(Minutes, Decr. 29th, 1875, p. 490.)

Filed.

Paving Third Av.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Wm. H. Grant, the late Engineer in charge of the work of paving Third Avenue, had not certified to the two last estimates of Mr. John B. Devlin, the contractor, and that he had therefore instructed the Engineer of Construction to examine the pavement for the purpose of certifying the estimates if the work were correct, but that on account of the season of the year he was unable to make a thorough examination of the pavement.

He then presented a communication from the Engineer of Construction, reporting that from such examination as he had been able to make and from such information as he had received in relation to the pavement on Third Avenue, north of 163d Street, he believed that the 30 per cent. reserved on the price of the pavement laid will be sufficient to put the pavement in the condition required by the contract.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Engineer of Construction is unable, on account of the season of the year, to make a thorough examination of the pavement on Third Avenue, north of 163d Street, but from the examination he has made, reports that the 30 per cent. reserved is sufficient for the purposes of the contract and the protection of the city ; therefore

Resolved, That the estimates of Mr. John B. Devlin for said work, amounting respectively to \$7,071.20 and \$870.53, be approved and certified for payment on the foregoing report of the Engineer of Construction, in place of the usual certificate, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit same to the Finance Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Battery Park—Elevated Railroad.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, submitting an agreement between the Department and the New York Elevated Railroad Company, in the form of a revocable license, authorizing said company to construct and operate its railroad over the Battery Park, and recommending that same be executed.

Also from the Landscape Architect, reporting on the best route for the construction of the line of the New York Elevated Railway Company, from Greenwich Street to Whitehall Street, presenting a map showing said route, and recommending that if a license be granted to said company, that certain stipulations and restrictions be inserted in it.

(Minutes, December 3d, 1875, p. 446.)

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolutions, viz. :

1. *Resolved*, That the license prepared for the New York Elevated Railroad Company, by the Counsel to the Corporation, be adopted.

2. *Resolved*, That the map now reported by Mr. Olmsted, the Landscape Architect, dated "January 7th, 1876," and signed "John Bogart, Supt. Engineer," be adopted.

3. *Resolved*, That the license be engrossed for execution and the map prepared for filing, and the President be authorized and empowered to execute the license and certify the map.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said license be amended so as to reserve to the city an annual rent.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the first recommendation of the Landscape Architect be adopted, and a provision therefor be inserted in the license.

Also the same motion as regards the second of said recommendations.

Also the same motion as regards the third of said recommendations.

Also the same motion as regards the fifth of said recommendations.

And also the same motion as regards the sixth of said recommendations.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolution, as a substitute for the resolutions offered by Commissioner Martin :

Whereas, An application has been made to the Board governing this Department by the New York Elevated Railway Company, for permission to extend their railroad across the Battery grounds, from Greenwich Street to the South Ferry, in the form of a license revocable after giving six months' notice to said company.

And whereas, Said license has been prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation as an instrument within the power of this Department to legally execute, thereby implying that the power to grant licenses to railroads and other corporations to enter upon and use any portion of the public parks or places of the city, including the Central Park, is by law vested in this Department;

And whereas, In the opinion of the Board governing this Department, doubts exist as to the wisdom of granting such a license in view of the objects for which the public parks have been laid out and established, and which objects are fully understood and recognized by the public at large;

And whereas, The public parks of this city are for the use and enjoyment of the people and should not be curtailed, nor should any other use be made of them except that which secures the freedom of popular recreation and pleasure for which they were created;

And whereas, The precedent sought to be established is one that would jeopardize the integrity of all the parks of the city, not excepting Central Park: it is therefore

Resolved, That the whole subject be laid on the table, and that the New York Elevated Railway Company be notified that this Department does not deem it advantageous to the public nor within the legitimate use of the powers of the Department to grant permission to the said railway company to construct its railroad over any part of the Battery grounds.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that the consideration

of the whole subject and the resolutions offered be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Senate Committee.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Commissioner Stebbins, without notice to or conference with his associates, went before the Senate Committee on Monday, 20th December, and made statements which fail to represent the operations, policy and opinions of the Department :

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said preamble and resolution be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to lay on the table, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Central Bridge—Third Av. Paving.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The appointment of Mr. William H. Grant, as engineer in charge of the repairs of Central Bridge and the paving of Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward, terminated on January 1st, 1876 :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be, and hereby is, directed to take charge of said works.

(Minutes, Nov. 5th, 1875, p. 369.)

Adopted.

Recess.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that the Board take a recess until 7.30 o'clock this evening.

Adopted.

7.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

Museum of Art.

As requested, on the 29th ultimo, the following officers and members of the Metropolitan Museum of Art attended and were received, viz. :

Messrs. John Taylor Johnson, President of said Museum of Art, Thomas Bland, Assistant Secretary, Wm. J. Hoppin, Richard M. Hunt, Theo. Roosevelt, Frederick W. Rhinelander, Henry G. Marquand, Wm. C. Prime, Theo. Weston, Robert Hoe, Jr., Samuel G. Ward and Rutherford Stuyvesant.

The following were also present; Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, and his associate, Mr. Radford; the Landscape Architect and the Superintending Architect.

The subject of the plans for the completion of the building for the Museum of Art was then discussed at length, and Mr. Vaux explained his plans and presented estimates for the completion of the building.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FUND FOR THE BUILDING OF THE MUSEUM OF ART.

*Museum of Art in account with**Department of Public Parks.*

CR.

1871. By appropriation, chap. 290, 1875..... \$500,000 00

DR.

1872. To cash paid for sundries..... \$1,312 99

1873. " " " 5,422 12

1874. " " " 83,846 84

1875. " " " 129,783 08

1876. To balance due on contracts..... 112,274 60

1876. " " " Treas. orders..... 1,200 00

333,839 63

December 31st, 1875.

\$166,160 37

ESTIMATES OF THE COST OF THE COMPLETION OF THE BUILDING, AS PRESENTED BY
MR. C. VAUX, ARCHITECT.

Flooring Central Hall.....	\$10 000
Plastering	13,100
Cement paving.....	12,101
Slating and copper work.....	4,750
Carpenter and glass.....	27,127
Painting and oiling.....	3,000
Iron work.....	2,000
Drainage, &c.....	10,000
Plumbing and gas-fitting.....	4,500
Heating.....	13,000
Lifts and Ventilation.....	10,000
Temporary entrance steps.....	1,200
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	\$110,778

Mr. John Taylor Johnson, on behalf of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, requested that the following additional works be executed, viz. :

That the rock underneath the floor of the large court or main hall be blasted out, so as to make a basement exhibition room.

That windows be constructed in the side walls to light this basement room.

And that galleries be constructed on both sides of the main hall or large court.

He then expressed the satisfaction which the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art felt at the consideration which the Commissioners of this Department had always shown them in meeting their wishes in regard to the construction of said Museum of Art.

The above named gentlemen having then retired, Commissioner Martin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plans, specifications and estimate for the Museum of Art in the Central Park, directed by the resolution of 29th October, 1875, and also the plans, specifications and estimates of the galleries and doors in the court, the excavation under it, the side windows in the basement story and the additional supports for the floor of the court, be prepared by Mr. Vaux, on consultation with, and advice of, the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and that the plans be referred to the said trustees for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in view of the situation of the Art Museum building and the importance of its early completion, and in view of the resolution of 29th October, 1875, Mr. Vaux be directed to complete the plans, specifications and estimates as speedily as possible.

(Minutes, Oct. 29th, 1875, p. 355.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

The President was, by consent, excused from voting.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Monday, the 10th inst. at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works and supplies, viz. :

1. Iron work.
2. Carpenter's work.
3. Plastering work.
4. Plumbing work.
5. Painting work.
6. Artificial stone and tile work.
7. Heating and ventilation work.
8. Elevator work.
9. Cases.

For equipping and establishing the building erected for a Museum of Natural History.

(Minutes, Oct. 20th, 1875, p. 339.)

10. Vitrified pipe.

(Minutes, Nov. 17th, 1875, p. 393.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The Comptroller of the City of New York.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

No. 1—IRON WORK.

1. L. Erzer and F. Cook.....	\$11,700 00
2. T. W. Rollins.....	12,615 00
3. Geo. Fischer & Brother.....	22,885 00
4. The Watson Manufacturing Company.....	10,808 00

No. 2—CARPENTER WORK.

1. J. C. Brady.....	\$38,900 00
2. Wm. J. O'Connor.....	31,467 00
3. Philip Herrman.....	33,800 00
4. T. W. Rollins.....	35,560 00
5. J. V. Donovan.....	29,435 00

No. 3—PLASTERING WORK.

1. T. W. Rollins.....	\$18,785 00
2. Joseph Pickard.....	16,551 00
3. John Mahoney.....	8,800 00
4. Frank Leslie.....	14,516 89
5. John McChristie.....	9,449 00
6. D. C. Weeks & Son.....	12,975 00
7. John Power.....	17,023 00
8. Theodore Hunt.....	14,698 00
9. Thomas Bennett.....	16,300 00
10. Moran & Armstrong.....	12,471 00
11. Thomas O'Hagan.....	9,270 00
12. George Stone.....	9,875 00

No. 4—PLUMBING WORK.

1. The Glass-lined Pipe and Tube Company of the State of New York.	\$1,350 00
2. T. W. Rollins.....	9,600 00
3. P. McDermott.....	4,745 00

No. 5.—PAINTING WORK.

1. T. W. Rollins.....	\$3,800 00
2. Benjamin Benas.....	1,750 00
3. Van Horn & Fogazzi.....	2,475 00
4. John D. Taylor.....	2,800 00
5. James Riley.....	3,500 00

No. 6—ARTIFICIAL STONE AND TILE WORK.

1. F. W. Lawrence.....	\$7,930 00
2. Charles Schillinger.....	10,838 98
3. T. W. Rollins.....	15,533 00
4. Wm. Brennan.....	12,750 00
5. John J. Schillinger.....	13,047 13
6. Herman A. Gunther, 30 cts. per square foot, which, on the architect's estimates, amounts to...	15,455 40

No. 7—HEATING AND VENTILATION WORK.

1. The Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company.....	\$14,371 00
2. Baker, Smith & Co.....	11,660 00
3. Gillis & Geoghegan.....	13,585 00
4. James O. Morse.....	15,000 00
5. Davidson & Mars.....	13,132 00

No. 8—ELEVATOR WORK.

1. Copeland & Bacon.....	\$2,725 00
2. Otis Bros. & Co.....	3,500 00
3. Cooke & Beggs.....	2,500 00
4. Joseph Edwards.....	2,880 00

No. 9—CASES.

1. T. W. Rollins.....	\$85,867 00
2. Philip Herrman.....	74,126 74
3. The Watson Manufacturing Co.....	62,800 00

No. 10—VITRIFIED PIPE.

1. Stewart & Co.....	\$2,775 00
2. William Nelson, Jr.....	4,017 19
3. John Smith.....	3,188 55
4. The Akron Sewer Pipe Association.....	4,913 28
5. G. W. Rader & Co.....	4,000 00
6. R. G. Walmsley.....	3,273 00

The Comptroller having then retired, the Board met in adjourned session.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet at 3.30 o'clock P. M. this afternoon.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 7th inst. and this A. M. was dispensed with.

The following communication was presented and read :

Morningside Park Sewer.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that the contract for the sewer for Morningside Park provides that the work shall cease on the first December in each year, unless this Department shall otherwise direct, and that no work shall be resumed before the time appointed by the Department.

That the contractor desires permission to go on with the work at such times during this month as the weather may allow.

(Minutes, Oct. 27th, 1875, p. 353.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that it be referred to the Superintending Engineer, with power to direct said work to be proceeded with on such days as he shall deem it advisable to do so.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 4:30 clock P. M., to meet on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 7th and 10th (two meetings) instants were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Stuyvesant Park Fountains.

From the Health Department, complaining that the basins of the fountains in Stuyvesant Park are covered with leaves and require cleaning.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the leaves are placed in said basins to protect the plumbing and drainage from the frost.

(Minutes, Feb. 19, 1875, p. 520.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be filed and that the Health Department be notified of the reason the leaves are placed in the basins,

Adopted,

Gravel.

From the Comptroller of the City, returning the proposal of Mr. John A. Bouker for the delivery of 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel, with his approval of the sureties.

(Minutes, Sept. 18th, 1875, p. 280.)

The PRESIDENT stated that since the Comptroller had approved of the sureties, he had been notified that one of them, Mr. John T. Doyle, had met with some financial embarrassments which prevented him from signing the bond, but that Mr. Martin J. Early had offered to become a surety in place of Mr. Doyle.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board hereby consents to the substitution of Mr. Martin J. Early in place of Mr. John T. Doyle as a surety upon the proposal of Mr. John A. Bouker to deliver 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel.

Adopted.

Third avenue Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that the floor of the sidewalks on the Third avenue bridge needs some slight repairs.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have said repairs made under the direction of the Engineer of Construction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Central Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the con-

dition of the piers of the Central Bridge, and recommending that the crib-work, the concrete and the rip-rap of said piers be repaired.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be laid on the table and that the Engineer of Construction be directed to present an estimate of the cost of the work which he recommends to be done.

Adopted.

Westchester Avenue

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting three similar maps or plans and profiles of Westchester avenue in the Twenty-third Ward.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That Henry G. Stebbins, the President, and one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file, as provided by law, said three similar maps or plans or profiles showing the location, width, course, windings and grades of Westchester Avenue as widened from Third Avenue to the Bronx river, within the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York, being partly in the former town of Morrisania, and partly in the former town of West Farms, as the same have been laid out and are hereby determined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and which said maps or plans and profiles are signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," and are dated "New York, December 29th, 1875."

(Minutes, November 29th, 1875, p. 437.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Grading Third Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting

three similar maps or plans and profiles, showing the change of grade in Third Avenue, between 138th Street and 147th Street, as directed.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Henry G. Stebbins, the President, and one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file, as provided by law, said three similar maps or plans and profiles, showing the grades of THIRD AVENUE, from 138th Street to 147th Street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York (formerly the town of Morrisania), as altered, amended and established, and as the same have been laid out and are hereby determined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and which said maps or plans and profiles are signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," and are dated "January 10th, 1876."

(Minutes, January 5th, 1876, p. 494.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Engineering Force.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that he would require the services of those members of his force whose employment terminated on the 31st ult., for a longer time.

The PRESIDENT stated that said communication had been sent by the Superintending Engineer on the 29th ult., and that being unable to present it to the Board at an earlier day, he had notified the Superintending Engineer that if said employes continued to work for the Department after the 31st ult. they would have to do so at their own risk, and subject to the action of the Board in the matter.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the employment of the undermentioned persons from the first to the fifteenth insts., both inclusive, at the rates of pay set opposite their names respectively, be authorized and approved by the Board, viz. :

C. M. Harris, assistant engineer.....	\$5 00	per day.
E. A. Miller, rodman.....	3 00	"
E. Kennedy, chairman.....	3 00	"
D. Campbell, "	3 00	"
J. C. Trimble, "	3 00	"
W. A. Jeffries, axeman.....	2 50	"
Peter Kelly, "	2 50	"

(Minutes, December 13, 1875, p. 465.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.

From Mr. Thomas Bland, Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, presenting an estimate of the expenditures, during the year 1876, for the keeping, preservation and maintenance of the collections of said Museum, amounting in all to \$20,721.22.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed, and that the American Museum of Natural History be requested to furnish a similar estimate.

Adopted.

Telegraph Poles.

From the Landscape Architect, upon the subject of guying the telegraph poles erected round the public parks, and sub-

mitting a resolution which he recommended should be adopted.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution, as submitted by the Landscape Architect :

Resolved, That hereafter no wire for guying telegraph poles shall be fastened to any tree, post or other objects in the parks, except by a permit which shall describe the object, and that when it is a tree the permit shall prescribe the use of a wooden hoop or other sufficient means of protecting the bark of the tree from being cut or injuriously chafed, and that no permit shall be issued except on the certificate of an engineer or other competent officer, that the wire will not come in the way of mowing or other operations required for the maintenance of the parks, and, if the fastening is to be to a tree, that the tree is stout enough to bear any strain to be expected without injury.

Adopted.

Ponies and Pony Carriages, &c., on Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon an application made by Mr. J. J. Snow for renewal of his license to let ponies for hire in Central Park, and also that he be granted enlarged privileges in connection with said license.

(Minutes, October 8th, 1875, p. 312.)

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting on the progress of the work under his charge for the two weeks ending December 4th, 1875.

(Minutes, December 3d, 1875, p. 450.)

Filed.

Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings, &c.

From the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, with relation to portions of his pay for the

months of September, October, November and December, 1875, which are still due to him.

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

Adopted.

Opening and acquiring title to Streets, &c.

From the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, stating that under various Acts the title to portions of the Streets and Avenues mentioned in the resolution of October 27th, 1875, and entered on page 354 of the minutes, has heretofore been acquired, and asking instructions as to how to prepare the maps and descriptions of the Streets, &c., for the purpose of instructing the Counsel to the Corporation in the matter.

(Minutes, Nov. 24, 1875, p. 421.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be referred to Commissioner Martin to examine and report upon.

Adopted.

Foreman in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. L. L. Delafield and twelve other gentlemen residing in the late town of Kingsbridge, requesting that William Thorn, of Riverdale, be appointed a foreman in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Laid on the table.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, submitting the plans and specifications for the slating and copper work of the Museum of Art, and estimating the cost of the work at \$4,750.

(Minutes, Jan. 7, 1876, p. 504.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said specifications be approved,

and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Mineral Springs.

From Mr. C. Ryan, applying for the use of the Mineral Springs in the Central Park during the coming summer, should the present licensee (Mr. C. Schultz) give them up.

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following three reports :

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

Hogan, John, labor and materials.	Museum of Art.	\$6,933 00
Rollins, True W., labor and materials.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	2,337 50
Rollins, True W., labor and materials.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	2,932 50
Watson Mfg Co., labor and materials.	Museum of Art.	37,500 00
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		\$49,703 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	\$44,433 00	
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	5,270 00	
		————— \$49,703 00
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-nine thousand seven hundred and three dollars.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, January 5th, 1876.

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

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$6 00	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	18 05	
		—————	\$24 05
Ayres, Sam'l P., Estate of, stop cock... City Parks Impt.	Fund.....		22 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone... City Parks Impt.	Fund.....		42 60
Bogert, Harris, fish.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....		45 17
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., brimstone... City Parks Impt.	Fund.....		2 00
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables, November	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....		79 90
Goodyear I. R. Glove Co., horse cover and apron.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		15 00
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber.....	Harlem Riv. Bridges		
	repairs, &c.....		175 00
Gifford & Beach, shafts.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....		15 00

Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of			
line	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$18 62	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	46 88	
		<hr/>	\$62 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, November..			
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$223 30	
	Harlem Riv. Bridges		
	repairs, &c.....	77 00	
		<hr/>	300 30
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....			
	Harlem Riv. Bridges		
	repairs, &c.....	\$12 05	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	25 22	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	69 75	
	Maint., etc., 23d and		
	24th Wards....	17 95	
	Surv'g, Laying out,		
	etc., 23d and 24th		
	Wards.....	25	
		<hr/>	125 22
Judd Linseed & Sp. Oil Co., sp. oil.			
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$62 90	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	11 10	
	Harlem R. Bridges,		
	Repairs, &c.....	9 25	
		<hr/>	83 25
Jackson, James L., stable fittings			
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.		232 71
Keuffel & Esser, Engineers' supplies...			
	Survey'g, Lay'g out,		
	etc., 23d and 24th		
	Wards.....		10 00
King, Joseph, keep of horse.....			
	Surveying & Lay-		
	ing out 23d and		
	24th Wards....		30 00
Labugh, Wm. O. salt.....			
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....		6 25

Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas, Nov....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$610	00
Moffatt, Davis & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	11	88
Mott, J. L. Iron Works, grate, stove-			
pipe, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$14	44
	Harlem R. Bridges		
	Repairs, &c.....	5	10
		<hr/>	19 54
Murphy & Nesbitt, bricks and lime....	City Parks Imp. F.	150	00
McDermott, John, meat, Nov.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	229	00
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	City Parks Imp. F.	488	75
Potter Howard, Treas., insurance.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	400	00
Slattery, Jas., building stone and mould,	City Parks Imp. F.	838	56
Tode, Thos. F., coal.....	Maint., 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	13	00
Telfair, I. H. & Co., oils.....	Harlem R. Bridges		
	Repairs, &c.....	6	75
Verplanck, Bros., mats robes, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$33	99
	City Parks Imp. F.	38	09
	Surveying & Lay-		
	ing out, &c., 23d		
	and 24th Wards,		
	&c.....	12	50
		<hr/>	84 58
Van Riper, Chas, spikes.....	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	3	75
	Harlem R. Bridge		
	Repairs, &c.....	26	25
		<hr/>	30 00
Vanderbilt Bros., nuts.....	Maint and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	5	00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$52	00
	City Parks Imp. F.	146	75
		<hr/>	198 75
		<hr/>	\$4,306 76

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1875...	\$1,835 67
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	2,072 24
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maintenance, 1875.....	311 40
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1875...	52 75
Maintenance, &c., 23d & 24th Wards, 1875.....	34 70
	<hr/> \$4,306 76

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-three hundred and six dollars and seventy-six cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, January 6th, 1876.

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

Annin & Co, skating flag.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$12 00
Croes, J. Jas. R., petty expenses.....	Surv'y'g. Laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards, '75,	49 60
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	H. R. Bridges, Rep., Impt., &c., '75.....	56 00
Douglass, W. P., rent Mus. of Art.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P., 1875.....	1,333 33
Donaldson, Thos., repairs to lanterns, &c.	Maint and Govt. P. and P., 1875.	44 25
Fischer, W. L., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1875.	\$19 45
	City Parks Impt. F.	6 00
		<hr/> 25 45
Fitch, S. & W. B., stone.....	City Parks Impt. F.	890 78
Gordon, Robt., Acts. Treas., expenses Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1875.	1,725 60

Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas, Dec.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	\$238 96	
	H. R. Bridges, Rep., Impt., &c., 1875.....	82 40	\$321 36
Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.		80 70
Hotchkiss, Guy, C. Field & Co., axles, &c.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1875.	\$9 23	
	City Parks Impt. F.	21 62	24 85
Holbrook, E. E. & Bros., glass.....	Mus. Natl. Hist... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	\$86 63	
		2 00	88 63
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	\$44 11	
	City Parks Impt F.	20 67	
	H. R. Bridges, Reps., Impt. &c. 1875.....	10 50	
	Surv'g, Laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards, 1875.....	25	75 53
Johnson, Isaac G. & Co., washers.....	H. R. Bridges, Reps., Impt. &c.. 1875.....		8 66
Manhattan Gas-Light Co., gas, Dec....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.		613 50
Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas, Dec....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.		339 25
New York Gas-Light Co., gas, Dec....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.		627 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas-Light Co., gas-meter	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.		8 25
Rader, G. W. & Co., vitrified pipe....	City Parks Impt. F.		230 25
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1875.		22 32

Valentine & Briggs, rent, Dec.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$30 00
Weeks, D. C. & Son, labor and matls.	Mus. Nat. His....	945 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.	Mus. Nat. His....	\$61 14
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1875.	18 06
		<hr/> 79 20
		<hr/> <hr/> \$7,631 51

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1875. . .	\$5,132 01
City Parks Improvement Fund.	1,169 32
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, Impt. and Maint., 1875. . .	157 56
Surveying, Laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1875. . . .	49 85
Maintenance, &c., 23d & 24th Wards.	30 00
Museum Natural History.	1,092 77
	<hr/> \$7,631 51

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-six hundred and thirty-one dollars and fifty-one cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE } *Committee.*

New York, January, 13, 1876.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Parks in Fourth Ave.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be directed to pre-

pare and present an uniform plan for the improvement of the public places, in Fourth Avenue; from 67th Street to 96th Street, laid out under authority of Chapter 528, Laws of 1873.

Adopted.

Police Uniforms.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements, for such number of uniform pantaloons, not exceeding eighty, as may be required by the police force.

(Minutes, Dec. 15, 1875, p. 481.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Licenses, &c., in Central Park.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of all licenses and occupations in Central Park, be referred to the Executive Committee and report upon.

(Minutes, Jan. 13, 1876, p. 518.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Awarding Contracts.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of awarding

the contracts for the several works, &c., for which proposals were received on the 10th inst., be taken up at the next meeting, and that Mr. C. Vaux, architect, be requested to be present.

(Minutes Jan'y 10, 1876, p. 508).

Adopted.

Senate Committee.

Commisssoner MARTIN presented a statement of the operations of the Department, for the year 1875; evidence in respect to which had been given by Commissioner Stebbins, before the Senate Committee, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this statement be received, and adopted by the Board, and sent to the Senate Committee.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the statement and resolution be laid over till the next meeting.

(Minutes Jan'y 7, 1876, p. 502).

Adopted.

Battery Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of the application of the United States Government, for the purchase of a portion of the Battery Park, and laid over on the 15th December 1875, be now taken up.

(Minutes Dec. 15th, 1875, p. 497.)

Adopted.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that the said subject be referred to the President to communicate to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, to whom the matter was referred, the report of the Landscape Architect, in relation thereto.

Adopted.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards

The President presented a requisition, dated 29th Dec.,

1875, and made by the Landscape Architect for various articles required in an office hired by him under authority of its resolution adopted on the 15th Dec., 1875, and entered on page 481 of the minutes.

(Minutes Dec. 15, 1875, p. 481).

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said requisition be approved.

Adopted.

Inspectors Meehan and Barry.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Mr. Wm. H. Grant, late engineer in charge of the work of paving Third avenue, did not certify to the pay-rolls of inspectors Meehan and Barry before the expiration of his employment,

Resolved, That said pay-rolls be referred to Commissioner MARTIN to examine, and if found correct, to certify same in place of the engineer.

Adopted.

Battery Park. Elevated Railway.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of the application of the New York Elevated Railway Co., to extend its line across the Battery Park be now taken up.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the consideration of said subject be further laid over, until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 7.15 o'clock, P. M., to meet on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 4:30 o'clock, P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1876:

ADJOURNED MEETING—4.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 13th inst. were read and approved.

Reservoir Square.

The order of business was then suspended on motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, and the following owners of property in the neighborhood of Reservoir Square were received, viz. :

Messrs. L. S. Comstock, Robert Irwin, David Banks and Cornelius O'Reilly.

They urged the necessity of the removal of the urinal placed in said square from its position near Fortieth Street to a point equally distant from Fortieth and Forty-second Streets and close to the wall of the reservoir.

(Minutes, July 21, 1875, p. 150.)

They then retired.

Battery Park—Elevated Railway.

Mr. Matthew Byrnes, a property owner, was then received and heard in opposition to the application of the New York Elevated Railway Company for permission to construct its line across the Battery Park. He stated that an association of

property owners, of whom he was one, had employed counsel to present their views to the Commissioners, but that he was unable to attend to-day, and therefore asked an adjournment of the subject to allow counsel to be heard.

(Minutes, Jan. 13, 1876, p. 529.)

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the subject be laid over until Thursday, the 20th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M., at which time it be taken up and counsel heard.

Adopted.

Mr. Byrnes then retired.

Awarding Contracts.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the subject of awarding the contracts for the several works and supplies, for which proposals were received on the 10th inst., be now taken up.

(Minutes, Jan. 13, 1876, p. 527.)

Adopted.

Iron Work, Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 4) of the Watson Manufacturing Company for the iron work of the Museum of Natural History building be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract be awarded to said company, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Carpenter Work, Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 5) of Mr. J. V. Donvan for the carpenter's work of the Museum of Natural History building be accepted as the lowest bid ;

that the contract be awarded to said J. V. Donvan, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Plastering Work, Museum Natural History.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 3) of Mr. John Mahoney for the plastering work of the Museum of Natural History building be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said John Mahoney, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Plumbing Work, Museum Natural History.

The PRESIDENT presented the following letter from the President of the Glass-lined Pipe & Tube Co., and moved that it be received and filed :

Adopted.

" New York, Jan. 18, 1876.

To the Commissioners of the Department
of Public Parks,

Gentlemen,—In response to your citation, dated the 15th inst., I called at your office at 3 o'clock p. m. to-day, and beg to make the following statement :

Having made a proposal for the plumbing work for the Museum of Natural History, according to advertisement, for thirteen hundred and fifty dollars, I was informed by the President of your Department that no contract could be given for the plumbing work separately, but that such contract can only be given for the plumbing and gas-fitting together. I therefore respectfully withdraw my said proposal.

Yours, respectfully,

(Signed) W. M. RADDE,
President of the Glass-lined Pipe & Tube Co.,
548 Pearl street.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the proposal (No. 3) of Mr. P. McDermott for the plumbing work of the Museum of Natural History building be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract be awarded to said P. McDermott, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same, for and on behalf of this Department.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved as a substitute therefor that the proposal (No. 1) of the Glass-lined Pipe & Tube Co., of the State of New York, for the plumbing work of the Museum of Natural History building, be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract be awarded to said Glass-lined Pipe & Tube Co., and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, moved by Commissioner Williamson, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the subject of awarding the contract for said plumbing work, and also said motion moved by Commissioner Martin, be laid over until the next meeting
Adopted.

Painting Work, Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 2) of Mr. Benjamin Benas for the painting work of the Museum of Natural History building be rejected as informal, the sureties not having justified in the amount required.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the proposal (No. 3) of Messrs. Van Horn & Fogazzi for the painting work of the Museum of Natural History building be accepted as the lowest bid; that the

contract be awarded to said Van Horn & Fogazzi, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Artificial Stone and Tile Work—Museum Natural History.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 1) of Mr. F. W. Lawrence for the artificial stone and tile work of the Museum of Natural History building be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said F. W. Lawrence, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Heating and Ventilation Work, Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 2) of Messrs. Baker, Smith & Co., for the heating and ventilation work of the Museum of Natural History building be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Baker, Smith & Co., and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Elevator Work, Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT moved that the proposal (No. 3) of Messrs. Cooke & Beggs for the elevator work of the Museum of Natural History building be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Cooke & Beggs, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Cases, Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the proposal (No. 3) of the Watson Manufacturing Co. for the cases for the Museum of Natural History building, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said company, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Vitrified Pipe.

The PRESIDENT moved that the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. Stewart & Co. for vitrified pipe be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Stewart & Co., and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

The order of business being then resumed, the following communications were presented and read :

Third Avenue Improvement.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in which he states, after reviewing the opinion of the late Counsel to the Corporation on the subject of the issue of bonds by the Comptroller of the city for the improvement of Third Avenue : " I have carefully considered the questions involved in this matter, and, while it is possible that the opinion of my predecessor may be sustained by the courts, I do not think the matter is so entirely free from doubt as to justify me in holding that it is the duty of the Comptroller to issue bonds to the full amount transferred to him."

(Minutes, Jan. 6, 1875, p. 431.)

Filed.

Morningside Park.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Work, requesting that this Department would determine the lines of curb and other surface constructions in the streets and avenues bounding Morningside Park, to enable the necessary surveys

plans and estimates for letting the work of regulating and grading them to be proceeded with.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then presented duplicate plans of said streets and avenues, prepared by the Landscape Architect, whereupon

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the duplicate plans showing the line of curb and other surface constructions on the streets and avenues adjacent to Morningside Park, dated "New York, April 27th, 1875," and signed "Fred. Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect," be, and they hereby are, adopted, and that the lines of curb and other surface constructions, as the same are shown on said plans, are hereby determined by this Department in pursuance of Sec. 1 of Chap. 850, Laws of 1873 ; and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to certify both of said plans, to cause one of them to be filed in the office of this Department and to transmit the other to the Department of Public Works.

(Minutes, October 16th, 1873, p. 347.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Force in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, asking that five more laborers be appointed.

Laid on the table.

Menagerie—Young Lions.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that it is necessary to have a large and strong bitch for the purpose of rearing the young lions. That he has hired one which can be purchased for \$20, which he recommends to be done.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Director of the Menagerie be authorized to procure a suitable animal for the purposes of rearing said young lions, at a cost not exceeding \$20.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Menagerie—Antelopes.

From the Director of the Menagerie, enclosing a communication from Mr. M. E. Killermann, of Russell, Russell county, Kansas, offering to sell and deliver, properly boxed, to the express company there, four young antelopes for \$100, and recommending that said antelopes be purchased.

The PRESIDENT moved that the said antelopes be purchased at a price not exceeding \$100, as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Morris Avenue.

From Mr. Christian H. Otten, requesting that the title to Morris Avenue, as extended and widened, be acquired.

(Minutes, Dec. 29, 1875, p. 485.)

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Assembly Committee on Cities.

From Hon. Hamilton Fish, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Cities, notifying the Commissioners that said Committee would, on the 20th inst., consider a bill amending

"An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30th, 1873.

Filed.

Senate and Assembly Bills.

From Mr. Sanders Wilson, Superintendent of Documents in the Senate, offering to supply this Department with printed copies of the Senate and Assembly bills during this session, for \$50.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that Mr. Wilson's offer be accepted, and that on his supplying copies of the bills, he be paid \$50 at the termination of the present session of the Legislature.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

3d Avenue.

From Mr. M. Shiel and other residents in the 23d Ward, complaining that the sidewalks on Third Avenue, between 150th and 157th Streets are rendered impassable, obstructions being placed on them, and asking that such obstructions be removed.

Referred to the President, with power.

John C. Dwyer.

From Mr. John C. Dwyer, applying for the position of park-keeper.

Laid on the table.

Camera Obscura.

From Mr. Ferdinand May, asking permission to erect a Camera Obscura in the Central Park.

(Minutes, August 18th, 1875, p. 209.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said application be refused.

Adopted.

Vault.

From the Landscape Architect, upon the necessity of the erection of a new fire proof vault for the preservation of the maps, plans and records of the Department.

(Minutes, Oct. 27, 1875, p. 351.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and laid over for future consideration.

Adopted.

James Kelly.

From Mrs. B. Kelly, widow, applying for the restoration of James Kelly, as a laborer, on the ground that he is the sole support of herself and family.

Laid on the table.

Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings, &c.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, to whom was referred the communication of the Engineer and Surveyor of Street openings and improvements relative to portions of his and his assistants' pay, still due, verbally reported and submitted a statement made by the said Engineer and Surveyor thereon, and recommended the adoption of the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The work of the Engineer and Surveyor of Street openings and improvements, and his assistants, upon Third Avenue, for the purposes of the grading of said Avenue from 147th St. to the Harlem River, and the maps and surveyes made by them, have been used by and were necessary to enable the Civil and Topographical Engineer to prepare the maps, and plans for the change of the grade of said Avenue, recently adopted by this Board, therefore,

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city be, and he hereby is, requested to pay all salaries or fees due to said Engineer and Surveyor and his assistants, L. A. Risse, Louis Falkenau, Daniel Campbell and Patrick Phillips, up to and including the month of December, 1875, and which have been charged to the work of grading Third Avenue from 147th Street to Harlem River, out of the appropriation for "surveying, laying out, monu-

menting, &c., north end of the island and 23d and 24th wards," for 1875.

(Minutes, January 13th, 1876, p. 518.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Senate Committee.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the subject of the statement of the operations of the Department presented by him at the meeting of the Board held on the 13th January, 1876, be now taken up.

(Minutes, January 13th, 1876, p. 528.)

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the resolution in relation thereto offered by him at said meeting, viz. :

Resolved, That this statement be received and adopted by the Board, and sent to the Senate Committee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to the said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Grading Third Avenue.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to adopt the following resolution, namely :

Resolved, That the ordinance directing Third Avenue to be graded between Harlem River and 147th Street, adopted on the 10th December, 1874, and approved by the Mayor on the 21st December, 1874, be amended so as to read as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York in Common Council convened:

That Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, between Harlem River and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, be graded in accordance with the grade established by the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature for opening and laying out streets, roads and avenues in the town of Morrisania, as same has been altered and amended by the Department of Public Parks, and that such work be done under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in accordance with Section 14 of Chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

(Minutes, Jan. 6, 1875, p. 429, and Nov. 11, 1875, p. 412.)

Adopted.

Appropriations for 1876.

Commissioners O'DONOHUE and MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, to which committee was referred the subject of the appropriations for 1876, presented the following report:

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have appropriated for the principal items of the work of the Department, for the year 1876, the following sums:

For salaries.....	\$55,000
For police.....	110,000
For general maintenance.....	187,500
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	\$352,500

The first and last of these sums are less than the amounts expended for these purposes in previous years, and the second is greater.

The division of the gross sum is not such as a clear view of the operations of the Department would indicate, but its purpose, of greater economy and efficiency in expenditure, is apparent, and that purpose we must carry out.

The question in regard to the power of that Board, to make this division and to determine against which fund, construction or maintenance, all salaries must be charged, it is not necessary to consider. In either view the purposes are alike, and we have the means of carrying those purposes into effect, in the way that will produce the best results.

The annexed table shows the sums that have been expended by the Department for the last three years, on its various accounts, and in contrast with them the appropriations for 1876.

The most notable diminution is in the amount applicable to the general maintenance of the parks. Unless managed with great economy, the money will be inadequate, and the results will be disastrous.

TABLE A.

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	APPS. 1876.
Harlem R. Bridges				
Reps., &c.....	\$8,048 18	\$19,537 82	\$31,135 78	\$40,000 00
Music.....	6,955 00	7,500 60	4,642 00	5,000 00
Independence day.....	9,598 97	9,796 60	7,756 51	7,500 00
Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		40,126 05	49,931 10	40,000 00
Bronx, River Bridges				
Reps., &c.....				15,000 00
Surveying, Laying out, etc.....		56,201 49	33,518 89	25,000 00
City Hall Pavement.....				10,000 00
Museums of Art and N.				
Hist.....		25,408 75	26,957 25	30,000 00
Salaries.....	22,772 21	20,271 76	48,472 45	55,000 00
Police.....	89,659 62	97,369 54	96,019 25	110,000 00
Genl. Maintenance.....	322,619 25	295,177 43	276,393 94	157,500 00
Mus. Obs. & Gallery of Art.....	19,526 95	14,884 41		
	\$479,180 18	\$586,274 45	\$574,827 17	\$495,000 00

The totals of these figures for expenditures in 1875, will vary somewhat as the bills for materials are received and settled.

THE ORDER OF REDUCTION.

The primary purpose for which the money is expended is to keep the parks in fine order; to keep the roads and walks in good condition, the bridges and other structures in repair, the turf, the plantations, the flowers and foliage in growth, so that the general effect, year by year, will be to enhance the beauty and attractiveness of the Park. A failure in any of the numerous details of this work will be very damaging; for insufficient repair and negligence soon lead to the necessity of expensive reconstructions.

Second in importance of these expenditures is the Police. Its purpose is to preserve order, to prevent depredation and annoyances, and to attend to the comfort, protection and enjoyment of the visitors. The protection of so extended and valuable a property is next in order to its cultivation.

The salaries of the official and clerical force employed in doing this work is the third in order, and should be reduced to the lowest sum. It is a deduction out of the money expended on the proper work of the parks, of the proportion necessary to carry the money to its destination, like the expenses of a missionary society used in conveying its funds to their object, or like the expense of the official machinery necessary in collecting the revenue of a state.

These three subjects, therefore, should be treated in this order. As much as possible should be expended on the Park cultivation, and this amount should be increased by the most rigid deductions in the sums paid for police and salaries.

SALARIES.

Salaries.—The \$55,000 appropriated for salaries covers all salaries in the Department except the mechanics, laborers and their foremen, and the engineers and superintendent in the 23d and 24th Wards. The whole of these salaries must be brought within this sum, and must be paid out of the maintenance fund. The annexed table (B) shows the salaries which were paid in the Department during the year 1875, and it is apparent that a great reduction must be made. This can be accomplished by:

1st.—Placing engineering force employed on construction work upon the pay-rolls for that work.

2d.—Placing some of the messengers and other skilled laborers, who now appear on the list of salaried employes, upon the proper pay-roll.

3d.—Reducing some of the salaries of the present clerks.

4th.—Discharging clerks who are not necessary.

It is obvious that the proposition to reduce all salaries by a percentage would be an injudicious mode of reduction and would work positive injustice, because, as the duties and clerks are now arranged, there are some whose services are not needed, and whose time is not employed; there are cases where the compensation is very high for the services rendered, and other cases where employes are fulfilling the duties of two offices for the pay of one.

TABLE B.
SALARIES.

1875.	MAIN- TENANCE.	CONSTRUC- TION.	TOTAL.	
GENERAL OFFICE.				
President.....	\$5,486 49	\$1,013 43	\$6,499 92	
Irwin.....	3,235 89	1,264 11	4,500 00	
Evans.....	2,157 26	842 74	3,000 00	
Lord.....	2,157 26	842 74	3,000 00	
Hecker.....	862 90	337 10	1,200 00	
Beall.....	675 75	263 25	939 00	
Watkins.....	788 37	307 13	1,095 50	
				\$20,234 42
OFFICE DESIGN AND SUPERINTENDENCE.				
Olmsted.....	\$4,674 09	\$1,825 93	\$6,500 02	
Martin.....	1,994 36	705 64	2,700 00	
Whittemore.....	527 50	215 00	742 50	
				\$9,942 52
ENGINEER'S OFFICE.				
Bogart.....	\$922 55	\$4,260 71	\$5,183 26	
Calkins.....	674 18	1,225 78	1,899 96	
Bailey.....		345 00	345 00	
Sibeth.....	266 12	1,233 86	1,499 98	
Hermans.....	212 90	987 09	1,199 99	
				10,128 19
OFFICE SUPERINTENDING ARCHITECT.				
Munckwitz.....	\$3,336 20	\$1,550 40	\$4,886 60	
Krause.....	178 50	760 50	939 00	
				\$5,825 60
OFFICE DISBURSING CLERK.				
Van Valkenburg....	\$2,876 30	\$1,123 66	\$3,999 96	
Belton.....	1,294 36	505 64	1,800 00	
Harrison.....	1,078 63	421 37	1,500 00	
Sterne.....	862 90	337 10	1,200 00	
Carpenter.....	563 12	219 38	782 50	
McLaughlin.....	563 12	219 38	782 50	
				10,064 96
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.				
Trimble.....	\$1,438 11	\$561 81	\$1,999 92	
Fisher.....	1,234 05	300 00	1,534 05	
Beckett.....	563 12	219 38	782 50	
				4,316 47

SALARIES—(Continued.)

1875.	MAIN- TENANCE.	CONSTRUC- TION.	TOTAL.		
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DIRECTOR OF MENAGERIE.

Conklin.....	\$2,499 96	\$2,499 96		\$2,499 96
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OFFICE PROPERTY CLERK.

Beames.....	\$1,797 67	\$702 29	\$2,499 96		2,499 96
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MUSEUM AND OBSERVATORY.

Draper.....	\$3,999 96	\$3,999 96		
Ingraham.....	1,200 00	1,200 00		
					5,199 96

Total permanent..... \$70,712 04

EMPLOYED TEMPORARILY.

Harris.....	\$7 50	\$867 01	\$874 51		
Miller.....	.....	660 00	660 00		
Campbell.....	.....	534 00	534 00		
Trimble.....	.....	240 00	240 00		
Kennedy.....	.....	237 00	237 00		
Jeffries.....	.....	542 50	542 50		
Kelly.....	.....	262 50	262 50		
					3,350 51

EXPIRED.

Ryan.....	208 33	208 33	416 66		
Demcker.....	.....	583 32	583 32		
Arnold.....	.....	342 50	342 50		
Phillips.....	.....	192 50	192 50		
Bullard.....	135 00	.....	135 00		\$1,669 98
Total.....	\$48,472 45	\$27,260 08	\$75,732 53		\$75,732 53

POLICE.

The Police, for several years past, have not cost so large a sum as the amount appropriated in 1876. The expense should be reduced below that of last year. A great saving could be made on the appropriation, and the residue transferred to the general maintenance.

Reductions in this expense can be made—

First, by diminishing the number of men employed on the lower parks and leaving them to be covered by the municipal police.

Secondly, to produce equal results with a smaller number of men by having athletic and vigorous keepers in place of those who have become aged and enfeebled.

Thirdly, by supporting the efforts of the Lieutenant for efficiency by more capable Sergeants.

TABLE C.
POLICE, 1875.

1 Lieutenant,..... per annum,	\$1,600 00	Cost on the basis
1 Surgeon,..... " "	1,250 00	of the month of
5 Sergeants,..... \$3 75 per day,	6,843 00	December, 1875.
44 Patrolmen,..... 3 00 " "	48,180 00	
7 Park-Keepers,..... 2 50 " "	6,387 50	
20 Gate-Keepers,..... 2 50 " "	18,250 00	
7 Night-Watchmen,..... 2 00 " "	5,110 00	
6 Skilled Laborers,..... 2 50 " "	5,475 00	
2 Laborers..... 2 24 " "	1,635 20	
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Salaries	\$94,731 45	
Difference caused by changes.....	1,225 21	
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COST OF POLICE, 1875.		
Salaries,.....	93,506 24	
Materials,.....	2,513 01	
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Total Expenditures.....	\$96,019 25	

It is hard that the exigencies of the case require such action in regard to men who have been long accustomed, and some of whom have grown old, in the public service; but the necessity is one which is forced upon us, and no position is more trying than the one where the public good requires action which leads to individual disappointment and suffering.

The general effect of these changes will be to lessen expenditure upon men and to enlarge the sum that can be applied to the permanent work of improving and maintaining the parks.

In view of these general principles, it is proposed to make certain changes and reductions in the police and salaried officers and clerks, which will be submitted at a subsequent meeting.

The PRESIDENT stated that this subject had been discussed generally in the Board room, when all the Commissioners were present, but not at any separate meeting of the Executive Committee, and that he did not concur in the report.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then presented the following statement upon the same subject :

As we are entering upon a new year, which is cotemporaneous with the fiscal year of the city, it is proper that we should at the earliest moment co-operate with the Mayor and Comptroller in their efforts to produce greater economy in the administration of the affairs of our local government.

The first subject which presents itself for our consideration is that of salaries for the payment of which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has appropriated the sum of \$55,000. To come within the spirit of the resolution giving us that sum, we should not only seek to reduce the salaries to that amount, but we should also discharge those whose services can possibly be dispensed with without prejudice to the efficiency of this Department. As the amount appropriated for the general maintenance of the Department is so much less than in previous years, and may preclude the possibility of keeping a larger labor force employed, it will not be necessary to maintain so many clerks, engineers, &c., as was heretofore required.

As the services of the Landscape Architect will not be as much needed this year as in the past by reason of the reduction in the appropriation for maintenance, and as his continual absence from the city in consequence of his being retained on works elsewhere will preclude him from devoting his whole time to the Department, I would suggest that his salary be reduced to at least \$5,000.

Then, again, I do not think it just to the engineers who devote their whole time to the works of this Department, and whose abilities are as fully recognized in their profession as those of the Landscape Architect are in his, that there should be any difference in the rates of compensation.

If the needs of economy did not require the change I would leave the salaries of the Secretary and of some of the other more important members of the clerical force as fixed at present, but under the circumstances it would seem just and proper that we should make reductions there also.

The following is a tabular statement of the existing and proposed rates of the salaried force I propose retaining :

	PRESENT RATE.	PROPOSED RATE.
President.....	6,500	6,500
Wm Irwin.....	4,500	4,000
Isaac Evans.....	3,000	2,500
D. P. Lord.....	3,000	2,500
F. C. A. Hecker.....	1,200	discharge.
W. D. Beall.....	900	1,200
John Watkins.....	1,050	1,050
W. Van Valkenburg.....	4,000	3,000
J. F. Belton.....	1,800	discharge.
G. H. Harrison.....	1,500	1,500
M. E. Sterne.....	1,200	1,300
H. Carpenter.....	750	messenger, laborer's roll
J. McLoughlin.....	750	messenger, laborer's roll
F. L. Olmsted.....	6,500	5,000
H. A. Martin.....	3,000	2,500
A. M. Whittemore.....	750	discharge.
J. Munckwitz.....	5,000	5,000
C. B. Trimble.....	2,000	discharge.
W. L. Fischer.....	1,800	gardener, laborer's roll.
J. Beckett.....	750	messenger, laborer's roll
W. A. Conklin.....	2,500	2,500
W. E. Beames.....	2,500	2,000
D. Draper.....	4,000	4,000
F. B. Ingram.....	1,200	1,200
Geo. S. Greene.....	5,000	5,000
E. L. Heusner.....	1,500	1,200
2 Bridge-tenders.....	1,800	laborer's roll.
	<u>\$68,450</u>	<u>\$51,950</u>

As it will be utterly impossible to efficiently manage the Department with less than those I have above enumerated, or at less rates, and as the whole amount appropriated for salaries is thereby nearly exhausted, it would seem out of the question for us to inaugurate any new works, payable out of the Park Improvement Fund, and I would, therefore, recommend that Mr. Bogart and his whole corps be discharged. The disbandment of that force will effect a saving of \$18,800 in salaries.

The next subject for us to consider in the way of reduction is that of the police force. I would recommend that the pay of the sergeants be reduced from \$3.75 per day to \$3.25; that of the patrolmen from \$3.00 to \$2.50; that of the post-keepers and gate-keepers from \$2.50 to \$2.25; that of the skilled laborers detailed for police duty, from \$2.50 to \$2.25.

This change will produce the following results :

5 sergeants at a reduction of 50 cents per day.....	\$2 50
44 patrolmen at a " " " " ".....	22 00

7 park-keepers at a reduction of 25 cents per day	\$1 75
20 gate-keepers at a " " " "	5 00
6 skilled laborers at a " " " "	1 50
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Total reduction per day	\$32 75
Total reduction for 300 days	\$9,825 00

In conclusion, I would recommend that the foremen, mechanics and laborers employed on the maintenance works be paid at the following rates, and that they (except foremen) be allowed to work ten hours each day, if they desire, whenever their services are required.

General foremen, \$5.00 per day.	}	Without reference to number of hours employed.
Foreman of masons, \$5.00 " "		
Foremen of carpenters, \$4.50 " "		
Foremen of laborers, \$4.00 " "		
Assistant Foremen of laborers, \$2.50 per day.		
Carpenters instead of \$4.00 per day, 40 cents per hour.		
Masons, " \$4.24 " 42 " "		
Painters, " \$3.75 " 37 " "		
Rockmen, " \$2.24 " 22 " "		
Stonecutters, " \$4.24 " 42 " "		
Blacksmiths, " \$3.50 " 35 " "		
Blasters, " \$2.44 " 24 " "		
Laborers " \$2.00 " 20 " "		
Teams, " \$5.44 " 54 " "		
Carts, " \$3.50 " 35 " "		
Plumbers, " \$3.50 " 35 " "		
Division Gardeners, instead of \$3.00 per day, 30 cents per hour.		
Gardeners, " \$2.50 " 25 " "		

At these rates a force of 400 men, including foremen, mechanics, gardeners and laborers could be employed at eight hours each day at a reduction of about sixty cents per day per man, which would make \$72,000 per annum.

The total reduction would be as follows:

Salaries	\$29,450 00
Police	9,825 00
Laborers, &c. (estimated)	72,000 00
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	\$111,275 00

During the present season of course the labor force can be materially reduced, especially in the employment of high-priced mechanics, which would effect a still greater reduction.

If this plan be carried into effect I have no doubt but that we would be able to maintain the parks at their present efficiency with the reduced appropriation.

Appropriation for 1875, including salaries of Police...	\$420,000 00
Deduct amount paid for salaries out of said fund..	48,472 45

Balance for Police and General maintenance..... \$371,527 55

Appropriation for 1876, including salaries and police..	\$322,500 00	
Deduct amount fixed for salaries.....	51,950 00	
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Balance for police and general maintenance.....		\$270,550 00
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Less this year than last.....		\$100,977 55
Reduction on police force as above	\$9,825 00	
Reduction on labor force as above (estimated)....	72,000 00	
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		81,825 00
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		\$19,152 55
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Even after these reductions are made it will be necessary for the Superintendent to retain as few mechanics, laborers, &c., as possible, so as to further reduce the expenses of the Department payable out of this appropriation to the extent of \$19,152.55.

(Minutes Dec. 29, 1875, p. 491.)

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that said two reports be received and printed at length in the minutes, and that they be laid over for future consideration.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 6.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Présent—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned, without transacting any business, to meet on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the Minutes of the previous meetings of the 18th and 19th inst. was dispensed with.

Battery Park—Elevated Railway.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the order of business was suspended, and the meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of hearing the arguments of counsel and of citizens on the subject of granting permission to the New York Elevated Railway Co. to construct its line across the Battery Park.

(Minutes, January 18th, 1876, p. 531).

There were present—His Hon. the Mayor, Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary and Counsel for the rapid transit Commissioners, Mr. M. Courtright, President, and Mr. W. L. Scott, Director, of the New York Elevated Railway Co., Mr. John E. Parsons, counsel for citizens, and others.

Mr. Parsons stated that he had only been retained by his clients the day before and was not prepared to proceed with his argument at this meeting, and asked for a short adjournment.

The PRESIDENT then, after consultation with the other Commissioners, announced that the meeting would be adjourned, as requested by Mr. Parsons, until 3 o'clock P. M. on Saturday, the 22d inst., but that the Commissioners would now hear any counsel or citizen who was prepared to proceed.

The following then addressed the Commissioners and opposed the granting of the permission asked, viz., Mr. Luke F. Cozans, counsel for Mr. J. D. Crimmins and other citizens, Mr. Matthew Kaine and Mr. Matthew Byrnes.

Mr. Simeon E. Church spoke in favor of granting the permission.

The order of business was then resumed and the following communications were presented and read :

Museums of Natural History and Art.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the Department that the Comptroller was authorized on the 18th inst. to issue \$50,000 of the Museum of Art and Natural History stock, in pursuance of the requisition of this Department.

(Minutes, September 8th, 1875, p. 265.)

Filed.

American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Albert S. Bickmore, Superintendent of the American Museum of Natural History, giving an estimate of the expenditures for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of said museum for the year 1876, amounting in all to \$13,100.

(Minutes, January 13th, 1876, p. 517).

Filed.

Bridge over Bronx River.

From Mr. Alphonso Wood, notifying the Department that Westchester County has refused to contribute to the expense

of constructing a new bridge over the Bronx River at or near the foot of Prospect Street.

(Minutes, November 12th, 1875, p. 378).

Laid on the table.

Laying out 24th Ward.

From Mr. W. C. Crane and a number of taxpayers and owners of property in the 24th Ward, petitioning that the maps of the streets and grades in the following district, be filed as soon as possible, viz. :

“ Bounded on the west by the westerly line of Central Avenue” (Jerome Avenue), “ on the south by the northerly line of the 23d Ward, on the east and north by a line commencing at said northerly line of the 23d Ward and running thence northerly along the easterly side of Fordham Avenue to the southerly line of King’s Bridge Road ; thence southerly along the same to the easterly line of Hoffman Street ; thence northerly along the same to the southerly side of Union Avenue ; thence easterly along the same to the Southern Boulevard, and thence northerly and westerly along the easterly and northerly side of said Southern Boulevard to said Central Avenue.”

(Minutes, December 15th, 1875, p. 478).

Referred to Commissioner Martin to report.

Treasurer’s Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1876.		CR.	
Jan.	5.	By balance.....	\$1,788 54
Jan.	5	} “ cash received from rents and licenses.....	280 24
to			
Jan.	19.		

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Jan. 5	}	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$359 52
to 19.			
Jan. 19.	"	balance.....	1,709 26
			\$2,068 78

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, January 19, 1876.
 9.30 A. M.

City Hall Park Pavement.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Landscape Architect be directed to report in what manner and to what extent the pavement of the City Hall Park can be best repaired, with the appropriation granted for that purpose.

Adopted.

Plumbing Work, Museum Natural History.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the proposal (No. 1) of the Glass-Lined Pipe & Tube Co., for the plumbing work of the Museum of Natural History, be rejected as irregular and defective, on the ground that it was made only for the plumbing work and did not include the gas-fitting, as required by the specifications.

(Minutes, Jan'y 18, 1876, p. 533).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Commissioner MARTIN then called up and moved his resolution offered on the 18th inst., awarding said contract to Mr. P. McDermott.

(Minutes, Jan'y 18, 1876, p. 534).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Williamson—1.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 7.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Saturday, the 22d inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 18th, 19th and 20th insts. was dispensed with.

Battery Park—Elevated Railway.

The order of business was then suspended, and the meeting was opened to the public for the purpose of hearing counsel on the subject of allowing the New York Elevated Railway Company to construct its line across the Battery Park.

There were present His Honor The Mayor, Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary and counsel for the Rapid Transit Commissioners; Hon. Wm. C. Whitney, Counsel to the Corporation; Hon. James Emott, counsel for the New York Elevated Railway Company; Messrs. John E. Parsons, W. H. Peckham & L. F. Cozans, counsel for citizens; Mr. M. Courtright, President, and W. L. Scott, Director, of the New York Elevated Railway Company; Mr. O. Vandenburgh and others.

Mr. Vandenburgh presented and read a protest from Messrs. Sheldon & Brown, counsel for Mr. L. Redfield, the receiver of the New York City Central Underground Railway Company, against granting any right of way to the New York Elevated

Railway Company through the Battery Park, on the ground that it would interfere with the right of way of the New York City Central Underground Railway Company.

Mr. John E. Parsons and Mr. L. F. Cozans then spoke in opposition to the granting of the permission applied for, and Hon. James Emott and Mr. W. L. Scott in favor of it.

The PRESIDENT then explained the position of the Department and the steps which the Commissioners had taken to ascertain their rights and powers in the matter.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the meeting adjourned at 6.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31st, 1876.

SPECIAL MEETING.—4 o'clock P. M.

By unanimous consent the Board met in Special Session for the purpose of considering and readjusting the salaries of the employés of the Department.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 18th, 19th, 20th and 22d insts. be dispensed with.

Adopted.

Salaries.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the salaries of the undermentioned officer and employés be fixed from and after the 1st January, 1876, at the rates set opposite their names respectively, and that the same be charged to appropriation for “ Maintenance and government of parks and places, salaries,” namely :

	Per Annum.
The President.....	\$6,500
W. Irwin, Secretary.....	4,500
Isaac Evans, Assistant Secretary.....	2,750
D. P. Lord, First Clerk.....	2,750
Wm. D. Beall, Clerk.....	1,200
Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk.....	3,500
J. F. Belton, Clerk.....	1,800
M. E. Sterne.....	1,200
F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect.....	6,000
H. A. Martin, Chief Clerk in the Office of Design and Superintendence....	3,000
J. Munckwitz, Superintendent and Superintending Architect.....	5,000

	Per Annum.
George S. Greene, Engineer of Construction.....	\$5,000
Wm. A. Conklin, Director of the Menagerie.....	2,500
Daniel Draper, Director of the Meteorological Observatory.....	4,000
T. B. Ingram, Clerk.....	1,200
F. A. Calkins, Assistant Engineer... ..	1,900
Otto Siebth, Draughtsman.....	1,200

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay of the undermentioned employés be fixed from and after the 1st January, 1876, at the rates set opposite their names respectively, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for "Maintenance and government of parks and places, maintenance of the parks, &c.," namely :

	Per Day.
W. L. Fischer, Superintending Gardener... ..	\$6 00
Henry Carpenter, Messenger.....	2 50
John McLaughlin, ".....	2 50
John Beckett, ".....	2 50
John Watkins, Janitor.....	3 50

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay of the undermentioned employés be fixed, from and after January 1st, 1876, at the rates set oppo-

site their names respectively, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for "Repairs, improvements and maintenance of Harlem River Bridges," namely :

Benjamin Bates, Draw-tender.....	\$2 50 per day.
Thomas Byrne, " "	2 50 "

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay of the undermentioned employés be fixed, from and after the 1st January, 1876, at the rates set opposite their names respectively, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for "Maintenance and government of parks and places; maintenance of the parks, &c.," namely :

A. M. Whittmore, Messenger.....	\$2 50 per day.
F. C. A. Hecker, Messenger.....	3 00 "
A. Krause, Draughtsman.....	3 00 "

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution ;

Resolved, That Mr. C. B. Trimble be transferred from the position of clerk and appointed a general foreman, and that his pay be fixed at \$6.00 per day; to take effect from and after January 1st, 1876.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the services of the undermentioned employés be, and hereby are, discontinued from and after this date, namely :

Wm. E. Beames, Property Clerk.

Geo. H. Harrison, Clerk.

E. J. Heusner, Draughtsman.

A. M. Bailey, Assistant Engineer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the services of Mr. Halsted Hermans, Rodman, be, and hereby are, discontinued from and after this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

No—Commissioner O'Donohue—1.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the salary of Mr. John Bogart, Superintending Engineer be, and hereby is, suspended until the further order of the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the salaries and pay of the undermentioned employés in the Civil and Topographical force, be fixed from and after January 1st, 1876, at the rates set opposite their names respectively, namely.

	Per Annum.
J. J. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer.....	\$5,000
C. R. Schott, Division Engineer.....	2,500
R. L. Cooke, ".....	2,500
G. A. Cushing, ".....	2,000
S. B. Smith, Asst., " ".....	1,800
S. S. Haight, " " ".....	1,800
F. Greiffenburgh, Draughtsman.....	1,800
	Per Day.
Matthew Cox, Rodman.....	\$3 00
Thos. Fox, ".....	3 00
F. W. Brown, Messenger.....	2 00

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. A. M. Bailey be, and hereby is, appointed an Assistant Division Engineer in the Civil and Topographical force, and that his pay be fixed at the rate of \$1,500 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the services of the undermentioned employés

be, and hereby are, discontinued from and after this date, namely:

F. L. Underhill, Rodman.

S. T. Boggs, Axeman.

B. W. Barlow, Clerk.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pay for the month of January, 1876, of all employés who have either been suspended or whose services have been discontinued, be, and hereby are, fixed at a reduction of fifteen per cent. from the pay heretofore allowed them.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pay of the police force be fixed as mentioned hereafter, from and after January 1st, 1876, namely:

	Per Day.
Sergeants at.....	\$3 25
Park-keepers at.....	2 50
Post-keepers at.....	2 25
Gate-keepers at.....	2 25
Skilled laborers, including tailors, at.....	2 25

Commissioner MARTIN moved to amend said resolution by substituting the following rates, namely:

	Per Day.
Sergeants at.....	\$3 25
Park-keepers at.....	2 50

	Per Day.
Post-keepers at.....	\$2 30
Gate-keepers at.....	2 30
Skilled laborers, including tailors at.....	2 25

Commissioner WILLIAMSON accepted said amendment.

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

- Ayes*—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.
No—Commissioner O'Donohue—1.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the rates of pay mentioned in the annexed schedule be adopted by the Board, as the rates to be paid to all employés appointed to the several positions therein mentioned, except to General Foreman C. B. Trimble, namely :

General foremen.....	\$5 00 per day.	}	Without reference to number of hours employed.
Foremen of masons.....	5 00 "		
Foremen of carpenters.....	4 50 "		
Foremen of laborers.....	4 00 "		
Assistant foremen of laborers.	2 50 "		
Carpenters, instead of.....	\$4 00 per day, 40 cents per hour.		
Masons, ".....	4 24	"	42
Painters, ".....	3 75	"	37
Rockmen, ".....	2 24	"	22
Stone-cutters ".....	4 24	"	42
Blacksmiths, ".....	3 50	"	35
Blasters, ".....	2 44	"	24
Laborers, ".....	2 00	"	20
Teams, ".....	5 44	"	54
Carts, ".....	3 60	"	36
Plumbers, ".....	3 50	"	35
Division Gardeners, instead of.....	3 00	"	30
Gardeners, instead of.....	2 50	"	25

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said resolution be amended by excepting therefrom

- Foremen of Masons,
- Rockmen,

Blasters,
 Division Gardeners,
 Gardeners,
 Laborers,
 Teams,
 Carts.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Requisition.—City Parks Improvement Fund.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be, and he is hereby, required forthwith to create and issue, in such manner and under such regulations as he shall determine, a public fund, or stock, to be denominated "City Parks Improvement Fund," to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as authorized by Chap. 608, Laws of 1875, for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and places now under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, Oct. 8th, 1875, p. 325.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

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Cleaning the Lake.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to close the season for skating on the lake in Central Park, and to proceed forthwith with the cleaning of same, as heretofore directed.

(Minutes, Sept. 29, 1875, p. 303.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 7 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2d, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for supplying uniform overcoats and pantaloons for the police force.

(Minutes, Jan. 13, 1876, p. 527.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened.

1. Sackett & Miller:

Overcoats, \$25 each.

Pantaloons, \$8 each.

Made of the best quality “ West Point Cadet Kersey,” like sample furnished.

Overcoats, \$22 each.

Pantaloons, \$6.50 each.

Made of the best quality “ West Point Cadet Cloth,” like sample furnished.

2. **W. L. Conklin & Son :**

Overcoats, \$26.75 éach.

Pantaloon, \$8.50 éach.

Made of the best " West Point Cadet Kersey, standard quality," like sample furnished.

3. **Traphagen, Hunter & Co. :**

Overcoats, \$27 éach.

Pantaloon, \$7.50 éach.

Made of same cloths as samples furnished.

The Comptroller of the City then retired and the Board met in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of January 18th, 19th, 20th and 22d, 1876, were read and approved, and, on motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 31st January, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Battery Park—Elevated Railway Co.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that after considering the arguments presented to this Board by Mr. John E. Parsons, Counsel for citizens, in opposition to the application of the New York Elevated Railway Co. for permission to construct their road across the Battery Park, as follows :

“ I am unable to change the opinion I have heretofore ex-

“pressed in my communication of December 1, 1875. Of course if any error is made in this matter, it will be a subject of congratulation that you are able to rectify it at any time, inasmuch as it is not proposed, as I understand, to give anything but a revocable license to this company.”

(Minutes, Jan. 20th and 22d, 1876, pp. 555 and 561.)

Filed.

From Messrs. Sheldon & Brown, Attorneys for Mr. O. Vandenburg, serving upon the Department a copy of the decree of the Special Term Superior Court of the City of New York, dated 11th January, 1876, and made in the matter of Origen Vandenburg *vs.* The New York City Central Underground Railway Co. and others.

Filed.

Washington Avenue.

From the Health Department, calling attention to the condition of Washington Avenue, between 159th and 160th Streets, in the Twenty-third Ward.

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

Sewer in 143d Street.

From the Health Department, enclosing a copy of the following resolution adopted by that Department on the 11th January, 1876, viz. :

“Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, respectfully requested to allow a sewer to be built, for sanitary reasons, in 143d Street, seventy-five feet west of Third Avenue, to College Avenue.”

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then presented a communication from the Engineer of Construction, recommending that if permission is given to the owners of property in 143d Street to make a sewer in said street, certain restrictions and conditions be imposed.

Filed.

(Minutes, Dec. 15th, 1875, p. 478.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that permission be granted to the owners of property on 143d Street to construct a sewer in said street, under the supervision of this Department, as requested by them and by the Health Department, and that the subject be referred to the President to make the necessary arrangements therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Dump Tickets.

From the Police Department, with a bill amounting to \$122.60, for "dump tickets" said to have been delivered to this Department during the years 1874 and 1875.

(Minutes, Dec. 29, 1875, p. 485.)

Referred to the Auditing Committee to examine and report.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, stating that \$25,000 of the "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock" had been authorized to be issued.

(Minutes, Jan. 31, 1876, p. 570.)

Filed.

Flagging Walks of City Hall Park and Washington Square.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Aldermen on December 30th, 1875, viz. :

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, called to the resolution adopted by this Board, May 20th, 1875, requesting the said Commissioners to have the sidewalks around the City Hall Park and Washington Square Park flagged full width, and the walks in both parks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, and now that the

appropriations for the next year will soon be available, to request again that the work indicated in said resolution of May 20th be immediately undertaken, and prosecuted to completion without unnecessary delay.

(Minutes, June 2, 1875, p. 54.)

Filed.

City Hall Park Pavement.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon what manner and to what extent the pavement of the City Hall Park can be best repaired with the appropriation granted for that purpose, and recommending that the whole of the Chambers Street sidewalk, and a central strip of all the interior walks be relaid; the material to be a hydraulic lime concrete; the work to be done by contract, at a price per square yard; the exact amount of pavement to be left undetermined until the price is fixed.

(Minutes, January 20th, 1876, p. 558.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received and adopted, that the Landscape Architect be directed to have proper specifications for the work prepared, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Reservoir Square Urinal.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the subject of the removal of the urinal at the southeast corner of Reservoir Park to a point more nearly midway between 40th Street and 42d Street.

(Minutes, January 18, 1876, p. 531.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and that it be referred to the President, with power to

make arrangements for the removal of said urinal from its present position to one less exposed to view from the houses in the neighborhood.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Third Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented reports from the Engineer of Construction and the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, concerning the obstructions on the sidewalks of Third Avenue, between 150th and 157th Streets, caused by the contractor for paving the avenue having piled stones on the sidewalks, since the work was suspended.

(Minutes January 18th, 1876, p. 540.)

Filed.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be requested to notify the contractor to remove said stones from the sidewalks, and that he will be held responsible for all loss and damage caused by his having placed them there; and that it be referred to the President, with power to direct the work of paving Third Avenue to be commenced again at such time as the Engineer of Construction shall think it advisable to do so.

Adopted.

Dock at Leggett's Creek.

From the Department of Docks, stating that there is a small stone dock situate on Leggett's Creek, said to be the property of the city, access to which is cut off by private parties, and requesting that such action as may be necessary be taken by

this Department, to render the approach to said dock free and unencumbered.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report upon.

Sale of Old Iron, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that a quantity of old refuse cast iron and lumber be sold by public auction.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that it was necessary to have said old iron, &c., removed as soon as possible, and he had therefore directed that it be sold at public auction.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

Streets round Woodlawn Cemetery.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a map of streets round Woodlawn Cemetery, in the 24th Ward, which he recommends to be adopted, and stating that the trustees of the cemetery are anxious to obtain permission from the Legislature to give the land to the city which will be required for the streets, and that the adoption of the map will assist them therein.

Referred to Commissioner Martin to examine and report.

Grove Street, 24th Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, calling the attention of the Board to a resolution introduced in the Board of Aldermen, on the 27th January, 1876, to flag the sidewalks of Grove Street, from Slocum Avenue, and stating that the street which is apparently meant is not definitely described, as there are four streets commonly known by that name, in that locality,

and also that he is of opinion that the street apparently meant is not a legal highway.

The PRESIDENT moved that a copy of said communication be sent to the Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Aldermen to whom said resolution was referred.

Adopted.

Inventory of Tools, &c.

From the Property Clerk, with an inventory of tools, implements, &c., belonging to the Department, and which were on hand January 1st, 1876.

Filed.

Westchester Avenue—Morris Avenue.

From the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements, recommending that the title be acquired to Westchester Avenue, from the boundary line of the former town of Morrisania to the boundary line of the city.

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be authorized and requested to instruct the Counsel to the Corporation to commence proceedings to acquire the title, for the use of the public, to the following avenues in the Twenty-third Ward, wherever said avenues have not been heretofore legally opened, and to include them in the same proceeding with the streets and avenues mentioned in the minutes of October 27th, 1875, page 354, namely :

1. Westchester Avenue, from the boundary line of the former town of Morrisania to the boundary line of the city of New York, at the Bronx river.
2. Morris Avenue, from the Third Avenue to Railroad Avenue, at 156th Street.
(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1875, Jan. 18th, 1876, pp. 421 and 539.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

149th Street.

From the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, stating that the portion of 149th Street between River Avenue and Harlem River has never been definitely located on any official map.

Filed.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the same subject.

Filed.

(Minutes, Oct. 27th, 1875, p. 353.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board a map laying out said portion of 149th Street.

Adopted.

161st Street.

From Mr. Wm. H. Morris, and a number of others, protesting against the proceedings to acquire title to 161st Street, from Jerome Avenue to Third Avenue.

(Minutes, Oct. 27th, 1875, p. 353.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin to report upon.

American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Albert S. Bickmore, Superintendent of the American Museum of Natural History, giving a revised estimate of the expenditures for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of said museum for the year 1876, amounting to \$10,100.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication and also

that of Mr. Thos. Bland, Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, giving a similar estimate for that museum, be referred to Commissioner Williamson to report.

(Minutes, Jan. 13th and 20th, 1876, pp. 517 and 556.)

Adopted.

College Avenue, 24th Ward.

From Mr. John B. Haskin, in answer to the petition of St. John's College concerning his alleged encroachment on College Avenue.

(Minutes, December 29, 1875, p. 486.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin to report.

Pelham Ave., 24th Ward.

From Mr. John B. Haskin, stating that Pelham Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, was formerly widened, so as to take in about seventeen feet of the grounds of St. John's College. That the college had been paid for the land so taken, but has never set back the wall or fence along the avenue, and requesting that this Department have the avenue widened to its full width.

Referred to Commissioner Martin to report.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Van Santvoord & Hauff, notifying the Department on behalf of their client, Mr. John J. Schillinger, that the laying of the artificial stone and tile work of the Museum of Natural History building will infringe his patent, reissue No. 4,364, dated May 2, 1871, for an improvement in concrete pavements.

(Minutes, January 18th, 1876, p. 535.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be filed and a copy sent to Mr. F. W. Lawrence, to whom the contract for the artificial stone and tile work of said building was awarded.

Adopted.

Boats on Harlem Meer.

From Mr. S. Roberts, applying for a license to place boats for hire on Harlem Meer in Central Park.

(Minutes, July 21, 1875, p. 138.)

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Bath-House at the Battery.

From Mr. Isaac Hall, applying for a license to moor his bath-house off the Battery during the coming summer.

(Minutes, April 7, 1875, p. 628.)

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Central Bridge.

From Mr. Theodore S. Broughton, applying for the position of keeper of Central Bridge.

(Minutes, Dec. 15, 1875, p. 478.)

Laid on the table.

Joseph Shiff.

From Mr. S. P. Bowen and others, asking that Mr. Joseph Shiff be appointed a gate-keeper.

Laid on the table.

Michael Newman.

From Michael Newman, applying to be restored as a stone-cutter.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said application be refused.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report.

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

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$12 44	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875	4 14	
		<hr/>	\$16 58
Affleck, Wm., & Co., oats and hay.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.		167 25
Barron, Jas. S., & Co., brooms and wick.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.		24 60
Byrne & Co., corn, oats, hay, &c.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1875.		328 99
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables, .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.		146 20
Central Gas-Light Co., gas.....	H. R. Bridges, Rep., Imp., & M, 1875.....		64 00
Conklin, W. A., medicines.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.		4 05
Fischer, W. L., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	\$2 00	
	City Parks Impt. F.	6 05	
		<hr/>	8 05
Florence, Wm. H., services.....	H. R. Bridges, Rep., Imp. & M., 1875.....		104 16
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	Maint. and Govnt. P. and P., 1875.	\$12 38	
	Mus. Natl. Hist...	50	
		<hr/>	12 88
Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe and heaters.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	\$204 46	
	City Parks Impt. F.	25 20	
		<hr/>	229 66

Johnston, J. O., bunting.....	City Parks Impt. F.	\$12 00
Keuffel & Esser, tape and repairs.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	10 20
Manhattan Gas-Light Co., gas meter.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	92 40
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., thermometers, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875. City Parks Impt. Fund.	\$5 01 2 25
Metropolitan Gas-Light Co. gas-meter.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	7 26 94 87
Merchant, S. L., & Co., cement.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	24 90
Menzies, Wm., & Co., timber.	H. R. Bridges, Rep., Impt. & M., 1875.	19 20
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stove pot.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	2 25
Milliken, David, sawdust	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1875.	10 00
Norris & Williams, plumbing and materials.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	39 42
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, labor and materials.	City Parks Imp. F.	769 93
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., pails.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	9 00
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., putty.	Mus. Natl. History.	12 84
Ruhe, Louis, bird-food.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875.	8 00
Stewart & Co., pipe.	City Parks Imp. F.	10 80
Titus, Sarah, services.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1875.	12 50
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, hardware.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	12 22
Watrous & Willson, lumber.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	20 00

\$2,274 21

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1875. . .	\$1,155 02
City Parks Improvement Fund,.....	905 99
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, Impt. and Maint., 1875....	187 36
American Museum Natural History-.....	13 34
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1875.	12 50
	————— \$2,274 21

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two hundred and seventy-four dollars and twenty-one cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, January, 31, 1876.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1876.

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Jan. 19.	By balance.....	\$1,709 26
Jan. 19, }	" cash received from rent and pound.....	25 30
to		
Feb. 2. }		————— \$1,734 56

February 2, 1876.]

587

1876.		DR.	
Jan.	19	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$8 00
	to		
Feb.	2.		
Feb.	2.	" balance.....	1,726 56
			\$1,734 56

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, February 2, 1876,
9.30 A. M.

Property Clerk's Office.

The PRESIDENT stated that as the Board had at its last meeting dispensed with the services of the Property Clerk, but had made no provision as to who should take charge of his office, he had directed the Disbursing Clerk to do so until further orders, and moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes, January 31, 1876, p. 566.)

Adopted.

Eighth Avenue—New York Elevated Railway Co.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had addressed the following letter to the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court in the matter of the New York Elevated Railway Co. :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union square (East).

NEW YORK, January 31, 1876.

To O. H. PALMER, Esq.,
EVERETT P. WHEELER, Esq.,
E. Z. LAWRENCE, Esq.,

Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court, in the matter of
the petition of the New York Elevated Railway Company.

Gentlemen,—The Department of Public Parks respectfully presents the following objections to that portion of the route designated for an Elevated Railway by the Commission, who acted under Chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, which extends along the Eighth Avenue, contiguous to the Central Park, on the following grounds :

1st. That such railway is not in accordance with the purposes and design of the Central Park.

2d. That under Chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, and Chapter 850 of the Laws of 1873, this Department has an exclusive control over 350 feet from the outer boundary of all parks, including that portion of Eighth Avenue.

3d. That your Commission has no power, under chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, to act, instead of this Department, as you have, instead of property owners, and that you cannot make a decision which will stand in lieu of the consent of the local authorities having control of that portion of Eighth Avenue.

I remain, yours respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said letter, and the action of the President in the matter, be approved by the Board.

Adopted.

Night-Watchmen.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of the undermentioned night-watchmen and laborers detailed as night-watchmen, on charges of neglect of duty, verbally reported that he found them all guilty of the charges preferred, and recommended that

Michael Cassey, night-watchman,

John Boyle, " "

Patrick Fannin, laborer detailed as night-watchman,

Thomas Burns, " " " "

be dismissed from the employment of the Department, and that

Joshua Pye, night-watchman,

John McDonald " "

be each fined ten days' pay, as they were not so culpably negligent in the discharge of their duty as the others.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received, and that all of said night-watchmen and laborers detailed as night-watchmen, be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Vault.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Superintending Architect be requested to prepare plans and estimates for a record vault to be erected within the Museum Building.

(Minutes, Jan. 18, 1876, p. 351).

Adopted.

Third Avenue Bridge.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be requested to prepare plans and estimates for a steam-engine, &c., for working the draw of the Third Avenue bridge.

Adopted.

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN presented the following statement, upon the maintenance of roads, &c., in 23d and 24th wards, which was ordered printed in the minutes, and laid over for future consideration.

I.—THE EXPENDITURE IN 1875.

In Mr. Morrison's reports, which are submitted herewith, he furnishes the means of ascertaining the division of the expenditure of \$49,799.18, in the 23d and 24th wards, during 1875, between the five districts in which he has subdivided these wards, namely:

No. 1. Kingsbridge, west of and including Broadway.

No. 2. Kingsbridge, east of Broadway.

- No. 3. West Farms, east of Railway.
 No. 4. West Farms, west of Railway.
 No. 5. Morrisania.

There were two special subjects of expenditure—the steam-engines etc. for watering, and the Bronx River Bridges.

The maintenance proper comprises the following items:

1. Labor of men and teams.
2. Materials.
3. Salaries.
4. Mechanics and general expenses.

The first is ascertained exactly, and the second, third and fourth approximately in the following table:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	Total.
1. Labor	\$1,949.94	\$1,650.75	\$6,895.56	\$10,588.44	\$10,132.12	\$31,216.81
2. Material.....	314.52	250.00	1,100.00	1,650.00	1,580.00	4,894.52
3. Salaries.....	364.85	290.00	1,450.00	1,910.00	1,820.00	5,834.85
4. Mechanics, &c.....	270.54	240.00	950.00	1,440.00	1,360.00	4,260.54
Totals.....	\$2,899.85	\$2,430.75	\$10,395.56	\$15,588.44	\$14,892.12	\$46,206.72

Total for the five districts.....	\$46,206.72
Steam Engine, &c.....	2,703.15
Bronx River Bridges, materials.....	887.31

Total expenditure..... \$49,799.18

II.—APPORTIONMENT FOR 1876.

This result gives a general indication of the amount of money expended in these districts during the year 1875. In apportioning the money for the year 1876, the requirements of the different districts and the present condition of their roads must be taken into consideration, together with the number of miles of roads in each district, as follows:

No. 1. Kingsbridge, west of and including Broadway.....	13½
No. 2. Kingsbridge, east of Broadway.....	10½
No. 3. West Farms, east of Railway.....	} 59½
No. 4. West Farms, west of Railway.....	
No. 5. Morrisania.....	52¾
Total miles.....	136¼

The present condition of the roads in the several districts, may be generally stated as follows:

No. 1. Kingsbridge, west of and including Broadway. 3 miles of the roads in this district are of broken stone, and require some repair to put them in good order. The remaining 10½ miles of the roads are ordinary earth roads, and are as fit for use as such roads generally are at this season.

No. 2. Kingsbridge, west of Broadway. All the roads in this district are earth roads, and are in good condition.

Nos. 3 and 4. West Farms. The 7 miles of macadamized road in these districts are all in poor condition ; they are main lines of communication, and repairs upon them are imperatively demanded. The earth roads are $52\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, and are in need only of the ordinary care and repair.

No. 5. Morrisania. The roads in this district are $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of broken stone, which require to be mended in several places, and 51 miles of earth road which are in bad condition, the streets being so much used that constant and extensive repairs are required.

A precise and just apportionment in all aspects of the money appropriated for the year 1876, \$40,000, cannot be made without difficulty. A general one will probably suffice. The following is recommended :

No. 1. Kingsbridge, west of and including Broadway.....	\$5,000
No. 2. Kingsbridge, east of Broadway.....	2,500
No. 3. West Farms, east of Railway.....	} 17,250
No. 4. West Farms, West of Railway.....	
No. 5. Morrisania.....	15,250
	\$40,000

Approximate specifications of the amount of work to be done in the different districts should be framed, and the money apportioned should be applied toward carrying them out as far as the money will go. It is clear, in advance, that the money will not be sufficient to keep the roads in the condition of good repair that the citizens require, but in each district they will know the amount apportioned, the work that ought to be done, and when the money is expended, the citizens of any district will be in a position to carry on the work with their own means, if they desire to do so, as they have stated.

III.—INSPECTION.

This should be principally a thorough engineering inspection, aided by competent foremen, in whose selection regard should be paid to the suggestions of the citizens in the several districts.

The salaries paid last year should be greatly reduced. The general foreman and foreman can be omitted.

IV.—MATERIALS.

The materials needed are principally broken stone and gravel ; and brick, cement and pipe for drainage. These should

be purchased by contract to be delivered on the roads where it is to be used.

V.—THOROUGH REPAIR.

In addition to ordinary repairs, a certain length of road every year should be put in a thorough and finished condition and in such first-rate order as not to need constant repair. Roads leading to bridges and railroad depots should receive this attention.

By proceeding, year after year, in this manner, progress will be made toward getting better roads, which will cost less for annual repair than the roads in their present condition.

VI.—PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION.

It will be advisable to recommend to the Common Council the passage of ordinances by which some of the roads can be macadamized a proportionate width in the centre. This work should be done by contract, the cost should be assessed upon the property adjacent and benefited, and the work should be done on those roads only when a majority of the property owners petition for or consent in writing to it.

Licenses, &c., on Central Park.

Commissioner MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, presented the following report on the Licenses in the Central Park, which was ordered printed in the minutes, and laid over for future consideration.

In rearranging the licenses for the present year the following come under consideration :

1. Columbus Ryan, lessee of restaurants at Mt. St. Vincent, Casino, &c.
2. Platt & Clapp, carriage service.
3. Thomas S. Dick, boat service.
4. Isidor Isaacs, Carrousel and goat carriages.
5. John Lucas, donkey service.
6. J. J. Snow, pony service.
7. Joseph Scott, novelty carriage service.
8. Isaac Hall, floating baths at Battery.

The following conditions are to be observed :

The first and main end is, not by a license fee that impoverishes the licensee and impairs the efficiency of his service to gain a revenue for the Sinking Fund, but instead of that, to have a service attractive to the people who visit the park, at a moderate expense.

Secondly—

This service must be made attractive, as follows :

1. The material and equipment must be ample for the demand.
2. In quality and elegance it must approach what is required by persons of good taste for their own private use, and not be of the kind that is elsewhere supplied for indiscriminate and common use.
3. The price charged to the public must be moderate, and less than is elsewhere charged for similar service.

Thirdly—

In order to carry this out :

1. Accurate specifications must be made of all the material and equipment, and of the service to be rendered.
2. Compliance with these specifications must be rigidly enforced.
3. The accounts of each licensee and his receipts and expenses must be carefully examined.
4. A moderate license fee in each case should be fixed.
5. This fee should be abated or wholly released if all the conditions are performed.
6. A precise and careful tariff of rates and prices must be fixed.
7. A proper statement of regulations, prices and places where complaints will be received should be posted at the places where the business is carried on.
8. Regular inspection must be made, and quarterly reports must be made by the Superintendent.
9. The licensee must be required to perform such services as appertain or have relation to the business carried on under the license.
10. The prices charged to the public must be reduced proportionately to the reduction of the license fee.

The existing licenses, except the agreement with Mr. Ryan, should be redrawn, so as to include the foregoing provisions.

(Minutes, Jan. 13, 1876, p. 527.)

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A.M., to meet on Friday, the 4th inst., at 4 o'clock P.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.
“ MARTIN.
“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of January 31st and February 2d, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communication was presented and read :

Fordham Avenue, Kingsbridge Road, 24th Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan for the widening and extension of Fordham Avenue and Kingsbridge Road, in the 24th Ward, and recommending that the owners of property on said avenue and road be requested to examine said plan and express their opinions thereon.

Filed.

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the Department be requested to cause an advertisement to owners of property affected by the proposed widening and extension of Fordham Avenue and the Kingsbridge Road, in the 24th Ward, to be inserted in the *City Record*, for twenty days, notifying said owners of property that the plans for said widening and extension are now

under consideration by this Board, and that objections, in writing, thereto will be received by this Board until the 29th day of February, 1876.

Adopted.

J. W. Maclay.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had received a communication from Mr. J. W. Maclay, Principal Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, proposing to continue his services in his present position without pay.

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the salary of Mr. J. W. Maclay, Principal Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, be, and hereby is, discontinued, and that he be relieved from all further duty in connection with this Department.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said resolution be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

161st Street, 23d Ward.

Commissioner MARTIN reported verbally adversely on the petition of Mr. William H. Morris and others against opening 161st Street, in the 23d Ward, and recommended that no action be taken thereon, on the ground that the petition objects not to the opening but to the construction of said street, which work is not proposed at this time.

(Minutes, Feb. 2, 1876, p. 58.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

College Avenue, 24th Ward.

Commissioner MARTIN verbally reported upon the petition of St. John's College, and the answer thereto of Mr. John B.

Haskin, in relation to College Avenue, in the 24th Ward, and stated that it is apparent, from the statements made by the parties, that the principal question between them is whether College Avenue belongs to the city as a public street or belongs to Mr. Haskin. This involves a question of law as to title. He therefore recommended that the papers, submitted to the Board by the parties, be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion and advice.

(Minutes, Feb. 2, 1876, p. 582.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and the recommendation therein be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Police Force.

Commissioner MARTIN presented the following statement on the subject of the police force, which was ordered printed in the minutes, and laid over for future consideration, namely :

Police.

Six of the night-watchmen have been detected in failure of duty, by means of the punch-boxes. Instead of making their five rounds at different hours of the night, visiting the punch boxes, and using the punch at each round, they punched five times in the first round in one instance, or in another carried the punches in their pockets between the first and last round. In neither case was their duty performed.

The question arises whether the present system should be changed. If the ten night-watchmen were added to the police force as park-keepers, the night duty instead of being performed by these ten men exclusively, would be performed by all the park-keepers in their turn, and the expense would be greater because the ten watchmen would receive the pay of patrolmen.

If the quality of the men is the same, then it becomes a question of the faithfulness with which they perform their duty. To secure this we have had in use the test of the punch-boxes. This machinery, if it is not evaded, shows that each man goes his rounds at the specified time. In order to be secure from

evasion there must be an intelligent supervision, and an unexpected supervision is as good as a regular one. No machinery of detection alone will suffice without this supervision. In the present case the efficiency of the machinery has been shown by the supervision given by the Lieutenant. He went out after midnight, made the entire round of the park and detected the evasion.

What we need is more of this supervision. The Lieutenant should have sergeants upon whom he can rely for this sort of work—young, active and vigorous men, fully equal to night duty.

No relief is gained by shifting from one system to another.

No system or machinery works of itself, nor without intelligent human watchfulness.

The supervision is the essential thing. The punch-box is the machinery that aids it; whether the men are called night-watchmen or patrolmen is a matter first of expense, and secondly of rotation in duty. We have a competent Lieutenant. We should have the best sergeants we can give him; we could then continue the night-watchmen, because they cost less, or have men added to the police force as patrolmen and put in rotation on night duty, and continue to use the punch-boxes as an assistance in discipline.

Any loss or damage to the punch-boxes should be made good at the expense of the men on night duty at the time and deducted out of their pay.

(Minutes, Feb. 2, 1876, p. 588.)

Woodlawn Cemetery, 24th Ward.

Commissioner MARTIN, to whom was referred the communication of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, presenting the map of streets, &c., round Woodlawn Cemetery, verbally reported in favor of adopting said map.

Received.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues within the 24th Ward of the city of New York, shown on a map or plan entitled "map or plan showing proposed streets and avenues around the prop-

erty of the Woodlawn Cemetery Association," dated "New York, February 1st, 1876," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated on said map or plan by red lines and figures, and by red and yellow color; and that the widths, extent and direction of the said streets, roads and avenues so laid out, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads and avenues to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments where the same are not already so designated; also to have prepared and submit to this Board three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

Resolved, That the President of the Department be requested to furnish to the Trustees of the Woodlawn Cemetery Association a copy of said map or plan, with a certificate of the adoption of the same by this Board on this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

Opening and Acquiring Title to Streets, &c.

Commissioner MARTIN, to whom was referred the communication of the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, asking instructions as to the preparation of the map of streets, the title of which is directed to be acquired, verbally reported that the said Engineer and Surveyor be instructed to include all portions of said streets in the maps, and also all portions of the streets as they now exist, but which are directed to be closed, but that he attach an explanation to said maps in all cases where questions as to the former acquisition of portions of the streets may arise, or where portions of the streets are closed, so that the attention of the Counsel to the Corporation, and of the Commissioners to be appointed by the Supreme Court, may be called to the facts.

(Minutes, January 13, 1876, p. 519.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock, to meet on Saturday, the 5th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 31st, 1876, were read and approved, and, on motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 2d and 4th insts. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Public Road, East of Tenth Avenue,
and between 155th St. and Dyckman St.

From the Engineer of Construction, in relation to the acquiring title to the public road or drive east of Tenth Avenue, and between 155th Street and Dyckman Street, and giving his reasons why said road should not be opened north of Highbridge Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Counsel to the Corporation, at the instance of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, had commenced proceedings to acquire the title to said road, and that this Department should take immediate steps to discontinue said road, if that course should be considered advisable by a majority of the Commissioners.

He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the public road or drive from the south side of Highbridge Reservoir to Dyckman Street be discontinued, and also that the street or road from a point near Harlem River

and Highbridge to said public road or drive north of Highbridge, be also discontinued, and that the Civil and Topographical Engineer prepare and submit to the Board maps for filing, showing the discontinuance of said roads.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication and resolution be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his opinion thereon, and to himself for his report.

Adopted.

Police uniforms.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the order of business be suspended, and that the subject of awarding the contract for police uniforms be taken up.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then stated that he had had the samples of cloth submitted with the several proposals, examined by independent parties in the tailoring business, who had not bid for the work, and that the opinion given to him was that the samples furnished by Messrs. Sackett & Miller were superior to those furnished with the proposals of the other parties bidding; he then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. Sackett & Miller for uniform overcoats and pantaloons for the police force be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract therefor be awarded to said Sackett & Miller; the overcoats to be made of the best quality West Point cadet kersey, and the pantaloons to be made of the best quality West Point cadet cloth, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, February 2d, 1876, p. 573.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

The order of business was then resumed, and the presentation of communications continued.

Woods and Forests of Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, upon the subject of the con-

servation of the woods and forests of Central Park, and recommending a plan for their increase and the keeping of records concerning them.

Laid on the table.

At this point Commissioner O'Donohue entered and took his seat in the meeting.

Superintending Engineer.

From the Landscape Architect, stating that the Superintending Engineer has been for some time engaged in a review of the drainage and water supply system of Central Park. That it is purely a work of maintenance, and that if said Engineer is not to be continued on maintenance, there is no one under his orders competent for the duty.

(Minutes, Jan. 31, 1876, p. 566.)

Referred to the President and Commissioner Martin to report.

Removal of Monuments.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that instances of the removal of monuments in the north end of the island, causing great inconvenience, have come to his knowledge, and submitting a draft ordinance, which he suggests would prevent such removals if passed by the Common Council.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and that the said draft ordinance be transmitted to his Honor the Mayor, with the request that he recommend its passage and adoption by the Common Council.

Adopted.

Street Lamps.

From Mr. J. W. Bartlett, notifying the Department that

certain lamps recently placed at Worth Monument and procured from Mr. R. R. West, infringed his patents and demanding their removal.

Also from the Landscape Architect, stating that in his judgment the lamps referred to do not infringe Mr. Bartlett's patent.

Also from Mr. R. R. West, stating that the lamps put up by him do not infringe on Mr. Bartlett's patent.

Filed.

James Davis.

From Mr. Stephen J. O'Hare and others, asking that Mr. James Davis be appointed on the police force of the Department.

Laid on the table.

Five Points Park flagging.

From Messrs. Coudert Brothers, Attorneys for Mr. James Brand, asking that Mr. Brand be paid \$1,045.75 on account of the amount alleged to be due Mr. J. J. Schillinger for the work of laying the flagging on Five Points Park, on the ground that Mr. Brand furnished to Mr. Schillinger the cement used in the construction of said flagging, and enclosing Mr. Schillinger's consent to said payment.

(Minutes, June 29th, 1875, p. 109.)

Referred to Commissioner Williamson to examine and report.

J. W. Maclay.

Commissioner MARTIN called up and offered the resolution offered at the last meeting, discontinuing the pay of Mr. J. W. Maclay, Principal Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and relieving him from all further duty.

(Minutes, Feb. 4th, 1876, p. 596.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor :

Resolved, That it be referred to the President and Commissioner MARTIN to examine and report what action, if any, should be taken with reference to the positions and salaries of the Superintending Engineer and the Principal Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Adopted.

Night-watchmen.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Lieutenant be empowered to call on the Superintendent of Parks, and the Superintendent of Parks be directed to detail, from time to time, seven men from the force of laborers for duty as night-watchmen.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution as a substitute therefor :

Whereas, The effort to establish a night police for the better protection of the property on the Central Park and for the preservation of public order therein has signally failed, both with regard to the regular police force and the night-watchmen, therefore,

Resolved, That, until the further order of the Board, the Superintendent of Parks be directed to detail seven laborers to do duty as night-watchmen at such times as the Lieutenant commanding may determine.

(Minutes, Feb. 4, 1876, p. 597)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the preamble and resolution offered by the President be separated.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble offered by the President, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said substitute resolution offered by the President, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Gate-keepers.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the two vacancies in the force of gate-keepers be filled.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE the meeting adjourned at 6.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 1876.

9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for
Slating the Museum of Art Building.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The COMPTROLLER of the City.

The following proposal was received and publicly opened :—

I.—George Fischer & Brother.....\$2,650 00

WM. IRWIN.

Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1876.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The Board met in special session by unanimous consent.

Battery Park—Elevated Railway, &c.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was suspended, and the subject of the application of the New York Elevated Railway Company for permission to construct its road across the Battery Park, was taken up.

(Minutes, February 2d, 1876, p. 574.)

The PRESIDENT then stated that the resolutions, amendments and the substitute preambles and resolutions offered at the meeting held on the 7th January, 1876, and printed on pages 500 and 501 of the minutes, were now in order.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolution offered by him on January 7th, 1876, namely :

Whereas, An application has been made to the Board governing this Department by the New York Elevated Railway Company, for permission to extend their railroad across the

Battery grounds, from Greenwich Street to the South Ferry, in the form of a license revocable after giving six months' notice to said company ;

And whereas, Said license has been prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation as an instrument within the power of this Department to legally execute, thereby implying that the power to grant licenses to railroads and other corporations to enter upon and use any portion of the public parks or places of the city, including the Central Park, is by law vested in this Department ;

And whereas, In the opinion of the Board governing this Department, doubts exist as to the wisdom of granting such a license in view of the objects for which the public parks have been laid out and established, and which objects are fully understood and recognized by the public at large ;

And whereas, The public parks of this city are for the use and enjoyment of the people and should not be curtailed, nor should any other use be made of them except that which secures the freedom of popular recreation and pleasure for which they were created ;

And whereas, The precedent sought to be established is one that would jeopardize the integrity of all the parks of the city, not excepting Central Park : it is therefore

Resolved, That the whole subject be laid on the table, and that the New York Elevated Railway Company be notified that this Department does not deem it advantageous to the public nor within the legitimate use of the powers of the Department to grant permission to the said railway company to construct its railroad over any part of the Battery grounds.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preambles and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye--Commissioner Stebbins--1.

Noes--Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue--3.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the resolution amending the license for said Elevated Railway Company prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows :

Resolved, That the license prepared for the New York Elevated Railway Company by the Counsel to the Corporation be amended so as to include provisions for carrying into effect the 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th and 6th recommendations of the Landscape Architect, as follows, namely :

1st. That within a vertical distance of ten feet from the ground no part of the railroad, its appliances or appertainings, shall be allowed, except only the necessary supporting piers and the necessary stairways of the passenger station, and that all parts of any pier above the surface of the ground and within a distance of ten feet therefrom shall be at least eighteen inches within the line defining the space colored red on the map, and indicating the limits for the foundation of piers.

2d. That the piers and all other constructions of the railroad shall be designed and constructed with a view to the avoidance of any greater conspicuousness or injury in any respect to the Battery as a pleasure-ground than is absolutely necessary, and that they shall be of tasteful design and made in all respects to the satisfaction of the Department.

3d. That whenever required by the Department, substantial lattice or trellis work shall be placed by the company, attached to its piers, stringers, sleepers or other constructions, and that the agents of the Department shall, so far as consistent with safety, be allowed to fix ladders and enter upon and occupy the premises of the company for the purpose of training vines or for other duties required for the improvement or maintenance of means of public gratification appropriate to the Battery as a pleasure-ground.

5th. That the Company shall prevent the exhibition or distribution upon or from its road or any of its constructions within the Battery, of any signs, posters, handbills or other forms of advertising, except within or on the walls of its station-house, and then only of such signs, time-tables and posters as are necessary to give information of the orders and regulations for the use of the road.

6th. That the necessary expense of any alterations or improvements of the Battery, which in consequence of the introduction of the railroad the Board shall think fit to order, shall be made at the expense of the Company.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that in view of the fact, which he had recently ascertained, that the New York Elevated Railway Company is obliged by its charter to pay a per-

centage of its nett earnings to the city, he be allowed to withdraw his motion to amend said license by reserving an annual rent.

(Minutes, January 7th, 1876, p. 500.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That any license which may be granted to the New York Elevated Railway Company, to construct its road across the Battery Park, shall include a provision reserving an annual rent, payable to the city; the amount of which shall be fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Commissioner MARTIN then presented the following opinion, upon the questions argued at the meeting on the 22d January, 1876, on the subject of the application of the New York Elevated Railway Company, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes, namely :

The application of the New York Elevated Railway Company to the Department of Parks presents the point, whether we shall take action in regard to the route designated for them by the Rapid Transit Commissioners, under the Act of 1875 (Chap. 606), from the southern end of Greenwich Street to the South Ferry, and within the breadth of that route, determine the precise line of construction, and permit it to cross the area of the Battery.

The Rapid Transit Commissioners have assumed that this company came within the provisions of the 36th Section of that Act, and have given them a route of connection with the South Ferry.

We find at the outset a designation by the Commissioners of a route "*along State Street, or the edge of the Battery,*" for the whole length of State Street, on the east side of the Battery. Under this designation the road will be constructed along State Street, unless we take some action to bring the line within

the Battery. The general or duplicate route designated may be regarded as a strip of land 100 feet broad, including the width of State Street, say 50 feet, and the edge or border of the Battery, say 50 feet, and the question for us is, where within this breadth it is best to fix the precise line of construction, in view solely of park purposes. The applicants prefer the line within the Battery, because it is more direct and gives curves of greater radius.

The questions for us to consider, therefore, are :

1st. Whether upon this designation of the route by the Commissioners it is not proper for us, in view solely of the purposes for which we hold the Battery, to determine its precise line ?

2dly. If we consider, in this view, that it should cross the Battery, have we power so to determine it ?

In approaching the first question, we are brought face to face with the only project for rapid transit which, after the agitation and discussion of twenty years, has justified its claims by building a successful road. This is a result that has stood the test of legislation, the criticism of engineers and the demands of capitalists. As a successful and actual work, which meets the public necessity, it is therefore entitled to recognition. In contrast with other projects it must be adjudged a good and practicable plan, which fulfills the requirements and conditions. In the conflict between them this plan has proved practicable where the others have not. It is no denial of the success of this one to assert that there are others which have not succeeded.

The hopes of rapid transit for the city rest now upon this law. Those who attempt to excuse their opposition to the plan before us by an advocacy of other plans, which they assume to be better, but which nobody will build, present an argument which tends to destroy the only chance of rapid transit the people have. To oppose the road which men of money are building, and to present nothing in its place except schemes which men of money have condemned, is to set at naught the real and only test, and to destroy rapid transit wholly.

The presumptions, therefore, being in favor of this plan, we find that, upon the route designated for it, it becomes inevitable, that, if the road is built, it must either go over the sidewalks or the carriageway of State Street, the exterior walk of the Battery along State Street, or a few feet within the area of the Battery over the greensward. In deciding the question of the best line of construction, from the point of view solely of the purposes of the public use and enjoyment for which the Bat-

tery is held, we must consider the advantages and disadvantages of the several locations. If it goes over State Street, or along the exterior Battery sidewalk, it will destroy many of the most valuable old trees that remain there; it will become a conspicuous object to every visitor, who approaches the Battery, and it will obstruct all its entrances, without any relief or mitigation of its ungainly effect. If, on the contrary, it is placed within the boundary of the Battery, over the greensward, it can be planted out and concealed to a great extent; all valuable trees can be saved; and it will not obstruct or disfigure the entrances, nor pass lengthways over the walks that are frequented by the people. These considerations have been examined by the Landscape Architect and Engineers of the Department, and the lines laid down upon their map indicate what, in their judgment and ours, is the best line, in view of park purposes, in case the road shall be built.

Secondly, we consider the question of power :

On the argument before us, the sources of the title of the city to the Battery have been examined. The opponents of the road have exhibited them from the familiar pages of Hoffman's Treatise. From the facts there stated, the charters, the grants from the State, and the acts of the Legislature, it appears that the city, from whatever sources its title is derived, is now the owner in fee of the Battery, subject to certain restrictions, stated by Hoffman, which may apply to the whole or to some portion of its surface. The origin of these restrictions is the grants by the State or the acts of the Legislature. The nature of these restrictions is, as to the use of the Battery, for a public walk or for public buildings, or for works of defense, and against any other use or purpose. Similar restrictions have been created by covenants in the deeds from the city, of property on the east side of State Street, viz., that the Battery in front should never be appropriated to private uses. On all the facts of the case, it is clear that the proposed use of the Battery by this company is not a *private use* within the meaning of these covenants. The Legislature has declared it expressly to be a *public use*.

The portion of the area of the Battery, over which the proposed railway line is laid down, is within one hundred, and in most places within thirty, feet of State Street. From Battery Place to Pearl Street, it passes over the area which was anciently between high and low water-mark; and from Pearl Street to Whitehall Street, it passes outside of the low water-mark.

In any view of the facts as to the derivation of the title, the city holds its title to the lands in question in fee either subject to the restrictions which the State, by its grants, or the acts of

its Legislature have imposed upon it ; or by an absolute title, free from any such restrictions.

In either case the result is the same. If the city's title is absolute and free from restrictions, the city holds these lands for the public use in the sense in which the courts and the Legislature have defined that term, and however absolute our power it is by these lights that we are to be guided in exercising it. On the other hand, if the title is subject to these restrictions, the argument that sustains them must go to the extent of upholding power in the State to discharge, change and release them, and thus to uphold the force of the Act of 1875, as superior to the restrictions. The sovereign power which imposed these conditions and restrictions, whether by grant or legislative act, may also release them or adapt them to new and unforeseen public uses.

This brings us immediately to the consideration of the Act of 1875. This Act asserts that this railway is a public use, consistent with the public uses to which the Battery is held, and authorizes us to assent to this designation of route. The power of the Legislature to define public uses has been sanctioned by the courts. The use, therefore, proposed by this railway is not in conflict with the restrictions heretofore imposed upon the land by the State, and is in accordance with the public uses to which, in any aspect, the city holds the property.

It is not contested in the discussions before us that the whole power of the city corporation in respect to this subject is vested in this Department.

These powers were given in respect to the Central Park, by Chap. 771 of Laws of 1857, sec. 4 ; powers of control and management in respect to the other parks above Canal street were given by Chap. 137, of 1870, sec. 94 ; in respect to the parks south of Canal street, including the Battery, by Chap. 383 of 1870, sec. 16, and full powers by Chap. 290, of 1871, sec. 6.

The Act of 1875 must be examined in view of its general scope and of all its provisions, and not of any fragment of a section ; particularly, the fourth section and the fifth clause of the twenty-sixth section must be read together. They provide that no such railway company shall have the right to acquire the use and occupancy of streets, avenues or public parks except such as may be designated by the Commissioners for their route. Assuming that this prohibition goes beyond the adverse proceedings to acquire title, provided for in the 17th section, and affects also voluntary designations of the route, it brings us to the question whether a route across the Battery has been designated by the Commissioners. The fourth section declares that the Commissioners shall fix and determine the railway routes

and then gives them *exclusive* power over all lands in the county in which they act, with some exceptions, among which are public parks. In respect, therefore, to these excepted places their power is not exclusive, but the designation becomes effectual when it is concurred in by the authority over the excepted place.

The word "place" has been used for "park" uniformly, in all the acts relating to this Department, since the Central Park Act, chap. 616, of 1853. Its use in the 4th section, and three times in the 5th clause of the 26th section of the Act of 1875, indicates the intention of the Legislature not to make an absolute prohibition of the public parks, but to exclude their use unless they are designated as the route; and, in respect to such designation, to limit the power of the Commissioners, in other respects *exclusive*, and to make it dependent on the concurrence of the local authority over the park. They have designated a route which may cross the Battery, which becomes effectual when we concur in it, and we have power to do so.

The reasonableness of this view is illustrated by the case before us: for it is better for the public good to have the road cross the greensward, where it can be ornamented and planted out, than to have it skirt the border of the Park and its sidewalk and obstruct its entrances. Of the two possible lines we prefer the former. Streets bordering on parks are essential features of park treatment, and often the most important. The Legislature has forced the determination of such questions upon us, and has wisely left us power to meet them.

It is clear, therefore, that when the exercise of our judgment leads us to prefer the line which crosses the Battery, and when the Legislature has declared this road to be a public use, it is better for us to exercise the power which the Legislature has left to us; to act upon the route designated by the Commissioners, and, within its breadth, to determine the precise line of construction.

We should, therefore, concur in the route designated by the Rapid Transit Commissioners, adopt the line determined by the Landscape Architect, and laid down upon the map, and adopt the agreement prepared for us by the Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, November 24th, 1875, p. 413.)

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the first resolution which he offered at the meeting held on the 7th January, 1876, amended as follows, namely:—

Resolved, That the license prepared for the New York Ele-

vated Railway Company by the Counsel to the Corporation be, and hereby is, adopted as amended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the second resolution which he offered at the meeting held on the 7th January, 1876, as follows :—

Resolved, That the map now reported by Mr. Olmsted, the Landscape Architect, dated "January 7th, 1876," and signed "John Bogart, Sup'tg Engineer," be adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preambles and resolution as a substitute for said resolution offered by Commissioner Martin.

Whereas, the Board, at its meeting held on the 3d of December, 1875, adopted the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation states, in his opinion to the Department, dated December 1st, 1875, when referring to public parks, the ownership of which the city gets by authority of the State, that "in all these" * * "cases it may be questionable whether the land so acquired is not always held as a public trust for limited purposes and uses."

Resolved, That he be, and hereby is, requested to inform this Board whether, in his judgment, the Commissioners appointed under Chap. 606 of the Laws of 1875, have the legal right to designate a route for a railroad over or through the Battery Park or any portion of it.

And whether the Commissioners governing this Department have the legal right to allow the New York Elevated Railroad Company to construct its line over or through said Battery Park or any portion of it.

And whereas, the President of the Department addressed the following communication to the Counsel to the Corporation, viz. :

DEPT. OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square, }
25 January, 1876. }

HON. WM. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation :

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of yours of yesterday relative to the power of this Department to allow a line of railway to be constructed through the Battery Park. Your opinion, as therein expressed, does not extend to any portion of the Battery

other than that included in the strip of land between high and low water lines, mentioned in your former communication of December 1st, 1875.

The line of route on which this Department is asked to allow the construction of the railroad of the New York Elevated Railway Company extends, nearly entirely, outside of this strip of land.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of this Department, held on the 3d ulto., I therefore offered a preamble and resolution, asking you for your advice concerning the remaining portion of the Battery.

This preamble and resolution you will find in the communication of this Department to you, dated December 4th, 1875.

I will feel much obliged by your giving me an answer to it as soon as possible so that the Commissioners may have a clear understanding of their rights and powers in the matter when it next comes before them for their action.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

And whereas, the Counsel to the Corporation has not yet given the Commissioners the advice requested as hereinbefore mentioned; therefore

Resolved, That the whole subject of the application of the New York Elevated Railway Company, for permission to construct its road across the Battery Park, be laid on the table until the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation on the questions hereinbefore mentioned is received.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute preambles and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said original resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then offered the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners appointed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, have fixed the route along the edge of the Battery Park, which route, if used by the Elevated Railway Company would be far more detrimental to the Battery Park and disadvantageous to its uses than the one designated on the map now before the Board, amended as hereinafter stated.

Resolved, That the map reported by Mr. Olmsted, the Landscape Architect, dated "January 7th, 1876," and signed "John Bogart, Superintending Engineer," be, and hereby is, amended by striking off the Y and the projection for a station near Whitehall Street, and that the map as so amended be, and hereby is, adopted.

Resolved, That under the license now granted to the New York Elevated Railway Company the said Company be, and hereby is, required to construct its railroad on the lines prescribed on said map as amended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the third resolution offered by him at the meeting held on January 7th, 1876, amended as follows :

Resolved, That the license as amended be now engrossed for execution, and the map as amended be now prepared for filing, and the President be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute the license when so engrossed, and to certify the map for filing when prepared as amended, and that it be thereupon filed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioners Stebbins—1.

The order of business was then resumed.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 2d, 4th, 5th and 9th insts. were read and approved.

Labor Force on Maintenance.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON presented the following statement with reference to the amount available for maintenance during the year, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

STATEMENT GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

	1875.	1876.
Appropriation.....		\$187,500 09
Deduct Museums.....\$30,000		
“ Gas, say..... 25,000		55,000 00
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Amount expended and to be expended for labor and material.....	\$246,000 00	\$132,500 00
“ “ “ “ labor....	213,000 00	112,500 00
Average expenditure for labor per month.....	17,750 00	9,375 00
Amount expended and to be expended for materials....	33,000 00	20,000 00
Average expenditure for materials per month.....	2,750 00	1,666 66
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	1875	1876.
Actual expenditure for labor, January.....	\$15,558 63	\$14,110 91
Estimated expenditure for materials, January.....	1,866 25	3,620 76
Balance remaining for construction.....		320,311 86
The balance remaining on police over amount appropriated, with the reductions, will be about.....		20,000 00
This added to the amount of labor would bring up the average available monthly to.....		11,000 00

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to discharge one-third of the laboring force now employed upon the maintenance of the parks.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said motion be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Rates of pay of Mechanics, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following schedule of rates of pay for all

employés in the undermentioned capacities, be adopted, to take effect from and after January 29th, 1876, being the date of the last laborers' pay-roll, namely :

Mechanical Engineers.....	\$5 00 per day.
Carpenters.....	3 00 " "
Painters.....	3 00 " "
Blacksmiths.....	3 00 " "
Skilled Blacksmiths.....	3 50 " "
Masons.....	3 50 " "
Stone Cutters.....	3 50 " "
Plumbers.....	3 00 " "
Division Gardeners.....	2 50 " "
Gardeners.....	2 25 " "
Carts.....	3 30 " "
Double Teams.....	5 00 " "

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Museum of Art, Slating.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. George Fischer & Brother, for the slating of the Museum of Art building, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said George Fischer & Brother, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, February 9, 1876, p. 607.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.
American Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, to whom was referred the estimates of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and American

Museum of Natural History, for the year 1876, reported and recommended that the amount (\$30,000) allowed for said Museums be apportioned as follows :

Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$19,721 22

American Museum of Natural History, 10,100 00

And that the balance of the fund (\$178.78) be retained for any special contingency which may arise.

(Minutes, February 2, 1876, p. 581.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Five Points Park Flagging.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, to whom was referred the communication of Messrs. Coudert Brothers, Attorneys for Mr. James Brand, asking for a payment to Mr. Brand on account of the contract with Mr. J. J. Schillinger, for paving the Five Points Park, reported verbally adversely to said application.

(Minutes, February 5th, 1876, p. 604.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Central Park.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Landscape Architect and the Superintending Engineer to report upon the advisability of making a carriage road and entrance to the Central Park at 110th Street and Fifth Avenue.

Adopted.

Harlem River.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject of the improvement of the Harlem River be referred to the Executive Committee, to investigate and report to the Board what action it is proper to take in ref-

erence to the measures now before the Congress of the United States in respect to that subject.

Adopted.

Engineer of Construction.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be requested and authorized to direct the Civil and Topographical Engineer to detail a member of his force to the Engineer of Construction whenever he may need an assistant.

Adopted.

Audit.

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

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats and corn.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '75..		\$218 16
Arnold & Co., cement.....	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards, '75.		5 40
Donnegan, Cath. E., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '75..		109 55
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '75...	\$62 20	
	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	13 40	
			75 60
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '75..	\$8 50	
	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	12 73	
	Maint., &c., 23d		
	and 24th Wards,		
	'75.....	30 03	
			51 26
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., rent..	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '75..	\$208 33	
	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	625 00	
			833 33

The <i>World</i> , advertising.....	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	\$10	40
	Mus. Nat. History.....	6	40
		<hr/>	\$16 80
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			\$1,310 10
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1875..	\$606	74
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	661	53
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1875.....	35	43
Museum Natural History.....	6	40
	<hr/>	\$1,310 10
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen hundred and ten dollars and ten cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 " JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., corn and bran....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '76...		\$43 76
Barron, James S., & Co., mat, pails and brooms... ..	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '76..	\$30	50
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	3	75
		<hr/>	34 25
Byrne & Co., corn and bran.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '76..		44 50
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., chamois, sponges, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '76..	\$42	00
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	8	00
	Mus. Natl. His-		
	tory.....	80	
		<hr/>	50 80

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Croes, J. Jas. R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c., '76.....		\$39 46
Douglass, W. P., rent Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..		666 67
Gordon, Robt., Actg. Treas., expenses Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..		510 40
Gold & Stock Telg. Co., rent of line....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..	\$15 62	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	46 88	62 50
King, Joseph, keep of horse.....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c., '76.....		30 00
Labagh, W. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..		12 50
McNab & Harlin, Mfg. Co., zinc.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..		11 28
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes, &c....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..	\$19 61	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	3 03	22 64
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas meter....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..		92 12
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..	\$10 39	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	5 70	16 09
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$312 51	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..	104 16	416 67
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas-meter..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..		12 65

Rivin, Fred., mastiff bitch.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..	\$19 00
Stewart & Co., vitrified pipe.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	54 00
Smith, Reuben, linoleum, &c.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$16 80
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..	5 60
		<hr/> 22 40
Vanderbilt Bros., seed.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..	18 00
Vaux, C., superintendence.....	Museum of Art..	375 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., '76..	\$157 10
	City Parks Impt. F.....	127 00
		<hr/> 284 10
Wheatley, R. R., hay, oats, &c.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, '76.	42 38
		<hr/> <u>\$2,881 17</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1876..	\$1,815 86
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	577 67
Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	69 46
Maintenance, &c., 23 and 24th Wards.....	42 38
Museum Natural History.....	80
Museum of Art.....	375 00
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(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, February 8th, 1876.

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

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Saturday, the 12th instant, at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 10th inst. was dispensed with.

Battery Park—Elevated Railway Co.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be instructed to insert a provision in the license granted to the New York Elevated Railway Co. to construct its road across the Battery Park, preventing said company allowing any of its engines or cars to remain stationary on any portion of its road which is over or on any portion of said Park.

(Minutes, Feb. 10th, 1876, p. 609.)

Adopted.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.
American Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Board, on the 10th inst., in adopting the report of Commissioner Williamson upon the

estimates of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and American Museum of Natural History be, and hereby is, reconsidered.

(Minutes, Feby. 10th, 1876, p. 621.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Maintenance of the Parks.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a special meeting of the Board be held, on Friday, the 18th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering the subject of the maintenance of the parks for the year 1876 ; and that the Landscape Architect and the Superintendent of Parks be requested to be present and to have all necessary information on the subject of the cost, &c., during 1875, together with such plans as they would recommend for 1876, so as to keep the expenses within the appropriations.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 5.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1876.

SPECIAL MEETING—4. O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The Board met in special session, in pursuance of the resolution adopted on the 12th inst., for the purpose of considering the subject of the maintenance of the parks for the year 1876.

There were present, also, the Landscape Architect and the Superintendent of parks.

(Minutes February 12th, 1876, p. 630.)

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 10th, 12th and 16th insts., were read and approved.

Maintenance of the Parks.

The PRESIDENT then stated that the special business appointed for this meeting, viz.: the maintenance of the parks during 1876, was now in order.

The subject was then discussed at length.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It appears that the laboring force now employed by this Department, requires a sum of money in excess of the

amount allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the maintenance of parks and places for the year 1876, and that either a reduction of said force or a reduction of the pay of those now employed, must immediately be made in order to get within the sum specified ; it is therefore

Resolved, That, until further order, the rate of pay for laborers hereafter employed by this Department be, and hereby is, fixed at one dollar and sixty cents (\$1.60) per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then called up and offered the following resolution, offered by him on the 10th inst., and then laid over, viz :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to discharge one-third of the laboring force now employed upon the maintenance of the parks.

(Minutes Feb. 10th, 1876, p. 620.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preamble and resolutions as a substitute therefor :

Whereas, The amount of money allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the maintenance of the parks and places during the year 1876 is insufficient to continue the existing force on the present basis of expenditure, and therefore demands the immediate reduction of the same, it is

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Board that the maintenance force should be immediately reduced, so as to lessen the expenditure by one-third.

Resolved, That the subject be, and is hereby, referred to the Superintendent of Parks to report at the next meeting of the Board the best means of accomplishing this object.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON accepted said substitute, preamble and resolutions.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, preamble and resolutions, and it was

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.
American Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in view of the reduction of the appropriations for 1876 for maintenance, the appropriations to the Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art be referred to the Executive Committee, to confer with the officers of those Societies, to see how great a reduction can be made in their estimates.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said resolution be amended by striking out the words "the Executive Committee," and substituting therefor "Commissioners Williamson and Martin."

Adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

(Minutes Feb. 12, 1876, p. 629.)

Lighting the City Parks.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Executive Committee to report a statement of facts and their views as to the payment by this Department of the bills for lighting the City Parks, and that the same be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion thereon.

(Minutes, January 8th, 1874, p. 511.)

Adopted.

Police Force.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in order to reduce the expenses of the police, the following measures be adopted, and that this reduction be made with a view to an application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the transfer of the surplus of the appropriation for the police to the general maintenance.

1st. That Sergeants Pye, Henry, Lenz and Van Dohlen be transferred to the ranks, and that four men be selected from the force to increase its efficiency and discipline, having in view in this selection the character, ability and physical vigor of the men.

2d. That the force on the lower parks, except Madison Square, be withdrawn and that arrangements be made to have them covered by the Metropolitan police, except that one keeper be detailed to make visits to all the lower parks, below Fifty-ninth street, to examine and report any damage to property.

3d. That it be referred to the Executive Committee to make a thorough inspection of the whole police force, in respect to their record, character, efficiency and physical vigor, and what reduction can be made in their number.

(Minutes, Feb. 4, 1876, p. 597.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the three measures proposed be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon, and that the resolution be laid over till the report is received.

Adopted.

By unanimous consent of the Commissioners, the Board proceeded with the consideration of the following business :

The following communications were then presented and read :

Museum of Art.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, submitting plans and specifications for the following three works, in connection with the blasting out of the rock underneath the main hall of the Museum of Art building and the construction of windows so as to light the basement room to be constructed there, as heretofore directed, viz. : 1. Excavating and blasting ; 2. Mason and stone-cutters work, and 3. Iron work ; and estimating the cost of all at \$29,500.

Also from Messrs. John Taylor Johnston, Richard M. Hunt and Theodore Weston, the Executive Committee of the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, stating that they had examined and approved said plans.

(Minutes, Jan. 7, 1876, p. 505.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be received and filed, the several plans and specifications approved, and the Secretary directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Dock at Leggett's Creek and Approach thereto.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the application of the Department of Docks, requesting that this Department would have the approach to a small dock at Leggett's Creek cleared from obstructions, as follows :

That the road from Hunts Point Road to Leggett's Creek was laid out in 1737, three roads (49½ feet) wide.

That this road having been encroached upon, was relaid and established by the Commissioners of Highways of Westchester in 1823.

That the Trustees of Westchester leased the dock and road for 21 years in 1836, reserving the right to re-enter upon it at any time.

That the conveyances of adjoining property, from 1803 to the present time, recognize the existence of said road as a public highway.

That the conveyances of property on the eastern side of the road give, as nearly as can be ascertained, the same boundaries from 1808 to 1864.

In the latter year, Lewis B. Brown conveyed the property to R. N. Kitching, and also conveyed a strip 15 to 17 feet wide *in the road*, for which, so far as search has extended, he had no title.

That at some time since the 1st of December, 1871, the then owner of the land on the south and east of the road, placed a fence and gate across the entire road, at the northern

end of the strip above mentioned, shutting off the road south of that point.

That the fence is now standing and the gate kept closed and fastened by wire wrapped around the posts.

(Minutes, February 2d, 1876, p. 578.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had given directions to have the owners of the adjoining property notified to remove the fence and gate from said road

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and the action of the PRESIDENT approved.

Adopted.

138th Street.

From the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, stating that 138th Street, east of Locust Avenue, is not definitely laid out on the map of the streets of Morrisania, and that he therefore cannot prepare the map and description for the purpose of acquiring the title thereto.

(Minutes, Oct. 27, 1875, p. 354.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, with instructions to prepare and submit to the Board maps and profiles of said portion of 138th Street, to be filed in accordance with the law.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. F. W. LAWRENCE, the Contractor for laying the artificial stone and tile work of the Museum of Natural History building, stating that he does not propose to use or infringe Mr. Schillinger's patent in any way.

(Minutes, February 2d, 1876, p. 582.)

Filed.

Marion Avenue.

From Mr. A. B. TAPPEN and other owners of property on the

line of Marion Avenue, asking that they be permitted to lay the sidewalk and flagging on said avenue at their own expenses, for the purpose of carrying out the directions of the ordinance to that effect, and stipulating to pay such proper expenses as have been or may be incurred for surveying, &c.

(Minutes, December 15th, 1875, p. 476.)

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following three reports :

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

Coffin, Paul C., iron cowls.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.,	
	'75.....	\$7 50
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses..	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.,	
	'75.....	12 74
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials.....	Surveying, Laying	
	out, etc., 23d &	
	24th Wards, '75	9 40
McDermott, John, meat, Dec.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	Parks and P.,	
	'75.....	232 20
Stackpole & Co., instruments.....	Surveying, Laying	
	out, etc., 23d &	
	24th Wards, '75,	516 00
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		\$777 84
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$252 44	
Surveying, Laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards, etc.....	525 40	
		<u>\$777 84</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars and eighty-four cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, February 14, 1876.

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

Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76	\$38 50	
	Surv'g, laying out		
	23d and 24th		
	Wards, etc., '76	50 00	
			<u>\$88 50</u>
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables, Jan.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76		253 92
Crimmins, Jno. D. & Thos. E., building			
stone.....	City Parks Impt.		
	I und.....		530 00
Crimmins, Jno. D. & Thos. E., building			
and sand stone.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		390 00
Donegan, Cath. E., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76		102 55
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76		74 10
Irwin, Wm., Sec'y, petty expenses....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76	\$27 86	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	46 60	
	Surv'g, laying out		
	23d and 24th		
	Wards.....	25	
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	12 19	
			<u>87 10</u>

Johnston, I. O., flags.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76	\$36	00
Murphy & Nesbit, bricks.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	102	00
Murphy & Nesbit, "	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	45	00
McDermott, John, Meat, Jan'y... ..	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76	230	00
Norris & Williams, labor and mtl. . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76	8	45
Slattery, James, building stone.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	176	50
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk, Jan'y..	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76	22	32
Walmsley, Robt. G., invert.	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	52	44
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	190	20
Weston, Walter, coal.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76	851	84
	Surv'g, laying out,		
	etc., 23d and		
	24th Wards,		
	etc.....	261	60
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		1,113	44
Wetmore, & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P., '76	9	69
Worrull & Co., saws.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	5	72
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		\$3,517	93
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1876..	\$1,655	23
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,538	46
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	311	85
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	12	39
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	\$3,517	93
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-five hundred and seventeen dollars and ninety-three cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, February 15, 1876.

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

Christern, F. W., subs. to builder, &c....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$15 00
Counting House Monitor susbs., 1876....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P, '76..	6 00
Bouker, John A.. gravel.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	7,890 04
Parry, Thomas, labor and materials....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	2,532 50
Rollins, True Worthy, labor and ma- terials.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	2,442 50
Rollins, True Worthy, labor and ma- terials.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	412 50
Rollins, True Worthy, labor and ma- terials.....	Mus. Nat. His- tory.....	3,000 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent at Fordham....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	40 00
		<u>\$16,338 54</u>

RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund.....	\$13,292 54
American Museum Natural History.....	3,000 00
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	6 00
Maintenance, &c., 23d & 24th Wards.....	40 00
	<u>\$16,338 54</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixteen thousand three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and fifty-four cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, February 18, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1876.		CR.	
Feb. 2.	By balance.....	\$1,726	56
Feb. 2	} " cash received from rents, licenses, &c.....	348	41
to			
Feb. 16.	} " balance.....	1,720	35
			<u>\$2,074 97</u>
DR.			
Feb. 2	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$354	62
to			
Feb. 16.	} " balance.....	1,720	35
			<u>\$2,074 97</u>

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, February 16, 1876.
9.30 P. M.

Balance in Treasurer's hands.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON presented a report, with a recommendation, in relation to the disposition of the unexpended balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the fund paid to this Department by the Comptroller of the city, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 651 of the Laws of 1874.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion thereon, and that the whole subject be laid on the table until the receipt of said opinion.

(Minutes, January 20th, 1875, p. 468.)

Adopted.

J. Bogart, Superintending Engineer.

J. W. Maclay, Prin. Asst. to C. and T. Engineer.

The PRESIDENT and Commissioner MARTIN, to whom was referred the subject of the position and salary of Mr. John Bogart, Superintending Engineer, and Mr. I. W. Maclay, Principal Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, verbally reported, and recommended that both Mr. Bogart and Mr. Maclay be retained in their present positions, but that their pay be discontinued from and after February 1st, 1876.

They then presented two communications from Mr. Maclay, accepting the arrangement recommended.

(Minutes, February 5th, 1876, p. 604.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board, and that said communications be placed on file.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN further reported and recommended that both of them be relieved from further duty, on the ground that if they performed the duties of their office they would be entitled to compensation therefor and to recover, not a fixed salary, but what their services were worth.

Laid on the table.

Battery Park—Elevated Railway.

The PRESIDENT then presented to the Board duplicate copies of the license from this Department to the New York Elevated Railway Co., prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, as

amended by the directions of the Board on the 10th inst; and also duplicate maps of the route prepared, as amended by the Board on said 10th inst.

(Minutes, February 10th, 1876, p. 609.)

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the license between this Department and the New York Elevated Railway Co., dated the 10th day of February, 1876, as prepared and recommended by the Counsel to the Corporation, be approved; that the maps of the route of said railway across the Battery Park, dated January 7th, 1876, prepared pursuant to the resolution of the 10th inst., be also approved, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute the license and to certify the map, and that the map be thereupon filed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that said license and map be printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 69.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Mrs. Foster.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON stated that Mrs. Foster is a tenant on Riverside Park; that the construction of 110th street has rendered access to her house by a carriage impossible; and that the carriage entrance can be repaired at an expense of about \$10 or \$15.

He then moved that on Mrs. Foster repairing said carriage entrance, she be allowed out of her next payment of rent the cost thereof, not exceeding \$15.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Thomas Booth.

The PRESIDENT moved that the pay allowed to Thomas Booth, a cartman employed for the purpose of conveying orders, supplies, &c., for the Department, be fixed at \$4 per day from and after the 12th inst., that being the date of the last pay-roll.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of Commissioner O'Donohue, the Board adjourned at 7 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING.—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 18th February, 1876, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Ordinance as to Non-residents.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following ordinance :

AN ORDINANCE to prevent non-residents from holding office in any of the Departments or branches of the government of the City of New York. The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows:

Section 1. No person who is not a citizen of the State of New York, and a resident of the city and county of New York, shall be eligible to appointment to any office in any or either of the departments of the city government, either as president or commissioner, chief of bureau, clerk or officer thereof, or employee therein, whether legislative, executive, or judicial; nor shall any person not a resident of this city, who may be so employed or appointed, have any valid claim against the Mayor, Aldermen or Commonalty of said city, for any salary, wages or compensation under or by virtue of holding any office in either of such departments or branches of the city government.

Sec. 2. Any person holding any appointment or office, or employed in any of such departments or branches of the city government, except teachers of common schools, who shall, while holding such appointment or office, or so employed, remove from within the limits of this city, shall be deemed thereby to have resigned such appointment, vacated such office, or abandoned employment, and it shall be the duty of the head of every department or other person authorized to make appointments or give employment, to appoint or employ a resident of this city to the office made vacant, or employment so surrendered, by said removal from this city, as provided in section 1 of this ordinance.

Sec. 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the first day of May, 1876.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 27th, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, February 11th, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Filed.

Verification of consent of securities on proposals.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following ordinance :

An ordinance to amend section 21 of article 2 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows :

Section 21 of article 2 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

§ 21. The consent mentioned in the last section shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the city of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, and stated in the proposals, as prescribed by section 17 of this chapter, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with an intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of this chapter, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, February 10, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, February 15, 1876.

Filed.

Laborers' Pay-roll.

From the Comptroller of the city, stating that certain employés, whom he specifies, are placed on the laborers' pay-roll for the two weeks ending January 29, 1876. That during 1875 these employés were paid on the pay-roll of the officers and clerks, who are now paid out of the appropriation for "Salaries," and stating that he sees no reason why the services of these certain employés should be paid out of any other fund than that for "Salaries."

The PRESIDENT then read a letter which he had prepared, in answer to the Comptroller, pointing out that said employés

came clearly within the list of "Mechanics, Gardeners and Laborers and their Foremen," which, by the terms of the appropriation, are not payable out of the fund for "Salaries," with possibly one exception, viz., that of "A. Krause, draughtsman."

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be filed, that the reply of the President be approved and that it be transmitted to the Comptroller, with the request that he will inform this Department definitely in writing whether he refuses to pay said employés or not.

Adopted.

Maintenance of Parks.

From the Superintendent of the Parks reporting upon the best method of reducing the expenses of maintaining the parks during the year.

(Minutes, February 18th, 1875, p. 633.)

Laid over for further consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Supt's Report.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting upon the work done by the force under his charge during the eight weeks ending Saturday January 29th, 1876.

(Minutes, January 13, 1876, p. 518.)

Filed.

Washington Square.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting that the roadway through Washington Square has become entirely out of repair, and is almost impassible; and estimating the cost of paving it with Belgian pavement at \$25,000. and of macadamizing it at \$12,000.

Laid on the table.

Museum of Natural History building.

From Mr. T. W. Rollins, contractor for the iron work for the construction of the Museum of Natural History, asking for a payment on account of his final estimate.

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that Mr. Rollins, has completed his contract, with the exception of about \$4,000 worth of work and materials, which he cannot finish, until the contractor for the heating, &c., has far advanced with his work; that the entire payment due to Mr. Rollins on the completion of his contract is \$28,000, and that the Department will be entirely safe in paying him \$18,000 on account.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit to the Auditing Committee an estimate to the amount of \$18,000 on account of the final payment to become due on the contract of Mr. T. W. Rollins for the iron work of the Museum of Natural History building.

Resolved, That in all contracts hereafter prepared, a clause be inserted to the effect that the contractor shall give a release to the City and this Department, at the time of each payment, of all claims for extra work or damages beyond the amount specified in the contract.

Resolved, That the Secretary prepare and attach to all estimates on account of contracts, before same are presented for audit, a release, such as is mentioned in the last preceding resolution, and that no estimates be certified for payment by the Finance Department, except upon condition of the contractor signing said release.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Marion Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the appli-

cation of Mr. A. B. Tappen and others, property owners, for permission to lay the sidewalk and flagging on Marion Avenue, and recommending that permission be given on the condition of said property owners depositing \$61.57 with the Department to pay the Surveyor's fees, and that the work be executed in accordance with the specifications heretofore prepared therefor by this Department, and be completed on or before May 1st, 1876.

(Minutes, February 18, 1876, p. 638.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that permission be given to the owners of property along Marion Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Ridge Street, to flag the sidewalks on said portion of said avenue, at their own expense, and upon the conditions recommended by the Engineer of Construction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Engineer of Construction.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon what work Mr. R. L. Cooke, Division Engineer, is employed in his office.

Filed.

Matthew Cox.

From Mr. Matthew Cox, Rodman, resigning his position in the Department.

Accepted.

Eighth Avenue Wall.

From the Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., asking that permis-

sion be given to them to finish the building of the Eighth Avenue wall, under the terms of their present contract.

(Minutes, September 8, 1875, p. 267.)

Laid on the table.

Frederick Weeks.

From Mr. Martin Zborowski, Mr. Wm. H. Morris and others, recommending Mr. Frederick Weeks for the position of foreman, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Laid on the table.

Plans, Streets, &c., for 24th Ward.

From Mr. Michael Dunne, and a number of other residents and taxpayers of the Twenty-fourth Ward, petitioning that the plans for the improvements of the Twenty-fourth Ward be put in execution immediately.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

J. A. Schoonmaker.

Mortimer A. Fariel.

From J. A. Schoonmaker and Mortimer A. Fariel applying to be appointed on the police force.

Laid on the table.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1876.

CR.

Feb. 16.	By balance.....	\$1,720 35
Feb. 16,	} " cash received from rents.	28 00
to		
March 1.	}	<u>28 00</u>

March 1, 1876.]

653

1876.	DR.	
Feb. 16 } to March 1. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$31 09
March 2.	" balance.....	1,717 26
		<u>\$1,748 35</u>

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, March 1, 1876,
 9.30 A. M.

Quarterly Report.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the transactions of the Department for the three months ending December 31, 1875, and moved that same be approved and transmitted to his Hon. the Mayor.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 11.45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 3d inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3d, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 1st inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Tompkins Square.

From the clerk to the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following preamble and resolution, with relation to Tompkins Square, viz.:

Whereas, The present condition of Tompkins Square is a disgrace and a reproach to any civilized government. Instead of affording a promenade for our citizens or a play-ground for the children resident in the vicinity of the square (and it is located in the centre of one of the most populous and densely crowded sections of the city), it has been a nuisance to the neighborhood for years past, and it is now positively dangerous to walk in or across it, as the surface is broken up by excavations in some places from ten to thirty feet deep, and in mounds and hillocks in others from twenty to fifty feet high, and rendering the square useless for public purposes; be it therefore

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of Public Parks be, and is hereby, respectfully called to the present outrageous condition of Tompkins Square;

and the said Department is also hereby respectfully requested, at the earliest practicable period, to improve the surface of the square, so that it can be used, as was originally intended, for park purposes, and that the amount authorized by the Legislature to be expended in such restoration be immediately applied to the uses for which such appropriation was made.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen February 24, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor March 2, 1876,

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report plans and specifications for the work.

Transverse Road, No. 3.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, requesting permission to lay a 12-inch Croton water pipe through Transverse Road No. 3.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had given the permission asked, on condition that the Department of Public Works restores the road to as good a condition as it is in at present, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

W. H. Florence, Keeper of Central Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that Mr. W. H. Florence, Keeper of Central Bridge, has had the care of a hotel in Jersey since the first of January, and that the bridge is attended by a man hired by Mr. Florence. He asks instructions as to whether he shall certify Mr. Florence's bill for services.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. W. H. Florence be paid for his services as keeper of Central Bridge up to this date, on the Superintendent of Parks certifying that he has performed his work satisfactorily.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the services of Mr. W. H. Florence as keeper of Central Bridge be, and hereby are, discontinued from and after this date.

(Minutes, October 2d, 1872, p. 518.)

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

Ayes—Commissioner Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the Superintendent be directed to take charge of said Central Bridge until further order, and to detail two men for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

F. L. Underhill.

From Mr. F. L. Underhill, applying for the position of rodman on the corps Civil and Topographical Engineers, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Matthew Cox.

(Minutes, March 1st, 1876, p. 651.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that Mr. F. L. Underhill be appointed a rodman in the place of Mr. Matthew Cox, resigned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Employment of idle workers.

From Mr. W. A. A. Carsey and others, from the trade and labor organizations of the city, asking for an interview with the Board, for the purpose of obtaining employment for the idle workers of the city.

Laid on the table.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following three reports.

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

Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875..	\$14 00
Gilbert, E. W., rent of jackscrews.....	H. R. Bridges, Reps., etc., 1875.	402 00
Hillman, Caleb, monuments.....	Surv., laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, '75.....	112 00
Jackson, Jas. L., punch boxes.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875..	41 40
Keuffel & Esser, engineers' supplies.....	Surv., laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, etc., 1875	120 84
Mallory & Co., sash cord.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1875..	47 10
Providence Tool Co., bridge mats.....	H. R. Bridges, Reps., etc., 1875	626 82
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		\$1,364 16
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1875.....	\$102 50
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvement and maintenance, 1875.....	1,028 82
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	232 84
	————— \$1,364 16

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen hundred and sixty-four dollars and sixteen cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, }
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
 H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, February 29, 1876.

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$380 71
Byrne & Co., hay, oats, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	768 88
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	H. R. Bridges, Reps., &c.....	60 00
Daniels & Co., veneers.....	Mus. Nat. History	20 00
Gilbert, E. W., rent of jackscrews.....	H. R. Bridges, Reps., &c.....	69 00
Leverett, Josiah, S., & Co., rubber cloth..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	3 09
McDermott, John, meat.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	71 55
McNab & Harlin M'fg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$13 40
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	7 88
		————— 21 28
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	563 00

Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$413 00
Merchant, S. L., & Co., cement.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	36 50
New York Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	479 75
Ruhe, Louis, food for birds.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	16 00
Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., labor and materials.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	9,930 22
		\$12,832 98

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$2,745 88
City Parks Improvement Fund.	9,938 10
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Main- tenance.	129 00
Museum of Natural History.	20 00
	\$12,832 98

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve thousand eight hundred and thirty-two dollars and ninety-eight cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, February 29, 1876.

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

Burhans & Brainard, curb-stone.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	\$501 85
J. James R. Croes, petty expenses.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, etc.	60 36
Habirshaw, Fredk., oil.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$5 04
	City Parks Impt. Fund.	2 73

Habirshaw, Fredk., oil.....	Mus. Natl. History.....	\$1 05	
	H. R. Bridges, Reprs., Impts., &c.	84	
			<u>89 66</u>
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line...	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$46 88	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	15 62	
			<u>62 50</u>
Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	City Parks Impt. Fund....	\$371 25	
	Museum of Art...	41 25	
			<u>412 50</u>
Keuffel & Esser, repairs to inst., &c.,....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$13 00	
	H. R. Bridges, Reprs., Impts., &c.	8 72	
			<u>21 72</u>
King, Joseph, keep of horse, Feby.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, etc.		30 00
Mallory & Co., nails and steel.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		30 63
Merrill, F. A., frt. and chgs. on sheep...	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		100 00
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., pails...	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		36 00
Stewart & Co., vitrified pipe.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		14 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		63 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, hardware....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$19 56	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, etc.	50	
			<u>20 06</u>
Wheatley, R. R., hay, oats and straw..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		43 07
			<u>\$1,405 35</u>

RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund.....	\$1,012 71
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	206 85
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	90 86
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvements & maintenance	9 56
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	43 07
Museum of Art.....	41 25
Museum of Natural History.....	1 05
	\$1,405 35

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen hundred and five dollars and thirty-five cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, March 3rd, 1876.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Dump Tickets.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON , Chairman of the Auditing Committee, to which Committee was referred the communication and bill of the Police Department for " Dump Tickets," verbally reported, and recommended that the Police Department be notified that this Department has no appropriation out of which it can now pay for said tickets, as they were delivered in 1874 and 1875, and that it is the opinion of the Commissioners of this Department that said dump tickets should be furnished free.

(Minutes, Feb. 2, 1876, p. 576.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted, an adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Sale of Old Iron, &c.

The TREASURER reported that he had received the account of sales of the late auction of old iron, &c., from the auctioneer, with his check for the net proceeds, as follows :

Amount of Sales	\$219	89
Fees, 5%	\$10	99
Advertising	22	40 33 39
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Net Proceeds.....	\$189	50.

And he moved that he be authorized to accept said account of sales.

(Minutes, Feb. 2, 1876, p. 579.)

Adopted.

Maintenance of the Parks.

The PRESIDENT moved that the communication of the Superintendent of Parks, upon the reduction of the expenses of maintaining the Parks during the year, and which was presented at the last meeting, be now taken up.

(Minutes, March 1, 1876, p. 649.)

Adopted.

The subject was then discussed at length, during which the PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Director of the Menagerie, stating that the owners of all animals now on exhibition in the Menagerie agree to furnish the food for such animals, and also recommending certain reductions to be made in the pay of the keepers in the Menagerie.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the keepers in the Menagerie be divided as follows, viz. : five skilled keepers and seven keepers ; that the

pay of skilled keepers be fixed at \$14 per week, and that of keepers at \$12 per week.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to discharge four of the men now employed as keepers in the Menagerie.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all animals, birds, &c., &c., placed on exhibition in the Menagerie, be only taken on the condition that the owners supply all food required for them ; that the owners of all animals, birds, &c., &c., now on exhibition in the Menagerie be notified that they are required to provide all food necessary for them for the future ; and that hereafter no food be supplied at the expense of this Department to any animal, bird, &c., &c., which is not the property of the Department.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be, and hereby is, directed to carry out, as soon as possible, the following recommendations made in his report on the reduction of the expenses of the maintenance of the parks, viz. :

To discharge the following number of laborers, &c.: 34 laborers, 5 horses and carts, 3 carpenters, 2 blacksmiths, 2 blacksmiths' helpers and 2 gardeners ; and to reduce the pay of 9 skilled laborers from \$2.24 per day to \$2 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Laborers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that five laborers, required by the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be appointed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioner Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Mr. E. C. Morrison, Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioners Williamson and Martin to investigate, ascertain and report whether Mr. E. C. Morrison, Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, has been engaged in obtaining signatures to a petition in favor of the passage of a bill now before the Legislature to reduce the number of the commissioners of this Department.

Adopted.

Lumber for Boat House.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON stated that the Superintendent of Parks had made a requisition dated February 24th, 1876, for lumber required in the construction of the boat-house, the cost of which will exceed \$1,000, and moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert advertisements for proposals to deliver same.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Pay of Laborers, &c.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after the 12th day of February, 1876, the undermentioned employés be paid upon the laborers' fortnightly pay-roll, and that their time be charged to Construction and Maintenance, according as they have been employed, namely :

W. L. Fisher, superintending gardener.
 Henry Carpenter, messenger.
 John McLaughlin, "
 John Beckett, "
 John Watkins, janitor.

(Minutes, January 31, 1876, p. 564.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after the 12th day of February, 1876, the undermentioned employés be paid upon the laborers' fortnightly pay-roll, and that their time be charged to Construction and Maintenance, according as they have been employed, namely :

A. M. Whittemore, messenger.
 F. A. C. Hecker, "
 A. Krause, draughtsman.

(Minutes, January 31, 1876, p. 565.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Third Avenue Paving.

The PRESIDENT then presented a communication from Mr. Wm. H. Grant, late Engineer in charge of the work of paving Third Avenue in the Twenty-third Ward, upon the condition and manner of the execution of said work.

(Minutes, January 7th, 1876, p. 503.)

Commissioner MARTIN then asked the President under what circumstances said communication was made, and whether he (the President) had addressed a letter to Mr. Grant asking him to make such a communication.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had requested Mr. Grant, by letter, to make the communication, in order to ascertain all the facts in relation to said work, and that said letter is set out in full in Mr. Grant's communication.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Commissioner MARTIN then asked the President whether he had requested Mr. Grant to make said communication by direction or authority of the Board.

The PRESIDENT answered that no resolution of the Board had directed him to obtain a report from Mr. Grant on said subject, but that in the discharge of his duties as President, and in the exercise of his rights as a Commissioner, in the public interest, and in the interest of the Department, he had requested Mr. Grant to give him all the facts relating to the contract with Mr. J. B. Devlin for paving Third Avenue in the newly annexed district, about which much doubt exists, and in

relation to which charges have been made of the non-compliance with the specifications.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 6.30 o'clock P.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D.P.P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The notice for the meeting having been countermanded, a quorum was not present, and the meeting adjourned without transacting any business, to meet on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 1st, 3d and 15th insts. were read and approved.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON entered the meeting at this point and took his seat.

The following communications were presented and read :

Battery Park Elevated Railroad.

From the Clerk of the Assembly transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution calling on this Department to furnish to the Assembly certain information regarding the granting of the license to the New York Elevated Railway Company to construct its line over the Battery Park.

(Minutes, February 18, 1876, p. 645.)

The PRESIDENT stated that in reply to said preamble and resolution he had forwarded to the Assembly copies of the following document, viz. :

1. The minutes of the Board which contain any reference to the subject from November 12th, 1875, up to February 18th, 1876.
2. Letter of Mr. M. Courtright, President of the New York Elevated Railway Company, dated November 12th, 1875.

3. Communications of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated respectively December 1st and 29th, 1875, and January 24th, 1876.
4. Report of the Landscape Architect on the route of said railroad.
5. The license granted to said Railway Company.
6. The map referred to in said license, and which indicates the line on which the railroad is to be constructed.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

Verification of consent of sureties on proposals.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the ordinance approved February 15, 1876, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend section 21 of article 2 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances," be, and is hereby, amended so that the title of said ordinance above quoted, when so amended, shall read as follows:

"An Ordinance to amend section 21 of article 2 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, said chapter 8 being the chapter numbered Chapter VII, on page 184 of the printed edition of said Revised Ordinances of 1866."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 2, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, March 13, 1876.

(Minutes, March 1st, 1876, p. 648.)

Filed.

Public Works.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the report of the Committee of Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, recommending certain public improvements to be immediately undertaken and completed, and in which report is contained the following, viz. :

"The work on the Morningside Drive and Park, commenced last season, and suspended shortly after being commenced, should at once be resumed. The work is one of advantage to the city, the property-owners, and to the large number of men that could be employed upon the work."

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"The wall intended to inclose the Central Park could also, at this time, with advantage, be completed. It would afford employment to a large number of mechanics and laborers. The work of cleaning out the deposit from the bottom of the lakes in the Central Park would also, if prosecuted at this time, afford work to a large number of men. The Commissioners of the Central Park could also, with advantage both to the city and the laboring men, purchase large stone and employ a great number of men in breaking them up for macadamizing purposes.

"It is also hereby recommended that your Honorable Body immediately pass the resolution and ordinance providing for working a country road on the line of the Riverside Drive, being General Order No. 70, on the list of Unfinished Busi-

ness. This work is asked for by the owners of property, who will be assessed to pay therefor, equally with the city, as half the property on the line of the proposed improvement is owned by the Corporation. This will also afford employment to a vast number of workmen."

Said copy report concludes as follows, viz :

"Your Committee respectfully offer for your adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That a copy of this report, and accompanying recommendation or suggestions be transmitted to each Department charged with the performance of the work therein mentioned, with a request from the Common Council that such work be undertaken as soon as possible, and prosecuted to completion without any unnecessary delay.

WM. H. McCARTHY, } Committee on
HENRY D. PURROY, } Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, February 24, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, March 2, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Filed.

Riverside Avenue.

From his Honor the Mayor, enclosing a copy of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, directing that Riverside Avenue, from Seventy-second Street to the north side of Eighty-fifth Street, and from the south side of Eighty-eighth Street to 130th Street be regulated and graded as a country road, under the directions of this Department, and requesting that the President report to him on or before the 15th inst., whether the work is necessary or proper, with a statement of the reasons for the opinion expressed.

The PRESIDENT stated that as he was unable to obtain a meeting of the Board before the 15th inst., he had replied to said communication on that day, and he read his reply.

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

Adopted.

Assessment Maps of 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Comptroller of the city, asking that such maps of street improvements, &c. (assessment maps); relating to the

23d and 24th Wards, as are in the possession of this Department, be transferred to the Finance Department.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had written to the Comptroller stating that a number of such maps had been delivered to this Department, and asking him if they would be of service in the Bureau of Arrears in the Finance Department; in reply to which he received the above mentioned communication, and he moved that he be authorized to transfer all said assessment maps to the Finance Department.

Adopted.

Bridges over Harlem River.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the Commissioners that said Board will take up and consider the matter of an appropriation for a bridge across the Harlem river at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 21st, 1876.

(Minutes, February 20th, 1875, p. 530.) .

Filed.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of a resolution authorizing the Comptroller of the city to issue "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock" to the amount of \$50,000.

(Minutes, January 31, 1876, p. 570.)

Filed.

Washington Square Roadway.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that, if a sufficient balance remains of the fund provided Section 1, Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, denominated "City Parks Improvement Fund," the cost of repaving the roadway through Washington

Square can be paid from said fund, provided, however, that said roadway is still under the jurisdiction of this Department.

(Minutes, March 1st, 1876, p. 649.)

Referred to the President to consult with the Comptroller of the city, and report.

Balance in Treasurer's hands.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that he does not think that this Department has a right to apply the balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the funds received under authority of Chap. 651, Laws of 1874, to any purpose other than that for which it was appropriated, and recommending that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to make a transfer of said balance.

(Minutes, February 18th, 1876, p. 643.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer the sum of \$1,709.26, being the balance of the appropriation, made in pursuance of Chapter 651, Laws of 1874, from said appropriation, to an appropriation to pay indebtedness existing and heretofore incurred by the Department of Public Parks in the matter of the improvement of the navigation of Harlem River, under authority of Chapter 534, Laws of 1871 ; said sum being in excess of the amount required for the former appropriation ; and that the Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks be, and hereby is, authorized to pay said claims, when the above transfer has been authorized.

Resolved, That copies of the report of Commissioner Williamson, and the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment herewith.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Lamps on the Central Park side of Fifth Avenue.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, stating that the appropriation for lamps and gas is so much reduced this year that he does not feel justified in lighting the lamps on the west side of Fifth Avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Ninetieth Streets.

Filed.

Dump Tickets.

From the Police Department, refusing to supply dump tickets to the Department without payment being made for them.

(Minutes, March 3, 1876, p. 662.)

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Central Park Sewerage.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting specifications for sewers necessary to avoid the discharge of the water-closets of the Kinderberg, the Dairy and the Ball-ground house, into the Pond, and estimating the expense thereof at \$7,000.

(Minutes, November 17, 1875, p. 393.)

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the specifications now presented by the Landscape Architect to carry the discharge from the water-closets of the Kinderberg, the Dairy and the Ball-ground house, into the sewer from the Arsenal, be approved ; and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending that an

examination be made, by a diver, of the pipes which convey the water to the engine of Third Avenue Bridge, as he considers that there is a leak in them, and estimating the cost at from \$25 to \$50.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication and subject be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Reduction of Maintenance Force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, presenting a list of the men discharged, &c., as directed by the Board on the 3d inst.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1876, p. 663.)

Filed.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting what work has been done by the force under his charge for the four weeks ending Saturday, February 26th, 1876.

(Minutes, March 1, 1876, p. 649.)

Filed.

Riverside Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that in compliance with directions from the President he had personally examined Riverside Park, and discovered that several small, and two or three large, trees have been cut down on said park during the last month, and also that some of the mould or top soil had been removed from portions of the pro-

posed Riverside Drive by the employés of the Department of Public Works.

The PRESIDENT stated that prior to the receipt of said report he had directed the Superintendent of Parks to serve a notice on each tenant on Riverside Park, cautioning them against cutting the trees, and also to have twelve large notices to the same effect placed on the park; and that he had directed the Lieutenant to detail an officer to patrol said park once or twice each day.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the action of the President be approved, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to provide the officer detailed to patrol said park with a horse for that purpose.

Adopted.

Vault.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting a plan for a record vault, to be erected in the southeast corner of the Museum building, and estimating the cost at \$1,475.

(Minutes, Feb'y 2d, 1876, p. 589.)

Commissioner MARTIN reported that he had examined the various plans suggested in reference to the record room, including the location at Mount St. Vincent, in the basement of the Museum of Art, in a new building in its vicinity, and in the Arsenal Building. That the present room at Mount St. Vincent is insufficient in size and security, and that the records were destroyed by dampness, and that a new room where all the records of all the offices could be kept, free from dampness or fire, accessible and safely, was a matter of the greatest importance.

That he recommended the plan of the Superintending Architect, on the ground that it fulfilled all the present requirements, and was the most economical.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that said plan be approved

and adopted by the Board, and that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit specifications for the iron and carpenter's work therefor.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that it is necessary to have eight additional grooves cut out and built up in the walls of the Museum of Natural History from the 3d to the 4th floors, and also to cut down seventy-six grooves in the window jambs, to carry up heating pipes, and enclosing an estimate of Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son to execute all said work for the sum of \$205, which he recommended to be accepted.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said additional work be authorized, and that an order be issued therefor to Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son upon the terms contained in their estimate.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

138th Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting three similar maps or plans and profiles of 138th Street, in the 23d Ward, from Locust Avenue to the State water-grant line on Long Island Sound.

(Minutes, February 18th, 1876, p. 638.)

The PRESIDENT thereupon offered the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, or a majority of them, deem

the changes (specified on the map or plan hereinafter mentioned) in the streets, roads and avenues as laid down and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the county of Westchester, on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required, therefore,

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues within that portion of the 23d Ward of the city of New York, formerly the town of Morrisania, of the width, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated by red lines, figures and colors on three similar maps or plans and profiles, entitled "Map or plan and profile, with field notes and explanatory remarks, showing the location, width, course, windings and grades of 138th Street, in the 23d Ward of the city of New York, formerly the town of Morrisania, from Locust Avenue to the State water-grant line on the Long Island Sound, as laid out and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, and as now laid out, confirmed and more clearly defined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, within that part of the city of New York, north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the Hudson River, running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th Street and a prolongation of said southerly line to the middle of Harlem River, and running thence southerly along the middle of the said Harlem River to the Sound, north of Randel's Island, in pursuance of Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed respectively May 6th and June 5th, 1874," dated "New York, March 8th, 1876," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer;" and that the widths, extent and direction of the said streets, roads and avenues so laid out are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good.

Resolved, That Henry G. Stebbins, the President, and one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file said three similar maps or plans and profiles as provided by law.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolutions, and it was determined

in the affirmative, a majority of the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

149th Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting three similar maps or plans and profiles of 149th Street in the 23d Ward, from River Avenue to the Harlem River Bulkhead line, and stating that this portion of said street is laid down on the map of Morrisania, but that no dimensions are given.

(Minutes, February 2d, 1876, p. 581.)

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, or a majority of them, deem the changes (specified on the map or plan hereinafter mentioned) in the streets, roads and avenues as laid down and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the county of Westchester on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required ; therefore

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues within that portion of the 23d Ward of the City of New York, formerly the town of Morrisania, of the width, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated by red lines, figures and color, on three similar maps or plans and profiles, entitled "Map, or plan and profile, with field notes and explanatory remarks, showing the location, width, course, windings and grades of 149th Street, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York, formerly the town of Morrisania, from River Avenue to the Harlem River Bulkhead line, as laid out and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841, of the Laws of 1868, and as now laid out, confirmed and more clearly defined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, within that part of the City of New York north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the

Hudson River ; running thence easterly, along said southerly line of 155th Street, and a prolongation of said southerly line, to the middle of Harlem River, and running thence southerly, along the middle of the said Harlem River, to the Sound, north of Randel's Island ; in pursuance of Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed respectively May 6th and June 5th, 1874," dated "New York, February 3d, 1876," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer ;" and that the widths, extent and direction of the said streets, roads and avenues so laid out are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good,

Resolved, That Henry G. Stebbins, the President, and one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file said three similar maps or plans and profiles, as provided by law.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Case for American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Albert S. Bickmore, Superintendent of the American Museum of Natural History, stating that it is necessary to have the case recently built by the Department for said Museum glazed, and requesting that arrangements may be made therefor.

Also from the Superintending Architect stating that the cost to have said case glazed with plate glass, as requested by Mr. Bickmore, would be about \$450.

(Minutes, December 23, 1874, p. 424.)

Referred to the President to report.

Foreman Andrews.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that during work-

ing hours on Tuesday, the 14th inst., Foreman Andrews was severely injured, by having an embankment fall on him, and that he is unable to attend to his duties. That he had placed Foreman McGovern temporarily in charge of his work. He therefore asks instructions as to the time to be allowed said foremen.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to allow during this month, if Foreman Andrews is so long unable to perform his duties, full time to Foreman McGovern, including Sundays, and to allow full time, except Sundays, to Foreman Andrews.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Washington Avenue.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the condition of Washington Avenue, reference to which was made by the Health Department. He states that the Avenue is in a very bad condition, and recommends as the only way to improve it, that it be regulated and graded from Third Avenue at 159th Street, to Morris Street at Tremont, to conform with the new established grade, and also that 160th Street be regulated and graded at the same time from Elton to Washington Avenue.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the said communication be received and filed, and that the President be requested to make application to the Common Council for an ordinance to enable the recommendations therein to be carried into effect.

(February 2d, 1876, p. 575.)

Adopted.

Bridges over Bronx River.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards asking instructions as to how, and to what extent, he should use the force in the 23d and 24th Wards in repairing the bridges over the Bronx River, and enclosing a copy of a letter which he had addressed to the Supervisor of the town of Westchester, on the subject of having some arrangement made between him and this Department for the repairing of said bridges.

Also from the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards stating that William's Bridge, over the Bronx River, is in a very dangerous condition, and that an accident may occur at any time, causing loss of life.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards to make such immediate repairs as are required to said bridge, in order to prevent accident to the public; and that he had also written to the Supervisor of the town of Westchester, urging on him the necessity of making some joint arrangement with this Department for the care of said bridges, but that he had not as yet received any reply.

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to mark on each bridge over the Bronx River the line of the city limit, and that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be directed to keep in proper order and repair, with the force placed under his charge in the 23d and 24th Wards, the New York City end of said bridges, and that he designate on the foreman's returns, each day, on what works the men have been employed, so that their time can be charged to the proper account and appropriation; and that if any extra or unusual repairs are required to any bridge, he report same to the Board for instructions.

Adopted.

Claim of Messrs. Bancroft & Yetter.

From Mr. N. B. Sanborn, Attorney for Messrs. Bancroft & Yetter, stating that in an action brought by them to recover

the sum of \$750, awarded to them on January 8, 1874, by this Department, in full discharge of all claims which they have against the Department, by reason of the use of their patent monitor sprinklers, a verdict had been rendered in favor of the city, and therefore asking that the Board pass a new resolution and enter into a new contract with Messrs. Bancroft & Yetter, which shall include any new carts built by the Department since January 8, 1874, by which the Department shall purchase the right to use those carts for the future at the rate heretofore fixed; all claims for damages for past use of them to be extinguished (not settled for) by a release to the Department.

(Minutes, January 8th, 1874, p. 519.)

Referred to Commissioner Williamson to examine and report.

Acquiring Title to Streets, &c.

From Mr. Christian H. Otten, upon the subject of acquiring title to streets, and urging that it is not advisable to include more than one street or avenue in each proceeding.

(Minutes, February 2, 1876, p. 580.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin to examine and report.

24th Ward.

From Mr. Robert Coddington, requesting that the maps laying out and establishing the streets, &c., in the 24th Ward, in the neighborhood of Fordham, be filed.

(Minutes, March 1, 1876, p. 652.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin.

Fordham Avenue, Kingsbridge Road, 24th Ward.

From the following, viz.: F. W. Gockeln, President of St. John's College, and others, N. Hanrahan, Treasurer of St. John's College, and James Hyland, opposing the plan proposed by the Civil and Topographical Engineer for the wid-

ening and extending of Fordham (Third) Avenue in the 24th Ward.

(Minutes, Feb. 4, 1876, p. 595.)

Laid on the table.

Stuffed Cattle in Museum Central Park.

From Mr. William Lalor, stating that he had formerly presented to the Department the stuffed cattle in the Museum in Central Park, and asking that he be permitted and authorized to procure the loan and use of them for the purpose of exhibition at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Lalor be given permission to take and exhibit said stuffed cattle at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, on condition that no expense be incurred thereby by this Department, and that Mr. Lalor undertakes to return said stuffed cattle in good condition.

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

From Mr. L. G. Morris, and others, recommending Mr. E. L. B. Freeman for the position of keeper of Central Bridge, over the Harlem River.

Laid on the table.

(Minutes, March 3, 1876, p. 656.)

Patrick Murray.

From Patrick Murray, asking to be reinstated as shepherd on Central Park.

Also from Mr. Alfred Young and others, supporting the application of said Patrick Murray.

Laid on the table.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following three reports :

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

Allen, R. H., & Co., brooms	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '75..		\$30 00
Bartlett, J. W., repairs to lamps.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '75..		17 40
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., saws, shovels, &c.	Surveying, laying		
	out, &c., 23d and		
	24th Wards, &c.,		
	'75.....		19 16
Menzies, Wm., & Son, timber.....	Harlem R. Bridges		
	Reps., &c., '75.		38 50
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Harlem R. Bridges		
	Reps., &c., '75.	\$13 60	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '75..	8 00	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	58 40	
			80 00
West, R. R., lamps.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., '75..		56 00
			<u>\$241 06</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1875..	\$111 40
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Impt. and Maint., 1875....	52 10
City Parks Improvement Fund	58 40
Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, etc., 1875.	19 16
	<u>\$241 06</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two hundred and forty-one dollars and six cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } Auditing
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Committee.

New York, March 13, 1876.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Cartwright, Wm., nuts, fish and vegetables	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	\$200 58
Central Gas Light Co., gas, Feb.	Harlem R. B. Rep., Impt. & M.	60 00
Donnegan, C. E., bread.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	90 69
Florence, W. H., services.	Harlem R. B. Rep., Impt. & M.	218 74
Keuffel & Esser, engineers, supplies.	City Parks Impt. Fund	48 80
Larkin, Michael, sand.	City Parks Impt. Fund	69 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas Feb'y.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	546 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas meter.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	86 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas meter.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	182 88
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Feb'y.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	413 00
Mott, J. L. Iron, Works, stoves and repairs.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	\$4 50
	Museum Natural History.	5 10
	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.	21 00
		<hr/> 30 60
New York Gas Light Co., gas, Feb'y.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	471 00
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas meter.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	8 80

Rollins, True W., labor and material, iron.....	Museum Natural History.....	\$18,000 00
Siney, John S., ticking thread, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	28 70
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk, Feb'y..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	20 88
Vanderbilt, Bros., mower parts.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	135 45
Valentine & Briggs, rent, Feb'y.....	Maint. &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	40 00
"The World," advertising.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$3 60
	Museum of Art..	2 80
		6 40
Ziegler, J. & Co., repairs.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	5 00
		<u>\$20,662 50</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$2,192 06
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	278 74
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	122 80
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	40 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	21 00
Museum Natural History.....	18,005 10
Museum of Art.....	2 80
	<u>\$20,662 50</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty thousand six hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, March 13, 1876.

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

Riddle & Brintnall, coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P., '73	\$70 00
Riddle & Brintnall, coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P., '74	28 50
Sidley, John, medicine.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P., '73	11 40
Sidley, John, medicine.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P., '74	12 30
Smith & Crane, case for Mus. N. H....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P., '74	1,000 00
		<u>\$1,122 20</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1873...	\$81 40
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1874...	1,040 80
	<u>\$1,122 20</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, March 14, 1876.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

March 18, 1876.]

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Department of Public Parks, in account with
David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1876.

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Mar. 1.	By balance.....	\$1,717 26	
Mar. 1 }	" cash received from pound, rents, licenses, &c.	516 74	\$2,234 00
to			
Mar. 15. }			

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Mar. 1 }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$524 74	
to			
Mar. 15. }			
Mar. 15.	" balance.....	1,709 26	
			<u>\$2,234 00</u>

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, March 15, 1876.
9.30 A. M.

Dock at Leggett's Creek and approaches thereto.

The PRESIDENT stated that so far as could be ascertained, Mr. R. N. Kitching is now the owner of the adjoining property to the road leading from Hunt's Point road to the dock on Leggett's Creek ; that Mr. Kitching has been notified to remove the gate and fence placed on said road, but he has not done so.

(Minutes, February 18th, 1876, p. 637.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the removal of said gate and fence be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

159th Street.

The PRESIDENT then presented the appointment hereinafter set forth of Messrs. Fordham Morris, William F. Hall and John T. Hunt, as Commissioners to assess the expenses of regulating and grading 159th Street, signed by the Corporation Counsel, and he moved that it be signed by all the Commissioners of this Department ; that it be then filed and that the

Secretary be directed to transmit a certified copy thereof to each of said Commissioners.

Adopted.

The appointment was then signed by all the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENT.

Whereas, The late Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania duly authorized and executed a contract for the work hereafter mentioned, but did not appoint Commissioners to apportion and assess the expenses thereof, as directed by Sections 47 and 48, Chapter 277, Laws of 1864.

Therefore, We the undersigned, Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, and the Counsel to the Corporation of said city, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority in us vested by Section 9, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, appoint

FORDHAM MORRIS, WILLIAM F. HALL, JOHN T. HUNT, all of New York City, and owners of a freehold estate liable to taxation therein, and who are not interested in or affected by said work or improvement, Commissioners to assess the expenses of the following mentioned work or improvement, namely:

Regulating and grading Waverly Street (159th St.), between Third and Washington avenues.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1876.

(Signed.)

H. G. STEBBINS,
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
WM. R. MARTIN,

Commissioners of the Department of
Public Parks.

(Signed.)

WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT then presented a list of works necessary to be done to complete the improvements at Tompkins Square, and also specifications for grading and setting the curb on said square, which had been prepared by the Landscape Architect.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1876, p. 655.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said specifications be approved, and that it be referred to the President and Commissioner Martin, with power to direct the Secretary to insert advertisements for proposals for the work.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Works in Progress.

The PRESIDENT then presented a list of works heretofore ordered, and which are in various stages of approach towards completion, with an estimate of the cost to complete each, which had been prepared by the Landscape Architect.

Referred to Commissioner Martin to report upon.

Reports of Landscape Architect.

The PRESIDENT stated that, in pursuance of the directions of the Board on the 12th October, 1875, a requisition had been made on the Department of Public Works to print, with other documents, 250 additional copies of the report of the Landscape Architect, as prepared for the third general report, but that no order had been given therefor by the Department of Public Works, although the reports had been printed and delivered by the New York *Evening Post*.

(Minutes, October 12th, 1875, p. 333).

He then moved that a new requisition be made upon the Board of City Record to issue an order to said New York *Evening Post* for the said 250 reports so delivered.

Adopted.

Employment of Idle Workers.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Secretary be directed

to inform Mr. W. A. A. Carsey and others, from whom a communication was received on the 3d inst. asking for an interview, that the Board will receive them at the next regular meeting.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1876, p. 658).

Adopted.

Old Uniforms.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that arrangements be made with the auctioneer employed by the Department to have all the old useless uniforms dyed a different color, and then sold by auction on the Central Park.

Adopted.

Statements of Salaries of Officers, &c., by the Comptroller.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, Comptroller Green, in his letter dated 1st February, 1876, to the Assembly of the State of New York (Doc. No. 60), under the schedule entitled,

“Schedule of the number of salaries and officers and employés
“of the city government, exclusive of mechanics and
“laborers, on the 1st of February, 1876 (as near as can be
“ascertained from the record of the “Finance Department),”

stated, in regard to the salaries in the Department of Public Parks, including those paid from other accounts than appropriations for salaries, “that there were 153 employés, and the “amount allowed for their salaries was \$227,575” (page 2), and further stated in the same letter that in the Department of Public Parks the “amount paid for salaries in 1876 was as follows :

“Salary of the President, \$6,500, and three Commis-	
“sioners, no salary.....	\$6,500
“Salaries of architects, engineers, &c.....	48,500
“Salaries of police, gate-keepers, &c.....	100,000

Whereas, For all the purposes for which these facts can be serviceable to the Legislature, it is better that they should have a correct statement; therefore,

Resolved, That the following statement of the number of em-

ployés and salaries fixed by the Department for the year 1876, commencing on 1st January, be entered on the minutes, together with these preambles and resolution, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Legislature.

NAME.	OFFICE.	SALARY.	NO. OF PERSONS.	AMOUNT.
Henry G. Stebbins.....	President.....	\$6,500 00	1	\$6,500 00

GENERAL OFFICE.

William Irwin.....	Secretary.....	\$4,500 00	4	11,200 00
Isaac Evans.....	Asst. Sec'y.....	2,750 00		
David P. Lord.....	First Clerk.....	2,750 00		
William D. Beall.....	Clerk.....	1,200 00		

OFFICE OF DESIGN AND SUPERINTENDENCE.

Fred. Law Olmsted.....	Landscape Archt. |	\$6,000 00	2	9,000 00
Howard A. Martin.....	Chief clerk..... |	3,000 00		

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT ENGINEER.

John Bogart.....	Supt. Engineer.....	\$1,900 00	3	3,100 00
F. A. Calkins.....	Assist. ".....			
Otto Sibert.....	Draughtsman.....				1,200 00

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ARCHITECT.

J. Munckwitz.....	Supt. Architect..	\$5,000 00		5,000 00
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OFFICE OF DISBURSING CLERK.

Wm. Van Valkinburgh.	Disbursing clerk..	\$3,500 00	3	6,500 00
J. F. Belton.....	Clerk..... |	1,800 00		
M. E. Sterne.....	".....	1,200 00		

DIRECTOR OF MENAGERIE.

Wm. A. Conklin.....	Director.....	\$2,500 00	1	2,500 00
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MUSEUM AND OBSERVATORY.

Daniel Draper.....	Director.....	\$4,000 00	2	5,200 00
T. B. Ingraham.....	Clerk.....	1,200 00		
Total—Prest., Engrs., Clerks, &c.....			17	\$49,000 00

PARK-KEEPERS.

		PER DAY.			
1 Lieutenant				\$1,600	00
5 Sergeants	\$3 25	\$16 25			
44 Park-keepers	2 60	114 40			
7 Post keepers	2 30	16 10			
3 Special keepers	2 25	6 75			
20 Gate "	2 30	46 00			
7 Night watch	2 00	14 00			
5 Tailors	2 25	11 25			
		\$224 75			
Days in the year	366		82,261 50	92	\$88,861 50
				109	\$132,861 50

OFFICE CIVIL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEER.

J. J. R. Croes	C. & T. Eng.....	\$5,000 00		
C. R. Schott	Div. Eng.....	2,500 00		
R. L. Cooke	" "	2,500 00		
G. A. Cushing	" "	2,000 00		
S. B. Smith	Ast. "	1,800 00		
S. S. Haight	" "	1,800 00		
A. M. Bailey	" "	1,500 00		
F. Greiffenberg	Draughtsman	1,800 00		
Matthew Cox	Rodman	940 00		
Thos. Fox	"	940 00		
F. W. Brown	Messenger	626 00	11	21,406 00

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION.

Geo. S. Greene	Engineer	\$5,000 00	1	5,000 00
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MAINTENANCE 23D and 24TH WARDS.

E. C. Morrison	Supt.	\$3,000 00	1	3,000 00
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STREET OPENING AND IMPROVEMENT.

E. B. Van Winkle	Surveyor, &c.	\$3,000 00	1	3,000 00
			123	\$165,267 50

LABORERS' PAY-ROLL FOR THE TWO WEEKS ENDING 12TH FEBRUARY, 1876.

Maintenance	\$6,657 16	
Construction	7,527 35	
	\$14,194 51	
Multiplied by	26	\$369,057 26

PAY-ROLL FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards	\$820	
Multiplied by	12	9,840 00
		\$544,164 76

From this it appears that the Comptroller's statements are to be corrected, as follows:

1st. For "salaries, including those paid from other accounts than appropriations," that there were 123 employes, and the amount allowed for their salaries \$165,267.50.

2. That "the amount paid for salaries in 1876" is as follows:

Salary of the President, \$6,500, and three Commissioners, no salary	\$6,500 00
Salaries of Architects, Engineers, &c.....	42,500 00
Salaries of Police, Gate keepers, &c.....	83,861 50
	\$132,861 50

The figures for the pay-rolls for the maintenance and construction work, and for the maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards, are exhibited because they show the amounts paid to the mechanics and laborers in the Department for the first of February and for the year, at the rate of that time.

The whole statement shows the entire operations of the Department, and that the Comptroller's error does not arise from any confusion in regarding the men on the pay-rolls as salaried officers, and that his statement cannot be derived in any way from the facts. His error probably arose from his taking the situation at the close of the year, 31st December, 1875, before the reductions of 1876 were made, as the basis for the whole of the year 1876.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said preamble, resolution and statement be received, entered on the minutes and laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board, to enable the President to communicate with the Comptroller in relation thereto.

Adopted.

Pay of Laborers.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, This Board has had several resolutions before its meetings for the purpose of cutting down the laborers' wages from two dollars to one dollar and sixty cents per day,

Resolved, That Comptroller GREEN be requested to give his opinion, as the financial officer of this city, whether he thinks it proper to make such reduction.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the Members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Martin and O'Donohue—2.

Noes.—Commissioners Stebbins and Williamson—2.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, Comptroller GREEN has publicly charged this Board with an injudicious expenditure of the public moneys, by using the following language at a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on the 14th March, 1876 :

“ Believing that the money necessary to complete the work “ would not be judiciously expended by the Park Department “ as that Department was at present organized, he was there- “ fore opposed to raising funds for the purpose of the Harlem “ River bridges.”

Whereas, All the requisitions and expenditures of the Department have been met by Mr. Green, and he has failed at any time to specify any item of the work or expenditure of the Department as injudicious;

Whereas, The prominent question on which we have differed from him is that we have refused to reduce the wages of the laborers,

Therefore,

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested,

1st. To specify to the Board any item of its expenditure that he regards as injudicious.

2d. Whether in his opinion the wages of the laborers in our employ should be reduced.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preambles and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson.—2.

Paving 3d Avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the contractors be directed to proceed with the work of paving Third Avenue in the 23d Ward, when four inspectors are appointed.

(Minutes Dec. 13, 1875, p. 470).

Adopted.

Gas.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert advertisements for proposals to light the public parks, squares, places and bridges under the control of this Department with gas, from May 1st to December 31st, 1876, both days inclusive.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said resolution be amended, by inserting after the word "gas" the following "or other illuminating material," and also by adding at the end thereof the following: "And that the advertisements contain a statement to the effect that this Department reserves the right to determine, after the proposals are opened, what material shall be used."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue.—4.

Drainage, &c., of Central Park.

Commissioner MARTIN moved to reconsider the action of the Board, directing the report of the Landscape Architect on the subject of the drainage of the Central Park, and which was presented to the Board on the 17th November, 1875, to be printed.

(Minutes, November 17th, 1875, p. 393.)

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the order directing said report to be printed be rescinded.

Adopted.

F. L. Underhill.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. F. L. Underhill be appointed a rodman on the force of the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1876, p. 657.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Thomas Wingrove.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that Mr. Thomas Wingrove be appointed a rodman on the force of the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the Members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 6.30 o'clock, P. M., to meet on Monday, the 20th March, 1876, at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, MARCH 20th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 18th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

American Museum Natural History.
Metropolitan Museum of Art.

From Mr. Howard Potter, on behalf of the American Museum of Natural History, submitting a draft of a bill to enable this Department to make and enter into a contract with said Museum for its occupation of the Museum of Natural History building on Manhattan Square.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that there be added to said draft bill a second section, to enable this Department to make a similar contract with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, for the occupation by it of the building erected for a Museum of Art on Central Park ; that said draft bill be then approved and that the PRESIDENT be requested to address the Legislature in support of the passage of said bill.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Restoration of Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, enclosing applications from Wm. Burns, stone-cutter, and John B. Glasser, laborer, who had been absent from work on account of sickness, to be restored to work, and asking instructions in the matter.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to restore said men.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Laborers' Pay-Roll.

The PRESIDENT reported that the employés mentioned in the letter of the Comptroller, presented to the Board on the 1st inst., were not yet paid ; and he then presented and read a letter which he had addressed to the Counsel to the Corporation, asking his opinion as to which fund said employés were properly payable out of ; and also as to the right of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to subdivide the amount allowed this Department for the maintenance of the parks, in the manner in which said Board has done this year.

(Minutes March 1st, 1876, p. 648.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said letter be approved,

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and that the PRESIDENT be requested to transmit it to the Counsel to the Corporation forthwith.

Adopted.

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of the maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards be taken up at the next meeting of the Board, and that the Superintendent of those wards be directed to be present at the time.

(Minutes, February 2d, 1876, p. 589.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th, 1876.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square (East). }

NEW YORK, 27 March, 1876.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A communication was received from Commissioner O'DONOHUE, stating that he was unable to attend.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 18th and 20th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Washington Square.

From his Honor the Mayor, asking whether the work of re-

pairing the roadway through Washington Square is necessary and proper.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to the Mayor that the repairs were much needed, and had forwarded him a copy of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, which was presented to the Board on the 18th inst., on the subject of paying for the expense of repaving said roadway, and moved that said communication be filed.

(Minutes March 18, 1876, p. 674.)

Adopted.

Bridges over Harlem River.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding the following copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on the 21st inst., viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue "from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, stock for the purpose of providing for the expense of construction of a bridge over the Harlem River, in the city of New York, authorized by Chapter 534 of Laws of 1871, and Section 16, Chapter 329 of Laws of 1874, as per requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated 23d of February, 1875, Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)."

(Minutes, March 18th, 1876, p. 674.)

Filed.

Cleaning the Lakes, &c., Central Park.

From the Secretary of the Health Department, calling the attention of this Department to the practice of spreading the deposits taken from the bottom of the lakes in Central Park upon the grass, and recommending that slacked lime and gypsum be used to prevent malarial diseases arising therefrom.

Also from the Landscape Architect, reporting thereon, and stating that the deposits mostly consist of earth, and that there is only a very small amount of vegetable material in it; and that lime will be used in a liberal quantity.

(Minutes, January 13, 1876, p. 571.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be received

and filed, and that a copy of the report of the Landscape Architect be forwarded to the Health Department.

Adopted.

Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting that, in his judgment, a carriage entrance to Central Park, at 110th Street and Fifth avenue, is not called for by any public necessity, and that it would be impossible to make it without great and irreparable injury to the Park.

Also from the Superintending Engineer, estimating the cost of such a carriage entrance at \$75,000.

(Minutes, February 10th, 1876, p. 622.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communications be received and filed, and that such carriage entrance be not approved.

Adopted.

Manhattan Square.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that 10,000 cubic yards of earth filling are required in Manhattan Square, and recommending that advertisements be published for proposals to deliver same.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for the delivery of 10,000 cubic yards of earth filling in Manhattan Square, as recommended by the Superintending Engineer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that great damage has been done to the roads and bridges in the 23d and 24th Wards by the recent storms, and that it will require a force of at least 75 laborers and 15 double teams to make the roads safe and passable.

The PRESIDENT stated, that on receipt of the communication he had authorized the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards to employ 50 laborers and 10 double teams, and moved that his action be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Maintenance of Roads, &c., in 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. J. N. Watson, complaining of the manner in which the roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards are maintained.

Filed.

J. G. Keator.

From Mr. J. G. Keator, asking to have his badge as a park policeman restored him.

(Minutes, June 14, 1873, p. 39.)

Laid on the table.

Cricket.

From Mr. Dougall McDougall, Secretary of the Manhattan Cricket Club, asking permission for said club to play cricket on the Central Park on two days each week.

The PRESIDENT moved that said application be refused.
Adopted.

B. Waterhouse Hawkins.

From Mr. B. Waterhouse Hawkins, renewing his application for remuneration on account of his alleged employment in this Department.

(Minutes, May 6, 1874, p. 8.)

Laid on the table.

John Goetz.

From Mr. John Goetz, applying for employment in this Department.

Laid on the table.

H. J. Haber.

From Mr. Alex. S. Webb, recommending Mr. H. J. Haber for employment as a civil engineer.

Laid on the table.

Bridges over Harlem River.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have made an appropriation for bridges over the Harlem River, according to the requisition of this Department.

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction is hereby directed to prepare the plans and specifications for a bridge from 139th Street to 138th Street, and report the same.

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction is hereby directed to proceed with plans and specifications for the suspension bridge north of the High Bridge, and report the same.

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction is hereby requested to report what assistance he requires to make the soundings necessary for said plans and specifications for both of said bridges.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 706.)

Adopted.

Mill Brook Sewer.

Commissioner MARTIN stated that the proceedings in the

Supreme Court, for acquiring the title to Brook Avenue had been completed, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the construction of Mill Brook sewer, in the 23d Ward, be proceeded with, and that the Engineer of Construction is hereby directed to report plans and specifications for the same as soon as may be practicable.

(Minutes, July 29, 1874, p. 173.)

Adopted.

Parks in Fourth Avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN stated in reference to the improvement of the line of Parks on the Fourth Avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Ninety-sixth Streets, upon which a resolution was passed at the meeting on the 13th January, 1876 (pp. 526-7); that he had examined the provisions of Chapter 528 of 1873, and had brought the same to the attention of the Hon. Chas. Crary, who was formerly President of the East Side Association, and who, while he was a member of the Legislature, had introduced the said Act; and also to the attention of other property owners on the east side; and that the conclusion of their deliberations was that further action by the Legislature was necessary in order to carry on said improvement, and the other improvements provided for in the same act; that for this end a bill had been prepared and introduced in the Legislature.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That after an examination and approval of the provisions of said bill, the President be requested to address the Legislature in favor of its passage.

2. *Resolved*, That the Landscape Architect and the Superintendent of Parks be requested to prepare a general estimate of the cost of the Fourth Avenue improvement.

3. *Resolved*, That they be also requested to examine the public square, on the East River, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-sixth Streets, and prepare a general plan and estimate

for opening the same to the public at slight expense and in a mode which will meet the present requirements.

(Minutes, January 13, 1876, p. 526.)

Adopted.

Riverside Drive.

Commissioner MARTIN presented a report upon the subject of the Riverside Drive.

(Minutes, June 11, 1875, p. 81, and March 18, 1876, p. 673.)

Received and filed.

Harlem River.

Commissioner MARTIN stated that he had been in communication with Hon. B. A. Willis in respect to the improvement of the Harlem River, and the measures of legislation proposed at Washington and at Albany, and that it was desirable that a general conference should be had on the subject for the purpose of uniting all interests. He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a meeting on that subject be held on such day as the Hon. B. A. Willis may indicate that he can attend.

That the Civil and Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Construction be requested to attend, and that the following persons be invited : General Newton, the Commissioners of the Department of Docks ; Alderman Purroy, and the property owners in that vicinity.

(Minutes, Feb. 10th, 1876, p. 622.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 11.45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 29th instant was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Bridges over Harlem River.

From the Comptroller of the city, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }

March 29, 1876.

HON. HENRY G. STEBBINS,

President, Department of Public Parks :

SIR,—On the 21st instant the Board of Estimate and Apportionment passed, over the vote of the Comptroller, the following resolution :

“ Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, stock for the purpose of providing for the expense of construction of a bridge over the Harlem river, in the city of New York, authorized by Chapter 534 of Laws of 1871, and section 16, Chapter 329 of Laws of 1874, as per requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated 23d of February, 1875, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).”

As I do not think, after full examination of the subject, that there is lawful authority for the issue of “stock” under the foregoing resolution, I respectfully

advise you that I shall decline to take any measures for that purpose, and cannot pay any requisitions for expenditures on that account.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller

(Minutes, March 29th, 1876, p. 706.)

Filed.

Railroad Av., Fordham Av.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of this Department to the condition of Railroad Avenue, Fordham Avenue, and a receiving basin at the corner of Third Avenue and 169th Street.

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

Riverside Park.

From the Lieutenant, reporting upon the cutting of trees, &c., on Riverside Park.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 677.)

Filed.

Plaza at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street.

From Mr. Jacob Weeks, requesting that the roadway on the west side of the Plaza at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street be paved, and also that a cross-walk be laid from the north end of said Plaza to the corner of said roadway and 59th Street.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to examine and report.

Patrick Crotty.

From Mr. John V. Traphagen and others, recommending that Patrick Crotty be appointed a foreman in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Laid on the table.

Bridges over Harlem River.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that for the

bridge over the Harlem River, from 139th to 138th Streets, there will be required, for sounding from a scow, a party of four laborers (who should be selected men), with an engineer, inspector or assistant.

That for the Suspension Bridge, there will be required, at first, a foreman and four men, and, after the boring with an engine commences, a day and night gang, with two men in each (an enginedriver and an assistant), and for the preparation of the plans, a draughtsman.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 709.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, submitting plans and specifications for additional work of plumbing, cases and other fixtures, in the Museum of Natural History building, and estimating the cost of the work at \$8,000.

Also from Messrs. Wm. A. Haines and Theo. Roosevelt, a committee on plans of the American Museum of Natural History, approving of said plans, and requesting that the work be done at as early a day as possible.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications now presented by Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, be approved ; and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the work.

(Minutes, January 20, 1876, p. 558.)

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

Ayes—Commissioner Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Battery Park. Elevated Railroad.

From Mr. C. E. Hill, President of the American Pier and

Column Company, inviting the attention of this Department to the pier columns made by said company, as supports for the Elevated Railroad where it crosses the Battery Park.

(Minutes, February 18, 1876, p. 645.)

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Third Avenue Paving.

From Mr. Wm. H. Grant, Engineer, presenting his bill for \$297 for professional services in examining the paving of Third Avenue, in the 23d Ward, done under Mr. John B. Devlin's contract.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1876, p. 667.)

Referred to Commissioner Williamson to examine and report upon.

Audit.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following three reports :

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, oats, &c.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		\$408 69
Bartlett, J. W., lamps and tops.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	\$89 95	
	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	Impt. and M.	19 25	
		<hr/>	109 20
Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		19 50
Commercial Advertiser Ass., advertis-			
ing.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. (police).	\$2 80	
	Museum of Art.	3 20	
		<hr/>	6 00

Donnelly, Michael, manure.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		\$480 00.
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		40 80
Hotchkiss, Guy, Field & Co., carriage hardware.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		26 55
Hyde, E. B., & Co., Atlas of Yonkers...	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc..		15 00
McDermott, John, meat.....	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....		250 00
<i>New York Evening Express</i> , advertis- ing.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P. (police). Museum of Art... Museum Nat'l His- tory..... City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$3 90 3 60 5 40 3 30	16.20
<i>New York Tribune</i> , advertising.....	Museum Nat'l His- tory..... Museum of Art... City Parks Impt. Fund..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. (police).	\$7 80 3 60 3 60 4 20	19 20
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Harlem R. B. Repa. Impt. and M.....		7 00
Thomson, Jas., rent of office.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc..		40 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		105 000
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,326 39
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	111 90
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvement and maintenance.....	26 25
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	55 00
Museum of Natural History.....	13 20
Museum of Art.....	10 40
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	\$1,543 14

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen hundred and forty-three dollars and fourteen cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 " JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, March 21st, 1876.

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

Bartlett, J. W., lamp tops.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P., 1875..	\$14 40
Commercial Advertiser Association, advertising.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P., 1875..	\$6 40
	Harlem R. B. Reps.,	
	Impt., &c., 1875..	10 60
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	19 80
	Mus. Nat. History	4 80
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		41 60
Menzies, Wm., & Son, sawdust.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P., 1875..	12 00
New, T., felt.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P., 1875..	24 00
N. Y. Times, advertising.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	4 00
N. Y. Evening Express, advertising....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	\$13 20
	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P., 1875..	5 70
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		18 90

Queen, Jas. W. & Co., repairs.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		\$125 00
<i>N. Y. Tribune</i> , advertising.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$19 10	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., 1875..	8 60	
	Harlem R. B. Reps.,		
	Impt., &c., 1875..	13 50	
	Maint. 23d and 24th		
	Wards, 1875....	2 60	
			43 80
<i>N. Y. Staats Zeitung</i> , advertising.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$12 30	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., 1875..	4 35	
	Mus. Nat. History	5 40	
			22 05
			<u>\$305 75</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1875...	\$75 45
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	193 40
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1875.....	2 60
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Main- tenance, 1875.....	24 10
Museum of Natural History.....	10 20
	<u>\$305 75</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three hundred and five dollars and seventy-five cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, March 30th, 1876.

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

American District Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P..... City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$6 78 20 35	
		<hr/>	\$27 13
Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	 20 50	
Christern, F. W., Alphan's Promenades.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	 52 36	
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., hide roller, &c.....	City Parks Impt. Fund..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	 \$1 50 12 00	
		<hr/>	13 50
Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.	 12 00	
Gordon, Robt., Actg. Treas., expenses Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	 678 54	
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, January and February.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P..... Harlem R. Bridges, Reps., Impt. and M.	 \$436 74 150 60	
		<hr/>	587 34
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P..... City Parks Impt. Fund..... Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	 \$41 40 32 20 7 93	
		<hr/>	81 53
Murphy & Nesbit, brick, sand and lime.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P..... City Parks Impt. Fund.....	 \$9 40 14 00	
		<hr/>	23 40
Sackett & Miller, uniforms.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	 2,425 50	

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Tysen, David J., Jr., vegetables.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$63 75
Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., labor and matls.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	64 31
Ziegler, J., chairs.....	Surv'g, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.....	27 00
		\$4 066 86

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$3,694 61
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	174 72
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvement and main- tenance.....	150 60
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	39 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	7 93
	\$4,066 86

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand and sixty-six dollars and eighty-six cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, March 30, 1876.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Menagerie.

The PRESIDENT presented the resignation of J. O'Donohue, one of the keepers in the menagerie, and stated that he had authorized his place to be temporarily filled by Francis

Shannon, until the Board should make an appointment in the place of said O'Donohue.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Timothy Dinan be appointed in place of said J. O'Donohue, resigned, and at the rate of pay which he received ; and that said Francis Shannon be paid for the time he has worked under the directions of the President at the same rate.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Claim of Messrs. Bancroft and Yetter.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON verbally reported upon the claim of Messrs. Bancroft and Yetter, and presented a communication from Mr. N. B. Sanborn, Attorney, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Lorey F. Bancroft and Andrew B. Yetter be paid the sum of eight hundred dollars, for the right for this Department to use sixteen watering carts, known as the patent Monitor Sprinkler, in addition to the six which this Department has heretofore purchased the right to use, from the present time until the time when the patent granted thereon shall have expired. Such money to be paid to said Bancroft and Yetter on their duly executing and delivering to the Board a license in proper form, licensing and authorizing this Department to use the said sixteen carts during all the time which the said patent right has yet to run.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 684.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and the resolution recommended adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Old Uniforms.

The PRESIDENT reported that it would cost over \$400 to dye all the old uniforms which have been ordered to be sold; and that it is doubtful if their sale will realize so much.

(Minutes, March 18th, 1876, p. 694.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that the motion directing said old uniforms to be dyed and sold be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved, as a substitute for said motion, that said old uniforms be sold on the Central Park by public auction.

Adopted.

23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that twenty-four laborers and four teams be appointed in the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 708.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Bridges over Harlem River.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, On the 21st March, 1876, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment made an appropriation for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing a bridge over the Harlem River; and

Whereas, The Engineer of Construction has reported that for the bridge at 139th and 138th Streets there will be required for sounding, from a scow, a party of four laborers, who shall be selected men, with an engineer, inspector or assistant.

Resolved, That four men be appointed to make the soundings required for the completion of the plans and specifications of the said bridge, and their pay charged to the fund for its construction.

(Minutes, March 30, 1876, p. 714.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that said preambles and resolution be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion, together with copies of the following, viz.:

1. The resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment granting the appropriation of \$10,000 for the construction of said bridge.
2. The preamble and resolution adopted by this Board on the 29th inst., directing the preparation of plans and specifications for said bridge.
3. The letter of the Comptroller of this city, presented to the Board this day, declining to issue any stock for the purpose of the construction of said bridge.

And that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to advise the Commissioners of this Department as to their rights and duties in the premises.

Adopted.

Riverside Avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN reported that the Board of Aldermen had adopted the ordinance directing that Riverside Avenue be graded and regulated as a country road, from 72d Street to 130th Street, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor thereto, and he therefore moved that the Landscape Architect and Superintending Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board plans and specifications to comply with the directions of said ordinance.

(Minutes, March 18th, 1876, p. 673.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said ordinance be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion thereon.

Adopted.

Washington Square Roadway.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Landscape Architect and Superintending Engineer be directed to examine the roadway through Washington Square, and report whether the pavement can be repaired, or should be all taken up and relaid ; and also what kind of pavement is the best to be used for repairing, and what for repaving said roadway.

(Minutes, March 29th, 1876, p. 705.)

Adopted.

Foreman Andrews.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE presented and read the affidavits of two laborers, formerly employés of the Department under Foreman Andrews, in which they each swear to have been compelled by said foreman to pay money to him or for his use, in order to be kept in the employment of the Department. He then moved that the President appoint a committee of two to investigate said charges and report, and that in the meantime said Foreman Andrews be suspended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

The PRESIDENT then appointed Commissioners O'Donohue and Williamson such committee.

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of the maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards be now taken up.

(Minutes, March 20th, 1876, p. 703.)

Adopted.

The Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards was present, as directed by the Board on the 20th inst., and after hearing his views in relation to the matter, and after the subject had been discussed, the President offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the report of Commissioner Martin, presented to the Board on the 2d February, 1876, upon the subject of the maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards, as relates to the apportionment of the sum allowed for that purpose for 1876, be adopted and conformed to as far as possible.

(Minutes, February 2, 1876, p. 589.)

Adopted.

Treasurer's Accounts.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President and Commissioner O'Donohue be appointed a committee to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, from November 1st, 1875, to April 1st, 1876.

(Minutes, November 5, 1875, p. 368.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 6.25 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN.

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 29th and 30th ultos. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Riverside Avenue.

From the clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution :

Resolved. That Riverside Avenue, from Seventy-second Street to One hundred and thirtieth Street, be regulated and graded as a country road, with wooden supports where necessary, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Parks, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 2, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, March 16, 1876, with his objections thereto.

In Board of Aldermen, March 30th, 1876, taken up and considered as provided in section 13, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, and adopted notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, three-fourths of all the members elected, voting in favor thereof.

(Minutes, March 18th, 1876, p. 673.)

Filed.

Washington Square Roadway.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and they are, respectfully requested to have the roadway across Washington Square, from South Fifth Avenue to Fifth Avenue, repaired and placed in good condition immediately; also, from Thompson Street to Fifth Avenue.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 23, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, March 30, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Filed.

Laborers' Pay-roll.

From the Counsel to the Corporation upon the subject of the proper fund to which to charge the pay of the employés who have not been paid by the Comptroller, and also upon the right of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to subdivide the amount allowed the Department for the maintenance of the Parks, in which he says:

“The question, however, out of which appropriation the compensation to all or any of said nine persons is to be taken is rather one of fact than of law. So many of said persons as do in fact perform the duties usually assigned to, and performed by foreman, gardeners, mechanics and laborers can, in my opinion, be paid out of the \$187,500, no matter how they may have been classified or described during the year 1875. Those, however, who perform exclusively clerical duties must be paid out of the \$55,000.

* * * * *

“With regard to the other question submitted by you, I think that it is within the power of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to divide up the appropriation for any department, and to prescribe the particular purposes to which the different amounts shall be respectively applied.

(Minutes, March 20th, 1876, p. 703.)

Referred to the President and Commissioner Martin to report.

Employés in Civil and Topl. Force.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the following named, formerly employés in his office, and who were discharged by order of the Board on the 31st January last, were occupied at their usual duties for one or two days after said date and before they could receive notice of their

dismissal; that he had so returned them on his time returns, but that they had not been placed on the pay-roll for those days, namely.

B. W. Barlow, for one day.

F. L. Underhill, for one day.

Samuel G. Boggs, for two days.

(Minutes, Jany. 31, 1876, p. 567.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the above named persons be placed on the next pay-roll of the Civil and Topographical Engineers for the number of days above stated, as returned by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and at a rate of pay fifteen per cent. less than that paid to them prior to January 1st, 1876.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that Assistant Division Engineer, S. S. Haight, was absent on the 27th March, 1876, as he was engaged in moving his family into the city to comply with the recent ordinance of the Common Council, and recommending that he be allowed full time for that day.

(Minutes, March 1st, 1876, p. 647.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Assistant Division Engineer, S. S. Haight, be allowed full time for the one day above mentioned, and that he be paid therefor on the next pay-roll of the Civil and Topographical Engineers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that Messrs. Barnum and Nathans request the loan of an eagle for the Centennial.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Director of the Menagerie be allowed to lend Messrs. Barnum and Nathans an eagle as requested, on their giving a written undertaking to return it or a bird of equal value, in good condition.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Audit.

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

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay.....	Maint and Govm't P. and P.....	\$122 73
Crimmins, J. D. & T. E., building stone...	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	110 00
Colgate & Co., soap.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	9 38
Donaldson, Thomas, gas fixtures.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$26 75
	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards....	9 80
		<hr/> 36 55

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Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$46	88
	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	15	62
		<hr/>	\$62 50
Gordon, Robt., Act'g Treas., Expenses			
Art Museum.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	464	84
Henderson, Peter, & Co., seeds.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	31	30
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, horse nails..	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	13	50
Keuffel & Esser, drawing mat'ls.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	45	12
McNab & Harlin M'fg Co., plumbing			
materials.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	34	87
Moffat, David, & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	22	10
Pike's, Benj., Son, repairs to instrument.	City Parks Impt.		
	Funds.....	5	00
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	8	00
Slattery, James, building stone.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	125	00
<i>Staats Zeitung</i> , N. Y., advertising.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P., police.	\$3	00
	Museum of Art..	3	00
		<hr/>	6 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office, March.	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	40	00
Watson Manufac'g Co, iron lintels.....	Museum of Art..	550	00
		<hr/>	\$1,686 89
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$752 09
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	332 00
Museum of Art.....	553 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	40 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	9 80
	\$1,686 89

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixteen hundred and eighty-six dollars and eighty-nine cents.

Signed,

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, April 4, 1876.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with
David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1876.	CR.	
M'ch. 15.	By balance.....	\$1,709 26
M'ch 15, } to } April 5. }	" cash received from rents, license and sundries	1,105 73
		\$2,814 99

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1876.		DR.	
M'ch 15	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$1,078 73
to			
April 5.			
April 5.	" balance.....		1,736 26
			<u>\$2,814 99</u>

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, April 5, 1876,
 9.30 A. M.

Construction and Maintenance of the Parks.

The PRESIDENT presented the following statement of the expenditures on account of the appropriation for the maintenance of parks and places for 1876, and of the city parks improvement fund, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF MAINTENANCE OF PARKS AND PLACES.

Amount reserved for labor.....		\$112,500 00
Amount expended, including Pay-roll, March 25, 1876..	\$31,234 11	
Estimated six days to April 1st.....	1,890 00	
		<u>33,124 11</u>
		<u>\$79,375.89</u>

Expenditures for labor in March.....	\$10,912 01
Average per month for balance of 1876.....	8,819 54
Excess over average.....	<u>\$2,092 47</u>

Estimated and actual expenditures for materials to April, 1876.....	\$8,581 88
Amount reserved for materials.....	<u>20,000 00</u>

Estimated amount of material for April, for which orders are already given.....	\$1,721 00
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Balance remaining for construction.....	\$280,567 82
Amounts expended for labor in March.....	15,105 75
Estimated amount of material ordered in March	787 00

(Minutes, February 10th, 1876, p. 620.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the subject of the maintenance of the parks and places be taken up and considered at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Restoration of Laborers, &c.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent of Parks recommended that a laborer named George Meinell, who has been absent for some time on account of sickness, be restored to work, and moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to restore said laborer as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Harlem River.

Commissioner MARTIN stated that the Hon. B. A. Willis had notified him that he would gladly meet with the Commissioners on the subject of the improvement of Harlem River, and that he would, as soon as possible, name a day on which he could attend.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 711.)

Parks in Fourth Avenue.

Commissioner MARTIN presented a copy of the bill introduced in the Legislature in relation to the improvement of the parks in Fourth Avenue; which was ordered to be filed.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 710.)

Daniel Webster Statue.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

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Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to prepare on the site heretofore designated by the Board, a suitable foundation for the statue of Daniel Webster, which Gordon W. Burnham, Esq., has offered to present.

(Minutes, September 25, 1874, p. 270.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Laborers' Pay-roll.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Comptroller of the City had paid the employés concerning whom he addressed a communication which was presented to the Board on the 1st March, 1876.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to notify this Department, in writing, out of what fund or appropriation he has paid the amounts due the undermentioned employés since January 1st, 1876, namely : Wm. L. Fisher, Superintending Gardener ; Henry Carpenter, John McLaughlin, John Beckett, A. M. Whittemore, F. C. A. Hecker, Messengers ; A. Krause, Draughtsman ; and John Watkins, Janitor.

(Minutes, April 5, 1876, p. 728.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Saturday, the 8th instant, at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

College Avenue, 24th Ward.

From the Counsel to the Corporation upon the petition of St. John's College as to alleged encroachments on College Avenue, in the 24th Ward, by Mr. John B. Haskin, in which he states :

“That the matter is one which must be decided by the courts; and that the only question, therefore, is by whom the proceedings, if any are taken, shall be instituted.”

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“No facts appear from the papers before me which, in my opinion, make it the duty of the public authorities of the city to institute proceedings against Mr. Haskin at the present time.”

(Minutes, February 4, 1876, p. 596.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received

and filed, and that a copy thereof be sent to St. John's College and to Mr. Haskin.

Adopted.

169th Street and 170th Street.

From the Health Department, forwarding copies of the reports of Assistant Sanitary Inspector Comfort, upon the condition of 169th Street, between Third and Fulton Avenues, and of 170th Street, between Third and Franklin Avenues.

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

144th Street.

From the Health Department, forwarding the application of W. T. Cushing and others for the construction of a drain or sewer in 144th Street, easterly from Mott Avenue to the Canal.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to report.

Battery Park—Elevated Railway.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the communication of Mr. C. E. Hill, inviting the attention of the Department to the columns made by the American Pier & Column Co., as supports for the Elevated Railway where it crosses the Battery, in which he recommends the Department not to assume any responsibility in the matter of the construction of said railway, by recommending any particular piers or columns.

(Minutes, March 30, 1876, p. 715.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and filed, and that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. C. E. Hill.

Adopted.

Proposed Centennial Monument in Central Park.

From Mr. H. C. Borgner, making a proposition to erect a Centennial Monument on Central Park.

Filed.

Menagerie.

From the Landscape Architect presenting a plan for the re-

removal of the buildings at the Menagerie, as recommended by the Executive Committee, on the 17th November, 1875.

(Minutes, November 29, 1875, p. 433.)

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Parks in Fourth Avenue.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that he estimates the cost of all the granite, iron, filling and planting of the parks on Fourth Avenue, between Sixty-seventh Street and Ninety-sixth Street, at \$193,000.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 710.)

Filed.

Foreman Treadwell.

From Mr. James Miller, formerly employed as a carpenter in the Department, making certain charges against Foreman Treadwell, which he verifies by affidavit.

Referred to Commissioners O'Donohue and Williamson to investigate and report.

Children's Centennial Festival.

From Mr. F. W. Weiss and others, asking permission to use the Concert ground in the Central Park for a Children's Centennial Festival, for the benefit of the poor of the city.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee to report upon.

Adopted.

Michael Hartnett.

From Mr. Joel W. Mason and others, recommending Mr. Michael Hartnett as a gate-keeper or night watchman.

Laid on the table.

Maintenance of the Parks, &c.

The PRESIDENT stated that the subject of the maintenance of the parks and places, as directed at the last meeting of the Board, was now in order.

(Minutes, April 5, 1867, p. 733.)

Commissioner MARTIN then presented the following statement, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Maintenance Statement.

The following table shows the amount of money expended on general maintenance during the years 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, and the different items for which it was used. The table also shows how the money remaining unexpended for the year 1867 on 1st April, will be distributed if expended upon the various items of expenditure in the same proportion as in the year 1875.

CENTRAL PARK.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	Amt. remaining for nine months, 1876, distributed in proportion to expenditures to 1875.
Roads.....	\$53,500	\$42,320	\$48,900	\$40,160	\$14,693
Walks.....	29,580	41,180	39,700	20,123	7,377
Plants, &c.....	16,380	25,200	23,400	19,474	7,140
Turf, &c.....	21,100	19,480	24,000	22,090	8,100
Water System.....	3,190	3,290	2,900	2,290	840
Ice Exps.....	19,740	19,520	8,200	14,364	5,264
Trans. Roads.....	770	980	600	424	155
Tools, &c.....	6,460	4,470	2,300	2,892	1,060
Buildings, &c.....	27,010	27,290	22,600	16,977	6,225
Lighting.....	2,240	30	2,700	3,496*	.....
Miscellaneous.....	18,340	17,980	11,260	17,865	6,550
Salaries, &c.....	18,620	34,520	16,460	39,092*	.....
Stables.....	31,100	30,470	14,400	14,984	5,494
Animals.....			18,800	18,400	6,746
Masonry.....	360	3,650	1,140	.....	.....
Police.....	96,040	80,720	82,460	80,126*	.....
Music.....	6,080	3,860	5,000	4,642*	.....
	\$350,590	\$354,960	\$324,820	\$317,419	\$69,644
CITY PARKS.					
Care and Repairs.....	\$49,636	\$49,490	\$49,180	\$43,984	\$16,127
Music.....	7,020	3,100	2,500	.....	.....
Police.....	20,140	8,940	15,000	15,952*	.....
Lighting.....	.....	6,217	26,400	22,012*	.....
Salaries and Expenses.....	3,711	7,110	5,320	13,130*	.....
	\$80,507	\$74,857	\$98,400	\$95,078	\$16,127
Mus. & Observatory & Gal. of Art.....	\$19,021	\$19,526	\$14,884	\$6,286	\$2,304
Mus. Nat. History & Mus. of Art.....	.....	.....	\$22,500	\$26,957*	.....

* These items are the subject of special appropriations or reservations.

The following table shows how the Maintenance Fund stands on 1st April, 1876. It shows that there is unexpended about \$88,075, which is available for labor and materials for the remaining nine months of the year, and which makes an average for each month of \$9,786.

At the present rate of expenditure, the Department is disbursing about \$14,000 per month for labor and materials, which is largely in excess of the average amount available; but this month and the months of May and June are the season when the greatest expenditure is necessary on the Parks, because the winter damage must be repaired, and it is the growing season for the plantations. It will be proper, therefore, to continue the present rate of expenditure, and to diminish it, if necessary, later in the season.

It is possible that there may be a surplus from some of the special maintenance appropriations stated at the foot of the following table, which may be made available toward the close of the year :

APPROPRIATION FOR 1876.	
Police.....	\$110,000 00
Salaries.....	55,000 00
General maintenance.....	187,500 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$352,500 00
General maintenance.....	\$187,500 00
Less two museums.....	\$30,000 00
" gas for the year (estimated).....	25,000 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 55,000 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$132,500 00
 EXPENDED 1st APRIL.	
Cash disbursements.....	\$43,945 50
Outstanding liabilities.....	7,667 86
Labor to 1st April, 6 days (estimated).....	1,870 01
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$53,483 37
Less gas contracts paid and unpaid.....	\$6,884 10
" two museums.....	3,424 27
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 10,308 37
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 43,175 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$89,325 00
Estimated expenses at 36 Union Square, including rent, for 9 mos..	1,250 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>
Amount available for 9 mos. for labor and materials.....	\$88,075 00
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Average for each month.....	\$9,786 00
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It is possible that by economy there may be a surplus from some of the following appropriations :

Museums.....	\$30,000
Gas for the year.....	23,000
Police fund.....	110,000
Salaries.....	55,000
Music.....	5,000
Harlem Bridges.....	40,000

After consideration of the subject, the PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be, and he is hereby, directed not to allow the wages for maintenance of parks and places to exceed the sum of \$4,500 fortnightly; and in order to accomplish this result, he is also directed to shorten the hours of work, or from time to time to suspend such portions of the work as may be advisable.

Adopted.

Pay-rolls.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the advice and opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, the following named employés be in future paid on the officers' and clerks' monthly pay-roll, and that their pay be charged to the appropriation for salaries; namely, A. Krause, draughtsman, F. C. A. Hecker and A. M. Whittemore, messengers.

(Minutes, April 5, 1876, p. 728.)

Adopted.

Gravel and broken stone for 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON presented three requisitions made by the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, each dated April 4th, 1876, for gravel and broken stone, for the purpose of repaving the roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards, the total amount of said requisitions being 950 cubic yards of gravel and 2,400 cubic yards of broken stone, and stated that the estimated cost of same exceeded \$1,000. He therefore moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to deliver said gravel and broken stone.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

77th Street.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to make application, on behalf of this Department, to the Common Council for an ordinance directing that 77th Street, from Eighth Avenue to Ninth Avenue, be regulated, graded, paved and guttered, and that the south sidewalk on said portion of said street be flagged.

Adopted.

Patrick Crotty.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that Patrick Crotty be appointed a foreman in the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes, March 30, 1876, p. 714.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Williamson, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin—2.

General Foreman in 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the office of general foreman in the 23d and 24th Wards be, and hereby is, vacated and abolished.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, O'Donohue—3.

Independence Day.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject of procuring fireworks and music and making other arrangements for the celebration of Independence Day (July 4th, 1876) be, and hereby is, referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 5.45 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works and supplies :

I.—Excavation, blasting, mason and stone-cutters' work at Museum of Art.

(Minutes, Feb. 18, 1876, p. 636.)

II.—Iron work at Museum of Art.

(Minutes, Feb. 18, 1876, p. 636.)

III.—Lumber for construction of the Boat-house.

(Minutes, March 3, 1876, p. 665.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The COMPTROLLER of the City.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

I.—EXCAVATION, BLASTING, ETC.

1. Owen Moran & L. Armstrong.....	\$15,900 00
2. John Hogan.....	19,000 00
3. Palmer Sessions.....	19,349 00
4. Robert Montgomery.....	17,000 00

5. Hugh Ross.....	\$22,900 00
6. D. C. Weeks & Son.....	14,980 00
7. John Mullins.....	24,590 00
8. Thomas O'Hagan.....	19,550 00

II.—IRON WORK.

1. Birdsall Cornell.....	\$8,732 00
2. The Watson Manufacturing Co.....	9,500 00

III.—LUMBER.

1. William H. Brown.....	\$369 00
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WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 8th and 12th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Assessment Lists.

From the Comptroller of the city, forwarding a copy of certain preambles and resolution adopted by the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, prescribing the manner in which assessment rolls shall be made up.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had sent a copy of said preambles and resolution to the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements, with directions to comply therewith in the preparation of assessment rolls, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Case for American Museum of Natural History.

From the Comptroller of the city, calling the attention of the Department to a bill of \$1,000 of Messrs. Smith & Crane, for

the construction of a case for the American Museum of Natural History, transmitted to him for payment, and stating that he has ascertained said case is not completed and will require an outlay of about \$500 more to make it so.

(Minutes, Dec. 23d, 1874, p. 424, & March 18th, 1876, p. 690.)

Referred to the President to reply.

Cleaning the Lakes in Central Park.

From the Health Department, forwarding a copy of a report of Sanitary Inspector Hamilton, on the subject of the cleaning of the lakes in Central Park.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 706.)

Westchester Avenue and Eleventh Street in 23d and 24th Wards.
Tompkins Square.

From the Health Department, forwarding copies of reports of sanitary inspectors upon the condition of Westchester Avenue and Eleventh Street in the 23d and 24th Wards, and upon the danger to health arising from the condition of an excavation on Tompkins Square.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 629.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had referred the reports upon Westchester Avenue and 11th Street to the Engineer of Construction for his report, and he presented a report of the Landscape Architect upon the subject of cleaning the lakes in Central Park and upon the excavation in Tompkins Square; and moved that a copy of said report of the Landscape Architect be sent to the Health Department.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the Superintendent be directed to proceed with the laying of the foundations for the "Grotto" in Tompkins Square, for which said excavation is made, and to make a back-filling to the depth of about three

feet above the ground water, as recommended in said report of the Landscape Architect.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Foremen Flanagan and Geary.

From the Superintendent of Parks stating that Foreman Geary was absent on account of sickness for four days, and that Foreman Flanagan was absent for a similar reason for about two weeks ; and recommending that they both be allowed pay for the time they were absent.

The PRESIDENT moved that both of said foremen be allowed full pay for the time they were absent on account of sickness as stated by the Superintendent of Parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Painters.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that as it is necessary that a number of architectural structures and other works should be painted at this season of the year, he requires two first-class painters immediately.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that two painters be appointed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Streets in 24th Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting three similar maps or plans and profiles of streets, roads and avenues near Jerome Park station, and within a portion of that section of the 24th Ward which is bounded by Jerome Avenue, Woodlawn Cemetery, the Harlem Railroad and the Southern Boulevard, prepared for filing as heretofore directed.

(Minutes, December 3, 1875, p. 450.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Henry G. Stebbins, the President, and one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file, as provided by law, said three similar maps or plans and profiles, showing the location, width, courses, windings and grades of streets, roads and avenues in the 24th Ward of the city of New York, at or near Jerome Park station on the Harlem Railroad, as the same have been, and are hereby, laid out and determined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks in pursuance of Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, passed June 5th, 1874, which said maps or plans and profiles are signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer" and are dated "New York, April 14, 1876."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Repairs, &c., to Roads, Sewers, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the communications of the Health Department upon the condition of the following streets, roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards, viz.: Railroad Avenue, Fordham Avenue, Receiving basin at southeast corner of Third Avenue and 169th Street, 169th Street and 170th Street.

(Minutes, March 30, 1876, p. 714, and April 8, 1876, p. 738.)

Referred to Commissioner Martin.

Wm. E. Beames, Geo. H. Harrison.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that Mr. Wm. E. Beames, late Property Clerk, and Mr. Geo. H. Harrison, late Clerk, had been employed in their duties on February 1st, 1876, but that they had not been allowed pay for it on the pay-roll.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said Wm. E. Beames and Geo. H. Harrison be allowed pay for said 1st day of February on the next pay-roll of the officers and clerks at a rate 15 per cent. less than that paid to them prior to January 1, 1876.

(Minutes January 31st, 1876, p. 566.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Aquarium—American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Albert S. Bickmore, Superintendent of the American Museum of Natural History, forwarding a copy of a memorial addressed by the Trustees of the said Museum to the Legislature, asking that an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars be made to this Department for the purpose of establishing an aquarium in connection with the said Museum.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, It is a part of the plan which has been authorized by the Legislature for the construction of buildings for the Museum of Natural History, and which has been carried out by this Department, to its present stage, to extend the buildings as the occasions of the Museum may require.

Whereas, An aquarium is a proper part of the purposes of the Museum.

Resolved, That the application be approved, leaving it to the discretion of the Legislature whether to make the appropriation at the present time.

Resolved, That the President be requested to address the Legislature on this subject.

Adopted.

Exhibition of the N. Y. Horticultural Association.

From the Superintending Gardener, requesting permission to exhibit certain plants belonging to the Department at an exhibition to be held by the New York Horticultural Association during the month of June.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Gardener be given permission to exhibit said plants as requested.

Adopted.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, requesting permission to lend to Messrs. Barnum & Nathans, during the summer months, a panther, and stating that Messrs. Barnum & Nathans' offer to leave in the Menagerie, as security, a tiger.

Referred to the President, with power.

Boats on Harlem Meer.

From Mr. Cornelius J. Kane, asking permission to place boats on Harlem Meer in the Central Park.

(Minutes, July 21, 1875, p. 138.)

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Athletic Sports in Central Park.

From Mr. Alex. S. Webb, President of the College of the city of New York, and others, asking that the students of said college may have the use of the base ball grounds in Central Park on Saturdays, for athletic sports.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Restoration of Laborers.

The PRESIDENT presented the applications which are endorsed

by the Superintendent of Parks, of the following laborers for restoration, they having been absent from work on account of sickness, viz.: Michael Haffey, mason, and John McAllister, laborer, and moved that they be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1876.	CR.	
April 5.	By balance.....	\$1,736 26
April 5 } to } April 19. }	" cash received, rents and licenses.....	332 72
		\$2,068 98

1876.	DR.	
April 5 } to } April 19. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$349 72
April 19.	" balance.....	1,719 26
		\$2,068 98

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, April 19, 1876,
9.30 A. M.

Excavation, Blasting, &c., Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 6) of Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, for the excavation, blasting, mason and stone cutters' work at the Museum of Art building, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said D. C. Weeks & Son, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 12, 1876, p. 745.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Iron Work, Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Mr. Birdsall Cornell, for the iron work required at the Museum of Art building, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Birdsall Cornell, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 12th, 1876, p. 746.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Lumber for Boat-house.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, Mr. William H. Brown was the sole bidder for supplying the lumber required for the construction of the Boat-house, and

Whereas, The price at which he offers to supply said lumber is less than \$1,000 ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue an order to said William H. Brown to deliver said lumber at the price contained in his proposal therefor.

(Minutes, April 12th, 1876, p. 746.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M., to meet on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20th, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for lighting the public lamps in the parks, squares, places and bridges under the control of this Department, with gas or other illuminating material, from May 1st, 1876, to December 31st, 1876, both days inclusive.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 698.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened; in all of which the illuminating material proposed to be used is gas.

NAME OF COMPANY MAKING PROPOSAL.	Gas, &c., for each Lamp for eight Months.	Each Lamp-post strengthened.	Each Column re-leaded.	Each Stand-pipe re-fitted.	Each Lamp-post removed.	Each Lamp-post re-set.	Each New Lamp fitted up.	Each Column re-fitted.
No. 1, New York Gas Light Co.....	\$16 00	\$1 50	\$1 50	\$3 50	\$3 50	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$3 50
No. 2, Manhattan Gas Light Co....	16 00	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	10 00	10 00	..
No. 3, Metropolitan Gas Light Co.	20 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	10 00	..
No. 4, Harlem Gas Light Co.....	24 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	10 00	..
No. 5, New York Mutual Gas Light Co.....	16 00	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	10 00	10 00	..

The New York Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the public parks and places within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows, namely: "All lying south of Grand Street, Sullivan Street, and Canal Street in the city of New York."

The Manhattan Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the public parks and places within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows: "On the north by Thirty-fourth Street; on the south, by Grand Street."

The Metropolitan Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the following public parks and places, viz.: "Reservoir Park, Park Avenue Parks, Plaza at Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Streets and Fifth Avenue, entrance to the Central Park at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, Circle at Fifty-ninth Street and Broadway, Transverse Road No. 1 and the south side of Transverse Road No. 2."

The Harlem Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the public parks and places within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows, namely: "By a line commencing at the intersection of the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street and the East River; running thence along the centre line of said Seventy-ninth Street and the centre line of Transverse Road No. 2, to the Hudson River; thence along said Hudson River to Spuyten Duyvil Creek; thence along said Creek to the Harlem River; thence along said Harlem River and through the draws in the Central and Third Avenue bridges to

the East River, and thence along the East River to the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street, the place of beginning.”

The New York Mutual Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the following public parks and places, namely: “Cooper Institute Park, Jackson Square, Tompkins Square, Washington Square, Washington Monument, Union Square, Madison Square, Worth Monument, and the Candelabra situated at the intersections of Twenty-third Street and Twenty-fourth Street with Broadway.”

The Comptroller having then retired, the Board met in adjourned session.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,

“ WILLIAMSON.

A communication was received from Commissioner O'Donohue, stating that he was unable to attend.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet on Friday, the 21st inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ O'DONOHUE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 19th and 20th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

The Unexpended Balances of 1875.

From the Comptroller of the city, requesting this Department to adopt a resolution consenting “ to the transfer by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to such purposes as they may deem proper ” of the unexpended balances of the appropriations for 1875.

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Battery Park—Elevated Railroad.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, requesting that copies of all papers and documents relating to the granting of the permission to the New York Elevated Railway Company

to construct its road across the Battery Park, be transmitted to said Board of Aldermen.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to said resolution by sending copies of the same documents, &c., as had been previously sent to the Assembly on the same subject, and moved that his action be approved and said communication filed.

(Minutes, March 18th, 1876, p. 671.)

Adopted.

Berrian Avenue.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following preamble and resolution, viz. :

Whereas, The recent storms have undermined the sidewalks of Berrian Avenue, having washed away the earth, and the flag-stones are, in many places, so sunken and broken as to render them positively dangerous to life and limb, and this danger is augmented by reason of the avenue not yet being lighted; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Parks, by whose permission and under whose direction the work of flagging was performed, be, and they are hereby, directed to compel the owners of property at once to have said sidewalks thoroughly repaired and put in good order.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 13, 1876.

A majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Approved by the Mayor, April 19, 1876.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1875, p. 435.)

Referred to the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, with instructions to notify the owners of property along said avenue to comply with the requirements of said resolution.

Washington Square Roadway.

From the Landscape Architect and Superintending Engineer, reporting that the roadway through Washington Square is in a very bad condition, and recommending that, if the Department has a sufficient appropriation for the purpose, the roadway be paved throughout with stone block pavement, the estimated cost of which is \$16,000; but that, if there is not a sufficient appropriation at present, that it be temporarily repaired, by cleaning out the rut-holes to a depth sufficient to give

a good foundation, and then filling them up with broken stone and gravel.

Also from the Superintending Engineer, stating that if the eastern portion of said roadway only is paved with stone blocks, the cost will be about \$6,000, and that the remainder can be repaired in the manner recommended with broken stone and gravel for a sum not exceeding \$1,000.

(Minutes, March 30, 1876, p. 725.)

Also from Mr. W. W. Averell, President of the Grahamite and Trinidad Asphalt Pavement Co., making a proposition to lay an Asphalt pavement on said roadway.

Commissioner Martin then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the eastern portion of the roadway through Washington Square, leading from Fifth Avenue to South Fifth Avenue, be paved with stone blocks; that the Superintending Engineer be directed to prepare the specifications therefor, and that the Secretary thereupon insert the necessary advertisements for proposals.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson O'Donohue—4.

High Bridge Park Hotel.

From Mr. N. A. Lespinasse, lessee of the hotel at High Bridge Park, making a proposition to improve said park and hotel on condition of his obtaining an extension of his lease.

(Minutes, Jan. 8, 1874, p. 514.)

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to report upon.

Thomas English.

From Mr. N. H. Decker, and others, requesting that Mr. Thomas English be appointed keeper of Central Bridge.

Laid on the table.

Audit.

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

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

Ames Plow Co., plow and harrow.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$25 35
Am. Dist. Tel'g Co., rent and services..	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$7 74
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 58
		<hr/> 10 32
Alcott, C. W., & Co., kindling wood...	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	6 50
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., sewer cover...	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	20 00
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., galvanized wire.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	6 50
Clafin, H. B., & Co., sewing silk.....	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....	7 37
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., paper.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	5 50
Edwards, Chas. A., rubber hose.....	Maint. and Govmt. P and P.....	112 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	93 90
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glazier's dia- monds, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	7 00
Hunter, Keller & Co., steam-pipe.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	7 55
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$29 10
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	37 42
	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	10 03

Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	\$0 25	
	Mus. Nat'l His- tory.....	78	
		<hr/>	\$77 58
Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		5 48
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, feather dusters.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.		3 08
Mallory & Co., marline and punch.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		11 97
McDermott, John, meat.....	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....		198 50
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., hard- ware.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards		2 11
Quintard, Geo. W., cast-iron blocks....	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt., etc.....		79 43
Roosevelt, Sam'l, & Co, hardware.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$40 80	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	13 50	
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt., etc.	7 00	
		<hr/>	61 30
Snyder & Black, maps of Battery... ..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		26 00
Tone, Theo. F., coal.	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt., etc.		7 00
Van Ripir, Chas., spikes.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		11 25
Vanderbilt Bros., grass seed.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$29 00	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	17 00	
		<hr/>	46 00

Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$37 65	
	Museum Natural		
	History F.....	100 00	
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			\$137 65
Warner, Wyllys H., grate bars.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....		27 90
<i>The World</i> , advertising.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$4 00	
	Museum of Art...	3 20	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	2 80	
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			<u>\$1,002 69</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$636 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	116 11
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	93 43
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	41 28
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	11 89
Museum Natural History.....	100 78
Museum of Art.....	3 20
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	<u>\$1,002 69</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand and two dollars and sixty-nine cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, April 18, 1876.

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., oats and straw . . .	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P . . .	\$162 17
Byrne, J. E., oats and straw	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P . . .	119 05
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables . . .	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P . . .	91 60
Central Gas Light Co., gas	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt., &c.	60 00
Croes, J. Jas. R., petty expenses	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.	33 44
Fischer, W. L., petty expense	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P . . .	\$3 71
	City Parks Impt. Fund	11 14
		<hr/> 14 85
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards	72 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, March	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P . . .	\$200 10
	Harlem R. Bridges Reps., Impt., &c.	69 00
		<hr/> 269 10
King, Jos., keep of horse	Surv'g, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.	30 00
Mallory & Co., maps, paint, rope, &c. . .	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P . . .	\$154 67
	City Parks Impt. Fund	63 09
	Harlem R. Bridges Reps., Impt., &c.	87 35
	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards . . .	2 35
	Museum Natural History	1 80
		<hr/> 309 26

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Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas, March..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	\$546 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas-meter.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	72 25
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, March.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	413 00
New York Gas Light Co., gas, March..	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	471 00
Simpson, A., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	71 78
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P....	22 50
Vaux, C., commissions.....	Museum Natural History.....	3,528 82
Wotherspoon Bros., land plaster.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	200 00
Wheatly, R. R., oats, hay and straw...	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	38 59
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		\$6,525 41

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,327 83
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Main- tenance.....	216 35
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	274 23
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	112 94
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	63 44
Museum of Natural History.....	3,530 62
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	\$6,525 41

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

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, April 15th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Police.

The PRESIDENT reported that Park-keeper B. Lynch and Gate-keeper J. Cross had been charged by the Lieutenant with neglect of duty on the morning of April 14, 1876. That he had investigated the charges, which were substantially admitted by the officers, and he recommended that each be fined two days' pay.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the consideration of said charges and the recommendation of the President be laid over.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, whom the President had designated to conduct the trial of Gate-keeper Wm. B. Love on a charge of neglect of duty, in that he was asleep in his gate-box on the 4th inst., reported that he found said gate-keeper guilty of the charge, and he recommended that he be fined two days' pay.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the consideration of said charge and the recommendation of the Commissioner be laid over.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Paving.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, to whom was referred the bill of

Mr. Wm. H. Grant, Engineer, for professional services in examining the pavement of Third Avenue in the 23d Ward, laid under Mr. John B. Devlin's contract, verbally reported that said examination was made after Mr. Grant had ceased to be connected with the Department as an employé, and that he had made said examination in pursuance of directions from the President, for the benefit of the Department, and he therefore recommended that he be allowed \$250 as a fair compensation for said work.

(Minutes, March 30, 1876, p. 716.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Requisition—City Parks Improvement Fund.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be, and he is hereby, required forthwith to create and issue, in such manner and under such regulations as he shall determine, a public fund or stock, to be denominated "City Parks Improvement Fund," to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as authorized by Chap. 608, Laws of 1875, for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and places now under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, January 31, 1876, p. 570.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Lighting the Parks, &c.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, Three of the companies who proposed to supply gas to this Department on the 20th of April, 1876, afterwards on the same day proposed to the Department of Public Works to furnish gas at lower rates, to wit :

COMPANY.	Per Lamp for 8 Months for the Department of Public Parks.	Per Lamp for 8 Months for the Department of Public Works.
New York Gas Light Co.	\$16	\$14
Manhattan Gas Light Co.	16	14
Metropolitan Gas Light Co.	20	20.12½
Harlem Gas Light Co.	24	24
New York Mutual Gas Light Co.	16	13.75

Whereas, There is no reason for charging a higher price to one Department than to the other ; and,

Whereas, There was but one bidder for each of three districts, and but two for the fourth, whose bids are precisely alike, so that there was not, in fact, any competition among the bidders,

Resolved, That all the bids be rejected, and that a new advertisement be published for proposals.

(Minutes, April 20, 1876, p. 757.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, O'Donohue—4.

Treasurer's Accounts.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President and

Commissioner O'Donohue, the Committee appointed to examine and audit the Treasurers accounts up to April 1st, 1876, be authorized and instructed to continue said examination up to May 1st, 1876, and to audit said accounts up to that date.

(Minutes, March 30, 1876, p. 726.)

Adopted.

Third Avenue Paving.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed J. D. Armstrong and Isaac Bodine, two of the former inspectors on the work of paving Third Avenue, to resume their duties on the section from 147th Street to Westchester Avenue, and that the work was now proceeding on that section.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 698.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Inspector Isaac Bodine be suspended until the work on the section of said Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward shall be commenced, and that Henry Matthews be appointed in his place as an inspector upon the section south of Westchester Avenue.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said resolution be laid over for further consideration.

Adopted.

Commissioners' Badge.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then presented a Commissioner's badge similar in all respects to the one he has worn as a commissioner, and moved that it be accepted in lieu of the badge he had worn, and that he be permitted to keep his badge after his term of office has expired.

(Minutes, May 6, 1874, p. 2.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, O'Donohue—3.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 5.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday, the 28th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 21st inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Lighting of the Public Lamps in the Parks, &c.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that, in his opinion, the Department had a right to reject all the proposals for lighting the public lamps in the parks, &c., which were received on the 20th inst., on the following grounds :

That in the districts proposed to be lighted by the New York Gas Light Co., the Metropolitan Gas Light Co. and the Harlem Gas Light Co., “there was no competition within the range of legal possibility.”

That in a recent decision in the Court of Appeals it has been held “that the procuring of gas for the public lamps did not “come within the meaning of the ordinary term of procuring “supplies, and also that, as there could be no competition, the “provisions of law relating to the public letting of contracts “could not be considered as applying.”

That as the Manhattan Gas Light Co. and the New York Mutual Gas Light Co. propose to light the same district, and as their bids are precisely alike, both bids should be rejected, and proposals re-advertised for.

(Minutes, April 21st, 1876, p. 771.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that, in compliance with the directions of the Board at the last meeting, and of the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, advertisements for proposals to light the public lamps in the parks, &c., between 34th Street and Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets, had been re-published.

City Hall Park.

From the President of the Fire Department, requesting that permission be granted to that department to have a walk laid along the west side of the building situated at the corner of Centre and Chambers streets, in the City Hall Park, extending from the sidewalk on Chambers street to a side door in said building, a distance of about twenty feet, and of a width of about three and one-half feet.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had given the permission asked, on the condition that said walk be laid according to the plans, and under the direction of the Landscape Architect of this Department, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Assessment Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Comptroller of the city, acknowledging the receipt of a number of Assessment Maps of improvements in the late town of Morrisania.

(Minutes, March 18th, 1876, p. 673.)

Filed.

East River Park.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon a plan for opening the East River Park, in a manner to meet the present requirements, in which he recommends that the houses and buildings now on it be repaired and somewhat modified, and placed in the charge of a suitable person. That the removal

of said houses and buildings at present would not be advisable.

(Minutes, March 29th, 1876, p. 710.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received and referred to the Landscape Architect and Superintending Architect to report a general plan, and estimate the cost, of the improvements recommended therein.

Adopted.

From Mr. Herman Sulzer, offering \$100 per month for the use and occupation of said East River Park, and the houses and buildings thereon.

Laid on the table.

Plaza at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the subject of paving the roadway at the Plaza, Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, and laying cross-walks for foot passengers at the same locality.

(Minutes, March 30th, 1876, p. 714.)

Laid on the table.

Athletic Sports in Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the application of Mr. Alex. S. Webb, President of the College of the City of New York, and others, asking permission for the students of said college to use the base ball grounds in Central Park on Saturdays for Athletic sports, as follows :

“The ball grounds are reserved for the boys of the common schools and are inadequate for their use.”

(Minutes, April 19th, 1876, p. 752.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received, and that for the reasons therein stated the Department decline to grant the permission asked.

Adopted.

The Belvedere.

From the Superintending Architect, estimating that if the Belvedere is finished by contract it would cost, together with the material on hand, \$16,000 to do so.

Laid on the table.

Morningside Park Sewer.

From the Superintending Engineer, stating that the contractor for the construction of the sewer in Morningside Park has delivered some material and is now ready to begin work, which cannot safely be proceeded with until an inspector, an assistant engineer and a rodman or chainman are appointed.

(Minutes, January 10, 1876, p. 511.)

Laid on the table.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, stating that they are delayed from completing their contract for the mason work of the Museum of Natural History building on account of other contractors not having their work sufficiently advanced. That only about \$4,000 worth of work remains to be done, when they will be entitled to their final payment of \$18,896, and asking for a payment on account of \$12,000.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the Superintending Architect to examine said application, and that if he found the facts to be as stated, to prepare an estimate for a payment on account as requested. That the Superintending Architect had prepared said estimate for a payment on account of \$12,000, which he presented.

He therefore moved that Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, contractors, be paid the sum of \$12,000 on account of the final payment of their contract for the mason work of the Museum of Natural History building.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Matthew Cox.

From Mr. Matthew Cox, asking to be reappointed to his former position in the Civil and Topographical Engineering force.

(Minutes, March 1, 1876, p. 651.)

Laid on the table.

Sewer in 143d Street.

The PRESIDENT stated that, as empowered by the resolution of the Board of February 2d, 1876, he had made the necessary arrangements for the construction of the sewer in 143d Street by the owners of the adjoining property, and that the sewer was now completed. That he had required the said property owners, before commencing said work, to deposit with the Department the sum of \$127.50 to pay the expenses of an inspector and also of the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and his assistant.

He then moved that the Treasurer be directed and authorized to pay from said sum so deposited the amounts due to said inspector and Engineer and Surveyor and his assistant for work in connection with said sewer.

(Minutes, February 2, 1876, p. 575.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Old Uniforms.

The TREASURER presented the account of sales of the late auction of old uniforms, which shows the following results, viz. :

Amount received for sales	\$151 75
Disbursements ; auction fees, &c	64 62
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Net proceeds	\$87 13

And he moved that said account of sales be accepted and approved.

(Minutes, March 30, 1875, p. 723.)

Adopted.

Minutes.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be directed to have twenty copies of the minutes and documents for the year ending April 30th, 1876, bound, and that they be distributed only upon the order of the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Bridges over Harlem River.

Commissioner MARTIN called up and offered the following preambles and resolution, which he had offered on the 30th March, 1876, viz. :

Whereas, On the 21st March, 1876, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment made an appropriation for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing a bridge over the Harlem River, and

Whereas, The Engineer of Construction has reported that for the bridge at 139th and 138th Streets there will be required

for sounding, from the scow, a party of four laborers, who shall be selected men, with an engineer, inspector or assistant.

Resolved, That four men be appointed to make the soundings required for the completion of the plans and specifications of the said bridge, and their pay charged to the fund for its construction.

(Minutes March 30th, 1876, p. 723).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Restoration of Laborers.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent of Parks recommended that a laborer named Thomas Deenan, who had been absent on account of sickness, be restored, and he moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to restore said laborer as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 5.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.