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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

Department of Public Parks,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1875.



NEW YORK:

EVENING POST STEAM PRESSES, 41 NASSAU ST., COR. LIBERTY.

1875.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of the 15th April, 1874, and also of the previous meeting of the 17th April, 1874, were read and approved.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then presented and read a certified copy of Chapter 300, Laws of 1874, the second section of which is as follows, namely :

§ 2. Section 84 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, entitled “ An Act to re-organize the local government of the city of New York,” passed April 30th, 1873, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

§ 84. This Department shall be under the charge of a board, to consist of four members, who, except those first appointed, shall hold their offices for five years, unless sooner removed, as herein provided. The office of the Commissioner of Parks, whose term of office expires on the first day of May, 1874, is hereby abolished on and after said date. The Department of Public Parks, on and after said first day of May, 1874, shall be under the charge and control of four commissioners, who shall perform all the duties and exercise all the powers now by law conferred or imposed upon the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York.

Ordered filed.

Mr. BISSINGER moved to reconsider the resolution authoriz-

ing the obtaining of proposals for the iron and granite work of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

(Minutes, April 15th, 1874, p. 641.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the resolution just reconsidered, be rescinded.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to reconsider the action of the Board ordering five badges for the Commissioners.

(Minutes, April 17th, 1874, p. 648.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the said action of the Board be modified, so that only four badges shall be ordered, and that the total cost thereof shall not exceed one hundred and twenty dollars.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

The PRESIDENT, to whom it was referred to examine and report on the subject of a bill before the late Session of the Legislature, extending the time of the Hudson and Harlem River Canal Company, presented a report on the subject, and stated that since the reference to him, the Legislature had adjourned without extending the time of said company, whereupon said report was

(Minutes, April 15th, 1874, p. 638.)

Ordered filed.

The following communications were presented and read :

From John L. & Wm. Lindsay, attorneys for Mrs. Sophia Sibert, threatening to commence a suit against the city for \$300, on account of damages alleged to have been done to the property of said Mrs. Sibert by the blasting at Manhattan Square, unless the matter be settled by the payment of \$72.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1873, p. 552.)

Laid on the table.

From the Engineer of the Department, in reference to the Sea-wall at the Battery, and recommending that an order be given to take up the pavement at two or three points, in order to enable an examination of the wall from the rear, that the work of repairing a small portion of the wall be executed by the park force and an exact account be kept of the cost of the same, so that a definite and proper estimate may be made of the total cost of the work.

(Minutes, September 17th, 1873, p. 281.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to give an order as recommended by the Engineer, the total cost of such work and examination not to exceed five hundred dollars.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that the roofs of the buildings and verandas of the Claremont Hotel are in a bad condition, recommending that they be repaired, and estimating the expense of doing so at \$175.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to direct said repairs to be made at an expense not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Mr. 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.

Andrews, Wm. D., & Bro., iron bends. Const. Museum of Art.	\$20 00
Affleck, Wm. & Co., hay, oats &c. Maintenance.	467 15
Bryant, W. C., & Co., printing minutes. Maintenance.	\$14 66
Construction	29 34
	<hr/> 44 00
Barron, Jas. S., & Co., brooms, baskets, &c. Maintenance.	35 80
Campbell, Henry P., freight and duties on foreign plants. Construction.	388 87
Bryne & Co., hay, oats, corn, &c. Maintenance.	463 98
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., hardware. Maintenance.	\$17 18
Construction.	40 07
Const. Museum of Art.	5 38
	<hr/> 62 63
Conklin, Wm. A., petty cash expenses to April 30. Maintenance.	26 22
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., wire rope. . . Const. Museum of Art.	46 97
Dingee & Conard Co., shrubs. Construction.	208 00
Eckel & Imhoff, repairs to transit. . . . Construction.	10 00
Florence, Wm. H., services. Maintenance of bridges	104 16
Gatchell, A. S., hose. Maintenance.	32 00
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron. Maintenance.	\$113 35
Construction.	21 76
Const. Museum of Art.	30 50
	<hr/> 165 61

Hazard, Powder C., powder and fuse..Maint. 23d & 24th W'd		\$20 00
Henderson, Peter, plants.....Construction.....		73 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., harness thread..Maintenance.....		2 40
Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses.....Maintenance.....	\$21 14	
	Construction.....	257 67
	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd	25
	<hr/>	279 06
The J. L. Mott Iron Wks., walk grates.Maintenance.....		13 44
Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne, foreign plants and expenses on same.....Construction.....		510 45
Lawrie, P. W. & Co., meat.....Maintenance.....		196 25
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line for April.....Maintenance.....	\$31 25	
	Construction.....	31 25
	<hr/>	62 50
Moffat, David, & Co., leather.....Maintenance.....		20 58
McKinney, William A., services.....Construction.....		41 29
Merry, John & Co., galv'd iron sheets..Maintenance.....		15 53
New York Gaslight Co., gas at parks..Maintenance.....		937 75
New York Mutual Gaslight Co., gas at parks, &c.....Maintenance.....	\$1,310 69	
	Construction.....	3 49
	<hr/>	1,314 18
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., rent for quarter ending May 1st & heating.Maintenance.....	\$615 00	
	Construction.....	1,230 00
	<hr/>	1,845 00
Newman & Capron, gong at Union sq..Maintenance.....	\$2 83	
	Construction.....	5 65
	<hr/>	8 48
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., shellac, gold leaf, &c.....Maintenance.....	\$21 88	
	Construction.....	35 00
	<hr/>	56 88
Rogers, H. A., & Co., emery cloth & rubber.....Maintenance.....	\$0 60	
	Maintenance of bridges	11 70
	<hr/>	12 30
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....Maintenance.....		8 00
Ryder, Frank, gravel.....Maintenance.....		624 00
Shattuck, W. F., & Co., grass hooks...Maintenance.....		18 00

Stackpole & Bro., repairs to tape.....	Construction.....		\$15 00
Such, Geo., plants.....	Construction.....		76 50
Stewart & Co., vitrified pipe.....	Construction.....		56 40
Thorburn, Jas. M., & Co., flower seeds.....	Construction.....		19 35
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Const. Museum of Art	\$16 65	
	Construction.....	45 00	
	Maintenance.....	28 35	
			<hr/> 90 00
Vanderbilt, Bros., trowels&grass seed.....	Maintenance.....		73 50
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Cont. Museum of Natural History..	\$60 26	
	Construction.....	126 00	
			<hr/> 186 26
Walton, Bros., oilers.....	Maintenance.....		35 00
Warren Chemical & Mfg. Co., paving cement.....	Maintenance.....		907 09
Wilson, W. C., plants.....	Construction.....		66 00
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Construction.....	\$6 00	
	Const. Museum of Art.	6 00	
			<hr/> 12 00
Rollins, True W., iron work, Est. No. 2.....	Const. Museum of Natural History.....		17,000 00
			<hr/> <hr/> \$26,672 08

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$6,053 62
Maintenance of Bridges.....	115 86
Maintenance of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.....	20 25
Construction.....	3,296 59
Construction, Museum of Natural History.....	17,060 26
Construction, Museum of Art.....	125 50
	<hr/> \$26,672 08

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-six thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars and eight cents.

New York, May 6th, 1874.

(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 all of said bills, payable by the Comptroller, 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—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

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.

1874.	CR.	
April 15.	By balance	\$170 00
April 15 to May 6.	By cash received from rents, license fees, &c.....	847 33
		\$1,017 33

1874.	DR.	
April 15 to May 6.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$1,017 33
	(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,	
	<i>Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.</i>	

New York, May 6th, 1874.

9 A. M.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he hereby is, requested to have bound in convenient form, for the use of the members of the Board, fifteen copies of the Minutes and Documents of this Board, from May 1st, 1873, to April 30th, 1874, the cost thereof not to exceed one hundred dollars.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The fund applicable to defraying the expenses of all construction work, under the supervision of this Department, has been greatly reduced, and it becomes imperative, in view of the absolute necessity of expending large sums in completing the structures now in progress, to husband said fund ; therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report to the Board, as soon as practicable, what reduction should be made, if any, in the *personnel* of this Department.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be, and it hereby is, referred to the Executive Committee to report to this Board, as soon as practicable, a plan of reorganization of the civil and topographical corps of the engineering force required in the newly annexed district, and also a plan for the appointment of the labor force needed in said district.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER, to whom was referred the statement and claim of Mr. B. Waterhouse Hawkins, presented a report, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution, namely :

“ *Resolved*, That the claim of Mr. B. Waterhouse Hawkins be, and the same is hereby, rejected.”

(Minutes, April 15th, 1874, p. 644.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that a Mrs. Roberts made application to have a portion of the Central Park set apart for the practice of Archery, and that a club of young ladies be permitted to use the ground so set apart, under suitable rules and regulations.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject be referred to the Landscape Architect, to examine and report upon.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved to reconsider the resolution adopted April 15th, 1874, instructing the Engineer to report what portion of the walk at City Hall Park can be repaired with Grahamite concrete, at a cost not exceeding one thousand dollars.

(Minutes, April 15th, 1874, pp. 643 and 644.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution, as a substitute for the resolution just reconsidered.

Resolved, That the Engineer ascertain, and report to this Board at the earliest moment what portion of the walk at the City Hall, fronting on Chambers street, can be repaired with the best quality of the different patent pavements that have been tried by this Department, at a cost not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT, verbally reported, that it would not be advisable for the Department to purchase a soda-water fountain for the cottage in Union Square.

(Minutes, April 15th, 1874, p. 635).

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the President be authorized to make arrangements for the sprinkling of Central avenue during the present month ; the cost of the same not to exceed the rate of \$500 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—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

The Landscape Architect presented a report, submitting four drawings of a plan for a fountain designed to occupy the centre of the oval plat at the south end of the Mall, and recommending that the foundations for said fountain be laid immediately.

(Minutes, April 1st, 1874, p. 612.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the plan submitted by the Landscape Architect for a fountain to be placed at the south end of the

mall in Central Park be adopted, and that the President be authorized to direct the foundations of said fountain to be laid immediately, at a cost not exceeding one thousand dollars.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

The Landscape Architect presented a report with three different designs for a railing round the Lincoln Monument, which had been prepared by the Associate Architect.

(Minutes, October 16th, 1873, p. 351.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be instructed to report to this Board upon the advisability of removing the vases round the Lincoln Monument, and upon a suitable location for the same.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet on Saturday the 9th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

SATURDAY, MAY 9th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Comptroller of the city of New York, forwarding a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, requesting that new estimates of the expenses of the Department for the year 1874 be furnished to said board ; and also requesting that such estimates, together with a statement of the expenses, including liabilities incurred, of the first four months of the year, and a list of all employes, with their salaries, be so furnished on or before the 15th inst.

Referred to the President, with a request to comply therewith.

From the Engineer, reporting upon the samples of gravel furnished, with the proposals for 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel, and recommending that the gravel from the Roa Hook

bank be the one chosen, inasmuch as it is superior, for the purposes required on the parks, to any other submitted.

Minutes, April 17th 1874, p. 645.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the said report be accepted by the Board.

Adopted.

From the Captain of Police, requesting that he be furnished with a better horse than the one now assigned to him, for the purposes of the discharge of his duty.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said communication be referred to the President, with power.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, requesting that 500 copies of the annual report of said Observatory for the year ending on the 31st December, 1873, be printed for distribution.

The PRESIDENT moved that when said report, and the report of the Clerk in charge of the animals for the same period, are being printed for insertion in the annual report of the Department, 500 additional copies of each be printed in a separate form, for distribution.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

From Messrs. Platt & Clapp, lessees of the carriage service on the Central Park, complaining of certain hackmen interfering with their rights, and that the park-keepers had not protected them, although the Captain of Police was requested to do so.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be referred to the Captain of Police to investigate and report.

Adopted.

From Mr. C. Marié and Mr. Elisha Riggs, requesting that their names be withdrawn from a petition for the opening of a road through their property at Inwood, and which they heretofore signed.

(Minutes, Sept. 10th, 1873, p. 258.)

Laid on the table.

From Mr. Charles L. Schmieder and others, owners of property at Inwood, objecting to the laying out of a street through their property at Inwood.

(Minutes, Dec. 3d, 1873, p. 435.)

Laid on the table.

From Messrs. Brewster & Co., with reference to the public place at the junction of Broadway and Forty-sixth street.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, to examine and report.

From Mr. Grosser and Mr. Radde, asking permission to exhibit telescopes and microscopes on the Public Parks of the City.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, to examine and report.

The PRESIDENT moved that the petition of John A. Henry and others, to have 167th street opened, be taken from the table.

(Minutes April 15th, 1874, p. 639.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that said petition be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, to examine and report.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented a report whereby said committee asks to be discharged from any further consideration of the following resolutions, namely :

Whether the duties of the Secretary require the assistance of an Assistant Secretary and a Chief Clerk, and whether either of these offices can be abolished without prejudice to the interests of the Department.

(Minutes, December 23d, 1873, p. 470.)

Whether the rank of Lieutenant of Police should not be re-established, and the number of Sergeants reduced from five to four.

(Minutes, December 23d, 1873, p. 470.)

Whether the Topographical Department is so organized that the rank of the Assistant Engineers correspond to the value of the services which they are respectively able to render.

(Minutes, December 23d, 1873, p. 471.)

As to the alteration of Section 4, Article II, of the By-Laws.

(Minutes, December 30th, 1873, p. 496.)

Said Committee also recommended, in said report, that the Board should purchase seven of the Babcock Fire Extinguishers, for use at the Museum and Mount St. Vincent; each story at the Museum to be supplied with a Fire Extinguisher, and the balance to be placed in Mount St. Vincent.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1874, p. 542.)

That no increase should be made at the present time in the Park Keeper's force, but that the President be instructed to have another policeman detailed to Tompkins Square.

(Minutes, April 1st, 1874, p. 610.)

That the President be instructed to reduce, at his discretion,

the force now employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, between the 8th and 15th of the present month, to one hundred men, and to make a further decrease as soon as, in his judgment, the character of the work will permit. And that no change in the plan of the appointment of this force be made at present.

(Minutes, May 6th, 1874, p. 8.)

Said Committee reported progress in relation to a plan for the reorganization of the Civil and Topographical Corps of the Engineering force.

(Minutes, May 6, 1874, p. 8.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON 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—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, moved that said committee be discharged from further duty.

(Minutes January 26th, 1874, p. 540.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER stated that he was going to Europe in about two weeks, to be absent three months, and requested that he be excused from attendance at the meetings of the Board during that time.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the request of Mr. Bissinger be complied with.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen hundred and fifty dollars be paid to the Treasurer of the American Museum of Natural History, that amount having been disbursed by him for insuring the collections in said Museum ; the amount to be charged to the appropriation for the maintenance and government of Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art.

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—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger and Williamson
—4.

The PRESIDENT stated that the building at the mineral springs was so situated in the Central Park, that it was impossible for the park-keepers to watch it very closely, and on that account it would be desirable to have wire doors placed round it. He also presented a design for said doors, with a letter of the Superintending Architect, estimating the cost of the same at \$150.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said doors be purchased and placed on the said building in accordance with the design presented by the President.

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger and Williamson
—4.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the contract for 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel be awarded to James Symington, for the first quality of gravel, at \$2.39 per cubic yard. The gravel to be equal to the sample furnished with his proposal, and to be taken from the gravel bank known as the Roa Hook Gravel Bank.

(Minutes, April 17th, 1874, p. 645.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger and Williamson
—4.

Mr. STEBBINS, to whom was referred the subject of making arrangements for providing music on the Central and other parks during the present year, verbally reported, recommending that Mr. Harvey B. Dodworth be employed to furnish the music at a charge not exceeding that of last year.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

(Minutes, March 13th, 1874, p. 594.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger and Williamson
—4.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Dodworth's band be instructed to perform on each Saturday in Central Park, and on each Wednesday in Tompkins Square, weather permitting, until further order.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then presented a draft of the annual report ending with the 31st December, 1873, which was read.

(Minutes January 19th 1874, p. 532.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said draft report be referred to a committee of two of the Commissioners, to revise and prepare for printing.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Stebbins and Mr. Williamson such committee.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be requested to obtain from the Counsel to the Corporation his opinion, as to the legality of incurring an expense exceeding \$1,000, for printing the annual report and to take such other action as may be necessary in the matter.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, it was ordered that the Board do now proceed to elect, by ballot, a President, Vice-President and Treasurer for the year ending on the 1st May, 1875.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Bissinger teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President, and the teller announced the result as follows :

For H. G. Stebbins, 3 votes.

“ S. H. Wales, 1 vote.

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Mr. Stebbins having received the votes of a majority of all the Commissioners, was declared duly elected President of the Board.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for Vice-President, and the teller announced the result as follows :

For David B. Williamson, 2 votes.

No Commissioner having received the votes of a majority of all the Commissioners, there was no election.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for Treasurer, and the teller announced the result as follows :

For David B. Williamson, 3 votes.

“ Philip Bissinger, 1 vote.

Mr. Williamson having received the votes of a majority of all the Commissioners, was declared duly elected Treasurer of the Board.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 10.55 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 9 o'clock A M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WALES,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 9th inst. were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Amos Van Wart, Artist, had asked permission to place his statue of “Day Dream” in the Art Gallery at Mount St. Vincent, for safe keeping, during his absence in Europe; and that he (the President) had given such permission, on condition that it should be so placed without expense to the Department.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the action of the President in the premises be approved by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that it be referred to the President, with power, to have the two places in Madison Square, designed for fountains, suitably prepared and planted with flowers.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson
—4.

Mr. WALES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the President, to enquire into the feasibility of allowing an aquarium to be established upon one of the City Parks, and to examine and report upon any plan which may be deemed practicable to carry the object into effect.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Wales and Mr. Williamson, such committee.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be appointed as one of the members of said committee.

Adopted.

Mr. 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.....	Maintenance.....	\$220	23
Cook, Ebenezer, medicated paper.....	Maintenance.....	4	40
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., manilla rope. Const. Museum of Art		14	70
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at stables and Mount St. Vincent..			
Maintenance.....		42	30
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maintenance.....	\$224	25
	Maintenance of bridges	117	00
		<hr/>	341 25

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Hoag, C. W., milk for April.....	Maintenance.....	\$14 40	
Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses.....	Maintenance.....	4 95	
	Construction.....	24 00	
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			\$28 95
Lewis, C. A., & Co., fish	Maintenance.....		56 63
Rogers, H. A., & Co., hardware.....	Maintenance.....	\$6 00	
	Const. Mus. of Nat. His.	6 00	
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			12 00
Simpson, A., bread.....	Maintenance.....		58 91
Terry, J. J., vegetables.....	Maintenance.....		60 75
Thorne, Carroll & Co., gloves.....	Maintenance.....		81 00
Toope, Chas., & Co., iron covers, &c.	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd	\$17 25	
	Const. Museum of Art	4 95	
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			22 20
Vanderbilt Bros., bird seed.....	Maintenance.....		18 75
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Maintenance.....		30 96
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$823 53
Maintenance of Bridges.....	117 00
Construction.....	24 00
Construction of Museum of Art	19 65
Construction of Museum of Natural History.....	6 00
Maintenance, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.....	17 25
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	\$1,007 43
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten hundred and seven dollars and forty-three cents.

New York, May 13th, 1874.

(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 all of said bills, payable by the Comptroller, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson
—4.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Wales a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved, that the President be requested to direct the Superintendent not to allow any blasting to take place after the hour of three o'clock P. M. on Saturdays, at the ground now being prepared for the building to be occupied by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Landscape Architect be instructed to examine and report whether any suitable place, other than Riverside Park, cannot be designated as a deer park.

(Minutes, November 10th, 1873, p. 390.)

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WALES, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WALES.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 13th inst. were read and approved.

The Board then suspended and received Mr. Gordon F. Ford, of the New York *Tribune* newspaper, who presented two diagrams or plans, one of the tower projections and the other of the stoop of the new Tribune Building, situate on the corner of Spruce and Nassau streets, and requested that permission be granted to construct said building with the projections and stoop as shown on said diagrams or plans.

Mr. Ford then withdrew, and the Board having resumed, the matter was discussed, and the said diagrams or plans were ordered filed.

Mr. WALES then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Tribune Association be, and they are hereby, authorized to erect and project from the building now erecting by them on Spruce, Nassau and Chatham streets, and Printing House Square, a stoop or porch, and tower as shown on the diagrams or plans just filed.

Said stoop or porch not to project more than the width of

the stoop line, or four feet—and the tower, not exceeding the width of the cornice on the building, or two feet nine inches.

This privilege is granted under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon this department by chapter 850 of the Laws of 1873, authorizing this Board to regulate erections and projections on streets and avenues within the distance of 350 feet from the outer boundaries of any public park or place, now or hereafter under the control and management of this Board.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Comptroller of the city of New York, forwarding a communication from Messrs. Kohler & Perkins, with reference to their proposal for furnishing 5,000 cubic yards of gravel.

(Minutes, April 17th, 1874, p. 645.)

Received and ordered filed.

From Mr. James Symington, stating that the gravel which he proposed to furnish to the Department is taken from the bank owned by Mr. Kohler, on the western side of the Hudson river, and not from the Roa Hook bank, and that he had none other to offer.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1874, p. 19.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication of Mr. James Symington be received and filed, and that, inasmuch as he cannot deliver the gravel specified in his proposal, the action of the Board in awarding him the contract for the delivery of 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel, be rescinded, and that the contract be awarded to Messrs. Jesse Ryder,

and Egbert H. Fairchild on the terms contained in their proposal.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1874, p. 13.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in reply to a communication of the President, stating that the matter of printing the Annual Report was governed by sec. 111, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, and sec. 19, chapter 757, Laws of 1873, and that he, as one of the board appointed by said acts, would vote to give the Department the power to have its Annual Report printed in such manner as the Commissioners should think best for the public interest.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1874, p. 20.)

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had addressed a letter to the Mayor, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Counsel to the Corporation, asking for the power suggested in said communication, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

From Messrs. J. Q. A. Ward and John Taylor Johnston, a majority of the Committee on Statues, reporting that, "The Committee having carefully examined the clay model of the statue" (of Thaddeus Kosciuszko) "at the studio of the artist, regret to state that, in their opinion, it does not possess the

artistic requirements which entitled it to a place in the Central Park.”

(Minutes, April 1st, 1874, p. 610.)

Mr. WALES then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Statues, on the model of the statue of Thaddeus Kosciuszko be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

From Mr. Wm. A. Haines, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, informing the Board that arrangements had been made with the President of the United States to lay the corner stone of the building now being erected for said Museum by this Department, on the 2d day of June next, at 4 o'clock P. M., and requesting the co-operation of the Board.

Received and ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be, and it hereby is, referred to Messrs. S. H. Wales and Frederick Law Olmsted to represent the Department on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Museum of Natural History; and that they be, and they hereby are, empowered to make all the necessary arrangements on behalf of this Board in co-operating with the Trustees of said Museum, and to incur such expenses as they may deem proper, but not to exceed the sum of \$600.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that Division Engineer George A. Cushing was absent during the week ending 16th May, 1874, on account of sickness, and recommending that he be allowed full pay during that time.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT moved that, as recommended by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, Division Engineer George A. Cushing be allowed full pay for the week ending 16th May, 1874.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

From Mr. Aaron Ogden, petitioning that the street known as 184th street, from Kingsbridge Road to the Harlem river, be laid out as a public street.

(Minutes, Dec. 26th, 1873, pp. 473, 474.)

Mr. WALES moved that said communication be referred to the President and Treasurer to examine and report.

Adopted.

From Police Justice J. T. Kilbreth, asking that permission

be granted to certain boys connected with the introductory department of the College of the City of New York to play base ball on the Central Park.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be referred to the Secretary, with instruction to grant such permission, in the usual manner.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a copy of the Revised Estimates for the year 1874, as called for by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and reported that same had been transmitted to the Comptroller on the 13th inst.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1874, p. 13.)

Ordered filed.

The SECRETARY presented the affidavit of the Supervisor of the *City Record*, certifying that the ordinances for the regulation and use of the Muster Ground on Union Square had been duly published in that paper for ten consecutive days, commencing on the 27th April, 1874.

(Minutes, April 15th, 1874, p. 642.)

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT presented a certified copy of Chapter 329 Laws of 1874, being an act to re-enact and amend an act commonly known as the "Annexation Act."

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to demand and receive from all officers, commissioners and other persons having custody thereof, all contracts, specifications, obligations of sureties, records, documents, reports, ac-

counts, plans, maps and papers, which the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York is authorized to receive, in pursuance of Chapter 329, Laws of 1874.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES stated that he had paid, in traveling expenses and disbursements connected with the business of the Department during the last four months, the sum of \$102.

Whereupon

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. S. H. Wales be paid said sum of \$102, and that same be charged to the construction fund.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. 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, corn & meal. Maintenance.....	\$336 51
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., hardware..... Maintenance.....	57 80
Florence, Wm. H., services..... Maintenance of bridges	104 16
Irwin, Wm. petty cash expenses..... Maintenance.....	\$14 73
Construction.....	31 40
Maint. 23d & 24th Wd.	22 71
Const. Museum of Art.	16
Const. Museum of Natural History.....	18
	69 18
Gifford & Beach, carriage bolts ... Maintenance.....	61 18

Jube, John P., & Co., enameled leather. Maintenance.....	\$18 36
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., sperm oil..... Maintenance.....	\$62 70
Construction.....	1 90
Const. Museum of Art.....	20 90
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	85 50
McDermott, John, meat..... Maintenance.....	603 80
Powell, Wm. J., bunting..... Maintenance.....	3 75
Potter, Howard, Treas., insurance on collection..... Maint. and Govmt. of Obs., Museum, &c....	1,350 00
Tysen, David J., cabbage and turnips. Maintenance.....	641 82
Vanderbilt Bros., grass-seed..... Construction.....	70 50
Wagner, Henry, filling..... Construction.....	2,481 68
Weeks, D. C., & Son, mason-work and materials..... Cont. Museum of Natu- ral History.. . . .	5,000 00
Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., 8th Av. wall..... Construction.....	8,109 00
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	\$18,945 67

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$1,753 08
Maintenance and Govt. of Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art.....	1,350 00
Maintenance of Bridges.....	104 16
Maintenance of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Ward.....	22 71
Construction.....	10,694 48
Construction of Museum of Natural History.....	5,000 18
Construction of Museum of Art.....	21 06
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	\$18,945 67

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-seven cents.

New York, May 20, 1874.

(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 all of said bills, payable by the Comptroller, 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.—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

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

The Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1874.	CR.	
May 6 to 20. By cash received from rents, license-fees, &c.		\$949 14
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1874.	DR.	
May 6 to 20. To cash paid into City Treasury		\$949 14
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(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

New York, May 20th, 1874.

9.30 A. M.

The Landscape Architect then presented the following reports and communications :

On a suitable location for the deer, recommending that the portion of Riverside Park, already set aside for that purpose be so used ; but, if that be thought unadvisable, that they be kept where they are at present, for another year.

(Minutes, May 13th, 1874, p. 26.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted and

adopted, the deer to be removed to Riverside Park only whenever it shall become absolutely necessary to do so.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Recommending the removal of the Morse Statue, on the Central Park, to a point near the "Woman's Gate." That the name of said gate be changed to "Inventor's Gate," and that the entrance to the Central Park on Fifth avenue, at Sixty-fourth street, be styled "Woman's Gate."

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted and adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Upon an application to have a portion of the Central Park set apart for the practice of archery, and also an application for permission to exhibit telescopes and microscopes on the public parks, recommending that neither of said applications be granted, and that the following resolutions be adopted by the Board as the rules governing the Department in such cases, namely :

Resolved, That the Department will not give, set apart or rent any ground in the Central Park to be used by adults for any games or plays, and that children to whom permits are

issued shall be allowed to use the grounds set apart for them only when this may be done, in the judgment of the Superintendent, without injury to the turf and under suitable restrictions and police control.

Resolved, That the Board will not give permission for any exhibition, show or entertainment on the Central Park, for admission to which a fee charge or gratuity of money is to be collected.

Resolved, That the President is requested to inform all applicants who may desire an appropriation of the ground in the Central Park for games for adults or for exhibitions, of the rules adopted in the passage of the above resolutions.

(Minutes, May 6th and 9th, 1874, pp. 9, 15.)

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

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Verbally, upon a plan for the improvement of Tompkins Square, and submitting a drawing of the same.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report and plan be accepted, favorably considered and the plan referred back to the Landscape Architect.

Adopted.

Recommending additional precautions against the destruction of the turf on Central Park, and suggesting the transfer of croquet playing to the ball ground.

Mr. WALES moved that said report be referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report.

Adopted.

Recommending that two of the vases about the Lincoln Statue, in Union square be set at the north end of the Mall, and the remaining two of said vases be set at the east of the transept opposite the Music Stand, on the Mall.

(Minutes, May 6th, 1874, page 11.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Recommending that only seven urinals of the Bacharach pattern be placed on the Central Park, and that three be placed on the smaller parks.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1874, p. 632.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Verbally, on the necessity of large estimates for work, and the reasons therefor.

Accepted.

Upon the comparative rate of wages in New York City and other cities of the State.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted, and referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

Upon works proposed to be prosecuted during the remainder of the year, with a statement of the estimates therefor.

Mr. WALES moved that said report be accepted, and printed as a document of the Board.

(See document No. 59.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all foremen reporting to the Superintendent from and after the 18th ultimo, shall receive full pay, until otherwise ordered by the Board.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that it be referred to the Landscape Architect to examine and report upon the advisability of having sacred music on the Central Park on Sundays.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT having presented the revised plans of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the specification for the stone and iron work of said building according to said plans, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That proposals for the iron and granite work of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art be obtained in accordance with the revised plans, and the specifications now presented, which are hereby approved.

(Minutes, July 30th, 1872, p. 468, May 6th, 1874, p. 2.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to have the work on the Eighth avenue wall and slopes, and also on the sewer in Morningside Park, proceeded with.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

The PRESIDENT presented an estimate of the expenses required for garden work and planting for the remainder of the year, and which had been prepared by the Landscape Gardener by his directions.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said estimate be accepted and laid on the table.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the salary of the Treasurer be fixed at the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, to commence from and after June 1st, 1874.

(Minutes, Dec., 30th, 1873, p. 493).

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Mr. WALES asked to be excused from voting.

Mr. WALES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Landscape Architect, to examine and report upon the feasibility of removing the zoological collection to the plat of ground in the Central Park, bounded by the large Reservoir on the south and east, Transverse road No. 4 on the north, and by the Eighth Avenue on the west.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the cottage situate on the east side of Central Park, near Seventy-first street, be removed to a more suitable location, to be designated by the Landscape Architect.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday, the 22d inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented a report, recommending the following plan for the reorganization of the Civil and Topographical Corps, namely :

That said bureau be placed in charge of General George S. Greene, as Civil and Topographical Engineer, who is recommended to be appointed to that position at a salary of \$5,200 per annum.

That Isaac W. Maclay be appointed Principal Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, at a salary the same as he at present receives, viz., \$4,000 per annum.

That the North End division be placed in charge of Division Engineer J. J. R. Croes.

That the First division, comprising Kingsbridge, be placed in charge of Division Engineer C. R. Schott, with Samuel B. Smith as First Assistant Division Engineer.

That the Second division, comprising Morrisania, be placed in charge of Division Engineer R. L. Cooke, with E. C. Morrison as First Assistant Division Engineer.

That the Third division, comprising West Farms, be placed in charge of Division Engineer G. A. Cushing, with Stephen S. Haight as First Assistant Division Engineer.

That Matthew Cox, Isaac C. Halsted and Thomas Fox be promoted from axemen to rodmen, and their salaries fixed at three dollars and fifty cents per day.

That Warren Barlow be appointed clerk, at a salary of three dollars per day, in the place of W. W. Pratt, who has voluntarily left the employment of the Department.

That Frederick Griffenberg, Emil L. Heusner, draughtsmen, Frederick W. Brown, messenger, and Samuel F. Boggs, chainman, be retained in their respective positions at their present salaries.

That the salaries of Division Engineers be fixed at three thousand dollars per annum, and of First Assistant Division Engineers at two thousand dollars per annum.

That a Bureau of Construction be created, to take charge of construction works in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and in connection with the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvel Creek; and that William H. Grant, as Engineer in charge, be placed at the head of that bureau at his present salary, viz., \$5,200 per annum.

(Minutes, May 6th, 1874, p. 8.)

Said Committee further recommended that the Landscape Architect's Engineering and Architect's forces be reduced to the following persons, namely :

Frederick Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect.

John Bogart, Engineer.

Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect.

Frank A. Calkins, Assistant Engineer.

Arthur Krause, Draughtsman.

Otto Sibeth, “

Daniel Campbell, Rodman.

Patrick Phillips, Axeman.

William A. Jefferies, “

Edward A. Miller Rodman.

H. Hermanns, “

That the following clerks be discharged for want of work in the Department :

Samuel T. Houghton, Book-keeper.

Wm. B. Dyer, Temporary Clerk,

Horace A. Whitney, Messenger.

And said Committee further recommended that the services of Jacob W. Mould, Associate Architect, be obtained and paid for whenever they may be required by the Department, at the rate of the usual percentage allowed to architects.

(Minutes, May 6th, 1874, p. 8.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board, to take effect from and after June 1st, 1874.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. BISSINGER left the meeting at this point.

The PRESIDENT moved that he be authorized to subscribe to the District Telegraph Company, so that he should be able to obtain a messenger for the head office whenever wanted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 12:45 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MAY 22d, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WALES,

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 20th inst. was suspended.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, referred to the President and Treasurer, to ascertain and report whether more spacious accommodations cannot be procured for the use of this Department, and if so, on what terms and conditions.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER entered the meeting at this point.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 20th inst. were then read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Health Department, from Mr. E. C. Morrison and from Mr. Joseph B. Curran, with reference to the necessity of a sewer at Willis avenue and 144th street.

Referred to the President with power.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer with reference to the unsafe condition of Central Bridge (McComb's Dam), and as to repairs on the Third avenue bridge.

(Minutes, Nov. 14, 1871, p. 315. Feb. 20, 1874, p. 574.)

Mr. WALES moved that said communication be referred to the President and Treasurer, with power to take such action as may be necessary.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson
—4.

From the captain of the Police, stating that it was impossible, with the number of park-keepers at his disposal, to render Messrs. Platt and Clapp, the lessees of the carriage service, complete protection from hackmen.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1874, pp. 14, 15.)

Laid on the table.

From Messrs. Stevens & Co., stating that the bridge over the Bronx river was in a dangerous condition.

Referred to the President with power.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered such repairs as might be necessary to avoid the danger of accident on another bridge over the Bronx river, which was reported unsafe, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER retired from the meeting at this point.

From Temporary Clerk, Wm. B. Dyer, stating that he had been performing the duties of Assistant Book-keeper without any extra pay since February 1st, 1874, and asking that he be allowed additional pay from that date.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that in consideration of the extra duties performed by Wm. B. Dyer, he be allowed fifty cents a day extra pay, from 1st February, 1874.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales and Williamson.

From the Property Clerk, with reference to the price to be charged for grass cut on the Parks.

Referred to the President, with power.

From Mr. John W. Pirsson, and also a petition from the same gentleman and eighteen other property-owners on the Eighth Avenue, between Fifty-ninth and One hundred and tenth streets, requesting the Board to take such measures as may be necessary to require the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company to lay their track near the easterly curb-stone of the avenue.

(Minutes, September 18th, 1872, p. 514.)

Mr. WALES moved that said communication, petition and the whole subject of the laying of the Eighth Avenue Railroad track be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER returned and took his seat in the Board at this point.

The PRESIDENT stated that Major Catlin, residing at No. 6 Livingston Place, called on him and requested that some notice should be taken of Officer James McCarthy, for his brave conduct in clearing a number of rough and disorderly men from Stuvesant Square on the 20th instant.

Referred to the President to examine, and if advisable commend the officer for his conduct.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the subject of stocking the lakes on Central Park with fish, reported progress, and stated that it would not be advisable to take any further action until next winter, when fish can be transferred to the lakes more safely and at less expense than in the summer.

(Minutes, April 1st, 1874, pp. 609, 610.)

Received, and the matter further referred to the President, with power.

Mr. 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.

1873. Farron, James S., & Co., brooms,		
mops, &c.....Kingsbridge.....		\$4 80
Bryant, W. C., & Co., printing		
minutes, &c.....Maintenance.....	\$313	92
	Construction.....	482 58
	Maint. and Govmt. of	
	Obs., Museum, &c....	445 95
	—————	1,242 45

Cornell, Thoms. C., surveying,		
&c.....Kingsbridge.....		\$2,500 00
Coffin, Paul C., hardware.....Maintenance.....		12 50
Coffin, Paul C., hardware.....Maintenance.....	\$196 39	
	Construction.....	226 04
	Const. Museum of Natl.	
	History.....	28 80
		<hr/> 451 23
Draper, John H., tapir and cart-		
age.....Maintenance.....		55 00
1874. Grant, W. H., petty cash ex-		
penses.....Chap.....		77 73
Grant, W. H., petty cash ex-		
penses.....Chap.....		156 77
1873. Grant, W. H., petty cash ex-		
penses.....Kingsbridge.....		73 40
Grant, W. H., petty cash ex-		
penses.....Chap.....		14 06
Grant, W. H., petty cash ex-		
penses.....Chap.....		20 74
Grant, W. H., petty cash ex-		
penses.....Chap.....		7 12
Gray, W. H., harness.....Construction.....		79 50
Gifford & Beach, ticking.....Maintenance.....		6 00
Hosford & Sons, tracing cloth..Kingsbridge.....		12 00
Keuffel & Esser, engineers' sup-		
plies.....Kingsbridge.....		120 91
Losee, Francis, bran, bags and		
meal.....Maintenance.....		16 45
Reeves, Robt. C., sections for		
mowers.....Maintenance.....		10 00
Reisser, Geo., nuts.....Maintenance.....		15 00
The N. Y. Litho. and Eng. Co.,		
maps, Morningside Park....Construction.....		115 00
Serrell, John J., services as en-		
gineer.....Chap.....		137 50
Serrell, John J., services as en-		
gineer.....Kingsbridge.....		142 50
Seach, Jos., carriage service..Kingsbridge.....		10 00

Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., sponges and twine.....Maintenance.....	\$22 15
Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., sta- tionery.....Kingsbridge.....	36 21
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	\$5,339 02

RECAPITULATION.

Kingsbridge.....	\$2,899 82
Maintenance.....	647 41
Construction.....	903 12
Maintenance and Government of Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art.....	445 95
Chap.....	413 92
Construction Museum of Natl. History.....	28 80
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	\$5,339 02

Amounting in the aggregate to fifty-three hundred and thirty-nine dollars and two cents.

New York, May 22, 1874.

(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 all of said bills, payable by the Comptroller, 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 members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following further 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.

Coffin, P. C., & Co., hardware.	Maintenance.	\$33 46	
	Construction.	1 50	
	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd	55 00	
		<hr/>	\$89 96
Hough, C. V., filling.	Construction.		968 75
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse. .	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd		57 50
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, nails.	Maintenance.		5 75
Ives, Murphy & Gore, hats.	Maintenance.		106 25
Ryder, Frank, gravel.	Construction.		834 60
Wales, S. H., traveling expenses, &c. .	Construction.		102 00
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			\$2,164 81
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.	\$145 46	
Maintenance, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.	112 50	
Construction.	1,906 85	
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		\$2,164 81
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand one hundred and sixty-four dollars and eighty-one cents.

New York, May 22d, 1874.

(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 all of said bills, payable by the Comptroller, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be, and are hereby, tendered to the Hon. S. H. Wales, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of President for the past year, and for the uniform courtesy that has marked his intercourse with the Commissioners in the exercise of his official functions.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, referred to John J. Serrell to revise the surveys and maps of all that section of country known as the "North End," north of Inwood street, and to prepare new maps of the same, if necessary, for the consideration of this Board.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1874, p. 629.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Noes—Mr. Wales—1.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated, that the Disbursing Clerk reported to him that he had ascertained that a workman on the force had been laboring under the name of Patrick Fagan, while his proper name was Michael Ward, and that in consequence he had withheld his pay.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the subject be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated, that Mr. H. E. Malin had applied to him to make application to the Board for permission for the

Trinity Glee Club to occupy the music-stand on the Mall in the Central Park, for the purpose of giving performances there, one day in the week. No expense to be incurred by the Department.

The PRESIDENT moved to refer the subject to the Landscape Architect to examine and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Mr. Richard Foley, the engineer in charge of the grading and widening of Third avenue, in Morrisania, with reference to the bridge to be built over said avenue by the New York & Harlem Railroad Company; the changing of the channel of Mill Brook at the point where it crosses the Third Avenue; the opening of Brook Avenue, from John street to 161st street, and giving a list of persons who own property on the said Third Avenue, but who have not yet been paid or tendered the award for damage to their premises, and, therefore, have not removed their buildings to conform to the new line of said Avenue.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication and subject therein mentioned be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the "General Rules and Regulation" in force at the time of the annexation of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards (formerly included in Westchester county), and now governing the employes of this Department, be construed to apply to the entire force under the control of this Board, wherever employed.

Resolved, That a mounted messenger be employed for facilitating communications with the force in the said new wards under the control of this Department, and that the Superintendent of Public Parks be directed to furnish a horse for the use of said messenger.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the force employed under the temporary organization of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards as, in the opinion of the President, can be dispensed with, be discharged on or before the 1st day of June next, and that a competent general foreman be appointed by the President to superintend the maintenance work in these wards.

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

Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson—4.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that it be referred to the Landscape Architect to examine and report as to the advisability of placing benches around the fountain in Union Square.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Saturday, the 23d inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 10:50 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

SATURDAY, MAY 23d, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 22d inst. was dispensed with.

Mr. 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.

S. H. Wales, services.....	Maintenance.....	\$52 42
	Construction.....	104 83
		<u> </u> \$157 25

Amounting to the sum of one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents.

New York, May 23d, 1874.
(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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby make requisition upon the Comptroller of the city of New York for the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for the construction of a Museum of Art and a Museum of Natural History, as provided by Chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871 ; one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of said sum to be credited to the special account of the Museum of Art, and the remaining one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be credited to the special account 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the execution of all leases and agreements to lease or let any building or property under the control of this Department, be referred to the President and Treasurer, with power.

(Minutes, October 1st, 1873, p. 315.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Adopted.

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Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of obtaining additional filling to be used on Manhattan Square 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10.45 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MAY 29th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
27th May, 1874.

MR. WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Friday, the 29th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WALES,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 22d inst. were read and approved.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Comptroller, requesting the Commissioners to confer with him in relation to the revised estimates, at 12 o'clock M. this day.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, p. 32.)

Referred to the President and Treasurer.

From Hon. William Cauldwell, Chairman of the North Side Association, calling the attention of the Board to the subject of sewerage and drainage in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, and enclosing a copy of the proceedings of the Association on the subject, at a meeting held on the 18th inst.

Received and ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT then stated that a deputation of said Association, consisting of Hon. William Cauldwell, Mr. Lewis G. Morris, and five or six other gentlemen, had had a conference with him and the Engineers of the Department, whose duty it would be to take charge of the drainage of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, on the 28th inst., and that they urged the necessity of prompt action in the matter of sewerage and drainage in said wards.

From the Associate Architect, submitting an estimate of \$10,188 as the cost for the granite, masonry, bronze work, plumbing, &c., of one of the fountains heretofore intended to be placed in Madison Square.

The PRESIDENT then reported that on examination of the matter he found that it would not be advisable to fill up the places designated for fountains on Madison Square, and have them planted with flowers.

(Minutes, May 13th, 1874, p. 23.)

Adopted.

Mr. WALES then moved that the estimate of the Associate Architect, and the whole subject of the fountains on Madison Square, be referred to the President and Treasurer, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Williamson—3.

From Louis Spannhake, M.D., donating an eagle to the zoological collection of the Department.

Accepted.

From Samuel E. Lyon and other residents and taxpayers of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, requesting that arrangements be made by this Department to have the avenue, known as the Southern Boulevard, sprinkled during the summer months.

Referred to the President.

The TREASURER then reported that Michael Ward had been employed in the Department under the name of Patrick Fagan, and had been paid by the Disbursing Clerk by that name. That he had directed the Disbursing Clerk to pay him for all work actually performed, and that he had suspended him from further work.

(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 52.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it appearing from the records on file in this Department that Michael Ward *alias* Patrick Fagan has sworn falsely to the pay-roll, he is hereby discharged.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the action of the Board, adopted May 20th, and entered on pages 28 and 29 of the Minutes,

rescinding a previous action of the Board, and awarding the contract for 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel to Messrs. Ryder & Fairchild, be reconsidered.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, pp. 28, 29.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution as a substitute for the action of the Board just reconsidered :

Resolved, That the said communication of Mr. James Symington be received and filed, and that, inasmuch as he cannot deliver the gravel specified in his proposal, advertisements be republished for proposals to supply 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, pp. 28, 29.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Williamson—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), which has been appropriated to this Department in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 756, Laws of 1873, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of collections during the year 1874, be, and the same is hereby, applied for those purposes for the Metropolitan Museum of Art; and that the Comptroller be requested to pay over that amount to the Treasurer of the said Metropolitan Museum of Art.

(Minutes January 26th, 1874, pp. 540, 541.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales and Williamson—3.

The PRESIDENT reported, that in pursuance of authority given by the Board, he had caused to be effected through Mr. Sidney Whittemore, insurance agent, additional insurances on the collections of American Museum of Natural History, to the extent of \$40,000.

(Minutes March 18th, 1874, p. 604.)

Accepted and adopted.

Mr. 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.

Whittemore, Sidney, Insurance prem. Maintenance and Gov't
Museum, Obs. and
Gallery of Art..... \$400 00

Amounting to the sum of four hundred dollars.

New York, May 29, 1874.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned expenditure, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bill 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Williamson—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following further 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.....	Maintenance.....	\$167 50
Allen, R. H. & Co., scythes, rifles and stones, &c.....	Maintenance.....	100 00
Battlett, J. W., lamp globes.....	Maintenance.....	54 00
Deeves & Parry, mason and granite work.....	Construction.....	3,500 00
Frazer Lubricator Co., axle grease....	Maintenance.....	18 00
Gleason, E. P. Manfg Co., lantern....	Maintenance.....	32 40
Holner & Heller, badges.....	Maintenance.....	\$40 66
	Construction.....	81 34
		————— 122 00
Jube, John P., & Co., spokes.....	Maintenance.....	10 80
Keuffel & Esser, drawing-paper.....	Maintenance.....	13 86
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Maintenance.....	7 42
Nelson, Willam, Jr., inverts.....	Construction.....	910 00
Parsons, C. B. & Sons, plants.....	Construction.....	234 00
Rollins, True W., iron-work.....	Construction Museum of Natural History.....	2,600 00
Roosevelt, Sam'l W. & Co., hardware.	Maintenance.....	\$2 89
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wd.	42 50
		————— 45 39
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maintenance.....	8 00
Rogers, H. A. & Co., brass pins.....	Maint. Museum of Na- tural History.....	18 75
Shattuck, W. F. & Co., hardware.....	Maintenance.....	21 74
Tracy, J. D., filling.....	Construction.....	4,189 12

Watrous & Wilson, lumber.....	Maintenance.....	\$22 00
Wetmore & Co.....	Maintenance of bridges	24 90
Wells, Fargo & Co.....	Construction.....	66 32
		\$12,166 20

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$499 27
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Ward.....	42 50
Maintenance Bridges.....	24 90
Maintenance Museum of Natural History.....	18 75
Construction.....	8,980 78
Construction Museum of Natural History.....	2,600 00
\$12,166 20	

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve thousand one hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty cents.

New York, May 29, 1874.

(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.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Williamson—3.

Mr. WALES then informed the Board that he had tendered his resignation to his Honor the Mayor, to take effect when he should accept the same.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.15 o'clock A. M.

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

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3d, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Before calling the roll, the Secretary read the following warrant of his Honor the Mayor.

{ City Arms,
Office of the Mayoralty. }

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
City Hall,
New York, June 1st, 1874. }

I, William F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the city of New York, by virtue of the power conferred by Chapter 300 of the Laws of 1874, being "An Act to amend Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, entitled 'An Act to reorganize the local government of the city of New York,' " passed April 30th, 1873, and the acts amendatory thereto, do hereby appoint

THOMAS E. STEWART,

Commissioner of Public Parks in the city of New York, in the place of Salem H. Wales, resigned, for the unexpired term of the said Salem H. Wales, which terminates on the 1st day of May, 1875.

(Signed)

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

I, Thomas E. Stewart, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York; and that I will faithfully discharge

the duties of the office of Commissioner of Public Parks of the city of New York, according to the best of my ability.

(Signed) T. E. STEWART.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
this 1st day of June, 1874, }

(Signed) W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor.

And filed in the Mayor's Office this 1st day of June, A. D. 1874, according to ordinance.

(Signed) D. S. WENDELL,

Chief Clerk.

The roll was then called.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of the 23d and 29th May were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Health Department, forwarding the report of Assistant Sanitary Inspector Comfort, on the condition of Mill Brook, in the Twenty-third Ward :

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

From Mr. Wm. H. Grant, late Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that Division Engineer George A. Cushing be allowed full pay for the last two weeks of the month of May, he having been absent during that time on account of sickness ; and that Assistant Engineer Stephen S. Haight be allowed full pay for three days he was absent during the last week of said month.

(Minutes May 20th, 1874, p. 31.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the communication be received and filed, and that the said Division and Assistant Engineer be allowed full pay, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Mr. Abraham S. Hewitt, Secretary of the Cooper Union, expressing the thanks of the Managers of the institution for the floral decorations supplied by the Department on the occasion of the late reception of the School of Art.

Received and ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that, on and after the 1st instant, the labor force in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards would number only 63 men, and a further reduction was contemplated in about two weeks.

Also that he had appointed, Isaac Jerome as General Foreman of Maintenance, in the 23d and 24th Wards from the 1st inst., and fixed his pay at \$5 per day, including Sundays.

(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 54.)

Accepted and adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had detailed Assistant Division Engineer E. C. Morrison, as engineer in charge of said 23d and 24th Wards until further order ;

And moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Civil and Topographical Engineer and also the General Foreman of the 23d and 24th Wards, be supplied with a horse and wagon, for the discharge of their duties.

On request of Mr. STEWART, the matter was laid over by consent, for further consideration.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Stewart a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. 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.

Barron, James S., & Co., brooms,		
brushes, &c.....	Maintenance.....	\$37 10
Moffat, David, & Co., leather.....	Maintenance.....	4 25
Ryder, Jesse, gravel.....	Maintenance.....	884 00
Slattery, James, building-stone.....	Construction.....	946 00
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		\$1,871 35

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$925 35
Construction.....	946 00
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	\$1,871 35

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen hundred and seventy-one dollars and thirty-five cents.

New York, June 3, 1874.

(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.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

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.

1874.	CR.		
May 20 to June 3.	By cash received from rents, license fees, &c.....		\$603 48
DR.			
May 20 to June 3.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$54 33	
	“ “ balance on hand.....	549 15	
		603 48	

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer D. P. P.

New York, June 3, 1874.

9 A. M.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be, and it hereby is, referred to Genl. Geo. S. Greene, to examine and report a plan for laying out the whole of that district known as the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that he, in conjunction with Mr. Grant, examine

and report what improvements are needed for the proper drainage of said district.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER reported verbally, that they had attended and conferred with the Comptroller in reference to the revised estimates.

(Minutes, May 29, 1874, p. 59.)

Accepted.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of Mr. Grant, late Civil and Topographical Engineer, upon the drainage of certain portions of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, to which the attention of the Board had been called by the Health Department.

(Minutes, April 15th, 1874, p. 637.)

Referred to the President.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9th, 1874.

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, NEW YORK, }
9th June, 1874.

MR. WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for this morning at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting, of the 3d inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting on the condition of Mill Brook, in the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, June 3d, 1874, p. 68.)

Accepted and ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had sent a copy of the Civil and Topographical Engineer's report to the Health Department, together with a communication requesting that depart-

ment to enforce the observance of the sanitary rules with regard to Mill Brook.

From Mr. Charles Schedler, sub-lessee of High Bridge Hotel, requesting that the lease of said hotel be extended for a term of three years.

(Minutes, December 15th, 1873, p. 450.)

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From Mr. Richard Foley, Engineer in charge of the Third Avenue improvement, asking for a payment of \$400 on account of services.

(Minutes, March 13th, 1874, p. 596.)

Referred to the Treasurer.

From Mr. Richard Foley, Engineer in charge of Third Avenue, certifying that there is due the contractor, (Mr. James Hall,) for grading said avenue, the sum of \$3,965.06, being the third certificate given said contractor.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1874, p. 552.)

Referred to the Treasurer.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report as to the advisability of amending By-Law, Article II., Sec. 8, so as to read as follows :—

“Sec. 8. There shall be a Civil and Topographical Engineer connected with this Department, in charge of the works relating to the laying out of streets and avenues, as may be directed by the Board.

“There shall be a Bureau of Construction, connected with this Department, the engineer placed at the head of which shall have charge of construction works in the 23d and 24th Wards, and also of the construction and repairs of all works

connected with the improvement of the navigation of Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvel creek, and the tunnels and bridges connected with the same."

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that the clerk in charge of the animals reported that a buffalo cow and three parrots were required; and he moved that said animal and birds, be purchased at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had been requested by the "Ladies' Association for the distribution of flowers to the sick in the Hospitals," to supply, daily for about six weeks, some cut flowers to the association, whose messenger would be sent to the Park for them, and he moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had directed Mr. Wm. H. Grant, Engineer, to take the necessary steps in the matter of the preparation of maps, &c., to enable him to instruct the Counsel to the Corporation to commence proceedings to acquire title to the land necessary for the opening of Brook Avenue, from John street to 161st street.

(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 53.)

Accepted and adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had referred the matter of making arrangements for, and the procuring of, a display of fire-works on the 4th of July, 1874, to the Landscape Architect, and moved that his action in the premises be ratified and 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

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

Mr. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P. :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
11th June, 1874. }

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for ten o'clock A. M. this day, for the transaction of such business as require attention.

Respectfully,
(Signed,) H. G. STEBBINS,
President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

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

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Mr. E. Ring, late Treasurer of the Commission for the Improvement of Third avenue, amounting to \$594, for advances made by him in the progress of said work, and moved that same be referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of the Executive Committee, recommending that Article II, Sec. 8 of the By-Laws be so amended that same shall read as follows :

“ Sec. 8. There shall be a Civil and Topographical Engineer connected with this Department in charge of the works relating to the laying out of streets and avenues, as may be directed by the Board.

“ There shall be a Bureau of Construction connected with this Department, the Engineer placed at the head of which shall have charge of construction works in the 23d and 24th Wards, and also of the construction and repairs of all works connected with the improvement of the navigation of Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvel Creek, and the tunnels and bridges connected with the same.”

(Minutes, June 9th, 1874, p. 74.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board, and that the By-Laws be amended accordingly.

(Minutes August 26th, 1873, p. 242 ; May 20th, 1874, p. 42.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed Mr. Jacob W. Mould, Architect, to prepare such revised plans for a fountain on Madison Square, as the Landscape architect should require, and moved that his action be approved and ratified by the Board.

(Minutes May 20th, 1874, p. 43.)

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT presented a certified copy of Chapter 604 Laws of 1874, passed June 5th, 1874, and entitled “An Act to provide for the surveying, laying out and monumenting of certain portions of the City and County of New York, and to provide the means therefor.”

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 8, Chapter 604, Laws of 1874, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, hereby make requisition on the Comptroller of the City of New York to create and issue a public fund or stock, for the purposes and in the manner in said section mentioned, and to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that there was required for the completion of the Eighth Avenue wall about 1,000 feet more of dressed base course of blue stone, and moved that the Secretary be directed to have the necessary advertisements prepared and inserted for proposals to supply the 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Comptroller, enclosing a copy of a letter, addressed to him by a Mr. John Croft, respecting a order for filling, given by the Department to Mr. C. V. Hough, on the 23d March, 1874.

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be referred to the President, with power to adjust all claims in relation to said order.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart— 3.

From Mr. John Wheeler, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, asking for further information re-

garding the employes of the Department, and the funds from which their salaries are paid.

(Minutes May 9th, 1874, p. 13.)

Referred to the President.

From Mr. John Lucas, requesting permission to let for hire, in the Central Park, three donkeys, subject to such rules and regulations as the Department might deem expedient.

Also from the Landscape Architect, recommending that the permission be granted, and that the Superintendent be directed to allow a trial to be made on the route between Bow Bridge and Vista Rock, by the way of Gill Bridge, a boy to be in constant attendance on each donkey, who, besides giving all desirable attention to the passengers, should immediately remove any droppings of the donkey, depositing them at such points as may be designated by the Superintendent; a charge to be made of ten cents for each passage, either way—fifteen per cent. of the gross receipts to be returned to the Department—and conditions to be observed in other respects corresponding to those for the goat carriages on the Mall.

Mr. STEWART moved that permission be granted to Mr. John Lucas, on the conditions and terms recommended by the Landscape Architect.

Adopted.

From the SUPERINTENDENT, asking for instructions as to whether he should proceed with the repairs of the roofs and verandas of Claremont Hotel if the same should cost more than \$175.

(Minutes, May 6th, 1874, pp. 3 and 4.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the amount to be expended on said repairs be increased from \$175 to \$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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Superintendent, stating that the drainage at High Bridge Hotel is in a very bad and unhealthy condition, and estimating the cost of making a sewer from the hotel to Harlem River at \$125.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the sewer to be constructed without delay, and moved that his action be approved and ratified.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Superintendent, reporting that Foreman Frank Mollard had resigned, and that sixty-eight men had to be discharged for want of work during the last two weeks.

Filed.

From the Engineer, stating that the wire-gauze urinal heretofore ordered was completed, and that the construction of another could now be proceeded with.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, p. 38.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that a wire-gauze urinal for six persons, of the pattern supplied by Mr. Bacharach, be ordered,

at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars, to replace one of the old brick urinals, to be designated by Landscape Architect.

(Minutes May 20th 1874, p. 38.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Colonel Emmons Clark, stating that Monday, the 22d instant, at 6 o'clock P. M., was fixed for the inauguration of the Seventh Regiment statue.

(Minutes January 29, 1873, p. 650, and April 16, 1873, p. 735.)

Filed.

From Mr. O. Zollikoffer, President of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company, requesting certain changes to be made in the agreement to be entered into by said company for lighting the public lamps.

(Minutes, April 2d, 1874, pp. 622, 623.)

Referred to the President.

From the North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Company, offering to relay the whole of the paving on Union Square, except such parts as are already approved by the Department, with first-class mastic, similar and equal in every respect to the best Neuchatel Rock sidewalks of London and Paris, without any extra cost to the Department beyond that stipulated in the original agreement made with the Department.

The PRESIDENT stated that, after consultation with the Landscape Architect, he had accepted the proposition of the

North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Company, and granted permission for that company to take up and relay, during the months of July and August, all of the pavement of Union Square, formerly laid by them and not approved by the Engineer of the Department. No additional expense to be incurred by the Department thereby than that agreed for in original agreement, dated 25th July, 1872, and now on file in the Department, and the work to be done in accordance with the conditions and provisions contained in said agreement; and he moved that his action be approved and ratified by the Board.

Adopted.

Two communicatious from Mrs. Catharine Dawson and other property owners along 167th street, petitioning to have the direction and also the grade of said street changed.

Also two communications from Mr. John A. Henry and other property owners on said 167th street, withdrawing their former petition to have said street opened according to the adopted plan and grade, and endorsing the petitions of Mrs. Dawson.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1874, pp. 15, 16.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the above mentioned communications be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Adopted.

From the Landscape Gardener, reporting that a large number of trees on Tompkins Square and other city parks have been stripped of their bark, and that a number of plants and shrubs have been stolen.

Referred to the President.

From Mr. W. B. Asten and other residents near Mount

Morris Square, requesting that the Department direct the Park Band to perform on Mount Morris Square one day in the week.

Laid on the table.

From a number of working women, asking that a ladies' cottage be placed on City Hall Park.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report.

From George E. Graham, doorkeeper at the Museum, asking for increased pay.

Refused.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Department did not possess a complete set of the annual reports of the late Board of Commissioners of Central Park, and that after searching for some time the Secretary reported that a complete set can now be procured at a cost of \$35; whereupon

Mr. STEWART moved, that the Secretary be authorized to purchase said set of reports for the Department, at a cost not exceeding \$35.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed eight laborers to be uniformed and detailed to special police duty—five on the city parks, one on Central Bridge and two on Third Avenue Bridge. No extra pay to be allowed to them for this duty ;

and he moved that his action be approved and ratified by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of providing a horse and wagon for the Civil and Topographical Engineers, be further considered, and that the Superintendent be directed to confer with said Engineer as to the kind of horse and wagon best suitable for his purposes, and to report the probable cost of the same.

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

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the wood and carpenter work of the Inscope Arch, not contracted for, be executed by the Park force.

(Minutes, July 9th, 1873, p. 96.)

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

Ayes—Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. 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.

Barron, James S., & Co., blacking		
and brooms.....	Maintenance.....	\$15 00
	Maint. of bridges.....	3 50
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		\$18 50
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	Maintenance.....	17 04
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., hardware....	Maintenance.....	\$59 24
	Maint. Mus. and Obs..	9 32
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		68 56

Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	Construction.....		\$52 33
Crane, B. F., combs, sponges & acid.	Maintenance.....		19 50
Dodworth's Band, music on Parks...	Maintenance.....		1,270 00
Draper, Danl., petty cash.....	Maint. Mus. & Obs..		26 58
Eckel & Imhoff, repairs to instrum't.	Construction.....		42 00
Everett, John, sprinkling.....	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd		270 00
Ford & Murray, gas fittings.....	Construction.....		1,015 00
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent			
of line.....	Maintenance.....	\$31 25	
	Construction.....	31 25	
			<hr/> 62 50
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at stables,			
&c.....	Maintenance.....		34 80
Hills "Archimedean" Lawn Mower			
Co., lawn mower.....	Maintenance.....		297 75
Harlem Gas-light Co. gas at Parks	Maintenance.....	\$224 25	
and Bridges.....	Maint. of Bridges....	117 00	
			<hr/> 341 25
Hazard Powder Co., fuse.....	Construction.....	\$36 00	
	Const. Mus. of Art....	20 00	
			<hr/> 56 00
Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses...	Maintenance.....	\$69 15	
	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd	7 23	
	Construction.....	46 83	
			<hr/> 123 21
Judd's Linseed & Sperm Oil Co.,			
sperm oil.....	Maintenance.....	\$61 98	
	Maint. of Bridges....	9 25	
	Const. Mus. of Art....	11 10	
			<hr/> 82 33
J. L. Mett, Iron Works, castings....	Maintenance.....	\$57 80	
	Maint. of Bridges....	28 70	
			<hr/> 86 50
Lewis, C. A., & Co., fish.....	Maintenance.....		26 04
Lawrie, P. W., & Co., meat.....	Maintenance.....		201 50
Moffat, David, & Co., leather.....	Maintenance.....		15 56
Manhattan Gas-light Co., gas at			
Parks.....	Maintenance.....		77 00
New York Gas-light Co., gas at			
Parks.....	Maintenance.....		937 75

New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas		
at Parks.....Maintenance.....		\$1,076 75
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas		
at offices, &c.....Maintenance.....	\$27 96	
Construction.....	4 77	
		<hr/> 32 73
Noe, James, H. & Sons, feather dust-		
ers.....Maintenance.....		16 88
Ryder, Frank, screened gravel.....Maintenance.....		780 00
Ryder, Jesse, screened gravel.....Maintenance.....		780 00
Rollins, True W., granite and labor. Const. Museum of Nat.		
History.....		14,000 00
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, var-		
nish, &c.....Maintenance.....		46 10
Riddle, Brintall & Co., coal.....Maintenance.....		37 50
Roosevelt, Sam'l, & Co., sickles and		
lines.....Construction.....	\$2 33	
Maintenance.....	20 87	
		<hr/> 23 20
Simpson, A., bread.....Maintenance.....		73 61
Seymour, W. N., & Co., hardware..Maintenance.....		27 95
Such, Geo., plants.....Construction.....		600 00
<i>The Journal of Commerce</i> , subs. to		
June, 1875.....Maintenance.....	\$5 00	
Construction.....	10 00	
		<hr/> 15 00
Terry, J. J., vegetables.....Maintenance.....		44 30
Tracy, Dan'l, filling 110th st.....Construction.....		904 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk, May.Maintenance.....		14 88
Vaux, C., Supt. Mus. Nat. Hist.....Const. Museum of Nat.		
History.....		500 00
Vaux, C., general services.....Construction.....		300 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....Maintenance.....		113 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....Maintenance.....		485 90
		<hr/> \$25,013 50

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance	\$6,966 31
Maintenance of Harlem River Bridges.....	158 45

Maintenance, Museum, Observatory and Gallery of Art...	\$35 90
Maintenance, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards	277 23
Construction.....	3,044 51
Construction of Museum of Natural History.....	14,500 00
Construction of Museum of Art.....	31 00
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	\$25,013 50
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-five thousand and thirteen dollars and fifty cents.

New York, June 17, 1874.

(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.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

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.

1874.	CR.	
June 3.	By balance on hand.....	\$549 15
June 3 to 17th.	“ cash received from rents and licenses.....	1,352 45
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		\$1,901 60

1874.		DR.	
June 3 to 17th.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$1,805 58
“ 9th.	“ “ Merritt & Blanchard....		65 00
“ 17th.	“ balance on hand.....		31 02
			\$1,901 60
			\$1,901 60

		CR.	
June 17th.	By balance.....		\$31 02
		Balance, thirty-one $\frac{02}{100}$ dollars.	
(Signed.)			

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

New York, June 17th, 1874.

3 P. M.

The Landscape Architect presented plans for a fountain in Madison Square, prepared by Mr. J. W. Mould, Architect, the estimated cost of which would be from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

(Minutes May 29th, 1874, p. 60, and June 11th, 1874, p. 78.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the plans now presented by the Landscape Architect 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT reported that the subject of the rights of this Department, the Department of Public Works and of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company, as to the laying of the track of said railroad company along Eighth avenue, adjoining the Central Park, had been submitted to the Counsel to Corporation, and he now presented that officer's opinion, wherein he holds that this Department has the right and full authority to regulate the laying of the tracks of the Eighth Avenue

Railroad Company in all that portion of the Eighth avenue which is immediately adjacent to the Central Park.

(Minutes May 22d, 1874, p. 47.)

Received and ordered filed.

The Landscape Architect then presented and read a statement of the action of the Department with regard to the laying of the railroad track on Eighth avenue.

Received and ordered filed.

Mr. STEWART then moved that a copy of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, and of the action of the Board, adopted September 18th, 1872, and entered on page 514 of the minutes, be forthwith sent to the President of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect presented a report adverse to holding sacred concerts in Central Park on Sundays, until provision has been made for holding concerts simultaneously at two different points.

(Minutes May 20th, 1874, p. 40.)

Accepted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the work of construction of Five Points Park be forthwith resumed.

(Minutes October 24th, 1872, p. 549.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the drinking fountain in Reservoir Square be completed as soon as possible.

(Minutes June 12, 1872, p. 421.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the rails and seats on the Concert ground at the Mall, Central Park, be completed in accordance with the plans heretofore adopted.

(Minutes May 26th, 1873, p. 4.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT moved that it be referred to the Landscape Architect to report on the subject of modifying the plan of the Plaza, at Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets and Fifth avenue.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 19th, 1874.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following supplies and works :

1. For 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel, suitable for walks and roads, and similar to that heretofore used on the public parks of the City of New York.
2. For the granite work of a portion of the building known as the Museum of Art, situate on the Central Park, City of New York.
3. For the iron work of a portion of the same building.

Present :—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

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

A quorum of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks not being present, the meeting was adjourned, to meet at 9.30 o'clock A. M. on Saturday, the 20th inst.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20th, 1874.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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

1. For 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel, suitable for walks and roads, and similar to that heretofore used on the public parks of the City of New York.
2. For the granite work of a portion of the building known as the Museum of Art, situate on the Central Park, City of New York.
3. For the iron work of a portion of the same building.

Present :—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

The following proposals which had been received, were then publicly opened.

For 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel.

No. 1.—Jesse Ryder and Egbert H.

Fairchild..... \$2.65 per cubic yard.

No. 2.—Charles H. Kohler and James

H. Perkins..... \$2.37½ “ “

FOR THE GRANITE WORK OF A PORTION OF THE ART MUSEUM.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.
	GEORGE MARK & M. H. ST. JOHN.	NOLAN, McGRATH & Co.	C. B. DE BAUM.	TRUE W. ROLLINS.	JAMES SHARKEY.
For end elevation, as A, complete.....	\$55,853 00	\$45,707 00	\$18,200 00	\$17,726 00	\$14,850 45
For end elevation, as C, complete.....	28,892 00	10,643 00	13,760 00	8,493 45
For Central Hall to springing line D E, No. 2, as B.....	29,980 00	38,055 00	20,590 00	11,067 00	16,943 53
For Central Hall to springing line D E, No. 3, as C.....	16,206 00	12,219 00	11,448 00	8,118 00	6,057 61
For Central Hall above springing line D E, No. 2, as B.....	16,980 00	26,055 00	9,862 00	12,133 00	8,810 67
For Central Hall above springing line D E, No. 3, as C.....	15,604 00	11,229 00	11,176 00	11,644 00	6,979 68

FOR THE IRON WORK OF A PORTION OF THE ART MUSEUM.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
	The Watson Manufacturing Company of Paterson, N. J.	The Architectural Iron Works of the City of New York.	True W. Rollins.
For the East and West Buildings to line XX.....	\$91,031 35	\$114,165 71	\$69,225 00
For the Main Hall, to line XX..	42,870 25	54,336 10	108,183 00
Total.....	\$133,901 60	\$168,501 81	\$177,408 00

The COMPTROLLER having then retired, the Board met, pursuant to the following call of the President :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
20th June, 1874. }

Mr. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for this a. m. at ten o'clock, for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,
(Signed,) H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ STEWART.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 17th and 19th insts. was dispensed with.

Mr. 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 and boats..Maintenance.....	\$377 64
Chase, Irah, wire doors.....Construction.....	150 00
Florence, W. H., services to June 10..Maint. of Bridges....	104 16
Fischer, W. L., plants.....Construction.....	44 00
Rogers, H. A., steam-gauge & tools..Maintenance.....	\$15 00
Maint. of Bridges.....	16 00
	<hr/> 31 00
Ryder & Fairchild, screened gravel..Maintenance.....	780 00
Vanderbilt Bros., grass seed.....Maintenance....	70 50
	<hr/> <hr/> \$1,557 30

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$1,243 14
Maintenance of Harlem River Bridge.....	120 16
Construction.....	194 00
	<hr/> \$1,557 30

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen hundred and fifty-seven dollars and thirty cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, June 19, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 10.15 o'clock A. M.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

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

NEW YORK, }
June 22, 1874. }

MR. WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board to be held on Thursday morning, the 25th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—MR. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of 17th, 19th and 20th instants were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Superintendent, reporting the cost of a horse, wagon, &c., suitable for the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

(Minutes, June 17, 1874, p. 89.)

MR. WILLIAMSON moved that a horse, wagon and harness, complete, be purchased for the requirements of said engineer in the discharge of his duties, at a cost not exceeding \$595.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the clerk in charge of animals, recommending the purchase of some very fine birds (parrots, &c.).

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said birds be obtained at a cost not exceeding seventy-five dollars.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by said Board, making inquiry as to the time of completion of the fountain in City Hall Park, whereupon the President stated that he had replied that said fountain was already completed, and that he had enclosed a copy of communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, informing this Department that there will be sufficient pressure to furnish the necessary supply of water when the 48-inch main shall have been laid during the month of July next.

Filed.

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, requesting to be reimbursed the sum of \$75, amount paid by

him for portion of premises corner 138th street and Third avenue, used as an office in the service of the Department during five months ending June 1st, 1874.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT moved that it be referred to the Treasurer to report on said claim, and also on the question of securing an office in said wards, with sufficient ground attached to be used as a storage yard.

Adopted.

From John D. Voorhis, owner and occupant of building corner of Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, opposite the Circle, requesting the Department to flag that portion of the sidewalk under its control and adjoining his building with the same pavement as he shall lay, and at the same time.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From F. J. Bumstead, M. D., forwarding copy of a resolution passed by the Torrey Botanical Club, requesting that permission be given to its members to examine plants in the parks, under the direction of the chief gardener.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, amongst other matters, recommending that the working divisions of said wards be reduced to two, namely :

First Division to comprise Morrisania and West Farms (No. 2) divisions.

Second Division to comprise Kingsbridge and West Farms (No. 1) divisions.

(Minutes January 19th, 1874, p. 530.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication, except so

much as relates to the renting of an office, be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

From the Landscape Gardener, giving the number and cost of plants, trees and shrubs planted in the parks from October 15, 1873, to June 15, 1874.

Filed.

From Messrs. Kohler & Perkins, stating that gravel out of the same bank as that from which they had submitted samples, had been furnished heretofore to this Department.

(Minutes June 20th, 1874, p. 99.)

Filed.

From the Superintendent, reporting what samples of screened gravel would be most suitable for the works in the parks.

(Minutes June 20th, 1874, p. 99.)

Filed.

From C. Vaux, relative to the proposals for the granite and iron work of a portion of the building for Museum of Art.

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 5) of James Sharkey for the execution of the granite work of a portion of the building for the Museum of Art be rejected on the ground of informality.

(Minutes June 20th, 1874, p. 100.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 4) of T. W. Rollins for the granite work of the building for the Museum of Art be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to said T. W. Rollins, for the east elevation complete as A, the west elevation complete as C, and the central hall complete as B, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute and sign the same for and on behalf of the Department.

(Minutes, June 20th, 1874, p. 100.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART moved that it be referred to the President to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the legality and validity of the proposal of the Watson Manufacturing Co., of Paterson, New Jersey, for the iron work of the building for the Museum of Art.

(Minutes June 20th, 1874, p. 101.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of this date was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that the Counsel to the Corporation had examined the proposal of the Watson Manufacturing Company of Paterson, New Jersey, for the iron work of a portion of the building for Museum of Art, and had given his opinion, which was endorsed thereon, that said proposal was legal and valid; whereupon

(Minutes, June 25th, 1874, p. 109.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of the Watson Manufacturing Company of Paterson, New Jersey, for the iron work of a portion of the building for the Museum of Art, be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to said Watson Manufacturing Company, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute and sign the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, June 20th, 1874, p. 101.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Engineer, in charge of the Bureau of Construction, relative to the construction of Brook Avenue sewer, and enclosing the permission of James Bowes, for this Department, to enter upon his lot, situated in Brook Avenue, adjoining Third Avenue, for the purpose of changing the location and direction thereon of the channel of Mill Brook, when,

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction and the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report to this Board what steps should be taken in the premises.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the permission of James Bowes just presented, be accepted and filed.

Adopted.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending the appointment of one Assistant Division Engineer and Draughtsman and two Rodmen.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that the inauguration of the memorial statue of the Seventh Regiment took place on the 22d inst., and that he had, on behalf of this Department, received said statue, which was formally presented by Col. W. R. Vermilye, and that Governor Dix took part in the ceremonies, by delivering an address appropriate to the occasion, and that a report of the entire proceedings is now being prepared by the Regiment.

Mr. STEWART moved that the said proposed report of the proceedings be filed as a part of the record of this Department.

Adopted.

The Engineer, appeared before the Board and made a statement as to the condition of the sea wall at the Battery, and after some discussion the subject was referred to the President to report.

The President of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company appeared to urge a change in the plan heretofore adopted by the Board for laying the track of said Company on the avenue immediately opposite the Central Park, when,

(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 47).

The PRESIDENT moved that he be relieved from the reference heretofore made to him, and that the whole subject be referred to Mr. Stewart and Mr. Williamson to examine and report.

Adopted.

Mr. 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.

Irwin, William, petty cash expenses.....	Maintenance....	\$79 16	
Construction....	12 19	
			<u>\$91 35</u>
Dodworth's Band, music in Parks.....	Maintenance....		455 00
Rollins, True W., granite and labor.....	Construction,		
	Mus. Nat. Hist..		10,370 00
Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., Eighth avenue wall.....	Construction....		14,906 48
			<u>\$25,822 83</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$534 16
Construction	14,918 67
Construction Mus. Nat. History.....	10,370 00
	<u>\$25,822 83</u>

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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and twenty-two dollars and eighty-three cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

New York, June 25th, 1874.

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.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 5.45 o'clock P. M.

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet at half-past three o'clock this afternoon.

WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of the 25th inst. and of the previous meeting of this date were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From his Honor the Mayor, requesting that a report of the actions of the Department for the three months ending June 30th, 1874, be made to him.

Referred to the President.

From the Comptroller of the City of New York, requesting that the “return” of moneys and “the receipt of the Chamberlain,” referred to in Sec. 96, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, shall be enclosed in an envelope, addressed to him, and left at his office on the day the money is paid to the Chamberlain.

Referred to the Treasurer.

From Mr. O. Zollikoffer, President of the Metropolitan Gas-light Company, with reference to the contract awarded to that company for lighting the public lamps.

(Minutes, June 17th, 1874, p. 86.)

Filed.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that the request of the Torrey Botanical Club to examine plants in the Central Park, under the direction of the Landscape Gardener, be granted, with the further condition that each member of the club shall obtain a written permit from the Department, which he shall exhibit whenever required by the officers of the Park.

(Minutes June 25th, 1874, p. 107.)

Accepted and adopted.

From Mr. Willy Wallach, of the German Savings Bank, offering to lease to the Department the second floor of the building corner Fourteenth street and Fourth avenue, and to take the lease of the premises now occupied by the Department.

(Minutes May 22d, 1874, p. 45.)

Referred to the President and Treasurer.

From the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, giving it as his opinion that the powers conferred upon the Department of Public Works by Chapter 566, Laws of 1871, to make blind drains through land lying below the levels of the sewers adjacent, are not conferred on this Department with reference to the 23d and 24th wards.

Accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. STEWART moved that the President be requested, in replying to the communication of the Health Department, inquiring as to the powers of this Department under said Chapter 566, Laws of 1871, to enclose a copy of said opinion with his letter.

(Minutes April 15th, 1874, p. 637.)

Adopted.

From the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, with reference to a communication of the Health Department concerning the sanitary condition of the northeast corner of Third Avenue and 170th street, and two communications of the same Department concerning the sanitary condition of Willis Avenue and 144th street.

Laid on the table.

From Mr. James Bowes, with reference to the damage done to his place of business by the improvement of Third Avenue.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Two communications, one from Halsted Hermans, rodman, and the other from Frederick Griffenberg, draughtsman, asking leave of absence.

Laid on the table for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

The PRESIDENT then presented a certificate copy of Chapter 645, Laws of 1874, being an act entitled "An Act to make further provision for the payment of further expenses of the local government of the city of New York," passed June 25th, 1874, and granting to this Department the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of the construction and improvement of the parks, squares and places.

(Minutes January 26th, 1874, p. 542.)

Filed.

Mr. STEWART then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be, and he hereby is, requested to issue, under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Laws of 1874, to an amount not exceeding

the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of the public fund or stock, to be denominated the "City Parks' Improvement Fund," for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and public places, which by law now are, or may hereafter be, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The TREASURER reported in favor of reimbursing the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, the sum of \$90 paid by him for rent of an office for the use of the Department, for six months ending July 1st, 1874.

(Minutes June 25th, 1874, p. 106.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had appointed William Dent Beall, temporarily, as writing clerk, at a salary of \$3 per day, from the 29th June, 1874, and moved that his action in the premises be approved and ratified 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT reported that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in revising the estimates for the year 1874, had reduced the previous appropriations granted to the Department to the following :

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Including the sum of \$30,000 for the keeping, preservation and exhibitions of the collections in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and including the entire salaries of the President, clerks, officers, and employes other than foremen of laborers...	\$450,000 00
Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art:	
Maintenance and government of.....	15,000 00
Harlem River Bridges, maintenance and government of.....	15,000 00
Independence Day—Celebration of.....	10,000 00
Sea Wall at Battery—Repair of.....	7,500 00
Supplies of Gas—Department of Public Parks; 1872 and 1873.....	58,000 00
Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Streets, Roads and Avenues, etc. :	
Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	40,000 00
	\$595,500 00

The PRESIDENT also presented a copy of a letter which he had addressed to said Board of Estimate and Apportionment, protesting against the reductions, and especially against the action of said Board in compelling this Department to pay all salaries from the appropriation for the Maintenance and Gov-

ernment of Parks and Places, inasmuch as payment of all salaries from that appropriation would be in violation of law.

(Minutes, June 17th, 1874, p. p. 83 and 84.)

Mr. STEWART moved that the action of the President be approved, and that the copy of said letter be filed.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the President be requested to submit to the Counsel to the Corporation the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and a copy of said letter protesting against the same, and ask his opinion whether said Board of Estimate and Apportionment has not exceeded its authority by its recent action with reference to this Department.

Adopted.

Mr. 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 :

Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.	Maintenance.	\$15 23
Bacharach, M., urinal.	Construction.	1,000 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone.	Construction.	120 00
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., rope.	Maintenance.	9 30
Frith & Hinchman, brick and cement	Construction.	\$675 63
	Maintenance.	5 67
	Sea wall at Battery	115 00
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		796 30
Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses.	Maintenance.	\$4 77
	Construction.	21 67
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		26 44

Lehman, L., vitrified pipe.....	Construction.....		\$24 00
Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials.....	Maintenance.....		9 65
The New York Cement Co., cement.....	Maintenance.....	\$86 70	
•	Construction.....	593 30	
		<hr/>	680 00
Rogers, H. A., & Co., waste, wire, &c.....	Maintenance.....	\$14 58	
	Construction Museum		
	of Art.....	10 00	
	Construction Museum		
	of Natural History..	12 00	
		<hr/>	36 58
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., hardware			
and rakes.....	Maintenance.....		19 25
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maintenance.....		8 00
Ryder & Fairchild, screened gravel.....	Maintenance.....		780 00
Rollins, True W., iron and labor...	Construction Museum		
	of Natural History..		10,500 00
Sabin, J., & Sons, park reports....	Maintenance.....	\$12 00	
	Construction.....	23 00	
		<hr/>	35 00
Terry, J. J., vegetables.....	Maintenance.....		60 50
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Maintenance.....	\$26 00	
	Sea wall at Battery...	5 60	
		<hr/>	31 60
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maintenance of Bridges..		19 70
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and ma-			
terial.....	Construction Museum		
	of Natural History..		7,333 00
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			<u>\$21,504 55</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$1,051 65
Construction.....	2,457 60
Sea wall at Battery.....	120 60
Construction of Museum of Art.....	10 00
Construction of Museum of Natural History.....	17,845 00
Maintenance of bridges.....	19 70
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	<u>\$21,504 55</u>

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

New York, July 1st, 1874.

(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.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1874.	CR.	
June 17.	By balance.....	\$31 02
June 17 } to 1. }	" cash received from rents, licenses and sundries.....	388 47
		\$419 49

1874.	DR.	
June 17 } to 1. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$103 00
July 1.	" balance.....	316 49
		\$419 49

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

New York, July 1st, 1874.

3.30 A. M.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and have published the necessary advertisement for 170 tons of furnace coal and 75 tons of grate coal, needed for the use of the Department during the remainder of the year.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mary Frances Hyatt had resigned the position of ladies' maid in charge of Union Square Cottage, on the 27th day of June, 1874, and that he had appointed Mrs. Joanna Decker in her place from that date, at the same rate of pay, namely, \$10.50 per week; and he moved that his action be ratified and approved by the Board.

(Minutes, January 8th, 1874, p. 514.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday, the 3d inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On the motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 5.45 o'clock P. M.

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

FRIDAY JULY 3d, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 1st inst., 3.30 o'clock P. M., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Superintendent, requesting that “ General Foreman of Gardeners,” John Woolf, be given the title of “ Foreman,” as he is in fact only foreman of one gang, and his having a superior title has a pernicious effect upon the discipline of the force.

(Minutes, April 1st, 1874, p. 610.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the request be complied with, and that the title of John Woolf be accordingly changed to “ Foreman.”

Adopted.

From Mr. Wm. H. Raynor, complaining of the noise made by a sea-lion belonging to Mr. P. T. Barnum, which he states is at present among the collection of animals on the Central Park, and requesting that it be removed.

Referred to the Superintendent, with instruction to comply with the request.

Two applications for leave of absence, laid over for consideration from the last meeting, one from Halsted Hermans, roddman, and the other from Frederick Greiffenberg.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1874, p. 119.)

The PRESIDENT moved that leave of absence for one week, with pay, be granted to each applicant; the leave of H. Hermans to commence on Monday, the 6th inst., and that of Frederick Greiffenberg on the 16th 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Board on 20th May last, in reference to the removal of the Morse Statue, and the change of the names of Gates, be amended by the substitution of the name "Children's Gate," in the place of the name "Woman's Gate," in both of the lines in which the latter occurs on page 36 of the Minutes.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, p. 36.)

Adopted.

A number of bills, amounting in all to \$1,145.47, for the watering of Central or Jerome Avenue during the month of June, were presented, and referred to the Treasurer to examine and report upon.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had directed all the foremen

and laborers employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards to be suspended from the 1st inst. until further order, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

The TREASURER reported against paying Mr. Richard Foley, Engineer in charge of the Third Avenue improvement, any sum on account at present.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1874, page 74.)

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

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that all the iron railing formerly round Union Square and such other old material and sheep as are not needed on the Central Park, be sold by public auction, as required by law.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the disbursing clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to pay Mary Francis Hyatt, late ladies' maid in charge of Union Square Cottage, such sum or sums of money as appear to be due to her upon the pay-rolls of the Department up to the date of her resignation.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1874, p. 125.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 3d inst. was dispensed with.

The following gentlemen were then received by the Board, with reference to the laying of the track of the Eighth Avenue Railroad, namely, Mr. George Law, President of the Eighth Avenue Railroad, and Messrs. W. R. Morgan, G. Rowe, J. R. Waller (representing T. A. Vyse, Jr.), and O. Angevine, owners of property on the Eighth avenue, opposite the Central Park.

There were also present, by the request of the President, the Landscape Architect, the Engineer, and Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect.

The PRESIDENT then stated the object with which the above named gentlemen attended, and read the action of the Board as set forth in the resolution adopted September 18th, 1872, page 514 of the minutes, and also the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, and the statement of the Landscape Architect, on the subject.

(Minutes, June 17th, 1874, pp. 93, 94.)

Mr. Law then stated that he had recently received from this Department a copy of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation just read by the President, and at the same time a copy of the resolution of the 18th September, 1872.

That formerly the Street Commissioners had jurisdiction of the matter of determining the location of the track in Eighth avenue, and that latterly he had thought that the jurisdiction was vested in the Commissioner of Public Works, and on that assumption the rails had been located in the centre of the street. That to facilitate the grading of the avenue, he had temporarily removed the rails near the east side of the avenue, but now that the grading was finished he wished to replace them in their original position. That prior to the receipt of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation he had no notice of the action of this Board in the matter.

Mr. Morgan, on behalf of the property owners, urged that the Board should take such action as would compel the railroad company to lay the rails within a few feet of the east sidewalk, which view was concurred in by the other property owners present.

The PRESIDENT then read a letter to the same effect from Mr. Charles E. Whitehead, a property owner, and he also read the petition from the property owners previously presented to the Board.

(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 47.)

The above mentioned gentlemen having retired from the meeting,

Mr. STEWART moved that the said subject be considered by the Board, and that the President be requested to send a copy of the resolution with regard to said Eighth Avenue railroad track, adopted on 18th September, 1872, to the Counsel to the Corporation, with the request that he inform the

Board whether this Department had the authority at that date to pass and enforce such a resolution.

(Minutes, June 25th, 1874, p. 112.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the Landscape Architect be instructed to prepare a plan of the lines of curb and other surface constructions of Eighth avenue, from Fifty-ninth street to One hundred and tenth street, and submit same to the Board as soon as possible.

(Minutes, September 18th, 1872, p. 514.)

Adopted.

The following communications were then presented and read :

From the Comptroller, enclosing a copy of a letter he had received from Mr. James Sharkey, protesting against the contract for the granite work of a portion of the Art Museum being given to any other bidder, as his proposal was the lowest.

Also, from Mr. James Sharkey to the Commissioners making a similar protest.

(Minutes, June 25th, 1874, p. 108.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to both communications, informing the Comptroller and Mr. Sharkey of the informality of the proposal, which compelled the Board to reject Mr. Sharkey's bid, and moved that said communications be filed.

Adopted.

From the Board of Officers of the Seventh Regiment, National Guard, S. N. Y., stating that at a meeting of said board held on the 1st inst., it was unanimously

“ *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board be, and are hereby, respectfully tendered to the Department of Public Parks, for various courtesies in connection with the inauguration of the Seventh Regiment Memorial Statue.”

(Minutes, June 17th, 1874, p. 86.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be accepted, entered at length on the minutes and filed.

Adopted.

From E. C. Morrison, Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, recommending that a small force be employed for the maintenance of said Wards.

(Minutes, July 3d, 1874, pp. 128, 129.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had authorized the Acting Superintendent to employ a force in said Wards of ten laborers, two teams, and one messenger only, to be under the immediate direction of General Foreman Jerome, and moved that his action be approved and ratified 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, with reference to the Third Avenue and the bridge to be built over it by the Harlem Railroad Company.

Referred to the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, with directions to consult with the Engineer of the said railroad company, and make arrangements for him or the other authorities of said company to attend at the next meeting of the Board.

From the Landscape Architect, giving an estimate of the cost of removing the cottage on the east side of Central Park, near Seventy-first street, amounting to \$3,500.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, p. 41.)

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT then reported, verbally, that he had applied to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the recent action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1874, p. 122).

The Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction was then received, and he presented a map showing the position which he recommended should be occupied by the railroad tracks on Third avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward. Whereupon, and after discussion of the matter,

The PRESIDENT moved that said map be received and filed, and the location of the railroad tracks fixed as laid down thereon.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, JULY 10th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square, 9th July, 1874.

Mr. WM. IRWIN:

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed,)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings of the 3d and 8th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Comptroller, informing the Department of the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment upon the revised estimates.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1874, p. 121.)

Filed.

From the Health Department, forwarding a copy of the report of Assistant Sanitary Inspector Comfort, on the condition of Robbin's Avenue, between 149th street and Port Morris Branch Railroad.

Also from the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, upon the same subject.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer and the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction to report, when making their report upon the improvements needed in the drainage of the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes, June 3d, 1874, pp. 71, 72.)

From Mr. Richard Foley, Engineer in charge of the improvement of the Third avenue, with reference to the action of the Board in refusing his application for a payment on account.

(Minutes, July 3d, 1874, p. 129.)

Referred to the President and Treasurer.

Mr. STEWART moved that the Superintendent be directed to report what reduction, if any, can be made both in the number and pay of the general foremen and foremen.

Adopted.

The TREASURER presented an offer, in writing, from Mr. Ebenezer Valentine, to let suitable offices for the use of the Department in Fordham, at the rate of \$30 per month.

Also a letter from the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, recommending that said offices be taken by the Department.

The TREASURER then verbally reported in favor of hiring

said offices at the rate of \$30 per month until the 31st December, 1874, if Mr. Valentine will give the Department the option of then taking said offices for another year at the same rate.

Mr. STEWART moved that said report be accepted and adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at ten o'clock A. M.

WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, JULY 14th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 3d, 8th and 10th insts., were read and approved.

The Board then received Messrs. Chauncey M. Depew and J. C. Buckhout, who appeared on behalf of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company, with reference to the bridge to be built over the Third avenue by said Company.

(Minutes, July 8th, 1874, p. 134.)

After the subject had been discussed, the above named gentlemen retired; and it appearing from the minutes of the commission appointed under Chapter 545, Laws of 1872, that the plans of a bridge had been agreed upon between said commission and the said railroad company,

Mr. STEWART moved that the President be instructed to request the said New York and Harlem Railroad Company to proceed at once to construct and complete said bridge in accordance with the above mentioned plans.

Adopted.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Comptroller of the city of New York, with reference to the proposal of Mr. James Sharkey, for the granite work of a portion of the Art Museum.

(Minutes, July 8th, 1874, p. 133.)

Laid on the table.

From Mr. John Wheeler, Secretary, transmitting a copy of the revised estimates for 1874.

(Minutes, July 10th, 1874, p. 137.)

Filed.

From the Superintendent, in answer to the action of the Board, directing him to report what reductions, if any, can be made both in number and pay of the general foreman and foremen.

(Minutes, July 10th, 1874, p. 138.)

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From Messrs. Tone & Company, contractors for the grading of Eighth avenue, from 81st street to 100th street, complaining, that on account of the position of the railroad track they are unable to complete their contract, and are put to great expense and delay thereby.

(Minutes, July 8th, 1874, pp. 131, 133.)

Filed.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting a plan, in duplicate, of the lines of curb and other surface constructions of Eighth avenue.

(Minutes, July 8th, 1874, p. 133.)

Accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the duplicate plans showing the lines of curb on the Eighth avenue, adjacent to the Central Park, this day presented by the Landscape Architect, are hereby adopted, and that the lines of curb, as the same are shown on the said plans, are hereby determined by this Department in pursuance of Section 1 of Chapter 850 of the Laws of 1873 ; and that the President be, and is hereby, 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.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Mr. James R. Angel, with a bill amounting to \$1,433.40, for services rendered to the late commission for the improvement of Third avenue, under Chapter 545, Laws of 1872.

Also the opinion of the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, wherein he states that he has no doubt that it is the duty of the Department to audit and allow Mr. Angel's bill at such sum as the Department shall consider to be reasonable and just.

Referred to Mr. Williamson and Mr. Stewart to examine and report.

From Emil L. Heusner, with a bill for making drawings of Harlem Bridge in 1872, amounting to \$205, and interest.

Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

From certain stonemasons, asking that the masons now

employed by the Department be put upon half-time, and that they be employed during the remaining portion of the time.

Laid on the table.

Mr. 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.

Allen, R. H., & Co., rifles & rakes...Maintenance.....		\$13 50
Byrne & Co., feed.....Maintenance.....		26 40
Bacharach, M., urinal.....Construction.....		1,000 00
Crane, B. F., borax.....Maintenance.....		6 00
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....Maintenance.....		37 42
Cooper, A., & Lauferswiler, flower pots.....Construction.....		806 65
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., rope...Maintenance.....		8 56
Demcker, Robt., petty expenses...Maintenance.....	\$5 66	
Construction.....	11 32	
		16 98
Dodworth's Band, music.....Maintenance.....		640 00
Detwiller, Street & Co., fireworks..Independence Day....		2,995 00
Edge, J. G. & J., fireworks.....Independence Day....		2,901 00
Ford & Murray, globes.....Maintenance.....		20 00
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line, June.....Maintenance.....	\$31 25	
Construction.....	31 25	
		62 50
Grant, W. H., expenses.....Maint. of Bridges....		37 37
Grant, W. H., petty expenses.....Laying Monumenting, &c., chap. 604.....		31 95
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....Maintenance.....	\$224 25	
Maint. of Bridges....	117 00	
		341 25
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at stables &c.....Maintenance.....		29 10
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron....Maintenance.....	\$6 50	
Construction.....	74 25	
		80 75

Howard & Moore, wire cloth.....Construction.....		\$9 72
Hadfield, J. W., fireworks.....Independence Day....		2,978 00
Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials.Maintenance.....		19 63
Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber.....Maintenance.....	\$125 51	
Maint. of Bridges....	380 63	
	<hr/>	506 14
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at Parks.....Maintenance.....		635 50
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at Parks.....Maintenance.....		1,496 52
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at office, &c.....Maintenance.....	\$34 81	
Construction.....	3 67	
	<hr/>	38 48
New York Gas-light Co., gas at Parks.....Maintenance.....		927 75
Imhoff, Anthony, labor.....Maint. of Bridges....		635 37
Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses...Maintenance.....	\$33 83	
Construction.....	36 75	
Maint. 23d & 24th W'd	7 79	
	<hr/>	78 37
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings....Maintenance.....		49 48
Labagh, William O., salt.....Maintenance.....		10 65
Morrison, E. C., rent of office.....Maint. 23d & 24th W'd		90 00
Major & Knapp, Engraving Manufac- turing & Lithographing Co., maps.Laying out, monument- ing, &c., chap. 604...		825 00
Roosevelt, Sam'l, & Co., hardware..Maintenance.....		34 15
Ryder & Fairchild, screened gravel..Maintenance.....		832 00
Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, cart- ridges.....Maintenance.....		5 25
Simpson, A., bread.....Maintenance.....		70 98
Thompson, R. I., repairs to bridge..Maint. 23d & 24th W'd		87 20
Warren Chemical & Manfg. Co., pav- ing cement.....Maintenance.....		857 60
Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....Construction.....		7 20
Walmsley, R. J., inverts.....Construction.....		819 00
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		<u>\$20,078 42</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance	\$6,192 30
Construction.....	2,799 81
Independence Day.....	8,874 00
Maintenance of Bridges.....	1,170 37
Maintenance of 23d and 24th Wards.....	184 99
Laying out, Monumenting, &c., chap. 604.....	856 95
	\$20,078 42

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty thousand and seventy-eight dollars and forty-two cents.

New York, July 14, 1874.

(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.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1874.	CR.	
July 1.	By balance.....	\$316 49
July 1 to 13th.	“ cash received from rents, licenses and sundries.....	3,348 88
		\$3,665 37

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1874.	DR.	
July 3 to 13th.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$3,625 37
" 14th.	" balance	40 00
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		\$3,665 37

(Signed)

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

New York, July 14th, 1874.

9.30 A. M.

The TREASURER then reported in favor of paying the bills of John Everett and others, amounting to \$1,145.47, for watering Central or Jerome avenue, during the month of June, last.

Minutes, July 3d, 1874, p. 128.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintendent be instructed to inform all general foremen and foremen, when ever they may be suspended, that such suspension is made without pay.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the Disbursing Clerk be directed to report what, if any, reduction can be made in the force employed in his office.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet at 5 o'clock this P. M.

WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—5 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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 :

From the Comptroller, returning the proposal (No.3) of James Symington, for 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel, without his approval of the proposed sureties.

(Minutes, May 29th, 1874, p. 62.)

Filed.

From the Superintendent, stating that the gravel delivered by Messrs. Kohler & Perkins, on a small order which had been given to them, is good, fair gravel, and that he can find no fault with it, except that the gravel for the walks was a little too coarse and the gravel for the roads a little too fine.

From Messrs. Kohler & Perkins, stating that the gravel they furnish can be delivered either coarser or finer as may be required.

(Minutes, June 25th, 1874, p. 108.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that both of said communications be laid on the table for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

From Mr. B. Bender, in relation to the paving of the streets in Morrisania and Fordham.

Referred to the President.

From Mr. True W. Rollins, in relation to his proposal for the granite work of a portion of the Art Museum.

(Minutes, June 25th, 1874, p. 109.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be referred to the President to obtain a definite statement, in writing, from Mr. Rollins, as to whether he will accept the award made to him of said work.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 6.15 o'clock P. M.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present :—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22d, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square, 20th July, 1874.

Mr. WM. IRWIN:

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 22d inst., at 9 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed,)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet on Friday, the 24th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN.

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY JULY 24th, 1874.

Meeting, for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following supplies :

1. Two hundred and forty-five tons of coal, for furnace and grate use.
2. One thousand lineal feet of dressed base course stone with two faces, for the Eighth avenue wall of the Central Park.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

The following proposals which had been received, were then publicly opened.

For 245 tons of coal.

No. 1.—Messrs. Ver Plank and Irwin :

Scranton coal for furnace.....	\$6 00 per ton.
“ “ for grate.....	6.15 “

No. 2.—Theodore F. Tone :

Scranton coal for furnace.....	\$6 00 per ton.
“ “ grate.....	6.15 “
Lehigh coal for furnace } and grate }	} 6.65 “
Plymouth coal for furnace.....	6.10 “
“ “ grate.....	6.25 “

For 1,000 lineal feet of dressed base course stone, with two faces :

No. 1.—Bigelow Blue Stone Co.,..... \$2.94 per foot.

No. 2.—Messrs. George Mark and M. H.
St. John..... 2.20 “

No. 3.—John Hogan..... 2 00 “

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

Present :—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of the 14th inst., and also of the previous meeting of the 22d inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, as members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with reference to the action of said Board in regard to the revised estimates of this Department :

(Minutes July 14th, 1874, p. 142.)

Filed.

From the Comptroller of the City of New York, requesting that all the bonds issued by the late town of Kingsbridge under chapter 89, Laws of 1873, and held by this Department, should be sent to the Finance Department for such disposition as the law may require.

(Minutes November 19th, 1873, p. 402.)

The President stated that he had complied with the request of the Comptroller, and presented his receipt for \$35,000 of said bonds, the balance, viz., \$15,000, having been sold by this Department prior to the 1st January, 1874, and moved that his action be approved, and that said letter and receipt of the Comptroller be filed.

Adopted.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, acknowledging the receipt of the map showing the lines of curb on that portion of Eighth avenue adjacent to the Central Park, as determined by this Department.

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

Filed.

From the Health Department, with reference to the obstruction of a culvert on Riverdale Avenue, in the 24th Ward, with reference to the drainage and gutter of Henry street and also with reference to the unpaved street, Morris Avenue, both in the 23d Ward.

The PRESIDENT stated that having ascertained it would cost about \$50 to clear away the obstruction to the culvert on Riverdale Avenue, he had directed the work to be proceeded with; and that he had referred the communications on the other two subjects to the Civil and Topographical Engineer and the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, for their consideration, in connection with the subject of the drainage in said wards.

(Minutes, June 3d, 1874, p. 71.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the action of the President in the premises be ratified and 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Landscape Architect, stating that the wire-gauze urinal ordered on the 17th June last was completed, and that the foundations were ready for a third, at a point near the Winterdale Arch in the Central Park.

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

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then moved that a wire-gauze urinal for six persons, of the pattern supplied by Mr. Bacharach, be ordered, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, to replace the old brick urinal near the Winterdale Arch in Central Park.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the SUPERINTENDENT, reporting that the following works have been completed, namely :

The removal of the Morse statue from its former position to the site near the Inventor's Gate,

(Minutes, July 3d, 1874, p. 128.)

the drinking fountain in Reservoir Square,

(Minutes, June 17th, 1874, p. 95.)

and the two drinking fountains in Stuyvesant Square.

(Minutes, August 20th, 1873, p. 212.)

Filed.

From the SUPERINTENDENT in relation to garden mould suitable for use on the Central Park.

Laid on the table.

From Mr. John F. Doyle, offering garden mould free of charge, if taken by the Park force from the lots corner of Seventy-first street and Second avenue.

Referred to the Superintendent to report upon the probable cost of obtaining said mould,

From First Assistant Division Engineer, S. B. Smith, and also from Morris E. Sterne, clerk, each applying for leave of absence for one week.

Mr. STEWART moved that the said applications be granted.

Adopted.

From the Disbursing Clerk, in answer to the action of the Board directing him to report what, if any, reduction can be made in the force employed in his office.

Laid on the table.

From the Captain of Police, forwarding an application from a committee of the Park-keeper's force, requesting that leave of absence of from three to ten days, with pay, be given to the members of the force.

Laid on the table.

From Mr. Irah Chase, who furnished the two drinking fountains in Stuyvesant Square, stating that he is prepared to furnish the Department with similar fountains hereafter at a cost of \$50 each.

(Minutes of this date, p. 158.)

Filed.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, recommending that Brook avenue, in the Twenty-third ward, be legally opened from the harbor line, at tide-water, to the Harlem Railroad at 156th street, as located on the Commissioners' map of Morrisania.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1874, p. 75.)

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT presented a certified copy of Chapter 651, Laws of 1874, confirming the apportionment of the indebtedness of the city of Yonkers and the late town of Kingsbridge, made on the 20th November, 1873; and also directing the Comptroller of the city of New York to pay to this Department the sum of \$11,890.62, with interest from said date.

(Minutes, November 26th, 1873, p. 426.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then presented a letter from Mr. True W. Rollins, declining to accept the award of the granite work of a portion of the Art Museum.

(Minutes, July 14th, 1874, p. 150.)

Filed.

Mr. STEWART thereupon offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, as Mr. True W. Rollins, who was

awarded the contract for the granite work of a portion of the Museum of Art, has refused to accept said contract, the Secretary be directed to re-advertise said work, in pursuance of Section 91, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873; and

Resolved, That the specifications for the mason work of a portion of said Art Museum be prepared and submitted to this Board for approval, and that when approved the Secretary advertise said work in pursuance of said section.

Adopted.

The Treasurer then stated that Mrs. Foster, a tenant of the Department of one of the houses, on Riverside Park, made application to have certain repairs executed in the house which she occupies, and he presented an estimate of the cost of such repairs made by the Superintending Architect.

After discussion, and it appearing that a considerable amount had already been expended on repairs of said house, the President moved that said application be refused.

Adopted.

The Treasurer reported verbally, recommending the payment of \$594 to Mr. E. Ring, late Treasurer of the commission for the improvement of Third Avenue in the Twenty-third Ward for advances made by him in the progress of said work.

(Minutes June 11th, 1874, p. 77.)

Mr. STEWART 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. 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 frames.	Construction.	\$48 00	
Crimmins, Thos. & J. D., garden mould.	Construction.	\$300 00	
	Maintenance.	647 79	
		<hr/>	947 79
Dodworth's Band, music.	Maintenance.	\$460 00	
	Independence Day.	895 60	
		<hr/>	1,355 60
Everett, Johu, sprinkling Central avenue.	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd		978 00
Florence, Wm. H., services.	Maint. of Bridges.		104 16
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber.	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd		575 23
Hilton, E. G., couplings.	Maintenance		13 50
Heim, Anton, belting.	Maintenance.		7 20
Hough, C. V., garden mould.	Construction.		910 00
Kohler, Chas. H., & Perkins, Jas. H., screened gravel.	Construction.		770 04
Labagh, W. O., salt.	Maintenance.		12 60
Morrison, E. C., disbursements for sprinkling.	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd		169 47
McHugh, John F., awning and cloth, Maintenance.			327 00
Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials. Maintenance.			5 58
Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber.	Maint. of Bridges.		1,070 68
Rollins, True W., granite and labor, Const. Museum of Natural History.			3,380 00
Rollins, True W., iron and labor.	Const. Museum of Natural History.		2,750 00
Roosevelt, Sam'l, & Co., hardware, &c.	Maintenance.		42 02
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.	Maintenance.		8 00
Seymour, W. N., & Co., hardware.	Maint. 23d & 24th W'd		53 05
Powell, W. J., flags.	Maintenance.		45 90
Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., Eighth avenue wall.	Construction.		12,050 87

Westchester Co. Gas-light Co., gas	
at bridges.....	Maint. of Bridges.....
	\$352 00
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maintenance.....
	71 76
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	\$26,048 45
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$1,641 35
Maintenance of Harlem River Bridges.....	1,526 84
Maintenance of 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,775 75
Construction.....	14,078 91
Museum of Natural History.....	6,130 00
Independence Day.....	895 60
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	\$26,048 45
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-six thousand and forty-eight dollars and forty-five cents.

New York, July 22, 1874.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

American Dist. Telgph. Co., servi-	
ces as messenger.....	Maintenance.....
	\$3 46
	Construction.....
	6 93
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	\$10 39
Affleck, Wm., & Co., feed.....	Maintenance.....
	310 56
Lawrie, P. W. & Co., meat.....	Maintenance.....
	148 80
Hough Chas. V., garden mould....	Construction.....
	700 00
Van Tassell & Kearney, horse,	
wagon and harness.....	Laying out, monument-
	ing, &c., Chap. 604,
	1874.....
	595 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk for	
June.....	Maintenance.....
	14 40
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	\$1,779 15
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$477 22
Construction.....	706 93
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 504, Laws 1874.....	595 00
	\$1,779 15

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventeen hundred and seventy-nine dollars and fifteen cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, July 24, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Landscape Architect to examine and report a suitable location for the drinking fountain on Twenty-fifth street, at the Worth monument, in the event of the Board determining to remove it from its present position.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the plan or design for the improvement of Five Points Park, heretofore adopted, be modified and altered by substituting two cast-iron drinking fountains in place of the granite one. Said fountains to be placed at such points on the Worth street side of said park as shall be designated by the Landscape Architect.

(Minutes, October 24th, 1872, 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.—Mr. Stebbins, Williamson and Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. Van Plank & Irwin, to supply 245 tons of coal be rejected on account of its informality.

(Minutes of this date p. 155.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the proposal (No. 2) of Theodore F. Tone to supply 245 tons of Scranton coal be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to him therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the agreement for same on behalf of this department.

(Minutes this date p. 155.)

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson and Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 12:45 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 24th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, stating that this Department did not, on the 18th day of September, 1872, have the power to adopt the resolution of that date, with reference to the sidewalk and roadway on that part of Eighth Avenue adjacent to the Central Park.

(Minutes, July 8th, 1874, p. 132.)

Filed.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, stating that the curb on Eighth Avenue adjacent to the Central Park, from Fifty-ninth street to Sixty-sixth street, had been laid, making the sidewalk next to the Central Park only 25 feet wide, and that as it is a matter of assessment, it cannot be re-set to conform to the curb line determined by this Department, namely, making the sidewalk on the Central Park side of the said Avenue 27 feet wide; but that the curb on the remainder of the Avenue, from Sixty-sixth street

to 110th street, would be set in accordance with the plan adopted by this Department.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, p. 157.)

Laid on the table.

From the Landscape Architect, presenting a plan for a carriage entrance to the Central Park at Eighth Avenue and 110th street.

Received.

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon, and after discussion of the matter, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plan presented by the Landscape Architect for a carriage entrance to the Central Park, at the corner of Eighth avenue and 110th street, is approved and hereby adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

From Mrs. J. Odell, Directress of the New York Orphan Asylum, complaining of, and asking the Department to have removed, a pool of stagnant water at the foot of Seventy-third street.

Also from the Superintendent, stating that the pool referred to by Mrs. Odell is on 73d street, about 100 feet east of the line of Riverside Park, and was caused by excavations made by the contractor under the Department of Public Works.

Referred to the President.

From Mr. Gordon W. Burnham, offering to place a bronze statue of Daniel Webster at the lower entrance to the Mall on Central Park.

(Minutes, April 1, 1874, p. 612.)

Laid on the table.

From Mr. H. B. Dodworth, presenting to the Department a piece of the "Charter Oak."

The PRESIDENT moved that the donation be accepted, and that the Secretary be directed to express the thanks of the Commissioners to Mr. Dodworth.

Adopted.

From Mr. H. W. Denicke, of Fordham Avenue, Morrisania, complaining of the manner in which the contractor is executing his work on said Avenue.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that, in the absence of the President, he had referred the subject to the Engineer of the Construction Bureau, who reported that the contractor was now filling up the depressions in the avenue near Mr. Denicke's house, which would remove the cause of complaint, and he moved that the communication be filed.

Adopted.

From the Property Clerk, submitting an inventory of all tools, implements, and material of the Department on the 1st July, 1874.

(Minutes, August 29th, 1873, p. 241.)

Filed.

From the Engineer, reporting that neither of the samples of granite for the dressed base course stone (samples of Messrs. Mark & St. John, and of Mr. Hogan, proposals Nos. 2 and 3), are suitable in color or appearance for the base course stone required, nor are they approved by him for that purpose ;

and that the blue stone sample (sample of the Bigelow Blue Stone Co., proposal No. 1), represents the stone required.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, p. 156.)

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 3) of Mr. John Hogan, for 1,000 lineal feet of dressed base course stone be rejected on account of its informality, and that the proposal (No. 2) of Messrs. Mark & St. John, for the same work, be rejected on the ground that the sample furnished, being unsuitable for the purposes for which it is required, is not approved.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, p. 156.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 1) of the Bigelow Blue Stone Co. to supply and deliver 1,000 lineal feet of dressed base course stone, with two faces, be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract be awarded to that company therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the agreement for same on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 2) of Messrs. Kohler & Perkins to furnish and deliver 5,000 cubic yards of

screened gravel, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to them therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the agreement for same, on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, July 14th, 1874, p. 149.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT submitted to the Board the specifications for the mason work of a portion of the Art Museum, prepared by the Architect, Mr. Calvert Vaux, and moved that same be approved and filed.

(Minutes, July 24, 1874, p. 161.)

Adopted.

Mr. 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:

Irah Chase, drinking fountains....Construction.....	\$180 00
Hazard Powder Co., powder.....Construction	\$2,861 25
Construction Museum	
of Art.....	888 75
	3,750 00
Heatherton, J. M., & Co., globes	
and fitting	196 00
Norris & Williams, plumbing and	
materials.....	277 15
Norris & Williams, plumbing and	
materials.....	Maintainance Harlem R.
Bridges.....	\$12 00
Construction.....	64 37
	76 37

King, Eugene, disbursements	Improvement Third av. Morrisania, Chap. 329, Laws 1874.	\$594 00
Powell, Wm. J., flags	Maintenance	38 16
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving cement	Maintenance	1,778 69
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line, June	Maintenance Construction	\$31 25 31 25
		62 50
		\$6,952 87

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance	\$2,321 25
Maintenance of bridges	12 00
Construction	3,136 87
Construction of Museum of Art	888 75
Improvement of Third avenue, Morrisania, Chap. 329, Laws 1874.	594 00
	\$6,952 87

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-nine hundred and fifty-two dollars and eighty-seven cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, July 29, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the communication of the Civil and Topographical Engineer and the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, recommending the opening of Brook Avenue in the Twenty-third ward, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, p. 160.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be referred to the President and Treasurer, with instructions to carry out the recommendations therein, and have all necessary proceedings taken to legally open said Avenue as a public street.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented and read the following letter from the Treasurer, which was directed to be entered at length on the minutes :

NEW YORK, July 20th, 1874.

Hon. H. G. STEBBINS,

Pres., &c. :

Dear Sir,—Shortly after my re-election to the position of Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks, a salary of \$3,000 per annum was voted to me, to commence from the first day of June, 1874. Although the counsel to the corporation had delivered an opinion justifying the Commissioners in their action, I, nevertheless, referred the whole subject to private counsel, as I was perhaps more particularly interested than my colleagues. I received a favorable reply, though my counsel did express some doubt as to my right to receive a compensation for services rendered the Department in any capacity, and based his doubt solely upon the ground that the evident intent of the Legislature was to introduce, by means of the Charter, a more economical administration of our city affairs, but at the

same time stating that the weight of reason was in my favor. In view of this fact, and of the late action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in reducing the current expenses of the city government, I deem it my duty to relieve my colleagues of all embarrassment in the matter, and am willing and would prefer to decline the salary, rather than have any imputation cast upon them for voting, and upon me for receiving, that to which I was not clearly legally entitled.

I know that I have more than earned the compensation allowed me for my services, which have been exceedingly onerous, and if the question were entirely free from doubt, I should not hesitate one moment to receive a salary, but should even insist upon its payment.

Trusting that you will bring this communication before the Board at the next meeting, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.

(Minutes, May 20, 1874, p. 41.)

The PRESIDENT presented a statement of the Engineer, with reference to the communication of Mr. B. Bender, in relation to the paving of streets in Morrisania, and stated that he had replied to Mr. Bender, in accordance therewith, and moved that said statement be received and filed.

(Minutes, July 15th, 1874, p. 150.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare for the use of the Commissioners an abstract of the laws governing this Department and under which the several works devolved upon the Department are prosecuted.

Adopted.

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Mr. Frederick Ransome and Mr. D. E. Harding were then received, and the former explained at length the nature and qualities of the Ransome Patent Stone.

These gentlemen having retired,

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 12.15 o'clock P.M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—11 o'clock A. M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
August 1, 1874. }

MR. ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for this day at eleven o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

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

The PRESIDENT stated that the Central Cross-Town Railroad Company, under the authority of Chapter 160, Laws of 1873, was now laying its track, and that he had warned the company from proceeding with the work of laying the same on the plaza on the north side of Union Square, which lies in the

line of its route, until this Department shall determine the position for said track.

Whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be requested to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the right of this Department with reference to the laying of the track of said railroad on Union Square, and that he be authorized to take such action as may be necessary in the premises, in conformity with said opinion when obtained.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be requested to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the right of Columbus Ryan to hold the position of Superintendent while holding a license from the Department to sell refreshments on the Central Park.

(Minutes, November 6, 1872, p. 561.)

Adopted.

The following communications were received :

From E. C. Morrison, Acting Superintendent, stating that during the last month he had to employ the following :

David Daly, express wagon, one day, at \$5 per day.

Tefft Carpenter, one day, at \$4 per day.

Fred. Berger, horse and wagon, sundry days, at \$2 per day.

Mr. STEWART moved that the President be authorized to place the said three names on the pay-roll for the time returned during the month of July by the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From James Slattery, offering garden mould, deliverable on the Central Park in the vicinity of 8th avenue, south of 79th street.

MR. STEWART moved that garden mould be purchased from James Slattery, at the rate of seventy-five cents per cubic yard to an amount not exceeding \$1,000.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From G. A. Cushing, Division Engineer, asking for leave of absence for one week, from the 3d inst.

The PRESIDENT moved that said leave of absence be granted.

Adopted.

From W. J. Hubbard, Attorney, stating that he had, by bill of sale, transferred to the Board of Education the bronze statue of Washington, now on exhibition in the Museum of Central Park.

(Minutes May 2, 1871, p. 13.)

Received and filed.

From R. E. Bateman, stating that there was no water-closet

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for women and children on Reservoir Square, and suggesting that one be placed there.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT stated that the permission granted to John Lucas to let donkeys for hire on Central Park for one month, had now terminated, and moved that said permission be renewed for one month, and the general subject referred to the Landscape Architect.

(Minutes June 17, 1874, p. 84.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 11.45 o'clock A. M.

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Assistant Secretary.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ STEWART.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square, N. Y., cor. 16th St. }
August 8, 1874. }

Mr. ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary:

Sir,—You will call a meeting of the Board on Monday, the 10th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of any business that may be brought before it.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,

President.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

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

The following communications were presented and read:

From Gordon W. Burnham, stating the location which he would require his proffered statue of Daniel Webster to occupy,

Whereupon,

(Minutes, April 1, 1874, p. 612,)

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board gratefully welcomes the munificent proposition of G. W. Burnham, Esq., to present the city with a colossal statue, in bronze, of Daniel Webster, but that a rule having been established and adhered to in other cases, in which statues have been offered the city, that no position should be given a statue within the enclosure of the Central Park until the state shall have been inspected and a judgment passed upon it in a manner duly provided, and to accept Mr. Burnham's offer with the condition attached would practically abrogate this rule, and establish a hazardous and inconvenient precedent, the Board must decline to give the pledge asked by Mr. Burnham.

Adopted.

From C. Vaux, Architect, presenting his bill for services rendered during the months of June and July, amounting to \$200.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said bill be accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee for audit.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had received a verbal offer from C. V. Hough of \$400 for the ice on the Pool and Loch during the coming winter.

Mr. STEWART moved that said offer be laid on the table.

Adopted.

From George A. Cushing, requesting that his leave of absence be extended one week without pay.

(Minutes, August 1, 1874, p. 179.)

The PRESIDENT moved that it be granted.

Adopted.

From George Raphael, requesting permission to erect, free of charge to the Department, and under the direction of its Architects, a building more suitable for his Camera Obscura than the present one.

Mr. STEWART, moved that said application be refused.

Adopted.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plan of proposed sewer in 144th street, Third Avenue, and Willis Place, Morrisania.

On motion of Mr. STEWART laid over until next meeting.

The PRESIDENT moved that when this Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A.M.

Adopted.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting specifications for concrete flagging for Five Points Park and recommending the Board to advertise for proposals for laying said flagging.

(Minutes, June 17, 1874, p. 94.)

Mr. STEWART moved that proposals be obtained for laying concrete flagging on Five Points Park, in accordance with the specifications just submitted and hereby accepted.

Adopted.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that permission be given to John Lucas to continue the donkey service

established by him on the Central Park until further orders, on the same conditions as heretofore, except that the courses and rates of fare shall be as follows :

1. From the stand near the Bow bridge to Gill bridge and return, 10 cents.

2. From the stand to Vista rock and return, 20 cents.

3. From the stand to Vista rock or from Vista rock to the stand, either way being half of the round trip, 15 cents.

(Minutes, August 1, 1874, p. 180.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be accepted and the recommendations therein 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting on the advisability of placing seats around the fountain on Union Square, and submitting plans of same.

(Minutes, May 22, 1874, p. 54.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received, and the plans of seats be approved and adopted, and that the President be authorized to direct the construction of said seats at a cost not exceeding \$725.

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—Mr. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART moved that the President be authorized to direct that a rustic rail be constructed, in accordance with plans prepared by the Landscape Architect, and fixed so as to protect the walks on the high bank at the head of the Cave inlet.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the four previous meetings of July 29th, 1st, 5th and 10th inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From John D. Tracy, offering \$300 for the ice on the Pool and Loch during the approaching season.

Laid on the table.

From the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, on the right of this Department with reference to changing the route on Union Square of the Central Cross-Town Railroad.

Also from the Landscape Architect, in reference to the proposed position of the track of said Railroad on Union Square ; when

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had, in pursuance of the authority of the Board and in conformity with said opinion, withdrawn his objections to the work of laying the track of the Central Cross-Town Railroad Company on the north end of Union Square, and that he had, in accordance with the recommendation of the Landscape Architect, indi-

cated the position of said track, to wit—the northernmost rail to be fourteen feet south of and parallel with the curb-stone, thus carrying the cars south of the line of man-holes, and allowing space between said rail and curb for wagons to stand—and then moved that his action in the premises be approved and ratified.

(Minutes, August 1, 1874, p. 178.)

Adopted.

From Richard Foley, his bill, for services rendered in connection with the improvement of Third Avenue, Morrisania, amounting to \$893 $\frac{10}{100}$.

(Minutes, June 9, 1874, p. 74.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said bill, and all the correspondence in relation to the aforesaid services, be referred to the Treasurer.

Adopted.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that it would be proper and right to audit a fair and reasonable amount for legal services rendered by counsel to the late Commissioners appointed under Chapter 545, Laws of 1872.

Filed.

Mr. STEWART called up the communication received from the Engineer of Construction in reference to the proposed sewer in One hundred and forty-fourth street, &c., which was laid over at the last meeting, when

(Minutes, Aug. 10, 1874, p. 185.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That the President obtain the opinion of the

Counsel to the Corporation as to the proceedings required before constructing sewers in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and whether it is necessary that the Common Council should pass an ordinance directing any sewer to be built before the Department shall advertise for proposals and put the work under contract.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT called up the question of determining the position designed for the track of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company, whereupon

(Minutes, July 8, 1874, p. 132.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That in Eighth avenue, adjoining the Central Park, the roadway be laid out forty-eight feet in width, and that the railroad company be required to lay the rails of the track flush with the pavement, using a suitable kind of rail therefor, and placing the same three feet from the curb on the east side.

Mr. STEWART offered an amendment as follows :

That from a point twenty feet south of Seventy-second street entrance to the Central Park the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company be required to lay its rails so that the eastern rail shall be three feet from the eastern curb of Eighth avenue, and that northwardly from the point first named permission is given said company to retain its rails at the distance from said curb at which they are now laid.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject be laid on the table.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Graham & Co. for the

keep, during the month of June, of the horse and wagon assigned to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, amounting to \$35.

Referred to the Treasurer for report.

From Geo. C. Goeller, in reference to the question of closing that portion of Morris avenue from Mott street, or 148th street to Third avenue and 140th street.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Mr. 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., bran and oats . . . Maintenance.	\$208 12
Allen, R. H., & Co., barley and sprinklers. Maintenance.	32 50
Babcock Mfg. Co., five extinguishers..Maintenance.	294 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone. Construction.	882 00
Bartlett, J. W., lamp globes. Maintenance.	24 75
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe. Construction.	102 88
Crane, B. F., muriatic acid. Maintenance.	6 24
Conklin, W. L., & Son, clothing. Maintenance.	1,323 00
Dodworth's Band, music. Maintenance.	1,345 00
Evans, Isaac, petty cash. Construction.	\$37 40
Maintenance	21 64
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.	5 45
Greene, Geo. S., petty cash. Laying out, Mtg., &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.	29 60
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber. Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.	82 99
Haage & Schmidt, plants. Construction.	75 00
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and nails. Maintenance.	24 14
Hough, Chas. V., mould. Construction.	560 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas. Maintenance.	24 30

Judd, Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., oil....	Maintenance.....	\$102 40	
	Maintenance of Bridges	16 65	
	Maintenance, Museum		
	and Observatory...	12 35	
	Construction, Museum		
	of Art.....	9 25	
		————	\$140 65
Kohler & Perkins, screened gravel....	Construction.....		712 50
Keufel & Esser, engineer's supplies....	Construction.....	\$194 14	
	Maintenance.....	2 60	
		————	196 74
Lefferts, Marshall, Jr., galvanized iron.	Construction.....		9 36
Lehman, L., vitrified pipe.....	Construction.....		24 78
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at Park,			
January to June, inclusive.....	Maintenance.....		1,147 57
New York Mutual Gas-light Co.,			
gas at office, &c.....	Construction.....	\$2 75	
	Maintenance.....	38 78	
		————	41 53
New York Mutual Gas-light Co.,			
gas, Parks, June.....	Maintenance.....		1,037 41
New York Mutual Gas-light Co.,			
rent, 36 Union Square.....	Maintenance.....	\$416 66	
	Construction.....	833 34	
		————	1,250 00
Noe, Jas. H., & Sons, brushes.....	Maintenance.....		21 38
Norris & Williams, plumbing and			
materials.....	Construction.....		77 40
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c....	Maintenance.....		61 60
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., nails, &c....	Maintenance		
	of Bridges.....	\$46 25	
	Maintenance,		
	23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	2 00	
		————	48 25
Shute, William, & Co., drain pipe....	Construction.....	\$84 81	
	Maintenance,		
	23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	11 40	
		————	96 21

Tone, Theodore F., coal.....	Maintenance.....	\$42 30	
	Maintenance of Bridges.....	5 40	
	Construction.....	27 00	
	Construction, Mus. of Art.....	15 30	
		-----	\$90 00
Thorburn, Jas. M., & Co., shrubs... Construction.....			160 60
Verplanck Bros., brushes, &c.....	Maintenance.....	\$20 75	
	Construction.....	3 50	
		-----	24 25
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maintenance.....		30 14
Walmsley, R. G., vitrified pipe....	Construction.....		773 50
Walmsley, R. G., " ".....	Construction.....		353 60
Westchester Co. Gas-light Co., gas..	Maint. of Bridges....		64 00

			\$11,440 48

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$6,122 88
Maintenance of 23d and 24th Wards.....	171 24
Maintenance, Museum and Observatory.....	12 35
Maintenance of Bridges.....	62 90
Construction.....	5,016 96
Construction, Museum of Art.....	24 55
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	29 60

	\$11,440 48

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand four hundred and forty dollars and forty-eight cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, August 10, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. 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.

Rollins, True W., granite and labor .Construction, Museum of Nat. History. . . .	\$6,250 00
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and materials.Construction, Museum of Nat. History.	7,333 00
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	\$13,583 00
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred and eighty-three dollars.

New York, August 11, 1874.

(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.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. 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.

Bacharach, M., patent urinal.....Construction.....	\$1,000 00
Barron, James S., & Co., brooms and mat.....Maintenance.....	22 50
Colgate & Company, soap.....Maintenance.....	11 38
Cartwright, Wm., vegetables.....Maintenance.....	32 25
Ketcham, Chas. F., engineer's sup- plies.....Laying out, monument- ing, &c. (Chap. 604, Laws 1874).....	45 60
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, basin covers.....Maintenance.....	24 63
New York Mut. Gas-light Co., gas at Parks, June.....Maintenance.....	1,004 01
Siney & Langstroth, harness soap..Maintenance.....	6 00
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	\$2,146 37
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$1,100 77
Construction.....	1,000 00
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	45 60
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	\$2,146 37
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-one hundred and forty-six dollars and thirty-seven cents.

New York, August 11, 1874.

(Signed)

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.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that the amount of gas consumed in the Museum building, as charged by the Metropolitan Gas Light Co., appears excessive, and as the meter has been tested and found correct, a leak in the pipes has been suggested, and therefore moved that the question be referred to the Engineer to examine and report.

Adopted.

The LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT submitted the specification of the masons' and stone-cutters' work for the Gapstow Bridge.

(Minutes, January 21, 1874, p. 500.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That the specifications for the Gapstow Bridge submitted by the Landscape Architect are hereby adopted, and that proposals for the construction of said bridge in accordance therewith be advertised for.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART offered the following :

Resolved, That proposals for the construction of the Outset Arch, in accordance with plans and specifications heretofore approved, be advertised for.

(Minutes, January 15, 1873, p. 638.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT called the attention of the Board to the fact that owners of buildings on Third avenue, in Twenty-third Ward, refused to remove said buildings because of the non-payment of their respective awards made by the late commissioners or by the City, whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject be referred to the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction to examine into and report upon.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the title of "Chief Clerk," given to D. P. Lord, be changed to "First Clerk."

(Minutes, July 16, 1873, p. 117.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12.30 P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1874.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening Proposals for the following works :—

1. Granite Work of a portion of Building for Museum of Art.
2. Mason Work of a portion of Building for Museum of Art.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

The following Proposals, which had been received, were then publicly opened.

FOR GRANITE WORK.

		End Eleva- tion as B.	End Eleva- tion as C.	Central Hall as B.	Central Hall as C.
No. 1	James G. Batterson..	for the	whole com	plete, \$90,000	
2	T. W. Rollins.....	\$17,726	\$11,584	\$42,926	\$33,100
3	James Sharkey.....	21,600	11,426	48,337	32,467
4	Michael McGrath....	22,828	13,308	38,664	31,200
5	Francis Fosket.....	21,000	13,330	57,320	43,145
6	James M. Andrews...	15,852	8,842	33,194	26,878
7	Jacob S. Browne....	13,780	10,000	44,000	31,600
8	John Hogan.....	14,491	8,232	29,710	19,280
9	Gilman & Cheney...	18,813	10,608	41,867	32,577

FOR MASON WORK.

		FOR BUILDING COMPLETE.	
		Central Hall as B, or No. 1.	Central Hall. as C, or No. 2.
No. 1	Edward Morrissey.....	\$102,000	\$103,000
2	R. L. Darragh.....	122,220	123,669
3	T. W. Rollins.....	135,076	136,926
4	Owen Moran and Lancelot W. Armstrong.....	94,843	95,443
5	Richard Deeves.....	103,947	105,384
6	Franklin P. Nesbit.....	133,650	135,000
7	Fettretch & Barr.....	113,380	112,880
8	Weeks & Brother.....	118,400	118,800
9	P. K. & J. A. Horgan.....	104,535	105,807
10	James Fettretch.....	99,781	100,000
11	D. C. Weeks & Son.....	120,300	122,200

The COMPTROLLER having then retired, the Board organized in Special Session, pursuant to the following call of the President:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,

August 12th, 1874.

Mr. ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary:

Sir,—You will call a meeting of the Board for Friday next, the 14th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of any business that may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed), H. G. STEBBINS,

President.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 11th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From J. W. Maclay, Prin. Asst. C. and T. Engineer, submitting a revised map of the "North End" above Inwood street, dated "New York, August 11, 1874," and signed by said engineer; and also presenting a report on the street system, topography, &c., of the aforesaid district.

Also from John J. Serrell, Consulting Engineer, approving of said map.

(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 52.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications, together with the map of the "North End," just submitted, be laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

From W. P. Letchworth, Portageville, offering to donate a pair of Ursus Americanus.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the offer be accepted.

Adopted.

From the Landscape Architect in reference to the drainage of the Astor Place urinal, in view of the proposed restoration of water-closets in said structure.

(Minutes, October 11, 1873, p. 333.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that so much of said communication as refers to the substitution of a ten-inch pipe with a trap for the six-inch pipe, be accepted and adopted, and that the remainder 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Disbursing Clerk, requesting leave of absence from the 22d inst. to the 31st inst., and asking that Mr. Conklin be authorized to act in his place during said time.

The PRESIDENT moved that said request be granted, and that Mr. Conklin be so authorized.

Adopted.

From Brown, Brothers & Co., giving list of insurances on the collections of the Museum of Natural History effected by the Treasurer of said Museum.

Laid on the table.

From the Engineer of Construction, in reference to the manner in which Richard Foley is conducting his work in connection with the improvement of Third avenue.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1874, p. 74.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication, and the whole subject therein mentioned, be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the proceedings, adopting the map showing the position to be occupied by the railroad tracks on Third avenue, of July 8, 1874, page 135 of the Minutes, be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered the following :

Resolved, That said map be rejected in consequence of errors of the surveyor, and that the map entitled "map showing the position to be occupied by the railroad track on Third avenue, between 164th street and the old town line of Morrisania," dated August 11, 1874, and signed by Wm. H. Grant, Engineer Bureau of Construction, and E. C. Morrison, be adopted in lieu thereof and filed.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a statement, signed by the Engineer in charge of construction, and E. C. Morrison, Engineer, showing the amount of work done by the contractor James Hall, in grading Third avenue, and recommending that he be paid \$8,000 on account, and then moved that said amount be paid.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1874, p. 74.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Captain Koster, submitting a letter of thanks addressed by him to C. J. Theriott, of 171 Broadway, for aiding in the arrest and conviction of two men for insulting ladies in Central Park, and requesting permission to forward the same.

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission be granted.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Engineer in charge of construction had verbally reported to him on the subject of the non-payment of awards to owners of property on the line of Third avenue, Morrisania, and further stated that he had written to the Comptroller in relation thereto.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1874, p. 198.)

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.30 A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 14th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Health Department, forwarding copies of the Sanitary Inspector's reports regarding Mill Brook and Kingsbridge road, north of bridge.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had referred said reports to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, in relation to the recent proposals for the granite and mason work of a portion of the Art Museum.

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 8) of John Hogan for the

granite work of a portion of the building for the Museum of Art be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to said John Hogan for the east elevation complete, as B, the west elevation complete, as C, and the Central Hall complete, as B, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, p. 160, and Aug. 14th, 1874, p. 199.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON also offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 4) of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, for the mason work of a portion of the building for the Museum of Art, be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to them for the Central Hall complete, as B or No. 1, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, p. 161, and Aug. 14th, 1874, p. 200.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Mr. E. C. Morrison, Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, submitting a copy of

the instructions given him by the late President of the Department, as contained in his communications of January 2d and 28th, 1874, and also a copy of his letter to the late President, of the latter date.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Morrison had been appointed by the Board of Trustees of the late town of Morrisania, prior to the 1st January last, as town engineer in charge of the work of grading, &c., of a number of streets in the Twenty-third Ward, which had been let out to contractors, and that certain stipulated fees, and not at a regular salary, had been fixed for this work by the said trustees. That the cost of the work on these streets is to be paid by assessment. That since January 1st, 1874, and since his appointment as an employé of the Department, Mr. Morrison has continued in charge of said works, and has employed professional assistance to enable him to do so. That it having been suggested it would not be legal for him to receive compensation for this work, while at the same time drawing salary as an employé, he desired to have his position definitely determined.

(Minutes, Jan. 19th, 1874, p. 530, and May 20th, 1874, p. 42.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that the whole subject be referred to Mr. Stewart and Mr. Williamson, to examine and report.

Adopted.

From Mr. Richard Foley, offering to resign the position of Engineer in charge of the work on Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, if paid for the work he has already performed.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1874, p. 190.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had, on the 14th inst., discharged Mr. Foley, and notified him that the Department would hold him liable for all damages arising out of his failure to comply with his contract, and moved that his action in the premises be approved and ratified.

(Minutes, August 14th, 1874, p. 202.)

Adopted.

From Mr. Richard Deeves, asking that he be allowed to remove the temporary bridge at the "Inscope Arch," and submitting the opinions of several contractors and others familiar with the custom in such cases.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Deeves had obtained a temporary injunction from the Courts preventing the Department from removing said bridge, and that he now desired to have the matter amicably adjusted. He then moved that said communication he referred to Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect—(who was familiar both with the custom in such cases and with the preliminary arrangements made in this case), for his report.

(Minutes, July 9th, 1873, p. 96.)

Adopted.

From Messrs. Alex. Frey, Saml. Oliver and P. J. McGuire, as a committee on behalf of citizens asking permission to use Tompkins Square and the music stand therein, for the purpose of holding a mass meeting on Monday, the 31st inst., at 7 o'clock P. M.

The PRESIDENT moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS in account with D. B. WILLIAMSON, Treas.

1874.	OR.	
July 14.	By balance.....	\$40 00
July 14 } to } Aug. 19. }	" cash received from rents, licenses and sundries.....	3,581 91
		\$3,621 91
1874.	DR.	
July 14 } to } Aug. 17. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$3,115 46
Aug. 19.	" balance.....	506 45
		\$3,621 91

(Signed)

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

New York, August 19, 1874.
9.30 A. M.

The PRESIDENT moved that the consideration of the map of the "North End," laid over at the last meeting, be further laid over for one week.

(Minutes, August 14th, 1874, p. 201.)

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M. to meet at 4.15 o'clock P. M. this day.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4.15 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of this date was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Landscape Architect, submitting a report of the Engineer, which states that the tracks of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company on said avenue have been laid from Fifty-ninth to Eighty-sixth street, in direct continuation of the lines heretofore adopted by said company, and that a gang of men is working between Eighty-sixth street and Ninetieth street.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1874, p. 191.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then called up the question of determining the position of the track of said railroad, whereupon,

(Minutes, August, 11th, 1874, page 191.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That it is hereby determined that the permanent position of the track of the Eighth Avenue Railroad, between the Circle and 110th street, shall be at a distance of three feet between the nearest rail of said track and the easterly curb line of the said avenue, as determined by resolution of this Board of 14th July, 1874.

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

Resolved, That permission is hereby given the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company to retain in its present position so much of their track as is now laid west of the easterly curb line of said avenue until otherwise ordered.

Mr. STEWART moved that said resolutions and said subject be laid over until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and that the President be requested to notify the President of said railroad company that the subject would be then finally determined.

Adopted.

From Mr. Fordham Morris, requesting that colored lights be placed on the draw of the Third avenue bridge, over the Harlem river, so that vessels passing at night would be informed as to whether the draw is open or closed.

Also from the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, recommending the suggestion.

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then moved that the Superintendent be directed to place an oil lamp at each end of the draw in the Third avenue bridge, one colored green and one red, and that same be lighted every night from dusk until daylight the next morning.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Mr. Ernest Hall, Secretary of the Commission for opening St. Ann's Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, appointed under Chap. 707, Laws of 1869, stating that the Treasurer of said Commission has the sum of about \$4,000 in his hands, the proceeds of the sale of certain houses taken in the opening of said avenue, and forwarding the opinion of the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, that said sums should be assessed back to the property owners, and that said Commission, with the concurrence of this Department, has the authority to do so.

Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated he was informed by the Landscape Architect that the urinal ordered to be erected near Winterdale Arch, Central Park, was completed, and that the foundations were prepared for a fourth one, and moved that a wire gauze urinal for six persons, of the pattern supplied by Mr. Bacharach, be ordered, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, to replace one of the old brick urinals, to be designated by the Landscape Architect.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, p. 158.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of the undermentioned members of the park keepers' force, verbally reported as follows :—

Gate-keeper J. L. Rooney, found guilty of entering a drinking saloon in uniform, and being intoxicated when returning from duty, on the 12th inst., and the other charges specified in the captain's report.

Recommended to be fined ten days' pay, and notified that his previous good record alone saved him from dismissal.

Park-keeper Samuel T. Munson, found guilty of entering a drinking saloon when on duty and in uniform, on the 12th inst., and the other charges specified in the captain's report.

Recommended to be fined ten days' pay.

Special Keeper M. J. Kelly, found guilty of being absent from his post while on duty on the 12th inst.

Recommended to be fined one day's pay.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report and recommendations be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at six o'clock P. M., to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, the 20th inst.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING.—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

The reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings of the 19th inst. was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had given Mr. George Law, President of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company, notice in writing that the subject of finally fixing the locality of the track of said road on said avenue would be determined at this meeting, and asked his attendance. That Mr. Law had replied by letter this morning that he was unable to attend on account of a prior engagement.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 212.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon called up the following resolutions offered on the 19th inst., namely :

Resolved, That it is hereby determined that the permanent position of the track of the Eighth Avenue Railroad, between the Circle and 110th street, shall be at a distance of three feet between the nearest rail of said track and the easterly curb-line of the said avenue, as determined by resolution of this Board of 14th July, 1874.

Resolved, That permission is hereby given the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company to retain in its present position so much of their track as is now laid west of the easterly curb-line of said avenue, until otherwise ordered.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 212.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON and Mr. STEWART, to whom was referred the bill presented by Mr. James R. Angel, amounting to \$1,433.40, for legal services rendered to the late commissioners appointed under Chap. 545, Laws 1872, and disbursements connected therewith, verbally reported that they had examined said bill and recommended that said bill be audited and allowed at the sum of \$908.40.

(Minutes, July 14th, 1874, p. 143, and Aug. 11th, 1874, p. 190.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The TREASURER, to whom was referred the bill of Graham & Co., for the keep during the month of June of the horse and wagon assigned to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, verbally reported that although said horse and wagon could be kept at the

stables of the Department, yet that such a course would necessitate the hiring of an extra man, and that he was informed by the Superintendent that the cost to the Department would be about the same whether the horse was kept at the stables or at livery, and he therefore recommended the payment of said bill.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1874, pp. 191, 192.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A.M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1874.

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, N. Y. }
24th August, 1874.

Mr. WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P. :

SIR,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., to take action on the map of the North End, and such other business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the three previous meetings of the 19th and 20th insts., were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT stated that since the call for the meeting was issued he had been informed by the Principal Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, that the map of the North End would not be ready for the action of the Board for another week, and moved that the subject be laid over until the next regular meeting.

(Minutes, August 19, 1874, p. 209.)

Adopted.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, stating that the appropriation for "printing, stationery, &c.," is such, as not to warrant the printing of the third annual report of this Department being proceeded with.

Filed.

From the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, recommending that the materials constituting the temporary bridge at the Inscope Arch be delivered to Mr. Richard Deeves on his signing a consent to discontinue, without costs, the proceedings commenced by him.

Also from Mr. Calvert Vaux, giving it as his opinion, that according to the custom in such cases, the said materials belonged to Mr. Deeves, the contractor.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 208.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communications be received and filed, and that the President be requested to carry out the recommendations of the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Superintendent, reporting that upwards of thirty sparrows had died in Madison Square, after eating some bread that had been placed under the trees.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had sent some of the bread which was found, and one or two of the sparrows, to a chemist, with a view of ascertaining whether the birds had been poisoned, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

From Mr. Frederick Ransome, stating that he is now in a position to undertake the construction of park walls with the patent "Ransome stone."

(Minutes, July 29th, 1874, p. 175.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that several offers for the privilege of taking the ice on the Pool and Loch, Central Park, during the coming winter had been made, and that the offer of Mr. C. V. Hough of \$400 was the highest. He therefore moved that said privilege be granted to said C. V. Hough on his paying to the Treasurer the sum offered by him.

(Minutes, Aug. 10th, 1874, p. 184, and Aug. 11th, 1874, p. 189.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. 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.....	Maintenance.....		\$207 50
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	Construction.....		113 32
Dodworth's Band, music... ..	Maintenance.....		640 00
Deeves & Parry, labor and material..	Construction.....		6,500 00
Eckel & Imhoff, repairs to instrument.	Laying out, Monu- menting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874....		27 00
Gatchell, A. S., rubber hose.....	Maintenance.....		180 00
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber.....	Maint'nce of Bridges		556 20
Greene, Geo. S., petty expenses.....	Laying out, Monu- menting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874....		5 80
Gifford & Beach, carriage hardware..	Maintenance.....		33 89
Fischer, Geo., & Bro., labor and ma- terials.....	Construction.....		290 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maint'nce of Bridges	\$117 00	
	Maintenance.....	224 25	
			341 25
Kohler & Perkins, screened gravel...	Maintenance.....		950 00
Lorenz & Wiegand, plants.....	Construction.....		30 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at Arsenal.....	Maintenance.....		50 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, sink and iron wheels.....	Maintenance.....		18 10
McHugh, John F., awning.....	Maintenance.....		65 00
Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber.....	Maintenance.....		198 15
Meyer, Aug., blue stone flags.....	Maintenance, 23d & 24th Wards.....		43 20
Patent Water & Gas Pipe Co., iron pipes.....	Maintenance.....		14 70
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., hardware...	Maintenance 23d & 24th Wards.....		9 30
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c.....	Maintenance.....	\$12 60	
	Construction.....	20 00	
			32 60
Terry, J. J., vegetables.....	Maintenance.....		24 00
Simpson, A., bread.....	Maintenance.....		79 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk....	Maintenance.....		16 32
Vaux, C., services.....	Construction.....		200 00
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			\$10,625 33
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance	\$2,713 51
Construction.....	7,153 32
Maintenance of H. R. bridges.....	673 20
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	52 50
Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	32 80
	\$10,625 33
	\$10,625 33

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty-three cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, August 19, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 10.45 o'clock A.M., to meet on Friday, the 28th inst., at 9.30 o'clock

A. M.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 26th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Comptroller of the city of New York, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted on July 31st, 1874, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, requesting that the departmental estimates of this Department, for the year 1875, be furnished to said Board on or before the first day of September, 1874.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had the estimates nearly prepared, and read a draft letter which he proposed to send to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment with them. After discussion of the subject,

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

From the Health Department with reference to the sanitary condition of the Urinals, &c., in the cottage, Union square.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to examine and report.

From the Engineer in charge of the 23d and 24th Wards, forwarding a bill of Frederick Titus, for services as draw-tender at the draw-bridge on the Bronx river, from January 1st, 1874, to August 1st, 1874, amounting to \$87.50.

Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

From Mr. Peter Zink, who states that he is the assignee of the contractor for grading Concord avenue in the 23d Ward, asking that the time for the completion of said work be extended until May 1st, 1875.

Also from the Engineer in charge of the 23d and 24th Wards, with reference to the same subject.

Referred to Mr. Stewart to examine and report.

From Messrs. M. J. O'Connor, John Coughlin and James Gennings, a committee of operative masons, with respect to the contract for the mason work of a portion of the Museum of Art.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 206.)

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT reported that the suit commenced by Mr. Richard Deeves, in relation to the temporary bridge at the Inscope Arch, had been discontinued without costs, and he had given orders to allow Mr. Deeves to remove the materials of said temporary bridge, and moved that his action be approved by the Board.

(Minutes, Aug. 26th, 1874, p. 220.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had, on the 20th inst., given the President of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company, notice of the action of the Department concerning the position to be occupied by the track of said company, but that he is informed by the Engineer of the Department that said company continues to lay said track in direct continuation with that heretofore laid.

(Minutes, August 20th, 1874, p. 215.)

After considerable debate and discussion of the matter,

Mr. STEWART moved that the President be instructed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to commence proceedings to restrain the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company from laying their track on Eighth avenue, adjacent to the Central Park, in violation of the resolutions of this Board respecting 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be directed to procure a suitable copy of the New York Code of Procedure, for the use 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet to-morrow, the 29th inst., at 9 o'clock.

A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The PRESIDENT reported, that on instructing the Counsel to the Corporation to commence proceedings to restrain the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company from laying their track otherwise than determined by this Department, he had been advised by the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation that the best course would be to commence a suit to compel said company to remove their rails to the position determined by this Department, and not to seek for an injunction.

(Minutes, August 28th, 1874, p. 227.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that the Engineer of the Department be directed to prepare a map or plan of the Eighth Avenue, from the Circle to 110th Street, showing the position of the Eighth Avenue Railroad track thereon, as determined by this Department, and submit the same at the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, August 20th, 1874, p. 215.)

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 9.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Monday, the 31st inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31st, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 26th, 28th and 29th inst., were read and approved.

The Engineer of the Department was then received, and submitted two similar maps or plans showing the position of the Eighth Avenue Railroad track as determined by this Department, where on the most westerly rail of said track is shown to be fifteen feet west of the easterly curb line, and the most easterly rail three feet west of said easterly curb line.

Mr. STEWART thereupon offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the said maps or plans now submitted, dated “August 31st, 1874,” and signed “John Bogart, Engineer Department of Public Parks,” showing the location of the track of the Eighth Avenue Railroad on Eighth Avenue from the Circle to One hundred and tenth street, as determined by this Department, be, and the same are hereby adopted, and the location of said track on said portion of said avenue is hereby fixed and determined as thereon shown.

Resolved, That the President cause one of said maps or

plans to be filed in this Department, and that he transmit the other to the Department of Public Works.

(Minutes August 29th, 1874, p. 229.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the permission given the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company to retain in its present position so much of their track as was laid west of the easterly curb line of said avenue, on August 20th, 1874, be, and the same is hereby, withdrawn.

(Minutes August 20th, 1874, p. 216.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The following communications were presented and read.

From His Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor, as Chairman of the Board of City Record, forwarding a bill of the *New York Evening Post*, for printing for this Department in April, 1873, amounting to \$151.50, and which had been sent to the Finance Department, on the 9th July, 1873.

(Minutes, July 9th, 1873, p. 94.)

Filed.

From Mr. Wm. G. Boggs, of the *N. Y. Evening Post*, asking that all bills that have been audited by this Department, and payable to the *New York Evening Post*, be sent to the Board of City Record.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the Secretary to comply with the request of Mr. Boggs, so far as the bills of 1874 are concerned, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Mr. John Everett, for watering Central or Jerome Avenue, from the 1st to the 10th July, amounting to \$288, and moved that it be referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

(Minutes, July 14th, 1874, p. 147.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART, who had been designated by the President to conduct the trial of Park-keeper John Steinert, on a charge of neglect of duty in not promptly relieving Park-keeper Frederick Vanni, reported verbally that he found him guilty, and recommended that he be reprimanded.

That it appeared in the course of the examination that Park-keeper Vanni left his beat before he was relieved, and that the Captain does not require the park-keepers to remain on their beats until relieved by the officer next coming on duty, but allows them to return to the Museum if, as the Captain stated, they were not relieved within a reasonable time; he therefore recommended that Park-keeper Vanni be censured for leaving his beat before being relieved, and that the Captain be also censured for not enforcing proper discipline.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report and recommendations be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 5.45 o'clock P. M.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 31st, 1874, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, in relation to the temporary employment of a competent person to supervise the building of the bridge on Third avenue, in Morrisania.

Referred to Mr. Stewart and Mr. Williamson to examine and report.

From the Captain of Police, submitting the report of the Sergeant detailed to attend the mass meeting held in Tompkins Square, on the 31st ultimo.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 208.)

Filed.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting the report of the

Engineer on the repairs to the sea-wall at the Battery, and recommending that application be made to the Common Council for authority to undertake the repairs of the wall by days work.

(Minutes, May 6th, 1874, p. 3, and June 25th, 1874, p. 112)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be accepted, and that the President be requested to make immediate application to the Common Council for the authority to repair said sea-wall, by days work or otherwise, as shall seem to the Commissioners of this Department to be for the best interests of the city.

Adopted.

Mr. 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.

Allen, R. H., & Co., lawn scythes...Maintenance....		\$32 00
Angel, Jas. R., services.....Imp't Third avenue, Morrisania, Chap. 329, Laws 1874.....		908 40
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., hardware.....Maintenance.....	\$34 75	
	Maint'nce of Bridges.	3 00
		<hr/> 37 75
Cooper, Hewit & Co., galv'd wire....Maintenance.....		48 10
Crommelin, Wm. H., 8th avenue wall stone.....Construction.....		1,242 60
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., marline... Maintenance.....		5 60
Dodworth's Band, music.....Maintenance.....		445 00
Day's Vulcanite Pavement Co., pave- ment.....Construction.....		730 00
Frith & Hinchman, brick and cement. Construction.....	\$333 00	
	Maintenance, 23d & 24th Wards.....	33 70
		<hr/> 366 70

Harmer, Hays & Co., thread.....	Maintenance.....		\$2 70
Irwin, William, petty expenses.....	Maintenance.....	\$25 24	
	Construction.....	35 87	
	Maintenance, 23d & 24th Wards.....	1 45	
		<hr/>	62 56
Kohler & Perkins, screened gravel..	Maintenance.....		950 00
Moffat, David, & Co., leather.....	Maintenance.....		8 74
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas, July.	Maintenance.....		330 03
Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber....	Maintenance, 23d & 24th Wards.....		96 42
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, walk boxes..	Construction.....		49 20
McNab & Harlin, Mf'g Co., plumbing materials.....	Construction.....		5 07
New York Cement Co., cement.....	Maintenance.....	\$58 70	
	Construction.....	740 80	
		<hr/>	799 50
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maintenance.....	\$937 75	
	Construction.....	132 00	
		<hr/>	1,069 75
Olm Brothers, plants.....	Construction.....		63 50
Pratt, Chas., & Co., oil.....	Maintenance.....	\$5 14	
	Construction.....	3 40	
	Maint'nce of Bridges	36	
		<hr/>	8 90
Park & Tilford, disinfectant.....	Maintenance.....		6 00
Roosevelt, Sam'l, & Co., hardware..	Maintenance.....		14 82
Deeves & Parry, labor and matls..	Construction.....		7,000 00
Rollins, True W., labor and granite.	Museum of Nat. History		2,000 00
Rollins, True W., labor and iron...	Museum of Nat. History		2,000 00
Rollins, True W., labor and granite.	Museum of Nat. History		6,250 00
Stewart & Co., vitrified pipe.....	Construction.....		71 50
Seymour, W. N., & Co., hardware...	Maintenance.....		12 74
Thorburn, Jas. M., & Co., evergreen trees.....	Construction.....		694 10
Terwilliger & Co., services.....	Maint. 23d & 24 W'ds.		25 00
Vaux, C., superintendence.....	Museum Nat. History..		400 00
Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., stone and labor.....	Construction.....		12,118 45
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and ma- terials.....	Museum Nat. History		7,333 00
Watrous & Wilson, lumber.....	Maintenance.....		111 00
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			<u>\$45,299 13</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance	\$3,028 31
Maintenance of Harlem River bridges.....	3 36
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	156 57
Construction.....	23,219 49
Construction Museum of Natural History.....	17,983 00
Improvement 3d ave., Morrisania, Chap. 329, Laws 1874...	908 40
	————— \$45,299 13

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-five thousand two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and thirteen cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, September 1st, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1874.	CR.	
Aug. 19.	By balance.....	\$506 45
Aug. 19 } to	“ cash received from rents, licenses and sun-	
Sept. 2 }	dries.....	696 10
		————— \$1,202 55

1874.		DR.	
Aug. 19 } to } Sept. 2 }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$1,194 80
Sept. 2.	“ balance.....		7 75
		—————	\$1,202 55
	(Signed)	DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,	
		<i>Treasurer, D. P. P.</i>	

New York, Sept. 2, 1874.
9.30 A. M.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Principal Assistant of the Civil and Topographical Engineer was ill and unable to attend, and therefore moved that the consideration of the North End map be adjourned until the next regular meeting.
(Minutes, August 26th, 1874, p. 219.)

Adopted.

The TREASURER presented two requisitions from the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, for material required for the repairs of Central and Third avenue Bridges, and stated that the appropriation for this purpose was nearly exhausted.
(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 46.)

The PRESIDENT stated that in the estimates for 1875, an appropriation has been asked for this purpose, but that as it appeared that immediate repairs were necessary, he made an application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for \$5,000 to be expended during the remainder of this year, and moved that his action be approved, and that said requisitions be laid on the table until the answer of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is received.

Adopted.

The TREASURER presented an account of sales of the late auction, rendered by Messrs. Gerard, Betts & Co., auctioneers, showing—

Total amount sales	\$2,265 67
Expenses, commission, &c.	662 44
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Net proceeds	\$1,603 23

and stated that as the expenses, &c., seemed to be too large, he declined to settle with the auctioneers without the authority of the Board.

The PRESIDENT moved that said account of sales be referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 10.45 o'clock A.M., to meet this afternoon at 4.45 o'clock P. M.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4.45 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of this date was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, requesting that he be paid the further sum of \$2,000 on account of his commission for the preparation of the working plans of the Museum of Art.

(Minutes, Nov. 20th, 1873, p. 412, and Sept. 4th, 1872, p. 503.)

Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

From the Engineer, recommending that a surveyor and an axeman be temporarily employed in connection with the works now in progress.

Laid on the table.

From Rev. Albert S. Hull, Rector of Trinity Church, Morrisania, and others, requesting that Delmonico Place, in the 23d Ward, be opened, extended and graded, and that the name

“Delmonico Place” be changed to its original name of “Grove Avenue.”

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to examine and report.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday the 4th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of September 2d, 1874, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding bills from the following members of his corps, viz.: R. L. Cooke, J. J. R. Croes, C. R. Schott, G. A. Cushing, S. B. Smith, F. Griffenberg, E. L. Heusner, M. Cox, J. C. Halsted, T. Fox, S. F. Boggs and F. W. Brown, for interest on the deferred payments of their salaries, in pursuance of Sec. 8, Chap. 604, Laws of 1874.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be directed to forward said bills to the Finance Department for adjustment.

Adopted.

From the Captain of Police, with relation to the action of the Board in censuring him for not enforcing proper discipline.

(Minutes, Aug. 31st, 1874, p. 233.)

Filed.

The TREASURER, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, requesting that he be paid the further sum of \$2,000 on account of his commission for the preparation of working plans of the Museum of Art, verbally reported, recommending the adoption by the Board of the following preamble and resolution, namely :

Whereas, it appears by the resolution, adopted by the Board governing this Department on the 4th day of September, 1872, that Calvert Vaux, Architect, was to be paid the commission therein named, from time to time, as the building for the Museum of Art progressed ; and inasmuch as the progress of said building has been unavoidably delayed by the action of the Board, therefore it is

Resolved, That the application of Mr. Calvert Vaux for a further payment of \$2,000 on account of the working drawings and plans of said building be granted, and that he be paid said amount.

(Minutes, Sept. 2, 1874, p. 241.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said report be accepted, and that the preamble and resolution 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The TREASURER, to whom was referred the bill of Mr. John Everett for watering Central or Jerome avenue, from the 1st to the 10th July, presented a report recommending the payment of said bill.

(Minutes, August 31st, 1874, p. 233.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT moved that the communication of the Engineer, presented at the last meeting, be taken from the table.
(Minutes; Sept. 2d, 1874, p. 241.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Engineer be authorized to employ temporarily, and as occasion may require, one of his former assistants, to act as Surveyor for the purposes mentioned in said communication, who shall be paid, only for such time as he is actually employed, at the rate of \$5 per day ; and that the Superintendent be directed to detail to the Engineer a suitable laborer to act as axeman, who shall be paid \$2.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock m., to meet at the call of the President.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—4 o'clock P. M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square, N. Y. }
8th September, 1874.

Mr. WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.:

SIR,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for Thursday, the 10th instant, at 4 o'clock P. M., to transact such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 4th instant were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read:

From the Health Department, in relation to the condition of Elton avenue and Bayard street, in the Twenty-third ward.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had referred the subject to the Engineer in charge of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, to examine and report, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

From the Assistant Board of Aldermen, relative to a committee of their Board appointed to examine the mode of transacting business in the various Departments, and to ascertain to what extent the Corporation is presumably held liable by contracts made with the term "Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty" as party therein.

Filed.

From the Engineer, reporting that the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company were continuing to lay their track on Eighth avenue, between the Circle and 110th street, and that neither of their track is in the position designated upon the map adopted by the Board, determining the positions of the track.

(Minutes, August 31st, 1874, p. 231.)

Filed.

After consideration of the subject, Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, directed to notify the Counsel to the Corporation to forthwith institute legal proceedings against the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company, to compel the said company to remove its present track, between the Circle and 110th street, and to re-lay the same in conformity with the plans and resolutions heretofore adopted and passed by this Board.

(Minutes, August 29th, 1874, p. 229.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Mr. Wm. H. Grant, the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, requesting that his name be returned on the pay-rolls for this month for \$179.55, being a balance due to him on the pay-roll for December, 1873, as Civil and Topographical Engineer.

The TREASURER stated that the December pay-roll on which Mr. Grant was placed for portion of his pay, was paid by him out of the proceeds of bonds issued by the late town of Kingsbridge. That there were not sufficient funds to pay the whole roll, and that consequently Mr. Grant was only paid part of his salary, leaving a balance, which is still due.

That this balance is now properly payable out of the proceeds of bonds issued by the Comptroller in pursuance of Sec. 8, Chap. 604, Laws of 1874.

Mr. STEWART thereupon moved that the Auditing Committee be authorized and directed to audit the bill of the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, when presented by him, for the balance of pay due him for December, 1873.

Adopted.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, submitting specifications for the slating of the building for the Museum of Natural History, and recommending that same be contracted for as soon as possible.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT moved that said specifications be approved and adopted; 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Mr. J. W. Mould, Architect, submitting an estimate made by Messrs. Smith & Crane, at \$700 per case, as the cost of cases for the American Museum of Natural History.

Laid on the table.

From the Engineer in charge of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, forwarding a letter from Mr. C. Wheatly, Secretary of the Jerome Park Association, with reference to the watering of Jerome or Central avenue during the approaching race meeting at Jerome Park.

Referred to the President, with a request that he inform Mr. Wheatly that it is not possible to water the avenue this autumn, as the appropriation for that purpose is exhausted.

From the Property Park Clerk, in reference to notices on Central Park concerning lost property.

Referred to the President.

From Mr. Thomas C. Cornell, forwarding a copy of the opinion of Mr. M. H. Ellis, Counsel of the City of Yonkers, to the effect that no street can be opened in that portion of the City of Yonkers, covered by Chap. 534, Laws of 1871, until the map establishing the location of the streets is first filed by this Department.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had sent said copy opinion

to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice in the matter, and moved that the subject be laid on the table for the present.

Adopted.

From Messrs. Richard H. Teller and Charles H. Watson, sureties of the contractor for grading Concord avenue, Twenty-third ward, requesting that the time for the completion of the contract be extended until 1st June, 1875.

(Minutes, August 28th, 1874, p. 226.)

Referred to Mr. Stewart.

From the Metropolitan Gas-light Company, with reference to the bills of said Company for gas furnished the Central Park Arsenal (Museum) from September to December, 1873, inclusive.

Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

The PRESIDENT presented two bills rendered by the Department of Public Works for Croton Water supplied to the Central Park during 1873 and 1874, each amounting to \$266.75.

The matter having been considered, and it appearing that such a demand has never heretofore been made, and also that there is no appropriation out of which to pay said bills.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be requested to notify the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works that this Department has no funds out of which said bills can be paid.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that, owing to the condition of the ap-

propriation for the maintenance of the Parks, he did not consider it expedient to continue the music on the parks, and he had therefore directed that it be discontinued after the 12th inst., and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

The TREASURER, to whom was referred the account of sales rendered by Messrs. Gerard, Betts & Co., auctioneers, reported that an amended account of sales had been furnished making a deduction in the expenses, &c., of \$182.82, and recommended that he be authorized to accept Messrs. Gerard, Betts & Co.'s check for \$1,786.08 in full of nett proceeds of sale, and that whenever this Department shall have any property to dispose of at auction, other auctioneers be employed, and that hereafter more care be exercised in ascertaining, in advance, what the charges will be.

(Minutes, September 2d, 1874, p. 240.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendations therein adopted, and that Messrs. Gerard, Betts & Co. be notified of the determination of the Board not to employ them in future.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect submitted the specifications for the stone-work of a fountain in Madison square, in accordance with the plans heretofore adopted.

(Minutes, June 17th, 1874, p. 93.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said specifications be approved and adopted, 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*—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The Landscape Architect presented a report with reference to the sanitary condition of the urinals, &c., in the Cottage on Union square, and recommended :

1st. That the water supply to the urinals be increased by an additional pipe, which shall be used for the upper floor, leaving the present one exclusively for the lower floor.

2d. That the waste pipes be cleared of all obstructions, deposits and incrustations.

3d. That a piece of carbolic soap be kept constantly in the pans of the urinals, and that they be washed at least once a day with lye water.

4th. That the Superintendent be directed to be more exacting with the attendants, and that he make it their duty to report immediately when the means supplied them are insufficient to keep the closets and urinals wholly free from continued offensive odors.

(Minutes, Aug. 28th, 1874, p. 226.)

Accepted.

The PRESIDENT thereupon offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That an additional supply of water be provided for the closets and urinals of the Union square Lodge, as recommended by the Landscape Architect, and that the pans and pipes be thoroughly cleared of all obstructions and deposits.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to cause the pans of all urinals to be washed daily with lye

water, and to keep pieces of carbohc soap in them constantly; that he be also directed to require the attendants on all urinals to keep them scrupulously clean, and make it their duty to report immediately when the means provided them for doing so are insufficient.

Resolved, That the Superintending Architect be, and he hereby is, directed to examine and report forthwith the condition of all the urinals in the public parks and places.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect verbally reported upon the application of Mr. John D. Voorhis, requesting the Department to flag the sidewalk on the Circle between Eighth avenue and Broadway. He submitted a communication from the Engineer, estimating the cost of the work at \$1,500, and also one from Mr. W. H. Cauvet, architect, on behalf of Mr. Voorhis, offering to bear all expenses of the laying of said sidewalk in excess of \$1,000, and he recommended that the said sidewalk be laid upon the conditions proposed by Mr. Voorhis; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposition of Mr. John D. Voorhis, with regard to the flagging of the sidewalk of the Circle between Eighth avenue and Broadway, be referred to the President, with power to make suitable arrangements for the laying of the pavement as proposed, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

(Minutes, June 25th, 1874, p. 107.)

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—Mr. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The Landscape Architect then recommended that certain works of construction be directed to be proceeded with, when, after consideration of the matter,

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following construction works be proceeded with and completed forthwith, namely :

1st. The alterations near the fourth transverse road in Central Park.

2d. Changes of walks near Eighth avenue and Eighty-fifth street, in the Central Park.

(See Document No. 59, p. 4.)

3d. The two triangles on the Boulevard at Sixty-third and Sixty-sixth streets.

4th. The proper setting of the curb line on Eighth avenue, from the Circle to Sixty-sixth street.

(Minutes, July 29, 1874, p. 167.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The Landscape Architect submitted a sketch modifying the plan of the Plaza at Fifty-eighth street, Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, and recommended that the Plaza be changed as shown thereon, and that the whole Plaza be flagged with concrete flagging, in accordance with specifications which he also submitted.

(Minutes, June 17th, 1874, p. 95.)

After discussion and consideration of the subject,

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Plaza at Fifty-eighth street, Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, be changed in accordance with the plan or sketch now submitted by the Landscape Architect, signed, "Frederick Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect, and dated 10th September, 1874."

That the specifications submitted for the flagging of said Plaza be approved and adopted, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that by a clerical error in the Minutes, on pages 199 and 206, the end elevations of the Museum of Art building are called end elevation as "B" and "C," whereas they should have been called as "A" and "C," and he therefore offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Minutes of August 14th, 1874, page 199 be amended by substituting the words "end elevation as A," in place of "end elevation as B," and that the Minutes of August 19th, 1874, page 206, be amended by substituting on the fourth line of said page the words "as A," in place of "as B."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 6.30 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 10th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the application of Rev. Albert S. Hull and others, with reference to Delmonico place.

(Minutes, September 2d, 1874, p. 241.)

Laid on the table.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, stating that the flooring of the Central Bridge (McComb's Dam) is in a dangerous condition, and that, in consequence of the great increase of travel anticipated during the coming race week at Jerome Park, it is necessary repairs to the amount of \$500 should be made at once.

Also from the Superintendent, stating that either the repairs will have to be made, or the bridge closed.

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then moved that the flooring of said Central Bridge be repaired at an expense not exceeding \$500; and that the President be directed to write to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and request immediate action on the application of this Department for \$5,000 for the repairs of Central and Third Avenue Bridges, and at the same time inform said board, that if the means for that purpose are not provided, the Central Bridge will have to be closed.

(Minutes, September 2d, 1874, p. 239.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, recommending that the old and useless planks taken out of the Central Bridge, in the process of repairs, be sold.

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said old planks be sold at public auction.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the consideration of the map of the North End, above Inwood street, which was adjourned to this meeting, be resumed.

(Minutes, September 2d, 1874, p. 239.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then presented a supplemental report from

the Principal Assistant of the Civil and Topographical Engineer with reference to said map, and also two letters from certain property owners approving of the map.

Accepted.

The PRESIDENT moved that said map and the reports thereon be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his approval.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had been informed by a gentleman, on behalf of Mr. Gordon W. Burnham, that he (Mr. Burnham) was now willing to present to the city a colossal statue of the late Daniel Webster, subject to the rules established by this Department for the acceptance of statues, if the Department would designate some suitable site in the Central Park where the Commissioners would be willing to locate such a statue if accepted by them.

(Minutes, August 10th, 1874, p. 183.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that the President, with the assistance of the Landscape Architect, be requested to select such a site, and to report the position of the same to the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then presented the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the right of Columbus Ryan to hold the position of Superintendent while holding a license from the Department to sell refreshments on the Central Park, wherein he holds that "Mr. Ryan has a legal right to his office with its salary, and also to the contract in question."

(Minutes, August 1st, 1874, p. 178.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the two special keepers placed on Third avenue bridge to be withdrawn, and restored to the gangs from which they were taken, as the appropriation for the maintenance of bridges would not admit of the expense, and moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes, June 17th, 1874, p. 88.)

Adopted.

Mr. 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., feed.....	Maintenance.....		\$637 64
Barron, Jas. S., & Co., mats, &c.....	Maintenance.....		8 50
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., files.....	Maintenance.....		23 75
Cartwright, Wm., vegetables.....	Maintenance.....		24 75
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Maintenance.....		445 00
Everett, John, sprinkling.....	Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....		288 00
Florence, William H., service.....	Maint'nce of Bridges.....		104 16
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maintenance.....	\$31 25	
	Construction.....	31 25	
			<hr/> 62 50
Hough, Chas. V., mould.....	Construction.....		523 53
Hazard Powder Co., fuse.....	Const. Mus. of Art.....	\$16 00	
	Construction.....	40 00	
			<hr/> 56 00
Harlem, Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maintenance.....		26 70
Irwin, Wm., petty cash.....	Maintenance.....	\$43 27	
	Construction.....	28 72	
	Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	6 37	
			<hr/> 78 36
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Construction.....		27 14

Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber.....	Construction.....	\$729 11	
	Maintenance.....	34 65	
	Maintenance Harlem River Bridge.....	48 55	
		<hr/>	\$812 31
Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials.	Construction.....		2 79
Phillipsburgh Mfg. Co., bolts, &c....	Maintenance Harlem Railroad Bridge...	\$25 65	
	Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	14 25	
		<hr/>	39 90
Page, Kidder & Flethér, cement....	Maintenance.....		860 28
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maintenance.....		937 75
Norris & Williams, plumbing and services.....	Maintenance.....	\$75 05	
	Construction.....	61 37	
		<hr/>	136 42
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas..	Construction.....	1 56	
	Maintenance.....	1,087 28	
		<hr/>	1,088 84
Slote & Janes, directories.....	Maintenance.....	5 50	
	Construction.....	11 00	
		<hr/>	16 50
Shute, William, & Co., vitrified pipe..	Maintenance.....		33 60
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c....	Maintenance.....	\$124 00	
	Construction.....	21 75	
		<hr/>	145 75
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., oil..	Construction.....	\$9 91	
	Maintenance.....	67 97	
		<hr/>	77 88
Simpson, A., bread, &c.....	Maintenance.....		81 27
Slattery, James, sand and stone....	Sea-wall at..... Battery.....		65 00
Tone, Theodore F., coal.....	Maintenance.....	\$875 55	
	Construction.....	651 75	
	Construction Museum of Art.....	13 95	
		<hr/>	1,541 25
Tracy, Daniel, filling.....	Construction.....		900 00

Vaux, Calvert, commission.	Construction Museum of Art.	\$2,000 00
Van Giesen, P., sprinkler.	Maintenance.	42 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent.	Maintenance, 23d & 24th Wards.	45 00
Walton Brothers, lanterns.	Maintenance H. R. Bridges.	5 00
Westchester Co. Gas-light Co., gas. .	Maint. of H. R. Bridges	64 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.	Maintenance.	41 00
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.	Construction.	172 86
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		\$11,415 43
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.	\$5,506 76
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.	353 62
Maintenance of Bridges.	247 36
Construction.	3,212 74
Construction, Museum of Art.	2,029 95
Sea-wall at Battery.	65 00
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	\$11,415 43
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand four hundred and fifteen dollars and forty-three cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, September 10, 1873.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1874.		CR.	
Sept. 3.	By balance.....		\$7 75
" 3 }	" cash received from rents, licenses and sun-		
to			
" 16. }	dry receipts.....	3,540	40
			<u>\$3,548 15</u>

1874.		DR.	
Sept. 3 }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$3,510	15
to			
" 16 }			
Sept. 16.	" balance.....	38	00
			<u>\$3,548 15</u>

(Signed)

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

New York, Sept. 16, 1874.

9.30 A. M.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23d, 1874.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

1st. The mason's and stone-cutter's work of the "Outset Arch."

2d. The carpenter's, painter's, and iron work of the same.

3. The mason's and stone-cutter's work of the "Gapstow Bridge."

4th. The carpenter's, painter's, and iron work of the same.

5th. Concrete flagging on Five Points park.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSENGER.

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

A quorum of the Commissioners of the Department not being present, the meeting was adjourned, to meet on Friday, the 25th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

The Board then organized in pursuance of the following call of the President :

266 [Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1874.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square, N. Y. }
21st September, 1874.

Mr. WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.:

SIR,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 23d instant, at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned to meet on Friday the 25th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1874.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

- 1st. The mason's and stonecutter's work of the " Outset Arch."
- 2d. The carpenter's, painter's and iron work of the same.
- 3d. The mason and stone-cutter's work of the " Gapstow Bridge."
- 4th. The carpenter's, painter's and iron work of the same.
- 5th. Concrete flagging on Five Points Park.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

The following proposals, which had been received, were then publicly opened :

I.—MASON AND STONE-CUTTER'S WORK.

Outset Arch.

- | | |
|---|------------|
| 1. D. C. Weeks & Son..... | \$7,649 00 |
| *2. Thomas Shannon and Joseph Ross..... | 7,690 00 |

* Exclusive of asphaltum.

3. William Fettretch.....	\$9,699 00
4. Owen Moran and Launcelot W. Armstrong....	8,687 00
5. Richard Deeves	7,341 00
6. T. W. Rollins.....	7,650 00
7. John Hogan.....	7,000 00
8. Cornelius Callahan.....	11,920 00

II.—CARPENTER'S, PAINTER'S AND IRON WORK.

Outset Arch.

1. True W. Rollins.....	\$16,450 00
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III.—MASON AND STONE-CUTTER'S WORK.

Gapstow Bridge.

1. D. C. Weeks & Son.....	\$7,000 00
*2. Thomas Shannon and Joseph Ross.....	8,321 00
3. William Fettretch.....	7,857 00
4. T. W. Rollins.....	6,900 00
5. Richard Deeves.....	6,390 00
6. Owen Moran and Launcelot W. Armstrong....	5,987 00
7. John Hogan.....	6,000 00
8. Cornelius Callahan.....	9,642 00

IV.—CARPENTER'S, PAINTER'S AND IRON WORK.

Gapstow Bridge.

1. True W. Rollins.....	\$2,750 00
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V.—CONCRETE FLAGGING ON FIVE POINTS PARK.

1. John J. Schillinger.....	28 cents per square foot.
2. James O. Friel.....	47 " " " "

* Exclusive of asphaltum.

The COMPTROLLER having then retired, the Board organized in adjourned session.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

From Mr. John Wheeler, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding the following preambles and resolutions, adopted by said Board on the 18th instant :—

Whereas, Chapter 595, Laws of 1869, authorizes the issue of stock, the annual interest not to exceed \$15,000, for the erection and equipment of an Observatory, a Museum of Natural History, and Gallery of Art; and

Whereas, Chapter 290, Laws of 1871, authorizes the issue of stock, the annual interest not to exceed \$35,000 for each of the buildings, for an Art Gallery and a Museum of Natural History; and

Whereas, Chapter 739, Laws of 1872, authorizes the issue of stock to the amount of \$750,000 for Park improvements, and for construction of Art Gallery and Museum of Natural History; and

Whereas, Chapter 756, Laws of 1873, authorizes the issue of stock to the amount of \$1,000,000, for the improvement and regulation of the Parks, and for the construction and equipment of a Meteorological and Astronomical Observatory;

Resolved, 1, That the Comptroller of the city be, and he is hereby, required to report to this Board a statement of the bonds or stocks issued pursuant to the authority of each of said enactments, and showing the disposal of the moneys so raised, and the purposes for which such moneys were expended.

Resolved, 2, That the Commissioners of the Central Park be, and they are hereby, required to report to this Board full particulars as to the cost of the erection, complete, of the several buildings above referred to; how such buildings are proposed to be erected—by contract, by day's labor, or otherwise; and to submit the plans and architects' estimates and reports for the information of this Board.

Received and referred to the President, with a request that he reply thereto.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising that "in all cases in which the Department of Public Parks considers it advisable to lay sewers" (in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards), "application be made to the Common Council to pass an ordinance authorizing the Department to lay such sewers, and that no sewers be laid until such ordinances have been obtained."

(Minutes, Aug. 11th, 1874, pp. 190, 191.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated, that in pursuance of said advice, he had applied to the Common Council to pass the necessary 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; and moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1874, p. 190.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, that on examination and consultation with the Landscape Architect, he found that the junction of the Middle and West Drives, south of the lake in Central Park, would be the most desirable site on which to

place a colossal statue, such as Mr. Gordon W. Burnham offered to present to the city.

(Minutes, Sept. 16th, 1874, p. 259.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Board would be gratified to be able to place a worthy colossal statue in bronze of Daniel Webster on the Central Park, in accordance with the munificent proposition of Gordon W. Burnham, Esq.

Resolved, That, pending the undertaking of Mr. Burnham, the site, at the junction of the Middle and West Drives south of the lake, shall be reserved against any other permanent use or appropriation than that proposed by him.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that it was necessary to blast some rock outside the foundation walls of the Museum of Art building on the Central Park.

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that said work be proceeded with, and that the cost thereof be charged to the General Construction Fund.

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

Ayes—Mr. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That, hereafter, a survey of all architectural struc-

tures on parks and places shall be made twice a year by the Superintending Architect, and a report of the same, specifying repairs or precautions needed for their preservation, with estimates, be laid before the Board during the month of April and again during the month of November; and that a survey of water-closets and urinals shall be made once in two months from the 1st October to the 1st June and once a month from 1st June to the 1st October. The President of the Department is hereby authorized to cause repairs to be made upon architectural structures, when certified to be necessary by the Superintending Architect, and is directed to make a report to the Board at its first regular meeting after any action taken under this authorization, and to allow no expenditure more than fifty dollars in amount after making one such report and before making another.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of Gate-Keeper John Smith, on a charge of disgraceful conduct, committed while on duty on the 15th inst., verbally reported that after a careful examination he found that the charge was not sustained, and recommended that the complaint be dismissed and that the Gate-Keeper, who had been suspended by the Captain pending his trial, be reinstated and allowed full pay during the time he was suspended.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report and recommendations be adopted by the Board.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1874.

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, N. Y. }
28th September, 1874. }

MR. WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 30th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned, without transacting any business, to meet this P. M. at 4.30 o'clock.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 23d and 25th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From his Hon. the MAYOR, requesting that in pursuance of Section 27, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, this Department would make a report to him of its operations and actions for the three months ending the 30th inst.

Referred to the President.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting specifications prepared by the Engineer for the repairs of the Battery seawall.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had, as requested, made application to the Common Council for authority to repair said seawall by day's work, or otherwise, as might be for the best interests of the city, but that the Board of Aldermen had refused to grant such authority. He therefore moved that said com-

munication be received, and that the said specifications be approved and adopted, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the work.

(Minutes, September 2d, 1874, p. 236.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, presenting a map of the proposed change of Central Avenue to meet the Westchester or north end of a tunnel from Seventh Avenue to said Central Avenue.

(Minutes, April 16th, 1873, p. 735, January 8th, 1874, p. 512.)

Laid on the table.

From Mr. James O. Friel, offering to lay a concrete flagging on Five Points Park, according to certain specifications mentioned in his communication.

Referred to the Engineer.

From Messrs. Gerard, Betts & Co., auctioneers, making a proposition as regards future sales for this Department.

(Minutes, September 10th, 1874, p. 252.)

Filed.

From Mr. Henry Purdy, Executor of the estate of H. L. Fogel, and others, in relation to the position of their houses on Third avenue, between 147th and 150th streets, and the impossibility of moving the houses back to the line of the avenue.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to examine and report.

The PRESIDENT then presented two petitions from property owners, one signed by Geo. C. Goeller and others, and the other signed by J. W. Dunsmore and others, requesting that Lincoln Avenue and Morris Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, be extended, widened and opened.

Also a letter from Mr. Geo. C. Goeller on the same subject.

He also presented a report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the subject, in which he recommends that said avenues and certain streets in their vicinity be opened and widened.

Laid on the table.

Mr. STEWART moved that the President be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record*, notifying the property owners in the vicinity of Lincoln and Morris Avenues of the proposed changes, and to file their objections, if they have any thereto, in this Department, by a day to be named in said notice.

Adopted.

The TREASURER stated that there had been received recently from Major-General G. A. Custer, U. S. A., a number of animals, snakes, &c., which he had donated to the Department, and moved that the donation be accepted and duly acknowledged.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of reflooring the Central and Third avenue bridges be referred to the President and Mr. Stewart, with power.

(Minutes, September 16th, 1874, p. 258.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of the undermentioned members of the Park-keeper's force, verbally reported as follows :

Park-keeper John W. Dusenbury, charged with inattention while on duty on the 13th inst. Charge not sustained.

Recommended that the charge be dismissed.

Special keeper M. J. Kelly, charged with absenting himself from duty without leave. Charge admitted, but absence caused by sickness.

Recommended that he be fined two days' pay for not reporting, by messenger, to the Captain his inability to attend duty.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendations therein adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. 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 :

Dodworth's Band, music.	Maintenance.	\$455 00	
Florence, Wm. H., services.	Maintenance H. R. Bridges.		104 16
Grant, W. H., petty expenses.	Maintenance H. R. Bridges.	\$30 20	
	Maintenance, 23d & 24th Wards.		7 55
			<hr/> 37 75
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.	Maintenance.	\$224 25	
	Maint. of H. R. Bridges	117 00	
			<hr/> 341 25
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.	Maint. of H. R. Bridges	\$0 25	
	Construction.	8 04	
	Maintenance.	74 02	
			<hr/> 82 31
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.	Maintenance		326 89
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.	Maintenance		57 75
Rollins, True W., materials and labor	Museum Natl. Hist.		17,500 00
Weeks, D. C., & Son, materials and labor.	Museum Natl. Hist.		11,333 00
			<hr/> <hr/> \$30,238 11

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance	\$1,137 91
Maintenance of H. R. Bridges.	251 61
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.	7 55
Construction.	8 04
Construction, Museum of Natl. History	28,833 00
	<hr/> <hr/> \$30,238 11

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty thousand two hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eleven cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, September 29, 1874.

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

Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., labor	
and materials.....Construction.....	\$10,857 05

Amounting to the sum of ten thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven dollars and five cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, September 30, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 7) of John Hogan, for the mason and stone-cutter's work of the Outset Arch, be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to said John Hogan, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, September 25th, 1874, p. 268.)

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 a favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of True W. Rollins for the carpenter's, painter's and iron work of the Outset Arch, be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to said True W. Rollins, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Sept. 25th, 1874, p. 268.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 6) of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong for the mason and stone-cutter's work of the Gapstow Bridge be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to said Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Sept. 25th, 1874, p. 268.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of True W. Rollins for the carpenter's, painter's and iron work of the Gapstow Bridge be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to said True W. Rollins, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Sept. 25th, 1874, p. 268.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of John J. Schillinger, for the concrete flagging on Five Points Park, be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to said John J. Schillinger, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Sept. 25th, 1874, p. 268.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M., to meet at 9.15 o'clock A. M. on Friday, the 2d October, 1874.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2d, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.15 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of the 30th inst. were read and approved.

The following communication was presented and read :

From the Captain, reporting upon the condition of the overcoats of the members of the Park-keeper's force.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that the Captain had made a requisition for new overcoats, but that the condition of the fund for the maintenance of the parks was such as not to justify this expenditure before the 1st of January next, and therefore moved that said communication, and the subject of procuring said new overcoats, be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then moved that the President be directed to employ some suitable person to examine and report upon the condition of the uniforms of the Park-keeper's force,

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented a bill of Mr. Anthony Imhoff, for \$2,976.42, for labor in making repairs on the Central Bridge, and stated that this bill so far exceeded the estimate of the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, and his instructions concerning the amount to be expended on said repairs, he had refused to audit it, and he now asked the instructions of the Board in the matter.

(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 46.)

After discussing the subject at some length,

Mr. STEWART moved that said bill and subject be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. 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 :

Allen, R. H., & Co., seed, mops, &c. Maintenance.....	\$40 50
Adams, Union, & Co., gloves..... Maintenance.....	67 50
Afflick, Wm., & Co., feed..... Maintenance.....	423 56
Barron, James S., & Co., brooms, brushes..... Maintenance.....	60 00
Dodworth's Band, music..... Maintenance.....	450 00
Davis, John L., sand..... Maintenance.....	1 00
Fisher, Holmes & Co., plants..... Construction....	gold 1,039 91
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line, September..... Construction.....	\$31 25
Maintenance.....	31 25
	————— 62 50
Graham & Co., keep of horse July and August.....,..... Laying out and Monu- menting. Chapter 604, Laws 1874.....	70 00

Gates, Church & Co., lumber.....	Maintenance Harlem		
	River Bridge.....	\$391 71	
	Maintenance 23d and		
	24th Wards.....	357 14	
		<hr/>	\$748 85
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	Construction.....		8 16
Heim, Anton, belting.....	Maintenance.....		11 04
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., oil..	Maintenance.....	\$53 65	
	Maintenance Harlem		
	River Bridge.....	22 60	
	Construction.....	9 25	
	Construction Museum		
	of Art.....	12 95	
		<hr/>	98 45
Jackson, Jas. L., & Bro., lamp-posts..	Construction.....		19 00
Kohler & Perkins, screened gravel..	Maintenance.....	\$3,562 50	
	Construction.....	1,187 50	
		<hr/>	4,750 00
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, brushes....	Maintenance.....	\$14 51	
	Construction.....	14 52	
		<hr/>	29 03
McFadden, S., & Co., bunting.....	Construction.....		6 00
Moffat, David, & Co., harness leather..	Maintenance.....		15 35
Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber.....	Construction.....		110 98
Norris & Williams, plumbing and			
materials.....	Maintenance.....		61 20
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, pitch, tar,			
&c.....	Maintenance.....	\$1,068 51	
	Construction.....	23 12	
		<hr/>	1,091 63
New York Cement Co., cement.....	Maintenance.....	\$33 35	
	Construction.....	401 65	
		<hr/>	435 00
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, var-			
nish, &c.....	Construction.....	\$119 00	
	Maintenance.....	47 93	
	Maintenance Museum		
	and Observatory..	5 50	
		<hr/>	172 43

Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., hardware.....	Construction.....	\$1 50	
	Maintenance.....	27 55	
			<hr/> \$29 05
Rogers, H. A., & Co., iron pipes, &c...	Maintenance.....		15 59
Ruhe, Louis, mocking bird food.....	Maintenance.....		12 00
Sloane, W. J., oil cloths.....	Maintenance.....		162 31
Slattery, James, mould.....	Construction.....		901 87
United Farmers' Milk Company, milk,			
August.....	Maintenance.....		14 88
Worrall & Co., saw.....	Maintenance.....		4 75
			<hr/> <hr/> \$10,912 54

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$6,178 93
Maintenance H. R. Bridges.....	414 31
Maintenance of 23d and 24th Wards.....	357 14
Maintenance, Museum and Observatory and G. of Art.....	5 50
Construction.....	3,873 71
Construction, Museum of Art.....	12 95
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	70 00
	<hr/> \$10,912 54

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand nine hundred and twelve dollars and fifty-four cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, October 2d, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT presented a preliminary study for a flag-staff and tool-house on Five Points Park, which had been submitted by the Landscape Architect.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said preliminary study be referred back to the Landscape Architect, with instruction to prepare in lieu thereof, and submit to this Board, plans for a urinal on said park.

Adopted.

The TREASURER presented a report upon the bills of the Metropolitan Gaslight Co. for gas furnished the Central Park Arsenal (Museum) from September to December, 1873, wherein he states that there is still an unexpended balance of the fund for gas of 1872 and 1873, sufficient to meet these bills, but that said fund was provided only for public lamps, for which there are still outstanding bills which will more than absorb said balance. He therefore recommended that the Board inform the company of that fact, at the same time expressing their regret at their inability to make a proper provision for the payment of this just indebtedness.

(Minutes, September 10th, 1874, p. 251.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

The TREASURER verbally reported upon the communication of Mr. Ernest Hall, Secretary of the Commission for opening St. Ann's avenue in the 23d Ward, as to the disposition of the sum of about \$4,000 remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of said Commission, and recommended that this Board interpose no objection to said Commission acting in accordance

with the suggestions of the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, and that, so far as this Department has any authority in the matter, it assents thereto.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 213.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of Park-keeper Louis Flock for neglect of duty on the 27th ulto., reported that he found him guilty, and recommended that he be fined one day's pay.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 10.45 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President,
“ BISSINGER.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet on Friday the 9th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1874.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

- I.—Slating Museum of National History Building.
- II.—Concrete Flagging, on the Plaza, situate at Fifth Avenue, Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Streets.
- III.—Granite, Stone and Mason work of a fountain in Madison Square.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

- “ BISSINGER.
- “ WILLIAMSON.
- “ STEWART.

Mr. Justus Storrs, of the Finance Department, attended, and stated that the Comptroller of the City of New York was unable to be present.

The following proposals, which were received, were then opened:

- I.—Slating Museum of Natural History Building.
 - 1. T. W. Rollins..... \$4,992

II.—Concrete Flagging on the Plaza.

1. A. P. Cory.....	38	cents	per	square	foot.
2. Worl & Co.....	30	“	“	“	“
3. James O. Friel.....	47	“	“	“	“
4. J. J. Schillinger.....	34	“	“	“	“
5. H. A. Gunther.....	26	“	“	“	“

III.—Granite, Stone and Mason work of a fountain in
Madison Square.

1. T. W. Rollins.....	\$10,980
2. Francis Fosket.....	7,888
3. Richard Deeves.....	8,690
4. David S. Arnott.....	9,260
5. John Hogan.....	10,750
6. C. B. DeBaum.....	10,895
7. Nolan, McGrath & Co.....	8,490
8. Thomas Parry.....	5,750
9. Wm. H. Crommelin.....	13,250

 WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 2d and 7th insts. and of this A. M. were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT moved that the order of business be suspended.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read a certified copy of Chapter 655, Laws of 1874, passed September 30th, 1874, which, among other things, makes it the duty of this department “ forthwith to complete the work of the laying out of Kingsbridge Road, in the said City ” of New York, “ northerly and easterly from the southerly line of One hundred and fifty-fifth street to the Harlem River, so far as said work was not completed by the late Commissioners of the Central Park.”

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then presented a map of the north end,

above Inwood street, together with a communication from the Civil and Topographical Engineer approving thereof, with the exception of that portion of it laying out the streets near the tide water, concerning which he offered suggestions modifying the plan ; but stating that he was willing to sign said map whenever the Board signified their decision in relation to said suggestions.

(Minutes, September 16th, 1874, p. 259.)

Accepted.

The subject was then discussed at considerable length, and the Board having concluded that it was not advisable to modify the plan at present,

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That under, and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and by chapter 565 of the Laws of 1865, and the several acts amendatory of the same, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do hereby lay out the streets, roads, avenues, public squares and places, 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 the said Harlem river to the Sound, north of Randel's Island, shown on a map dated New York, August 11th, 1874, and signed "J. W. Maclay, Principal Assistant Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads, avenues, public squares and places are designated on

said map by red lines, figures and color, and that the widths, extent and direction of the said streets, roads, avenues, public squares and places so laid out, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seems most conducive to the public good; and also that all streets, avenues and roads, or parts of streets, avenues and roads, or any portion thereof, heretofore laid out, within the said part of the City of New York embraced by said map, which are not shown or laid out on said map by red lines, figures and color, 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, avenues, public squares and places, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where same are not already so designated; also to have prepared, and submit to this Board, a plan of the grades for said streets, roads and avenues, and also the 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER then verbally reported upon the petitions of W. A. Bogardus, Aaron Ogden and others, with reference to the laying out of a street, known as 184th street; and for the reasons stated in said petitions, and in two communications, one dated January 13th, 1874, from Mr. Wm. H. Grant, the then Civil and Topographical Engineer, and the other from the present Civil and Topographical Engineer, which

were presented and read, they recommended that said street be laid out from Tenth Avenue to Kingsbridge Road, in accordance with a map prepared by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and which they presented.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, p. 31.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART 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, and by Chap. 565 of the Laws of 1865, and the several acts amendatory of the same, the said Commissioners do hereby lay out the street, 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 the said Harlem River to the Sound north of Randal's Island, shown on a map dated "October 9th, 1874," and signed by "Geo. S. Greene, Civil and Topographical Engineer, Department Public Parks," of the widths, extent and direction that said street is designated on said map by red lines, figures and color; and that the widths, extent and direction of the said street 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 street to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments; also to have prepared and submit to this Board a plan of the grades for said street, and also the three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of the 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read a report from the Civil and Topographical Engineer upon the position of certain houses upon the Third Avenue, between 147th and 150th Streets, which report is accompanied by a tracing showing the positions of said houses, and in which report he recommends that certain streets and an avenue in that locality be opened.

(Minutes, September 30th, 1874, p. 278.)

Accepted.

Mr. STEWART, thereupon, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all persons owning any building situate on Third Avenue, between 147th Street and 150th Street, as said Avenue has been opened, widened and straightened in pursuance of Chapter 545, Laws of 1872, be, and they are hereby, directed to forthwith remove such buildings from said Avenue.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then moved that the President be authorized and directed to instruct the Counsel to the Corporation to take all necessary legal proceedings to acquire the title to and open the following named avenue and streets as the same are laid down on the map prepared and filed by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841, Laws of 1868, wherever said avenue and streets have not been heretofore legally opened, namely :

Willis Avenue, from 147th Street to Third Avenue.

148th Street, from Third Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue.

149th Street, from Third Avenue to the Southern Boulevard.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT then presented a petition of property owners on Third Avenue, between 152d and 153d Streets, signed by Henry Schmidt and others, requesting the Department not to change the present grade or lines of said Avenue between said streets ; also a report of the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction on the subject of said petition, and which report is accompanied by a map, whereby it appears that the surveyor who was employed by the commission formerly in charge of the improvement of Third Avenue, gave the wrong lines to said property owners. That in consequence, although said property owners have once moved their houses and have been paid their awards, it is necessary for them to move their houses a second time in order to conform to the recorded and monumented lines of the Avenue.

That the error made does not very materially affect either the commodiousness of the Avenue or its appearance. And that if legal difficulties were not likely to arise from the mistake, he would not think it desirable to require the property owners to move their houses a second time.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 208.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said petition and report be received, and that the President be requested to refer same, to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion and advice in the matter.

Adopted.

The order of business was then resumed, and the following communications were presented and read :

From the Health Department, forwarding copies of the reports of the Sanitary Inspectors, with regard to the imperfect condition of the public culvert on Kingsbridge Road at three places, and also with regard to the culvert in front of a dwelling-house on the west side of Main Street, south of Cross Street.

Referred to the Engineer in charge of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding bills from J. W. Maclay, his Principal Assistant and S. S. Haight, Division Engineer, for interest on deferred payments of salary, in pursuance of Sec. 8, Chap. 604, Laws of 1874.

(Minutes, Sept. 4th, 1874, p. 243.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed said bills to be forwarded to the Finance Department for adjustment, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

From S. R. Filley, late treasurer of the Southern Boulevard Commission, forwarding the books, papers and maps relating to said commission.

Also a second communication from the same gentleman, giving an account of the present condition of said Boulevard, in which he states that the late "commission leaves no indebtedness."

Received, and ordered filed.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that the fourth iron urinal ordered has been set up and finished, and stating that the foundations are ready for another ; whereupon

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 213.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that a wire-gauze urinal for six persons, of the pattern supplied by Mr. Bacharach, be ordered, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, to replace one of the old brick urinals, to be designated by 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

From the Engineer in charge of the Third Avenue improvement in the Twenty-third Ward, submitting a tracing showing the proposed position of the railroad track on that portion of Third Avenue between 159th Street and 162d Street, and which portion the map heretofore filed did not include, and which tracing is signed and approved by the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction.

(Minutes, July 8th, 1874, p. 135.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said tracing or map be received and filed, and the location of the railroad tracks fixed as laid down thereon.

Adopted.

From Mr. J. W. Mould, architect, presenting his bill for services in connection with the fountain to be erected in Madison square.

(Minutes, June 11th, 1874, p. 78), and

Referred to the Auditing Committee to adjust and audit.

The PRESIDENT then presented the following five certificates of the Engineer appointed to examine and inspect the work done upon improvements in the late town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to January 1st, 1874, namely :

Certificate No. 1, Final Estimate.—Grading Gouverneur or 151st Street, from the west line of Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue. Contract dated December 27th, 1873. Contractor, John G. Gent. Amount, \$4,656.45.

Certificate No. 5, Final Estimate.—Regulating, grading and improving 144th Street, from Willis Avenue to St. Anne's Avenue. Contract dated July 10th, 1873. Contractor, Patrick Daly. Amount, \$4,011.28.

Certificate No. 4, Final Estimate.—Regulating grading and improving 150th Street from Third Avenue to Morris Avenue. Contract dated June 4th, 1873. Contractor, John G. Gent. Amount \$5,061.27.

Certificate No. 4, Final Estimate.—Regulating and grading 152d Street, from Third Avenue to Morris Avenue. Contract dated June 4th, 1873. Contractor, John G. Gent. Amount, \$1,628.98.

Certificate No. 5, Final Estimate.—Regulating and grading 148th street, from St. Anne's Avenue to Mill Brook. Contract dated December 9th, 1872. Contractors, John R. Baity and John McCarty. Amount, \$4,129.75.

Mr. STEWART moved that said certificates be referred to the Auditing Committee to examine and audit.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had inserted a notice in the *City Record* to property owners in the 23d Ward to file in this Department such objections as they may have to the proposed changes in the map of the late town of Morrisania, on or before the 20th inst.

(Minutes, September 30th, 1874, p. 279.)

The PRESIDENT also reported that in consequence of the diminished force now employed on the maintenance of the parks, he had directed that all time returns heretofore charged in the proportion of two-thirds to Construction, and one-third to Maintenance, be charged until further order in the proportion of three-quarters to Construction and one-quarter to Maintenance, and moved that his action in said several matters be approved.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER then presented a joint report upon the amounts charged for commissions, salaries, labor and material in connection with the buildings for Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History, and recommended that the accounts be rectified in regard to the charges so made, and for that purpose submitted two resolutions to the Board.

(Minutes, April 15th, 1874, p. 640.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report and resolutions be received and laid on the table until the next meeting.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented two bills for car-fare, one from the Superintending Architect and the other from the Disbursing Clerk, and asked instructions regarding same.

The PRESIDENT moved that said bills be referred to the Treasurer to examine and report upon.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that although the superintending of the repairs of the bridges on Bronx River was not part of the duty of the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, yet he had been specially instructed to oversee said repairs, and had been employed thereon during portions of the months of August and September, and he therefore moved that one-fifth of his pay for those months be charged to the maintenance of the Twenty-third and Twenth-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 46.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the Superintendent be directed to report what works of construction are now being proceeded with, and what progress has been made in the construction works directed by the Board on the 10th September last.

(Minutes, September 10th, 1874, p. 255.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the temporary repairing of certain portions of the pavement on City Hall Park be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

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.

1874.	CR.	
Sep. 17. By balance.....		\$38 00
Sep. 17. {		
to " cash received from rents, licenses, &c.....		578 00
Oct. 8. }		<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$616 00

1874.	DR.		
Sep. 17	}	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$552 20
to			
Oct. 8.			
Oct. 8.		" balance.....	63 80
			<u>\$616 00</u>

(Signed)

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

New York, October 7, 1874.
9.30 A. M.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following mentioned proposals, namely :

Proposal No. 1, of T. W. Rollins, for slating the Museum of Natural History building ;

Proposal No. 5, of H. A. Gunther, for laying concrete flagging on the plaza at Fifth Avenue, Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Streets ;

Proposal No. 8, of Thomas Parry, for the granite stone and mason work on a fountain in Madison Square ;

be accepted as the lowest bids for the several works for which they were respectively made ; that the contracts for said works be awarded to the several persons making said proposals respectively, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute said contracts for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, October 9th, 1874, p. p. 293, 294.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11.45 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, Mr. Bissinger took the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 9th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Comptroller of the City of New York, requesting that a statement of the amount of surplus or balance, which will probably remain unexpended of each existing appropriation in this Department, at the end of the current fiscal year, December 31st, 1874, be furnished to him.

Referred to the President.

From the Superintendent, reporting on the progress of construction works.

(Minutes, Oct. 9th, 1874, p. 305.)

Filed.

Mr. STEWART then moved that the Superintendent be directed to report to the President, each week, the condition of, and pro-

gress made in, all works on the parks, with the number of laborers employed on each work, and that the reports be laid before the Board at its next meeting, subsequent to the receipt of said reports.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, recommending that a number of sheep not required on the Park, and also some old materials, be sold.

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that so much thereof as refers to old material, be referred to the Property Clerk, to report upon.

Adopted.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, with reference to the cost of labor in repairing Central Bridge.

(Minutes, October 2d, 1874, p. 286.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the bill of Mr. Anthony Imhoff for said labor, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, October 2d, 1874, p. 286.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER then moved that said communication of the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, and said bill of Mr. Anthony Imhoff, be referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

Adopted.

From Messrs. Croney & Lent, whom the President had requested to examine the uniforms of the Park-keepers force, reporting on the condition of the overcoats of said force.

(Minutes, Oct. 2d, 1874, p. 285.)

Filed.

Mr. BISSINGER, then stated that the following donations had been presented to the Department, through him, namely :

From Mr. Geo. H. Moller, five cones containing the seeds of the large California pine tree.

From Mr. C. Thomson, two *Arancaria Imbricata*.

From Mr. H. Beste, one Ground Dove,

and moved that they be accepted, and that the Secretary be directed to convey the thanks of the Department to the donors.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented a statement prepared by the Disbursing Clerk, which shows.

Total number of names upon the pay-roll of laborers for the two weeks ending September 26th, was	737
Added since—restored men	7
Dropped from the pay roll	2
	— 5
Total number on laborers' pay-roll for the two weeks ending October 10th, 1874	742

Mr. STEWART moved that said statement be received and filed ; and that the Superintendent be directed not to restore any laborers who may, for any cause, have been dropped from the pay-roll without first obtaining the authority of the Board therefor.

Adopted.

From three hundred and twenty-seven property owners, residents, business men and others of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, petitioning the Board to have a wooden pile bridge built over the Harlem River, from Madison Avenue to to 138th Street.

Also from Mr. John J. Crane and nine others, a committee appointed on behalf of the property owners, residents and business men in said wards, presenting a similar petition.

Laid on the table.

Mr. 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 Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Maintenance.....	\$4 72	
	Construction.....	14 18	
		<hr/>	\$18 90
Affleck, Wm., & Co., feed.....	Maintenance.....		288 25
Annin & Co., Am. ensign	Maintenance.....		15 00
Brewi, J., & Co., library table.....	Laying out, monu- menting, &c., chap. 604, Laws 1874....		50 00
Beers, J. B., & Co., atlas, Westchester Co.	Laying out, monu- menting, &c., chap. 604, Laws 1874....		10 00
Bartlett, J. W., lamp globes.....	Maintenance.....		54 00
Cleary, P., carriage.....	Construction.....		10 00
Decves & Pary, granite and labor....	Construction.....		2,790 00
Fischer, W. L., plants.....	Construction.....		85 00

Grant, W. H.,.....Services Laying out, monu- menting, &c., chap. 604, Laws 1874.....		\$179 55
Graham & Co., keep of horse, Sept-..Laying out, monu- menting, &c., chap. 604, Laws.....		35 00
Gates, Church, E., & Co., lumber...Maintenance 23d and 24th wards.....		\$50 83
Harlem, Gas-light Co., gas.....Maintenance.....	245 85	
Maint. of Bridges....	117 00	
	<hr/>	362 85
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, horse- nails	Maintenance.....	12 50
Imhoff, A., labor and material.....	Maint. of Bridges....	216 30
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maintenance	\$26 76
	Construction.....	44 63
	Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	11 87
	Laying out, monu- menting, &c. chap. 604, Laws 1874... .	5 98
	<hr/>	89 24
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas...Maintenance.....		383 16
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....Maintenance.....		937 75
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas...Maintenance.....	\$1,091 54	
	Construction.....	4 54
	<hr/>	1,096 08
Queen, Jas. W., & Co., astronomical instruments	Maintenance Museum and Observatory..	949 50
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maintenance.....	8 00
Rollins, True W., granite and labor..	Construction Museum Natural History...	6,250 00
Rollins, True W., iron and labor....	Construction Museum Natural History...	2,500 00
Tracy, Daniel, filling.....	Construction.....	270 40
Valentine & Briggs, rent for Septem- ber.....	Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	30 00
Vanderbilt Bros., seed.....	Construction.....	70 50
Warner, Wyllys H., grate-bars.....	Maintenance.....	26 50

Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and materials	Construction Museum Natural History...	\$4,000 00
Westchester County Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maint. of Bridges....	64 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., stone.....	Construction.....	2,940 00
Bacharach, M., urinal.....	Construction.....	1,000 00
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		\$24,793 31
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Maintenance.....	\$3,094 03
Maintenance Museum and Observatory.....	949 50
Maintenance of Harlem River Bridges.....	397 30
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	92 70
Construction.....	7,229 25
Construction, Museum Natl. History.....	12,750 00
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	280 53
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	\$24,793 31
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-four thousand seven hundred and ninety-three dollars and thirty-one cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, October 13, 1874.

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.....	Maintenance.....	\$165 00
Backhouse & Son, plants.....	Construction.....	gold 135 76
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone..	Construction.....	113 56
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables..	Maintenance.....	69 85
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas, stables..	Maintenance.....	10 20
Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	Construction.....	375 00
Holbrook, E. F., & Bro., glass.....	Maintenance Museum and Observatory..	18 00
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron.....	Construction.....	5 38

Hall, James, labor and materials....	Improvement, Third avenue, Chap. 329, Laws 1874.....	\$13,736 52
Imhoff, A., labor and materials.....	Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	413 01
Kohler & Perkins, screened gravel..	Construction	1,892 71
Keuffel & Esser, engineers, supplies..	Laying out, Monu- menting, Chapter 604, Laws 1874.....	\$82 69
	Construction.....	15 60
		<hr/> 98 29
Morse, James O., rivets.....	Maintenance.....	1 70
Moran, Owen, and Lancelot W. Arm- strong, labor and materials.....	Museum of Art.....	12,000 00
McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., plumbing materials.....	Museum of Art.....	\$5 32
	Maintenance.....	41 05
		<hr/> 46 37
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	Construction.....	20 23
Noe, James H., & Sons, dusters.....	Maintenance.....	16 88
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maintenance.....	8 00
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c....	Construction.....	55 50
Simpson, A., bread for August.....	Maintenance.....	70 31
Skidmore, Jeremiah, & Sons, coal...	Maintenance.....	\$6 25
	Construction.....	18 75
		<hr/> 25 00
Shute, Wm., & Co., vitrified pipe....	Construction.....	42 42
Vanderbilt Bros., barley.....	Maintenance.....	2 25
United Farmers Milk Co., milk, Sept.	Maintenance.....	14 72
Watson Manufacturing Co., iron and labor.....	Museum of Art.....	14,300 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Construction.....	\$10 00
	Museum of Art.....	10 00
		<hr/> 20 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$43,656 66

RECAPITULATION.

Construction.	\$2,684 91
Construction, Museum of Art.	26,315 32
Improvement Third avenue, Morristania, Chap. 329, Laws 74.	13,736 52
Maintenance.	406 21
Maintenance of 23d and 24th Wards.	413 01
Maintenance, Museum and Observatory.	18 00
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.	82 69
	————— \$43,656 66

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

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, October 20, 1874.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—3.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1874.		CR.
Oct. 8.	By balance.	\$63 80
“ 8 }	“ cash received from rents and licenses.	754 29
“ 20 }		
		—————

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1874.	DR.		
Oct. 8	}	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$810 72
to			
“ 20			
Oct. 20.		“ balance.....	8 00
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			\$818 72
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(Signed)

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

New York, August 11, 1874.

9.30 A. M.

Mr. STEWART moved that all certificates of the engineer appointed to examine and inspect the work done upon improvements in the late town of Morrissania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to January 1st, 1874, be referred to the Auditing Committee to examine and audit before being presented to the Board,

Adopted.

The TREASURER, to whom was referred the bill of Frederick Titus, for services as draw-tender at the draw-bridge on the Broux River, reported that said Frederick Titus had been employed since April, 1860, by the towns of West Farms and Westchester, at a salary of \$300 per annum. That since January 1st, 1874, he has been paid only at the rate of one half thereof by the town of Westchester. And he recommended that said Frederick Titus be paid at the rate of \$150 per annum for said services since January 1st, 1874, when the town of West Farms was annexed to the City of New York.

(Minutes, Aug. 28th, 1874, p. 226.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The TREASURER verbally reported upon the bills for car fare presented by the Superintending Architect and Disbursing Clerk, and for the reason that said bills were incurred by said employés in discharge of their duties, when other means of conveyance was not afforded to them, he recommended that said bills when audited be paid.

(Minutes October 9th, 1874, p. 304.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted, and that the recommendation contained therein be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to reconsider the action of the Board on the 1st August, 1873, and entered on pages 162 and 163, whereby the Secretary was directed to furnish to the Supervisor of the *City Record*, a short abstract of each advertisement, with instructions to insert it in certain newspapers.

(Minutes, Aug. 1st, 1873, pp. 162, 163.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then moved that said action of the Board be amended so as to read as follows :

On the insertion in the *City Record* of each advertisement ordered to be published, the Secretary shall insert a short abstract thereof, in accordance with Section 111, Chapter

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335, Laws of 1873, in the following five Corporation papers, New York *Times*, New York *Tribune*, *Staats Zeitung*, *Commercial Advertiser* and *Evening Post*.

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson and Stewart—3.

On motion of Mr. STEWART the Board adjourned at 11.20 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23d, 1874.

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, N. Y. }
21st October, 1874.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

SIR,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for Friday, the 23d instant, at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 21st inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that in several cases monuments indicating the street lines have been removed by parties not connected with the Department, and forwarding a report on the subject from Division Engineer J. J. R. Croes.

Referred to the President, with power to take such action as he may consider necessary to prevent the repetition of such occurrences.

From the Captain, and also from the Clerk in charge of the animals, reporting that a dog, which the President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with the

consent of the President, left at the Menagerie for safe keeping, had been stolen on the evening of the 21st inst.

Referred to Mr. Stewart and Mr. Williamson to investigate and report.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that Mr. John Hogan, contractor for furnishing and setting the granite for the Museum of Art, has failed to perform his contract, in not furnishing the granite required for the basement story within a reasonable time; and forwarding a notification from Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, contractors for the mason work of said Museum, that they were thereby delayed, and in consequence would not hold themselves liable if they were unable to finish the building in the time specified in the contract.

Referred to the President, with power to take such action as may be necessary in the matter.

From Henry Bergh, Esq., President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, requesting permission to have a circular drinking fountain erected in the Circle, at the junction of Eight Avenue and the Boulevard.

Laid on the table.

From Mr. J. W. Bartlett, making a proposition to repaint the tops and reflectors of the lamps in the parks.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

From Mr. Wm. Schwarz, Pastor of the M. E. Church, situate on Elton Avenue and 156th Street, Melrose (23d Ward), with reference to the position in which said church is placed, on account of the grading and opening of said avenue.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

The PRESIDENT 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 thousand dollars (\$200,000), for the construction of a Museum of Art and a Museum of National History, as provided by chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871; one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of said sum to be credited to the special account of the Museum of Art, and the remaining one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be credited to the special account of the Museum of Natural History.

(Minutes, August 7th, 1873, p. 478, and May 23d, 1874, p. 56.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The Landscape Architect stated that it would be necessary to procure, for the use of the Engineers, a number of copies of the revised map of the Central Park; whereupon

The PRESIDENT moved that two hundred and fifty copies of said map be procured.

(Minutes, March 13th, 1874, p. 600.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The Landscape Architect presented a plan of the sidewalks

round the Circle, at Fifty-ninth Street and Eighth Avenue, and recommended that a narrow strip of concrete flagging be laid on said sidewalks as indicated on said plan, before the wet weather sets in ; whereupon

Mr. STEWART moved that it be referred to the President to make arrangements to have said concrete flagging laid as recommended by the Landscape Architect, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mrs. Sophia Bernet formerly owned property which now forms part of Riverside Park. That on said property there were, and still are, two buildings. That it appears from a statement furnished by the Clerk of Street Openings in the Finance Department, that Mrs. Bernet was only paid for one building. That application has been made on behalf of Mrs. Bernet for permission to remove the other building, which is a frame structure ; whereupon

Mr. STEWART moved that the President be requested to refer the matter to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice in the matter.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect reported, verbally, that the most desirable urinal to place on the Five Points Park, would be an iron and wire gauze one similar to that furnished by Mr. Bacharach.

(Minutes, Oct. 2d, 1841, p. 289.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to detail a watchman for the care of Five Points Park.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that a committee, consisting of the President and one other commissioner, be appointed to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts from 1st February to the 30th September, 1874, inclusive.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Stewart on said committee.

Mr. STEWART moved that the petitions, presented at the last meeting, for a bridge over the Harlem River be taken from the table.

(Minutes, Oct. 2d, 1841, p. 310.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then moved that the President be directed to refer said petitions to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion and advice as to the authority of the Department to construct said bridge.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock m., to meet at the call of the President.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d October, 1874, was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT then presented three similar maps or plans and profiles, prepared for filing in accordance with provision of law, of Kingsbridge Road, from Inwood Street to the bulkhead line of Harlem River; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON 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, location, course, winding and grades of that portion of a street or road known as Kingsbridge Road, extending in an easterly direction from Inwood Street to the bulkhead line of Harlem River, as same have been laid out and are hereby determined by the late Commissioners of the Central Park, and by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1867, p. 33, and October 9th, 1874, pp. 295-7.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Friday, the 6th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING.—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of October 23d, 1874, and of the 4th inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, with reference to the opinion of Mr. M. H. Ellis, Counsel to the City of Yonkers, relating to the laying out of that portion of the City of Yonkers affected by Chapter 534, Laws of 1871. The Counsel to the Corporation concludes as follows : “ If the authorities of the City of Yonkers are satisfied, as they appear to be, that the Department has authority to make and file the maps, and are willing to take the risk of such action being found to be illegal, and are also willing to pay the expenses to be incurred in the matter, it appears to me entirely proper for the Department to authorize the maps to be made, and, when so made, to file the same. It should, however, be distinctly and expressly understood between the Department and the Surveyor that in no event can he look to the Department or the City of New York, for his compensation, or any part thereof.”

(Minutes, September 10, 1874, p. 250.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that the President be requested to notify the proper authorities of the City of Yonkers, that this Department is prepared to authorize any Surveyor they may nominate to prepare said maps, upon the conditions stated by the Corporation Counsel, and under the supervision of the Civil and Topographical Engineer of this Department.

Adopted.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to the error made by the surveyor employed by the Commission formerly in charge of the improvement of Third Avenue, in giving the wrong lines to property owners on said Avenue, between 152d and 153d streets, wherein he states : " The matter is one which must be determined by the Department of Parks. As my advice, however, is asked, I am compelled to say that while, as a matter of equity, I think the buildings should be set back at the public expense, it seems to me, that unless some relief can be obtained through the Legislature, the petitioners must be compelled again to move their buildings at their own expense, so that they will front upon the true street line."

(Minutes, October 9, 1874, p. 300.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to the application made on behalf of Mrs. Sophia Bernet, to remove a building, situate on property formerly belonging to her, but now forming part of Riverside Park, in which, after referring to the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, he states : " It follows, therefore, that the city, upon the confirmation of the report acquired title, not only to the land

contained in lots 448 and 449, but also to the building and improvements situated on said lots, or either of them, and that the Department of Public Parks has no authority to authorize the removal of such buildings or improvements, or any or either of them."

(Minutes, Oct. 23d, 1874, p. 322.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that the application made on behalf of Mrs. Bernet be denied, for the reasons stated therein.

Adopted.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, with reference to certain discrepancies alleged to exist between the map of Kingsbridge Road, from Inwood Street to Harlem River, filed by this Department, and the map originally adopted by the Commissioners of the Central Park.

(Minutes, Nov. 4th, 1874, p. 325.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, to report upon.

Adopted.

From the Department of Docks, presenting a copy of a new map of the City, published by said Department, showing the high and low water-marks, and the original grants of land under water, and the several pier and bulkhead lines, as established prior to 1873.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt

of said map, and express the thanks of this Department therefor.

Adopted.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting that, if the horse-trough or drinking fountain at Worth Monument and Twenty-fifth Street be removed, he would recommend that it be placed at the east Ramble road-step, in Central Park, and that three iron troughs, of the pattern to be used in the Five Points, be placed, one on the curb of Madison Square, opposite the south end of Worth Monument Place; one opposite the Fifth Avenue Hotel, near the southwest corner of said Square, and one in Twenty-third Street, also near the southwest corner of said Square.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, p. 164.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received, and that it be referred to the President and Mr. Stewart, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the proposition of Mr. J. W. Bartlett to repaint the tops and reflectors of the lamps in the parks, and recommending that it be accepted so far as to secure the repainting of 400 lamps, at a cost not to exceed 35 cents per lamp.

(Minutes, October, 23d, 1874, p. 320.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and that

an order be given to Mr. J. W. Bartlett to repaint 400 of the tops and reflectors of said lamps at 35 cents per lamp, in accordance with his proposition, and to the satisfaction of the Landscape Architect ; that said 400 lamps be designated by the Landscape Architect, and that the work be completed on or before December 28th, 1874.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the position of the M. E. Church, situate on Elton Avenue and 156th Street, and recommending that 156th Street be opened, and the title to the land acquired from Third Avenue to Elton Avenue.

(Minutes, Oct. 23d, 1874, p. 320.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said report be received, and that the President be authorized and directed to instruct the Counsel to the Corporation to take all necessary legal proceedings to acquire the title to and open 156th Street, from Third Avenue to Elton Avenue, as said street is laid down on the map prepared and filed by the Commissioners appointed under Chap. 841, Laws of 1868.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the objections and suggestions received from the property owners in the vicinity of Lincoln and Morris Avenues.

And submitting a map or plan prepared in accordance therewith, and with the growing wants of the locality.

(Minutes, Oct. 9th, 1874, p. 304.)

After the matter had been discussed and examined at considerable length,

Mr. WILLIAMSON 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 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 6th, 1874," and signed "George S. Greene, Civil and Topographical Engineer, Department Public Parks," 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From the Superintending Architect, recommending that all the window and door openings on the building for the Museum of Natural History be temporarily closed with boards and sashes, to enable the work on the inside of the building to be proceeded with during the winter; and estimating the expense of same at \$850. And further stating that said sashes and boards can be used for the hot-house beds and other purposes on the parks in the spring.

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that said communication be received, and that the doors and windows of the said building be closed as recommended by the Superintending Architect, and that the cost of the material for so doing be charged

to the general construction fund, and the labor to the fund for the construction and erection of said building.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Mr. Wm. Henry Hoyt, clerk in the disbursing office, resigning his position, from the 31st October, 1874.

Accepted and ordered filed.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that, as the laboring force will necessarily soon be reduced, he would not require for the present any assistant in the place of Mr. Hoyt.

Filed.

From the Property Clerk, reporting on the old material recommended by the Superintendent to be sold, and mentioning that 24 American scythes, condemned for use, could also be sold to advantage.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT moved that the sheep and old material recommended to be sold by the Superintendent and the Property Clerk, be sold at public auction.

(Minutes, Oct. 21st, 1874, p. 308.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Mr. James C. Anderson, attorney for a number of residents on Denman, Gouverneur and Elton Streets, in the Twenty-third Ward, forwarding a petition from said residents, protesting against their being assessed for the grading, curbing, guttering and flagging of said streets, on the ground that a previous assessment for said work had been made and paid.

Mr. STEWART moved that the President be requested to refer said communication and petition to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

Adopted.

From the gardeners employed by the Department, petitioning that their pay be not reduced, during the winter.

Laid on the table.

The TREASURER presented a report upon the bill of Mr. R. Foley, for services rendered in connection with the improvement of Third Avenue, which concludes as follows :

“ The account of Mr. Foley would, in the opinion of the undersigned, stand as follows :

“ Total ratable amount due.....		\$747 91
“ 8 monuments reset.....		40 00
“ Extra work.....		111 10
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		\$899 01
“ Amount previously paid.....	\$284 00	
“ “ to be charged to Mr. Foley....	224 51	
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“ Total.....		\$390 50”
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The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted, and that

Mr. R. Foley be paid said sum of \$390.50, in full of all his claims and demands for said services.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1874, p. 190, and August 19th, 1874, p. 208.)

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT moved that the report of the President and Treasurer in relation to the amounts charged for commissions, salaries, labor and materials, in connection with the buildings for the Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, October 9th, 1874, p. 304.)

Adopted.

After discussion of the matter, the PRESIDENT offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That a statement of the facts contained in said report relative to the erroneous charges made against the fund for the construction, erection and maintenance of the building for a Museum of Natural History, be transmitted to the Comptroller of the City of New York, and that he be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to transfer on the books of the Finance Department the sum of \$38,106.52, erroneously charged to that fund, to the fund provided by Chapter 645, Laws of 1874, for the construction and improvement of the public parks, squares and places.

Resolved, that the said sum of \$38,106.52 be, and the same is hereby, directed to be reserved out of the fund provided by

said Chapter 645, Laws of 1874, to re-imburse said fund for the construction, erection and maintenance of said building for a Museum of Natural History.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT and Mr. STEWART reported that they had examined and audited the Treasurer's accounts from 1st February to the 30th September, 1874, inclusive, and found them correct ; which report was accepted.

(Minutes, October 23d, 1874, p. 323,)

Mr. 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 and oats..	Construction.	\$213 00	
	Maintenance.	57 00	
			\$270 00
Allen, R. H. & Co., seed and mower			
parts.	Maintenance.		54 60
Barron, Jas S. & Co., blacking.	Maintenance.		8 70
Bacharach, M., urinal.	Construction.		1,000 00
Cushing, Geo. A., petty expenses.	Laying out, Monu- menting. Chapter 604, Laws 1874.		6 50

Crane, B. F., varnish, &c.....	Maintenance.....	\$79 85	
	Museum Nat. History,	21 45	
	Maintenance Museum		
	and Observatory..	1 45	
		<hr/>	\$102 75
Coffin, Paul C. & Co., spades.....	Construction.....		28 88
Florence, Wm. H., services.....	Maint. of Bridges....		104 16
Gatchell, A. S., mittens.....	Maintenance.....		1 50
Gold & Stock Tel. Co., rent of line...	Maintenance.....	\$31 25	
	Construction.....	31 25	
		<hr/>	62 50
Herman, Philip, model.....	Museum Nat. History		30 00
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., oil...	Maintenance 23d and		
	24th Wards.....		5 75
Mould, J. Wrey, commissions.....	Construction.....		258 75
Munckwitz, Julius, car fare.....	Construction.....		23 40
New York Cement Co., cement.....	Construction.....		650 90
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., rent			
to Nov. 1.....	Maintenance.....	\$312 50	
	Construction.....	937 50	
		<hr/>	1,250 00
Pratt, Chas. & Co., oil.....	Maint. of Bridges....	\$0 32	
	Maintenance.....	1 28	
	Construction.....	1 60	
		<hr/>	3 20
Rollins, True W., granite and labor...	Museum Nat. History		2,000 00
Rollins, True W., iron and labor.....	Museum Nat. History		15,500 00
Roosevelt, Sam'l & Co., nails, &c....	Maint. of Bridges....		26 50
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., putty.....	Construction.....		17 75
Stewart & Co., stone jugs.....	Maintenance.....		1 69
Such, Geo., peat and sand.....	Construction.....		117 50
Shute, Wm., & Co., vitrified pipe...	Museum of Art.....	\$23 63	
	Construction.....	226 67	
		<hr/>	250 30
Toope, Chas., & Co., castings.....	Maintenance 23d and		
	24th Wards.....		32 00
Titus, Frederick, services.....	Maintenance 23d and		
	24th Wards.....		112 50

Van Valkenburgh, Wm., petty ex-		
penses.....	Maintenance.....	\$2 04
	Construction.....	6 08
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		\$8 04
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and ma-		
terials.....	Museum Nat. History	14,666 00
Watson Manufacturing Co., iron and		
labor.....	Museum of Art.....	6,460 00
Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., stone		
and labor.....	Construction.....	5,113 18
Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	Construction.....	12 90
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maintenance.....	9 81
Valentine & Briggs, rent for October.	Maintenance 23d and	
	24th Wards.....	30 00
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		<u>\$48,219 76</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$560 19
Maintenance of Harlem River Bridges.....	130 98
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	180 25
Maintenance Museum and Observatory.....	1 45
Construction.....	8,639 31
Construction, Museum Natl. History.....	32,217 45
Construction, Museum of Art.....	6,483 63
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	6 50
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	<u>\$48,219 76</u>

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

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, November 5th, 1874.

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.

Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maintenance	\$28 39	
	Construction	56 66	
	Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	13 30	
			<u>\$98 35</u>
New York Mutual Gas-Light Co., gas.	Construction	\$4 95	
	Maintenance.....	42 62	
			<u>47 57</u>
New York Mutual Gas-Light Co., gas.	Maintenance.....		1,037 41
			<u>\$1,183 33</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance.....	\$1,108 42
Maintenance of 23d and 24th Wards.....	13 30
Construction.....	61 61
	<u>\$1,183 33</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, November 6, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

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

November 6, 1874.]

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Department of Public Parks in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1874.	CR.		
Oct. 20.	By balance.....	\$8 00	
Oct. 20.	} " cash received from rents, licenses, &c.....	401 95	\$409 95
to			
Nov. 6.		<u> </u>	

1874.	DR.		
Oct. 20	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$8 69	
to			
Nov. 6.)			
Nov. 6.	" balance.....	401 27	
		<u> </u>	\$409 95
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

New York, November 6, 1874.

6 P. M.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to light the public lamps in the parks, places, squares and bridges under the control of this Department during the year 1875.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—8 O'CLOCK P. M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square, N. Y. }

10th November, 1874.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

SIR,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for Thursday, the 12th instant, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—MR. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

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

The following Communications were presented and read :

From the Engineer forwarding a letter from the Wilson & Hughes Stone Company, asking that the reserve, or an equitable proportion thereof, retained in pursuance of the terms of their contract for building the enclosing wall of the Central Park

on Eighth Avenue, until the completion of the work, be paid to them, on the ground that only a small portion of the wall remains to be finished, but that the work cannot be done until next spring.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be referred to the President to examine and report.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART entered the meeting at this point.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, presenting a plan of the Riverdale District from Spuyten Duyvil Creek to the north city line, and between Hudson River and the east side of the proposed widening of Riverdale Avenue, and including the approach to Riverdale Avenue from Kingsbridge. Also stating the changes made in the map or plan of the southwesterly portion of said district, and which the Board had agreed to adopt, and his reasons for such changes. Also enclosing a synopsis of the views of various property-owners on the subject.

(Minutes, Dec. 23d, 1873, p. 465.)

After the subject was discussed at some length—

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be laid on the table.

Adopted.

From Messrs. Peter O. Strang, Austin D. Ewen and thirteen other owners of property at Kingsbridge or Spuyten Duyvil, endorsing and approving of the map of the southwesterly portion of the late town of Kingsbridge, as same was agreed to be adopted by the Board, and requesting that it be filed.

(Minutes, December 23d, 1874, p. 465.)

Laid on the table.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the alleged discrepancies between the filed map of Kingsbridge Road, from Inwood Street to Harlem River, and the map originally adopted by the Commissioners of the Central Park, and stating that no such discrepancies exist.

(Minutes, November 6th, 1874, p. 329.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had sent a copy of said communication to the Counsel to the Corporation, and moved that it be received and filed.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, reporting upon the condition and progress of the works under his charge for the two weeks ending November 7th, 1874.

(Minutes, October 21st, 1874, p. 307.)

Filed.

From the Superintendent, asking instructions as to the erecting of the skating houses on Central Park.

The PRESIDENT thereupon moved that the Superintendent be directed to have the skating houses erected as soon as possible, on the usual sites for the same in Central Park.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that the foundations for a urinal on Five Points Park, of the description directed by the Board, have been built.

(Minutes, October 23d, 1874, p. 322.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that a wire gauze urinal for six persons, of the pattern supplied by Mr. Bacharach, be ordered, at cost not to exceed \$1,000, and that it be placed on the Five Points Park.

(Minutes, October 9th, 1874, p. 302.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson Stewart—4.

From the Superintending Architect, forwarding a communication from Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, contractors for the mason work of the building for the Museum of Art, offering to substitute red granite in place of Philadelphia brick up to the first story water table of said building for an additional sum of \$908. After the matter was discussed,

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, contractors, be allowed to substitute red granite, to be approved of by the Architect and Superintending Architect, in place of Philadelphia brick, up to the first story water table of said building, provided that no extra charge be made therefor.

(Minutes, April 2d, 1874, p. 617.)

Adopted.

From the Landscape Gardener, stating that the work under his charge being diminished during the winter, he will not require any further clerical assistance.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and that the services of Division Gardener Marem Israel, who

acts as Clerk and Assistant to the Landscape Gardener, be dispensed with from and after the 15th inst.

Adopted.

From the Disbursing Clerk, reporting the changes in the laborers' pay-roll for the two weeks ending November 7th.

Filed.

From B. W. Barlow, Clerk, and from F. W. Brown, Messenger, both in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, asking for an increase of pay.

Laid on the table.

From Messrs. Cyrus Butler, J. Q. A. Ward and others requesting that the bronze bust of William Cullen Bryant be loaned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, until such time as a fitting position in Central Park can, under the rules of the Department, be assigned to it.

(Minutes, Dec. 23d, 1868, p. 67, and March 10th, 1873, p. 703.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that the President be directed to comply with the request therein.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented the certificate of the Disbursing Clerk, that the sum of \$85 was still due to Carl Spangenburg, a former employé in the Civil and Topographical force, and moved that it be referred to the Auditing Committee to examine and audit.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. John D. Crimmins had of-

ferred to deliver some garden mould at 110th street at a low price.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the subject of purchasing said mould be referred to the President and Treasurer, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the petition of the gardeners, asking that their pay be not reduced, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, Nov. 6th, 1874, p. 335.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER then moved that said petition be referred to the President, to report.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the Superintendent be directed to detail a watchman on night duty for the Animal house, west of the Museum 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that the bill of Messrs. Graham & Co., for the keep, during the month of June last, of the

horse and wagon assigned to the Civil and Topographical Engineer had been certified to by the said Engineer by mistake. That the bill should have been for the month of July. That the bill for June had not been paid. He therefore moved that the action of the Board, of August 20th, 1874, and entered on page 217 of the minutes, adopting the report of the Treasurer in relation to said bill, be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then moved that said report of the Treasurer be accepted, and that the bills for the keep of said horse and wagon hereafter be referred to the Auditing Committee to examine and audit.

(Minutes, Aug. 20th, 1874, p. 217.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock P. M., to meet on Monday, the 16th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1874.

9.30 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the repairs to the sea-wall at the Battery.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

The following proposals, which had been received, were then publicly opened :

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|---------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| 1. Theodore Hunt and B. G. Wells..... | \$10 00 | per lineal foot. |
| 2. Joseph A. Dreyfous..... | 8 95 | “ “ “ |
| 3. C. B. De Baum..... | 5 25 | “ “ “ |
| 4. J. J. Schillinger..... | 10 00 | “ “ “ |
| 5. J. H. Magrath..... | 15 00 | “ “ “ |
| 6. R. L. Darragh..... | 14 50 | “ “ “ |
| 7. A. J. Howell..... | 4 28 | “ “ “ |

The Comptroller having retired, the Board organized in adjourned session.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M., without transacting any business.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING.—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 12th and 16th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Comptroller of the city, requesting that certain account books, &c., delivered to this Department by the authorities of the late town of Morrisania, may be sent to the Finance Department.

Referred to the President, with power.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting the death, on the 10th inst., of Mr. Isaac C. Halsted, rodman, in which he says : “Mr. Halsted was well educated for his profession, and was energetic and careful in the performance of his duties, and his loss is deeply regretted.”

Filed.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending the appointment of Mr. Frederick Lacy Underhill, lately one of the assistant engineers of this Department, in the place of Mr. Halsted, deceased.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said communication be received and filed, and that Mr. Frederick Lacy Underhill be appointed a rodman on the civil and topographical force, in place of Mr. Isaac C. Halsted, deceased, and that his pay be fixed at \$3.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

From the Engineer, stating that in carrying out the orders of the Board with regard to repainting the tops and reflectors of 400 lamps, it was found that the top reflectors and chimney-irons of 26 of the lamps, so far examined, are so rusted from age as to be unfit for repainting, and stating that Mr. J. W. Bartlett offers to replace the rusted top reflectors and chimney-irons of these for \$1.00 each lamp, and that in such cases he will only charge 15 cents for repainting the lower reflectors.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the order given to Mr. Bartlett to repaint 400 of the tops and reflectors of the lamps be modified in accordance with the suggestions contained in said communication.

(Minutes, November 6th, 1874, p. 330.)

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

From Mr. George S. Greene, Jr., Civil Engineer and City

Surveyor, requesting to be appointed the Engineer and City Surveyor in charge of the grading, &c., of Third Avenue, between Harlem Bridge and 147th Street.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT then reported verbally concerning the work and duties of the gardeners at the present season of the year.

(Minutes, November 12th, 1874, p. 348.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted, and that the pay of the gardeners be not reduced until the 21st inst; and that the reduction made in the pay of said gardeners on the last laborers' pay-roll be allowed them on the next 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.—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the preparation of plans and drawings for the fountain to be located on the south end of the Mall, Central Park, be referred to the President to examine and report.

(Minutes, May 6th, 1874, p. 11.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered eleven of the public lamps on Five Points Park to be lighted from the 17th inst., 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.—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the re-adjustment of the pay of foremen, laborers, &c., be referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the communication received from Messrs. Cyrus Butler and others in relation to the bronze bust of William Cullen Bryant, and the reply of the President thereto be entered at length on the minutes.

(Minutes, November 12th, 1874, p. 347.)

Adopted.

Copy correspondence above referred to.

NEW YORK, November 7, 1874.

Hon. HENRY G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P. :

Dear Sir,—In 1864, Charles H. Ludington, Esq., of this city, gave a generous commission to Launt Thompson for a bust in bronze of William Cullen Bryant, commemorating his seventieth birthday, to be placed in the Central Park, as a gift to the City of New York.

In due time the bust was satisfactorily completed, delivered and presented to the Park Commissioners, who accepted it with fitting acknowledgments, but owing to a very proper resolution which had been passed by the Board, precluding the exhibition in the park of a bust or statue of a living person, this admirable work of art has been lost to the sight of the public ever since.

It has been suggested in connection with the proposed testimonial vase to Mr. Bryant, commemorating his eightieth birthday, that the bust would make an appropriate pendant in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where the vase is to be permanently deposited.

Having the cordial approval of the donor and the artist, the undersigned and, we doubt not, every lover of art and every admirer of the poet and the artist in New York would gladly unite with us, if the opportunity were afforded, ask your Board to lend the bronze to the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to be held by them in trust and on exhibition until the time—long hence we pray—when the original shall “be seen no more of men,” and the bust be entitled to the conspicuous position in the park which its merits, and the fame of the poet and the man, the then Commissioners, we doubt not, will unanimously accord it.

Very respectfully,

(Signed.)

Cyrus Butler, J. Q. A. Ward, Calvert Vaux, Samuel P. Avery, W. Whittredge, W. E. Dodge, Jr., E. C. Stedman, D. Huntington, John H. Goudie, George A. Baker, Jervis McEntee, Walter Brown, A. R. Macdonough, A. Bierstadt, Thomas Hicks, R. W. Raymond, Elliott C. Cowden, F. F. Marbury, D. Van Nostrand, Charles Collins, Dwight H. Olmstead, George B. Butler, John H. Hall, Richard Butler, S. H. Wales.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, {
Nov. 13, 1874. }

CYRUS BUTLER, Esq.,

No. 24 Cliff Street, N. Y.:

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the Board governing this department to acknowledge the receipt of the petition signed by yourself and others, requesting that the bronze statue of Wil-

liam Cullen Bryant, by Launt Thompson, now in possession of the Department, be loaned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to be exhibited by them until such time when the Department, under its rules, can give it the position in the Central Park deserving of its merits as a work of art, and in harmony with the claims of so eminent and distinguished a citizen. The Commissioners, fully sympathizing with the views and wishes of the petitioners, gladly assent to such a disposition of the work, and have directed me to deliver it at any time to any properly accredited agent of the Museum.

Respectfully yours,
 (Sigd.) HENRY G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

The TREASURER presented the following account, which was ordered to be printed in the Minutes :

Department of Public Parks in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1874.		CR.	
Nov. 6.	By balance.....		\$401 26
Nov. 6.	} " cash received from rents, licenses, and sundry receipts.....		1,687 16
Nov. 18.			<u>2,088 42</u>
1874.		DR.	
Nov. 6.	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$1,354 56
Nov. 18.			733 86
Nov. 18.	" balance.....		<u>2,088 42</u>

(Signed)

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

Wednesday, November 18, 1874.

9.30 A. M.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 1874.

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, N. Y. }

19th November, 1874.

Mr. Wm. Irwin,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

SIR,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for to-morrow the 20th instant, at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering the subject of awarding the contract for the repairs of the Battery sea wall, and such other business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—MR. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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 :

From the Health Department, forwarding a copy of the report of Assistant Sanitary Inspector De Marmon on the condition of the culvert on Van Cortland Avenue, east of Yonkers road.

Referred to the Engineer in charge of the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Engineer, recommending that the amount of wall to be included in the contract for repairs of the Battery sea wall be not determined at present.

The subject of awarding the contract for said repairs having been discussed at some length,

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication and the subject of awarding said contract be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, November 16th, 1874, p. 351.)

Adopted.

From Mr. Matthew Taylor, General Manager of the North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Company (limited), with reference to the non-fulfillment of the proposition of said company to take up and relay the pavement on Union Square during the months of July and August last, and requesting that a payment on account of the cost of the pavement be directed by the Board.

(Minutes, June 17th, 1874, p. 87.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said communication be referred to the President and Treasurer to examine and report upon at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING.—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 18th and 20th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the petition of residents on Denman, Gouverneur and Elton streets in the 23d Ward, protesting against being assessed a second time for grading, &c., said streets, wherein he states that “ I think ” * * * “ the Commissioners should deliver their certificate to the contractor, leaving the validity of the contracts to be determined hereafter.”

(Minutes, Nov. 6th, 1874, p. 335.)

Filed.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, stating that he deemed it his duty, for reasons stated in said communication, to exercise the authority of said Department over the Croton water, by shutting off the water supply from the horse-trough on Worth Monument at Twenty-fifth Street.

(Minutes, Nov. 6th, 1874, p. 330.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be referred to the President, with instructions to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the powers of the Department of Public Works to control the supply of water to the fountains, &c., erected by this Department for the use of the public.

Adopted.

From Messrs. H. Rotschild and other owners of property on the line of Third Avenue, from Harlem Bridge to 147th Street, petitioning the Board to revise the regrading of portion of the Third Avenue.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon said petition.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said petition and communication he laid on the table.

Adopted.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that the house on Riverside Park, at 112th Street, occupied by G. H. Forster, requires to have some of the plastering and cracks in the ceilings repaired, and estimating the cost of the work at \$30.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Superintendent be directed to have said repairs made, under the supervision of the Superintending Architect, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

From Messrs. Allison & Shaw, attorneys for Mr. Henry Schmidt, requesting that the Department issue the certificate of the Commissioners to the contractors for grading, &c., Denman Place, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to Mr. Williamson.

From Mr. Matthew Taylor, general manager of the North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Co. (limited), with reference to the payment for the pavement laid by said company on Union Square.

(Minutes, November 20th, 1874, p. 360.)

Referred to the President and Treasurer to examine and report.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported, recommending that Mr. J. W. Mould, architect, be employed to prepare the working drawings and specifications for the fountain to be located on the south end of the Mall, Central Park; and he presented and read a communication from Mr. Mould, offering to prepare same for \$1,361.25.

(Minutes, November 18th, 1874, p. 355.)

After the matter was discussed,

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted, and that Mr. J. W. Mould, architect, be employed by the Department to prepare all the plans, elevations, sections, general drawings, full-sized working-drawings, and the specifications complete, for the granite, masonry, concrete, bronze and plumbing-work, and all other drawings and specifications necessary for the erection of said fountain; and that on the completion of the said plans, &c., and specifications, he be

paid the sum of \$1,000; and that on the completion of said fountain, he be paid a further sum therefor, not exceeding \$361.25, and not exceeding three and three-quarters per cent. of the contract price of the whole work complete.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, recommending that the Wilson & Hughes Stone Company be paid \$11,000, on account of the reserve of fifteen per cent. retained as security for the completion of their contract for building the enclosing wall of Central Park on Eighth Avenue, and recommended the adoption of the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

Whereas, Under the contract with the Wilson & Hughes Stone Company, for the building of the Eighth Avenue wall, bearing date August 15th, 1873, the entire work has been completed to the satisfaction of this Department, except a portion not exceeding 300 feet of the same, which has been delayed by no fault of the contractors, but through the inability of this Department to provide the necessary foundation-wall; and

Whereas, a sum of money has been reserved as against the entire contract, to the amount of about \$17,000, which the said contractors apply to have paid over to them; therefore, it is

Resolved, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000)

of said reserve be paid over to the said contractors, the balance remaining being sufficient to guarantee the completion of the remainder of the wall at a period when said work can be resumed.

(Minutes, Nov. 12th, 1874, p. 343.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said report be accepted, and that the said preambles and resolution 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that, on account of the reduced state of the appropriations, he had ordered a reduction in the laboring force of the Department to the extent of \$703.40 per day, to take effect from the 21st inst., and he presented a report from the Superintendent, giving an analysis of the reduction, and moved that his action in the matter be approved by the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of awarding the contract for the repairs to the sea-wall at the Battery, and the Engineer's communication thereon, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, Nov. 20th, 1874, p. 360.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 7) of A. J. Howell, for the

repairing of the sea-wall at the Battery, be accepted as the lowest bid for the said work; that the contract therefor be awarded to the said A. J. Howell, and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Engineer be, and he is hereby, instructed to proceed with the work of the repairs to the sea-wall at the Battery, this day awarded to A. J. Howell, by directing the contractor to commence, as a preliminary step, at the angle of the front wall and the corner of the boat basin to the point on said wall lately repaired by this Department; reporting the same on its completion, when instructions for the further prosecution of the work will be given.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART and Mr. WILLIAMSON, to whom was referred the whole subject, as to the right of Mr. E. C. Morrison, First Assistant-Division Engineer, to receive compensation for the superintendence of works commenced under the authority of the Board of Trustees of the late town of Morrisania, reported verbally, that in their opinion, there was nothing contained in the laws rendering it illegal for Mr. Morrison to receive such compensation while he was at the same time an employe of the Department.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 207.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That Mr. E. C. Morrison, engineer, be, and he is hereby, appointed, in pursuance of sec. 7, chap. 329, Laws of 1874, the engineer in charge, to examine and inspect the work done upon improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania, prior to the first day of January, 1874; said appointment to date and take effect from January 1st, 1874; and that he be allowed for such services the several rates of pay fixed by the said Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania, and entered on pages 284 and 285 of the Minutes of said board for the year 1873. Also,

Resolved, That in pursuance of sec. 9, chap. 329, Laws of 1874, the said E. C. Morrison be, and he is hereby, appointed the engineer to superintend the improvement of Third Avenue, as authorized by chap. 545, Laws of 1872; said appointment to date and take effect from the 14th August, 1874; and that he be allowed for such services the sum of \$125 per month from said 14th August, 1874.

(Minutes, August 19th, 1874, p. 208.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER reported progress with reference to the application on behalf of the North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Co. (limited), and the President moved

that the consideration of the subject be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, Nov. 20th, 1874, p. 360.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, on the application of the Rev. Albert S. Hull and others to open, extend and grade Delmonico Place, in the Twenty-third Ward, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, Sept. 16th, 1874, p. 257.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then presented a petition from Messrs. Solon Farrer and James H. Welsh, a committee on behalf of the Corporation of Trinity Church, Morrisania, requesting that said Delmonico Place be extended north to intersect Boston Avenue, as recommended by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and moved that said petition be received and filed, and that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board a map or plan of the extension of said Delmonico Place, as recommended in his said report, with the exception that said Place or Street be not widened.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the communication of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, presenting a map of the proposed change of Central Avenue to meet the Westchester or north end of a tunnel from Seventh Avenue to said Central Avenue, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, September 30th, 1874, p. 278.)

Adopted.

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 chap. 604 of the Laws of 1874, the said Commissioners do hereby lay out the street, 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 the said Harlem River to the Sound north of Randel's Island, shown on a map dated "Office of Civil and Topographical Engineer, 21st Sept., 1874," and signed by "Geo. S. Greene, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the widths, extent and direction that said street is designated on said map by red lines, figures and color; and that the widths, extent and direction of the said street 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 street to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments; also to have prepared and submit to this Board a plan of the grades for said street, and also the three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of the 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT and Mr. STEWART verbally reported, recommending the removal of the horse-trough or drinking-fountain at Worth Monument and Twenty-fifth Street to the East Ram-

ble road step in Central Park, and that no other troughs or drinking-fountains be placed on Worth Monument or Madison Square at present.

(Minutes, November 6th, 1874, p. 330.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the Engineer be directed to report to the Board whether the contractors for laying concrete flagging on Five Points Park, and on the Plaza at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Streets, have failed to perform their contracts in accordance with the agreements and specifications for the same ; and if they have, to report to the Board in detail in what particulars and to what extent such failure exists.

(Minutes, Sept. 30th and Oct. 9th, 1874, p. 284 and p. 306.)

Adopted.

Mr. 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. Telegraph Co., rent and services.	Maintenance.	\$2 24	
	Construction.	6 73	
		<hr/>	\$8 97
Affleck, Wm., & Co., oats, corn, &c.	Maintenance.	\$124 61	
	Construction.	217 50	
		<hr/>	\$342 11

Barron, Jas. S., & Co., wicking and brooms.....	Maintenance.....	\$16 00	
	Maint. of Bridges ...	1 20	
			<hr/> \$17 20
Colgate & Co., castile soap.....	Maintenance.....	\$1 12	
	Construction.....	3 38	
			<hr/> 4 50
Cooke, R. L., steel tape.....	Laying out, Monumenting, chapter 604, Laws 1874....		20 00
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., files.....	Construction.....		22 00
Foley, Richard, services.....	Improvement 8d Ave., Morrisania.....		390 50
Graham & Co., keep of horse.....	Laying out, monumenting, &c., chap. 604, Laws 1874....		30 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maint. of Bridges...	\$117 00	
	Maintenance.....	256 95	
			<hr/> 373 95
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	Construction.....		32 40
Hayden, Gere & Co., plumbing materials.....	Construction.....		5 76
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Maintenance.....	\$208 30	
	Construction.....	83 80	
	Museum Natl. Histy.	3 75	
	Laying out, monumenting, &c., chap. 604, Laws 1874..	7 50	
			<hr/> 303 35
Keuffel & Esser, engineers' supplies..	Construction.....		7 20
Lanthier, L. A., map frame.....	Maintenance.....	\$4 12	
	Construction.....	12 38	
			<hr/> 16 50
Moran & Armstrong, labor and mat'ls..	Museum of Art.....		8,000 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maintenance.....		503 28
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maintenance.....		937 75
McNabb & Harlin Manufacturing Co., plumbing materials.....	Construction.....	\$7 20	
	Maintenance.....	0 17	
	Maint. of Bridge.....	3 40	
			<hr/> 10 77

Pratt, Chas., & Co., oil	Maintenance.....	\$1 28
	Maint. of Bridges....	0 32
	Construction	1 60
		<hr/>
		\$3 20
Spangenberg, Carl, services.....	Laying out, monu- menting, &c., chap. 604, Laws 1874....	85 00
Simpson, A., bread.....	Maintenance.....	77 69
Voorhes, John D., pavement.....	Construction.....	500 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Construction	556 25
Westchester Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maint. of Bridges..	64 00
Whittemore, Sidney, insurance prem- iums.....	Maintenance.....	360 00
Vaux, C., superintendence.....	Mus. Natl. History...	600 00
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		<u>\$13,272 38</u>

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Maintenance.....	\$2,493 51
Construction.....	1,456 20
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.....	185 92
Museum Natural History.....	603 75
Museum of Art.....	8,000 00
Laying out, monumenting, &c., chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	142 50
Improvement Third Avenue, Morrisania.....	390 50
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	<u>\$13,272 38</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred and seventy-two dollars and thirty-eight cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, November 19th, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1874.

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, N. Y. }
28th November, 1874.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Monday the 30th instant, at 9.30 o'clock A. M., to take into consideration the advisability of rescinding the action of the Board in advertising for proposals to light the public lamps for one year, and substituting therefor a shorter period.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 24th inst. was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT then stated, that if the contracts for the lighting of the public lamps were awarded for one year from January 1st, it would prevent competition among the gas companies for the whole year, as it is not possible to lay the gas-

pipes at that season of the year, when the frost is in the ground. He also stated that the necessary advertisements had been published, in pursuance of the directions of the Board, that proposals for lighting the said lamps for one year would be received by this Department on the 2d December next.

After the subject had been discussed,

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the action of the Board directing the Secretary to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to light said lamps, and entered on page 341 of the minutes of November 6th, 1874, be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said action be amended so as to read "that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to light the public lamps in the Parks, Places, Squares and Bridges, under the control of this Department, for the four months commencing January 1st, 1875."

(Minutes, Nov. 6th, 1874, p. 341.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Secretary be directed to discontinue the advertisement heretofore published for said proposals, and that he insert a notice in the *City Record*, to the effect that no proposals will be received in pursuance thereof.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT and the TREASURER reported verbally that

they had made arrangements with the North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Co. (limited), subject to the approval of the Board, to terminate the contract under which said company laid the pavement on Union Square, on the following terms, viz. : The said company to deliver to this Department 50 tons of the ground Neuchatel Rock, and to receive therefor and for all claims and demands under said contract the sum of \$7,000; and they recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution, viz. :

Whereas, The North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Company (limited), by agreement entered into with this Department, dated July 25th, 1872, agreed to furnish the material and pave the walks on Union Square, and to keep the same in repair for five years from the time of its completion, and to charge therefor, for five years, the annual sum of ten cents per superficial foot of pavement laid, which amounts to the annual payment of \$4,945.17, or, in all, at the end of said five years, to the sum of \$24,725.85.

And whereas, There was paid to said North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Company (limited), on the 17th day of December, 1873, the sum of \$4,000 on account of the first annual payment, as before mentioned, and the sum of \$20,725.85 will, when the terms of said agreement have been complied with, accrue to said company.

And whereas, The said North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Company (limited), have offered to give to this Department fifty tons of ground Neuchatel rock, for the purpose of repairing said pavement and keeping the same in repair for the remainder of said five years, and to receive the sum of \$7,000 in full of all further claims and demands by the said company on this Department, under or by virtue of said agreement.

And whereas, On the advice of the Engineer, and after carefully examining the subject, it appears to the Commissioners governing this Department to be for the best interests of the city to accept said offer ;

Therefore it is

Resolved, That the sum of \$7,000 be, and the same hereby is, directed to be paid to said North American Neuchatel Rock

Paving Company (limited), on their delivering fifty tons of ground Neuchatel rock to this Department, in full of all demands of every kind and character, which the said company now have, or could hereafter have, against this Department or the city of New York, under or in pursuance of said agreement.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1874, pp. 363 and 367.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said report be accepted, and that said preamble and resolution 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1874.

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, N.Y. }
30th November, 1874.

Mr. Wm. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.:

Sir,—You will call a special meeting of the Board for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, to take such action as may be appropriate in consequence of the death of his Honor Wm. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor of the city of New York.

Respectfully,

(Signed,)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The PRESIDENT having announced the death of his Honor the Mayor, the following was unanimously adopted and directed to be entered on the minutes.

The Mayor of the City of New York, the Hon. Wm. F. HAVEMEYER, died suddenly on the 30th ult., while in the discharge of his public duties.

The Commissioners of this Department of the City Government are deeply moved by the unexpected event, and hasten to record their willing testimony to the general judgment of

their fellow-citizens, that his private and public life have alike been governed by the principles of high honor and unswerving integrity.

The Department orders :

That the offices of the Commissioners be draped in mourning, that the Department be closed on the day of the funeral, that the Commissioners attend the solemnities, and that these words of regret and condolence be engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2d, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 24th and 30th ults., and of the 1st inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that, in his opinion, “ the Department of Public Parks has the authority to proceed with the paving of Third Avenue, provided the Comptroller has moneys in his hands received from the Commissioners appointed under the Act of 1872” (chap. 545, Laws of 1872), “ which can be applied to the payment of the work ;” also stating, “ I think if the Comptroller has not sufficient funds in his hands to pay for paving the street, the expense of doing the work will have to be provided for by assessment on the property benefited, and, in that case, I am of the opinion that an ordinance of the Common Council is necessary to enable the work to be proceeded with.”

Filed.

From the Superintendent reporting upon the condition and

progress of the works under his charge for the week ending November 21st, 1874.

(Minutes, Nov. 12th, 1874, p. 345.)

Filed.

From the Engineer, reporting in detail the particulars and extent wherein the contractors for laying concrete flagging on Five Points Park and the Plaza at Fifth Avenue, Fifty-eight and Fifty-ninth Streets, have not performed the work in accordance with the agreements and specifications for the same.

(Minutes, November 24th, 1874, p. 370.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said communication be referred to the President and Treasurer to examine and report.

Adopted.

From the Disbursing Clerk, giving the amounts of the pay-rolls for November.

Filed.

From gate-keeper Charles Boyle, resigning his position as gate-keeper from the 1st inst.

Accepted and ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT then presented three similar maps or plans and profiles prepared for filing in accordance with the provisions of law, of a street known as 184th Street, from Tenth Avenue to King's Bridge Road ; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON 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 simillar maps or plans and profiles as provided by law ; which said maps or plans and profiles show the width, location, course, winding and grades of a street from Tenth Avenue to King's Bridge Road, between 183d and 185th Streets, and corresponding approximately with 184th Street on Randall's map, as the same have been laid out and are hereby determined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, October 9th, 1874, p. 298.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Mr. 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, &c.	Construction	\$171 75	
	Maintenance	18 75	
		-----	\$190 50
Allen, R. H., & Co., barley	Maintenance		2 50
Eddy, Geo. M., & Co., steel tape	Construction		1 00
Frith & Hinchman, brick	Museum of Art.		18 00
Florence, Wm. H., services	Maint. of Bridges. ...		104 16
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line	Maintenance	\$31 25	
	Construction	31 25	
		-----	62 50
Gifford & Beach, bed-tick	Maintenance		5 00
Labagh, Wm. O., salt	Maintenance	\$1 10	
	Construction	5 00	
		-----	6 10

Moffat, David, & Co., leather.....	Maintenance.....		\$9 02
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maintenance.....	\$48 39	
	Construction.....	7 43	
			<hr/> 55 82
Place, Geo., & Co., emery wheel.....	Construction.....		3 50
Rollins, True W., iron and labor ...	Museum Natural His- tory.....		2,000 00
Rollins True W., granite and labor..	Museum Natural His- tory.....		13,000 00
Titus, Frederick, services.....	Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....		12 50
Tieman, D. F., & Co., paint and putty.	Construction.....		52 22
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Construction.....		363 40
			<hr/> <hr/> \$15,886 22

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Central Park, and Parks and Places.....	\$116 01
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.....	104 16
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 50
Construction.....	635 55
Museum of Art.....	18 00
Museum of Natural History... ..	15,000 00
	<hr/> <hr/> \$15,886 22

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen thousand eight hundred and eighty-six dollars and twenty-two cents.

(Signed.)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, December 1st, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

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.

1874.	CR.		
Nov. 18.	By balance.....	\$733	86
Nov. 18.	} " cash from rent and pound.....	333	72
to			
Dec. 2.	} " balance.....	218	00
1874.			
Nov. 18.	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$849	58
to			
Dec. 2.	} " balance.....	218	00
1874.			
			<u>\$1,067 58</u>

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, December 2, 1874.

MR. 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 certificates of the Engineer in charge of 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.

CONTRACTOR.	IMPROVEMENT.	NO OF CERTIFICATE	AMOUNT.
John G. Gent.....	Regulating and grading Elton (or 152d) Street, from 3d Avenue to Morris Avenue.....	Fourth and final..	\$1,628 98
John G. Gent.....	Regulating and grading Denman (or 150th) Street from 3d Avenue to Morris Avenue.....	Fourth and final..	5,061 27
John W. Pettigrew, Assignee of Patrick Daley	Regulating and grading 144th Street from Willis Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue	Fifth and final....	4,011 28
Drake S. Annan....	Regulating and grading Orchard Street from Ogden Avenue to Anderson Avenue	First	4,689 02

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

December 2d, 1874.

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

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then offered the following preamble and resolution :

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

Resolved, That the said Commissioners approve, and they hereby do approve, the work and amounts certified to by said engineer in said certificates respectively ; and that the Secretary be, and he hereby is, directed to prepare the certificates to be delivered to the several contractors mentioned in said report, in pursuance of the provisions of sec. 7, chap. 329, Laws of 1874, and in accordance with the said certificates of said Engineer, and submit the same to the Commissioners of this Department for their signatures.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1874.

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, N. Y. }
 3d December, 1874.

Mr. Wm. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for to-morrow at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of taking action on the report of the Auditing Committee, and on such other business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2d inst. was dispensed with.

Mr. 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 :

Adler, Jacob, & Co., buck gloves	Maintenance	\$109 73
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables	Maintenance	98 95
Composite Iron Works, wrench and jet	Construction	\$3 50
	Maintenance	7 50
		11 00

Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....Construction.....		\$104 09	
Frith & Hinchman, brick.....Construction.....		310 80	
Holbrook, E. F. & Bros., glass.....Construction.....		111 15	
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....Construction.....	\$19 86		
	Maintenance.....	16 67	
	Laying out, monu- menting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874....	10 55	47 08
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....Maintenance.....	\$11 70		
	Laying out monu- menting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874....	4 50	16 20
New York Rubber Co., gum packing...Maintenance.....		3 42	
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving cement.Construction.....		382 78	
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., hardware ...Construction.....	\$3 84		
	Maintenance.....	17 05	20 89
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c....Construction.....		28 75	
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....Maintenance.....		16 00	
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....Maintenance.....	\$39 15		
	Construction.....	41 85	
	Museum of Art.....	9 00	90 00
Van Riper, Chas., pails and spikes...Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		12 00	
Wetmore, & Co., iron.....Construction.....		28 74	
			<u>\$1,391 58</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance, C. P. & P.....	\$320 17	
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 00	
Construction.....	1,035 36	
Museum of Art.....	9 00	
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874,....	15 05	
		<u>\$1,391 58</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen hundred and ninety-one dollars and fifty-eight cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, November 25th, 1874.

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.

North Am. Neuchatel Rock Pavement

Co., pavement.....Construction..... \$7,000 00

Amounting to the sum of seven thousand dollars..

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, December 4th, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT moved that the report of the Landscape Architect, presenting designs for a railing round the Lincoln Monument, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, May 6th, 1874, p. 11.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be referred to the President and Mr. Stewart, with power to select a suitable railing, and to take all necessary steps to have same placed in proper position round said monument.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1874.

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, N.Y. }
7th December, 1874.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

Sir,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for to-morrow at 9.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of making requisition on the Comptroller of the City to issue a further amount of the "City Parks Improvement Fund," in pursuance of Chap. 645, Laws of 1874, and for the transaction of such other business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 2d and 4th instants, was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be,

and he hereby is, requested to issue, under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Laws of 1874, to an amount not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) of the public fund or stock, to be denominated the "City Parks Improvement Fund," for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and public places, which by law now are, or may hereafter be, under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1874, p. 119.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Mr. 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 :

Wilson & Hughes, Stone Co., labor and	
material.....	Construction.....\$14,116 77

Amounting to the sum of fourteen thousand one hundred and fifteen dollars and seventy-seven cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, December 8th, 1874.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchase, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bill 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 :

(Minutes Nov. 24th, 1874, p. 364.)

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 1874.

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, N. Y. }
11 December, 1874.

MR. WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for to-morrow morning, at 9.30 o'clock, to take action on some business of importance connected with the contract for the repairs of the sea wall at the Battery, and on such other business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—MR. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Engineer, recommending that the portion of the sea wall of the Battery, within the enclosure at Castle Garden, be directed to be repaired forthwith, as the work on that portion can be proceeded with at this season of the year with more advantage than the other parts of the wall. Also recommending that the contractor be directed to remove and relay a portion of the dock used by the Commissioners of Emigration, to enable said portion of the wall to be repaired.

Also from Mr. Alex. J. Howell, contractor for the repairs to the said sea wall, offering to take up and relay said portion of said dock for \$549.54.

(Minutes, November 24, 1874, p. 365.)

After the matter had been discussed,

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

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that a bill of Messrs. Backhouse & Son, of England, for £28 1s. 0d., which had been audited on Oct. 21st last, to the amount of \$135.76 gold, had been returned by the Finance Department, with a request that \$154.84 currency be substituted in place of \$135.76 gold, as it would require that sum to purchase the exchange on England for the amount of the bill, and he therefore offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bill of Messrs. Backhouse & Son for plants, and amounting to the sum of \$135.76 gold, audited and directed to be sent to the Finance Department for payment on the 21st day of October, 1874, be, and the same is hereby, amended by substituting the sum of \$154.84 currency, for and in place of, said sum of \$135.76 gold.

(Minutes, October 21st, 1874, p. 312.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT and Mr. STEWART verbally reported that Mr. J. W. Mould, Architect, agreed to prepare all the necessary

drawings, plans and specifications for a suitable railing round Lincoln Monument for the sum of \$75, and

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Mould be employed to prepare same at the sum mentioned.

(Minutes, Dec. 4th, 1874, p. 389.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1874.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for lighting, &c., lamps on the public parks, squares, &c., under the control of this Department, for the four months commencing January 1st, 1875.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK was also present.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened:

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.
No. 1. The Metropolitan Gas-Light Co. of the city of New York,	\$15 00	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$10 00	\$10 00
“ 2. The Harlem Gas Light Co. { For January, \$4 08 “ February, 3 45 “ March, 3 45 “ April 2 97 }	13 95	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	10 00
“ 3. The New York Mutual Gas-Light Co.	11 75	3 50	3 50	5 00	3 50	12 00	12 00
“ 4. The New York Gas-Light Co. .	12 00	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	10 00	10 00
“ 5. The Manhattan Gas-Light Co.,	9 50	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	10 00	10 00

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 Seventy-ninth Street and the southerly 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 central 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, Lincoln Monument, Washington Monument, Union Square Park (excepting the lamps on the ornamental lamp posts at the north end of said Park), Madison Square Park, Worth Monument, and the Candelabra situate at the intersections of Twenty-third Street and Twenty-fourth Street with Broadway.”

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, Sullivan and Canal Streets, from the East River 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 Third-fourth Street; on the South by a line running from the East River through the centre line of Grand Street to the centre of Sullivan Street; thence southerly through Sullivan Street to the centre line of Canal Street; thence westerly through the centre line of Canal Street to the Hudson River; on the East by the East River; on the West by the Hudson River."

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

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

" BISSINGER.

" WILLIAMSON.

" STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 2d, 4th, 8th and 12th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read:

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in which, after referring to the communication of the President, asking his opinion as to the powers of the Department of Public Works to control the supply of water to the fountains, &c., he says:

“As stated in your letter, all the powers formerly possessed by the Croton Aqueduct Department appear, under the charter of 1873, to be vested in the Department of Public Works. I have been unable to find any law or ordinance which seems to interfere with the discretionary power which is thus given to the Department of Public Works. I should suppose that this discretionary power would usually be exercised so as to conform to the wishes and plans of the Department of Public Parks, but, as a matter of strict right, I do not see how the Department of Public Parks can claim to exercise any control in the matter.”

(Minutes, November 24th, 1874, p. 362.)

Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in reply to a communication from the President, in which he states that this Department has no jurisdiction or control whatever in the matter of granting permits to construct vaults under the sidewalks, entrances to areas, basements, &c., the construction of stoops, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Filed.

From the Comptroller of the City of New York, stating that under the provisions of sec. 18, chap. 545, Laws of 1872, the Trustees of the late town of Morrisania issued or executed bonds for the improvement of Third Avenue, in said late town, to the amount of \$74,000; that \$9,000 of these bonds had been negotiated or used by the Commissioners appointed by said act for improving said avenue; that the remaining \$65,000 of these bonds had been transferred and delivered to the Comptroller, as provided by sec. 9, chap. 329, Laws of 1874, and had by him been canceled; that the Comptroller had, under the authority of the last mentioned section and chapter, issued

bonds of the city of New York amounting to \$30,000, the proceeds of which are applied to the purposes of said improvement, upon the requisitions of the Department of Public Parks; that sec. 18, chap. 545, Laws of 1872, limits the issue of bonds for said purpose to \$50,000, and no authority appears to exist for the issue of \$74,000 by the Trustees of the late town of Morrisania.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and referred to the President to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to whether the Trustees of the late town of Morrisania had authority to issue said bonds to an amount exceeding \$50,000.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, reporting the progress made in the works under his charge for the week ending Saturday, November 28th, and also for the week ending Saturday, December 5th, 1874.

(Minutes, December 2d, 1874, p. 384-5.)

Filed.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, reporting, at the request of the President, upon the differences between the plan for the laying out of the southwesterly portion of the late town of Kingsbridge, heretofore agreed to be adopted by the Board, and that presented by the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the 12th November, 1874.

(Minutes, Nov. 12th, 1874, p. 344.)

Laid on the table.

From the Engineer, reporting that in the further progress of repainting the 400 lamps, heretofore directed by the Board, it

is found that a number of those to be repainted, not exceeding 45, in addition to the 26 some time since reported, are in such a condition as to require new tops. That Mr. Bartlett offers to replace these with new tops for \$2.00 each. Also reporting that it is found in many other lamps that the clamps fastening the tops to the glass are so corroded as to be unservicable, while the tops and reflectors are still in fair condition; that Mr. Bartlett has a form of clamp iron which can be attached to these lamps at twenty-five cents per lamp, and recommending that an order be given to Mr. Bartlett to attach this clamp iron to such lamps as may require it, not exceeding 300 in number.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that an order be given to Mr. J. W. Bartlett to make such further repairs to said 400 lamps as are recommended in said communication, at a total cost of not exceeding \$165.

(Minutes, November 18th, 1874, p. 354.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, reporting that eleven of the wheels under the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge are fractured, and recommending that at least four new wheels should be ordered and put in to replace those most damaged. Also recommending that chains or gates be placed across the footways of the bridge at the draw, so as to prevent accidents happening by passengers falling off while the draw is open.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction be directed to have four new wheels placed under the draw of said bridge, as recommended, and to make such other repairs and improvements as are immediately required—the cost of all not to exceed \$500.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

From Mr. C. Wheatly, Secretary of the American Jockey Club, expressing the thanks of the Club for the excellent manner in which the Central (Jerome) Avenue had been watered under the superintendence of Messrs. E. C. Morrison, Engineer in charge and Isaac Jerome, general foreman, during the spring and fall meetings of this year at Jerome Park.

Filed.

From the New York Globe Gas-Light Company, offering to light the skating ponds on the parks during the winter.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1874, p. 541.)

Referred to the Landscape Architect to examine and report.

Mr. 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	Maintenance.....	\$5 60	
	Construction.....	5 60	
		<hr/>	\$11 20
Affleck, Wm., & Co., straw and bran.	Maintenance	\$119 29	
	Construction.....	20 08	
		<hr/>	139 37
Bigelow, Blue Stone Co., blue stone....	Construction.....		588 00
Barritt, Oliver, plumbing and matls.	Maintenance		182 72
Commercial Advertising Asso., advertising.....	Sea Wall at Battery,		3 60
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables.	Maintenance.....		69 60
Curtiss, Geo. B., & Co., car. hardware.	Construction.....		3 00
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., galvanized wire.	Construction.....		34 65
Chadborn & Coldwell Mfg. Co., lawn mowers.....	Maintenance.....		81 50
DeGrauw, Aymar & Co., rope.....	Maintenance.....		1 13
Evening Post, advertising.....	Sea Wall at Battery,		4 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maintenance.....	\$267 15	
	Maint. of Bridges...	117 00	
		<hr/>	384 15
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, nails.....	Construction.....		54 75
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	Construction.....		36 10
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Construction.....	\$31 50	
	Maintenance.....	23 52	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 05	
		<hr/>	67 07
Jube, John P., & Co., carriage hardware.	Maintenance		\$1 85
Keuffel & Esser, engineer's supplies...	Construction.....	\$137 25	
	Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 18 874...	14 40	
		<hr/>	151 65
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas and labor.....	Maintenance	\$401 75	
	Constructi on.....	60 00	
		<hr/>	461 75
McDermott, John, meat, July to Nov.	Maintenance		881 20
N. Y. Tribune, advertising.....	Sea Wall at Battery,		4 20
N. Y. Times, advertising.....	Sea Wall at Battery,		3 60
N. Y. Gas-light Co., gas at Parks.....	Maintenance.....		950 76

N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at Parks.	Maintenance.....		1,037 41
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	Maintenance.....	\$4 35	
	Museum of Art.....	5 80	
	Construction.....	279 05	
		<hr/>	289 20
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., hardware ...	Construction.....	\$38 05	
	Maintenance.	23 81	
		<hr/>	61 86
Rollins, True W., labor and materials.	Museum Natural History.....		24,750 00
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints & brushes.	Maintenance.....	\$132 25	
	Maint. of Bridges...	5 75	
	Maint., Museum and Observatory.....	54 00	
		<hr/>	192 00
Simpson, A., bread.....	Maintenance.....		75 67
Skidmore, Jeremiah & Sons, coal.....	Maintenance.....		40 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk.....	Maintenance.....		4 32
Verplanck Bros., horse-blanket.....	Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874....		14 25
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office.....	Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....		30 00
Van Winkle, E. P., additions to atlas.	Construction.....		12 00
Westchester Co. Gas-light Co., gas at bridges.....	Maint. of Bridges...		64 00
			<hr/>
			<u>\$30,686 56</u>

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Maintenance.....	\$4,303 88
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.....	186 75
Maintenance Museum and Observatory, and Gallery of Art,	54 00
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	42 05
Construction.....	1,300 03
Construction, Museum Natural History.....	24,750 00
Construction, Museum of Art.....	5 80
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874,....	28 65
Sea Wall at Battery.....	15 40
	<hr/>
	<u>\$30,686 56</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty thousand six hundred and eighty-six dollars and fifty-six cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, December 15th, 1874.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

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.

1874.	CR.		
Dec. 2.	By balance.....	\$218 00	
Dec. 2.	} " cash received from rents and licenses	476 23	
to			
Dec. 16.	}	—————	\$694 23
1874.	DR.		
Dec. 2.	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$394 07	
to			
Dec. 16.	}	300 16	
Dec. 16.			
		—————	\$694 23

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, December 16, 1874, 9.30 A. M.

The PRESIDENT then stated that Mr. Andrew Gabriel was the owner of a house on the line of Third Avenue, in Morrisania, which he had built subsequent to the filing of the map laying out said avenue, under chap. 481, Laws of 1868. That

the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment had consequently allowed him no compensation therefor. That Mr. Gabriel now refuses, under advice of his counsel, to remove said house without compensation, and has notified this Department that he will hold all persons responsible who interfere with it.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be directed to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the power of this Department in the matter, and whether this Department can legally cause the removal of said house or so much thereof as is upon the line of said avenue.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated, that owing to the large reduction of the laboring force of the Department, reported on November 24th, last, the amount of construction work being done had been greatly diminished, and he had therefore directed that after the first inst., the time of all employèes heretofore returned, in the proportion of one-fourth maintenance and three-fourths construction, should be returned until further order in the proportion of one-half maintenance and one-half construction, and moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes, October 9th, 1874, p. 304.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, to whom was referred the communication of Messrs. Allison & Shaw, attorneys for Mr. Henry Schmidt, requesting the issue of the Commissioners' certificate to the contractors for the grading, &c., of Denman Place, in the Twenty-third Ward, stated that an injunction, issued by the Supreme Court in the suit of John Rourke v. James Finegan and others, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, had been served on the Department, restraining the issuing of said certificate, and he therefore moved that

he be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

(Minutes, November 24th, 1874, p. 363.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that the Sisters of St. Mary of the House of Mercy, situated at Eighty-fifth Street and Riverside Park, requested permission to cut some branches of evergreens from the trees on Riverside Park, for the purpose of decorating the House of Mercy during Christmas week, and moved that the subject be referred to the Landscape Architect with power.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M. to meet on Wednesday, the 23d inst., at 8 o'clock P. M., or sooner at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1874.

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, N.Y. }

18th December, 1874.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.:

SIR,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for to-morrow morning, the 19th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of taking action on such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 16th inst. was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT moved to reconsider the resolution adopted November 24th, 1874, and entered on page 366 of the minutes—instructing the Engineer to have a certain portion of the sea-wall at the Battery repaired, as a preliminary step.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1874, p. 366.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then presented a report from the Engineer upon the lengths and locations of portions of said sea-wall at the Battery to be repaired under the contract awarded to Mr. A. J. Howell.

(Minutes, Nov. 24th, 1874, p. 365.)

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution of November 24th, 1874, this day laid on the table.

Resolved, That Alexander J. Howell, the contractor for repairing the sea-wall at the Battery in the city of New York be, and he is hereby, directed to proceed with the work described as follows: From the property of the United States Government to the southeast angle of the boat basin; from the northwest angle of the boat basin to the southerly point of that portion of the wall lately repaired by this Department; from the northerly point of that portion of the wall lately repaired by this Department to the southerly line of the enclosure of Castle Garden; and from the northerly line of the enclosure of Castle Garden to the northerly end of said sea-wall at the bulkhead of Department of Docks; and that when said work is completed, further directions, if any are deemed advisable by the Board, will be given.

(Minutes, Dec. 12th, 1874, p. 396.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT moved that the proposal of the Metropolitan Gas-light Company (No. 1) be declared the lowest bid for lighting with gas, &c., for four months, commencing January 1st, 1875, all the public lamps under the control of this Department in the following public parks, &c., namely, Reservoir Park, Park Avenue Parks, Plaza at Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Streets and Fifth Avenue, entrance to Central Park at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, Circle at Fifty-ninth Street and Broadway, and Transverse Road number one ; that the contract therefor be awarded to the said Metropolitan Gas-light Company, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, December 16, 1874, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART moved that the proposal of the Harlem Gas-light Company (No. 2) be declared the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to that company accordingly, for lighting with gas, &c., all the public lamps under the control of this Department for the four months commencing January 1st, 1875, 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 of said Seventy-ninth Street and the southerly line of Transverse Road Number Two, 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. And that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Dec. 16th, 1874, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal of the New York Gas-light Company (No. 4) be declared the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to that company accordingly, for lighting with gas, &c., all the public lamps under the control of this Department, for the four months commencing January 1st, 1875, within that portion of the city of New York south of a line commencing at the intersection of the centre line of Grand Street with the East River, running thence through the centre of Grand Street to Sullivan Street ; thence through the centre of Sullivan Street to Canal Street, and thence through centre of Canal Street to the Hudson River ; and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Dec. 16th, 1874, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Mr. STEWART moved that the proposal of the Manhattan Gas-light Company (No. 5) be declared the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to that company accordingly, for lighting with gas, &c., all the public lamps under the control of this Department, except those on the ornamental lamp-posts at the north end of Union Square, for the four months commencing January 1st, 1875, within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows, namely : On the north by the centre line of Thirty-fourth Street, on the south by a line running from the East River through the centre line of Grand Street to the centre line of Sullivan Street ; thence through the centre line of Sullivan Street to the centre line of Canal Street, and thence through the centre line of Canal Street to the Hudson River ; on the east by the East River, and on the west by the Hudson River ; and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Dec. 16th, 1874, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT then stated that a deputation, consisting of nearly all the owners of property adjoining the public place now being constructed at the intersection of the Boulevard, Ninth Avenue and Sixty-third Street, had called on him, and were unan-

imous in their desire that the plan of said place should be changed so far as to dispense with the proposed urinal thereon.

(Minutes, Sept. 10th, 1874, p. 255.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON then moved to reconsider the action of the Board approving of the plan for the improvement of said public place at the intersection of the Boulevard, Ninth Avenue and Sixty-third Street, entered on page 476 of the Minutes of August 7th, 1872.

(Minutes, Aug. 7th, 1872, p. 476.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART, then moved that said plan be referred to the Landscape Architect, with instructions to amend same by omitting the urinal, and making such other changes thereon as may be necessary, and to submit same, when so amended, to the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER verbally reported concerning the particulars and extent wherein the contractors for laying the concrete flagging on Five Points Park and the Plaza at Fifth Avenue, Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Streets, have not performed the work in accordance with the agreements and specifications for the same, and presented an estimate prepared by the Engineer, as follows, namely :

“ Five Points’ Park :

“ Estimated extra cost of complying with letter of
“ specifications..... \$44.09

“ Plaza, Fifth Avenue, 58th and 59th Streets :

“ Estimated cost of work done in excess of letter of
“ specifications \$8.70

“ Estimated cost of work not done, which would have “ been done if letter of specifications had been com- “ plied with.....	8.31
“ Difference	\$00.39”

(Minutes, December 2d, 1874, p. 382.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said report be laid on the table.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that there would be required for use in the Department, immediately after the 1st January next, 400 tons of furnace coal and 100 tons of grate coal, and moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT presented two communications from the Captain, dated respectively September 9th and 12th, 1874, and also a communication from the Landscape Architect, dated October 30th, 1874, in reply to certain charges made against him in the communications of the Captain ; and he moved that said communications and the subjects therein mentioned, be referred to Mr. Stewart and Mr. Williamson, to investigate and report.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet at 8 o'clock P. M. on Wednesday the 23d inst.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23d, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 16th and 19th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Landscape Architect, dated 6th April, 1874, and addressed to the then President of the Board, with relation to certain repairs and improvements necessary to Stuyvesant Square, and giving an estimate of the cost thereof.

The PRESIDENT stated that this communication had been mislaid among some papers belonging to the late President of the Board, and had only been found recently. That reference had been made to it in subsequent communications from the Landscape Architect; and he therefore moved that it be received and ordered filed.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, reporting the progress made in the works under his charge for the two weeks ending on the 19th inst.

(Minutes, Dec. 16th, 1874, p. 403.)

Filed.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that the foundations for a urinal, to be placed on the Grand Street Park, have been completed.

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that a wire-gauze urinal for six persons, of the pattern supplied by Mr. Bacharach, be ordered, at a cost not exceeding \$1,000, and that it be placed on the Grand Street Park.

(Minutes, Nov. 12th, 1874, p. 346.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

From Mr. George Kemp, stating that the bronze statue of "The Falconer," presented by him to the Department, and accepted by the Board on the 28th February, 1872, is now ready for delivery. That a site on Central Park, south of the Lake, would be acceptable to him, and requesting that it may be placed in position as soon as possible.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had acknowledged the receipt of said communication, and had given instructions to the Landscape Architect to designate a suitable site for the statue at the

position indicated, and moved that said communication be filed and his action be approved.

(Minutes, Feb. 28th, 1872, pp. 309-10.)

Adopted.

From Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, contractors for the mason work of the building for the Museum of Art, asking for a payment on account of the next installment to become due to them under their contract.

(Minutes, Aug. 19th, 1874, p. 206.)

Referred to the Superintending Architect to report upon.

From Mr. Marem Israel, late a division gardener, making application for re-employment from January 1st, 1875.

(Minutes, Nov. 12th, 1874, p. 346.)

Filed.

From the Disbursing Clerk, giving an abstract of the payrolls of the laborers and gate-keepers for the two weeks ending the 19th inst.

Filed.

Mr. 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:

Gunther, Herman A., concrete flag-		
ging.....	Construction.....	\$3,682 73
Hall, James, labor and materials . . .	Improvement Third	
	Av., Morrisania....	11,276 32
Imhoff, Anthony, labor and ma-		
terials	Maint. of Bridges....	2,976 42
Roach, John, & Son, labor and ma-		
terials.....	Maint. of Bridges....	1,975 70
		<hr/>
		\$19,911 17
		<hr/> <hr/>

RECAPITULATION.

Construction	\$3,682 73	
Improvement Third Avenue, Morrisania.....	11,276 32	
Maintenance of Bridges.....	4,952 12	
		\$19,911 17

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen thousand nine hundred and eleven dollars and seventeen cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, December 23, 1874.

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.

Mr. STEWART moved, as an amendment, that each bill mentioned in the report of the Auditing Committee be submitted separately to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Board do now approve of the bill of Herman A. Gunther, mentioned in said report, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit same 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Noes—Mr. Stewart—1.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Board do now approve of the bill of James Hall, mentioned in said report, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit same 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Board do now approve of the bill of Anthony Imhoff mentioned in said report, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit same 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson—3.

Noes—Mr. Stewart—1.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Board do now approve of the bill of John Roach & Son, mentioned in said report, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit same 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT then stated that the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History required a new case for the exhibition of the collections of the Museum, and as there is a balance of the money appropriated for the use of said Museum for this year, sufficient for the purpose, he moved that an order be given to Messrs. Smith and Crane to furnish and put up a case complete for said Museum in accordance with the drawings and specifications to be furnished by the Superintending Architect, to whose satisfaction the work is to be done; and that the cost thereof shall not exceed \$1,000.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT moved that the report of the Treasurer on the claim of Messrs. McCaulay and Devlin for filling, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, Oct. 1st, 1873, p. 315.)

Adopted.

After the subject was discussed at some length,

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be adopted by the Board, and that the claim of Messrs. McCaulay and Devlin be rejected.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the estimate of the Engineer concerning the concrete flagging laid on Five Points Park, and

presented to the Board on the 19th inst., be taken from the table.

(Minutes, Dec. 19th, 1874, p. 416.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then moved that said estimate be referred to the Treasurer to investigate, examine and report.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 10.45 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—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, January 2d, 1875. }

I, William H. Wickham, Mayor of the city of New York, by virtue of the power conferred upon me by chapter 300 of the Laws of 1874, being "An Act to amend chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, entitled 'An Act to reorganize the local government of the city of New York,' passed April 30th, 1873, and the "acts amendatory thereto," do hereby appoint

WILLIAM R. MARTIN

to be a Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, in the place of Philip Bissinger, resigned, and for the unexpired term of said Philip Bissinger, which terminates on the 1st day of May, 1877.

(Signed)

WM. H. WICKHAM,
Mayor.

I, William R. Martin, do solemnly swear that, I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the

duties of the office of a Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, according to the best of my ability.

(Signed)

WM. R. MARTIN.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
this 2d day of January, 1875, }

(Signed)

WM. H. WICKHAM,
Mayor.

And filed in the Mayor's office this 2d day of January, A. D. 1875, according to ordinance.

The roll was then called.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d December, 1874, were read and approved.

At this point Mr. WILLIAMSON entered.

The following communications were presented and read :

Influencing Legislation.

From his Honor the Mayor, calling attention to that portion of his recent message to the Honorable the Common Council, which relates to the practice which has in some of the Departments prevailed, of sending persons to Albany to effect or influence legislation, and stating that he shall expect the co-operation of this Department in putting an end to such a practice.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to the President, with instructions to reply thereto, that this Department will conform to the recommendations of his Honor the Mayor, and will submit for his consideration

and approval all measures requiring legislative action which the Department shall deem important or necessary to carry forward successfully the works committed to its charge.

Adopted.

Grading 3d Ave.

From the Clerk to the Common Council, stating that the following resolution had been adopted, and approved by the Mayor on December 21st, 1874, namely :

Resolved, 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 ; 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 therefore be adopted.

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication and subject be referred to Mr. Martin, to report.

Adopted.

Estimates 1875.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as follows :

“ THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

“ Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :	
“ Including the sum of \$30,000 for the keeping, pres-	
“ ervation, and exhibitions of the collections in	
“ the American Museum of Natural History and	
“ the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and including	
“ the entire salaries of the President, Clerks, Offi-	
“ cers, and Employèes, other than Foremen and La-	
“ borers ; also, including the maintenance of the	
“ Metereological Observatory.....	\$450,000 00
“ Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements, and	
“ Maintenance	35,000 00
“ Music—Central Park.....	6,000 00

" Independence Day, Celebration of.	8,000 00	
" Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Streets, " Roads, Avenues, and Bridges, Twenty-third and " Twenty-fourth Wards.	50,000 00	
" Surveying, Laying Out, Monumenting, etc., north end " of the island, and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth " Wards.	35,000 00	
		————— \$584,000 00

" A true copy of estimate for this Department, as passed in the final estimate for the year 1875, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on the 24th day of December, 1874.

" (Signed) JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary."

Ordered to be printed in the minutes and filed.

3d Ave. Removal of Mr. Gabriel's House.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, with reference to the powers of the Department to remove the house of Mr. Andrew Gabriel, from the line of Third Avenue, in Morrisania, in which he states :

" I think that the Department should remove so much of Mr. Gabriel's house as stands upon land which is now a part of the street. If Mr. Gabriel will remove the house he should be allowed to do so. I do not suppose, however, that the Department has any right to remove the entire house, but only so much of it as projects into and stands upon the street."

(Minutes, Dec. 16th, 1874, p. 408.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received and filed, and that Mr. Gabriel be notified to remove so much of his house as projects into and stands upon the Third Avenue, before the 1st day of February next; that in case he does not do so, that the President be authorized to have same removed in such manner as he may deem most expedient; also that a copy of said opinion of the Corporation Counsel, be sent to Mr. Gabriel's Counsel.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

3d Ave. Bonds.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, with respect to the issue of bonds by the trustees of the late town of Morrisania to an amount exceeding \$50,000, for the improvement of Third Avenue, in which he states that the wording of the act (Chap. 545, Laws of 1872, Sec. 18), is ambiguous, and that “the question as to the true construction of the act is one as to which lawyers and courts would undoubtedly differ.” In considering the provisions of Sec. 9, Chap. 329 of the Laws of 1874, in this connection, he states: “I am inclined to the opinion that, under this provision, it is the duty of the Comptroller to issue bonds of the city of New York to an amount equal to the amount which had been actually issued by the trustees of the late town of Morrisania prior to the first of January, 1874.”

(Minutes, Dec. 16th, 1874, p. 402.)

Laid on the table.

Bridges. Harlem River.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, with reference to the authority of the Department to construct a wooden pile bridge over the Harlem River as requested in the petitions presented to this Department on October 21st, 1874, wherein he states: “It seems to me clear that the act of 1871” (Chap. 534, Laws 1871), “gives ample power for the locating and construction of the bridge referred to in the petitions enclosed with your letter, and the powers so conferred were expressly continued by Section 16 of Chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874, except that, under this latter section, the entire expense of the bridge must be borne by the city of New York, and the work done exclusively by the Department of Public Parks.”

(Minutes, Oct. 21st, 1874, p. 310.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that it, and said petitions, be referred to the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, with instructions to report upon the location, cost and all other questions connected with the construction of such a bridge as is requested to be erected in said petitions.

Adopted.

Repairs 3d Ave. Bridge.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, reporting that the four new wheels for the draw of the Third Avenue bridge over the Harlem River, lately ordered to the Board, had been placed in position. That in doing so additional defective wheels had been found, and he recommended that four more new wheels be ordered and put in immediately. Also enclosing a proposition from the J. L. Mott Iron Works to furnish sixteen wheels at \$50 each, and place them in position, in lots, of not less than four, for \$28 each.

(Minutes, Dec. 16th, 1874, p. 404.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and that the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction be directed to have four additional new wheels placed under the draw of said bridge, at a cost of not exceeding \$350.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Harlem River Bridges.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, submit-

ting an estimate required for maintenance, repairs, &c., of Harlem River Bridges for the year 1875.

Referred to the President and Treasurer to examine and report.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the application of Messrs. Moran and Armstrong contractors for the mason-work of the building for the Museum of Art, for a payment on account, in which he states that "the Department will be secure in paying the amount," (\$10,500), "asked by Messrs. Moran and Armstrong."

(Minutes, Dec. 23d, 1874, p. 421.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received and filed, and that Messrs. Moran and Armstrong be paid the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on account of their third payment of \$11,843.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

City Surveyor.

From Mr. Otto Sackersdorff, City Surveyor, asking to be appointed a Surveyor on Street Improvements in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.

Laid on the table.

Audit.

Mr. 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:

Draper, Daniel, petty expenses.....	Maintenance, Museum and Observatory..		\$24 60
Dingee & Conard Co., plants.....	Construction.....		40 00
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., labor..	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		10 00
Hazard Powder Co., fuse.....	Museum of Art.....	\$16 00	
	Construction.....	40 00	
			56 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		101 75
Murphy & Nesbit, bricks and lime...	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$1 75	
	Construction.....	15 00	
			16 75
McArthur & Co., brooms.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		45 20
Moran, O., & L. W. Armstrong, labor and materials.....	Museum of Art.....		4,000 00
New York Litho. & Engraving Co., maps.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	150 00	
	Construction.....	300 00	
			450 00
Schillinger, John J., concrete flag- ging.....	Construction.....		963 99
Slattery, John, street monuments....	Laying out and Monu- menting, chapter 604, Laws 1874.....		25 00
Vaux, Calvert, commissions.....	Museum Nat. History		1,250 00
Vaux, Calvert, superintendence.....	Museum of Art.....		300 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		249 50
			<u>\$7,582 79</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Construction.....	\$1,358 99
Maintenance Central Park and Parks and Places.....	608 20
Museum of Art.....	4,316 00
Museum of Natural History.....	1,250 00
Maintenance Museum and Observatory, and Gallery of Art.	24 60
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874,....	25 00
	<u>\$7,582 79</u>

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

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, January 4, 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., oats, corn, &c.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$306 00
Aguirre, A. A., services	Laying out, monu- menting, &c., chap. 604, Laws 1874 . . .	35 00
Barrow, J. S., & Co., mats and twine	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$8 24
	Construction	2 24
		<hr/> 10 48
Barratt, Oliver, labor, putting up lamps	Maint. of Bridges . . .	44 20
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone	Construction	315 13
Bacharach, M., urinal	Construction	1,000 00
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., borax	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	75
Christern, F. W., subscriptions to periodicals	Construction	14 50
Draper, Danl., petty expenses	Maintenance, Museum and Observatory . . .	9 98
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and nails	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$34 10
	Construction	49 93
		<hr/> 84 03
Harmer, Hays & Co., thread	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	2 10
Koster & Greene, labor and materials	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$62 50
	Construction	62 50
		<hr/> 125 00
Keuffel & Esser, engineers' supplies	Construction	\$11 80
	Laying out, monu- menting, &c., chap. 604, Laws 1874 . . .	20 84
		<hr/> 32 64

Murray, Alex., plumbing materials.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$233 11
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, covers, &c.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$74 23
	Construction.	381 35
		<hr/> 455 58
McNabb & Harlin Manufacturing Co.,		
plumbing materials.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	27 50
Mould J. Wrey, plans and drawings.	Construction.	75 00
Noe, James H., & Sons, brushes.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	2 50
Patent Water & Gas-pipe Co., pipe.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	31 35
Walton Bros., lanterns and globes.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$38 40
	Construction.	9 00
		<hr/> 47 40
		<hr/> <hr/> \$2,852 20

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Central Park and Parks and Places.	\$820 78
Construction.	1,921 45
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.	44 20
Maintenance Museum and Observatory.	9 93
Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.	55 84
	<hr/> \$2,852 20

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-eight hundred and fifty-two dollars and twenty cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, January 5, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Treas'r'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.

1874.		CR.	
Dec. 16.	By balance.....		\$300 16
Dec. 16	} " cash received from rents, licenses and sundries.....		
to			
Jan. 6, '75.			797 99
			\$1,098 15
1874.		DR.	
Dec. 16	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$1,063 65
to			
Jan. 6, '75.			
Jan. 6.	By balance.....		34 50
			\$1,098 15

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

Wednesday, January 6, 1875,
9.30 A. M.

Standing Committees.

The PRESIDENT stated that owing to the recent changes in the members of the Board, it became necessary to reorganize the standing committees, which for the future would be as follows :

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr. STEWART, Chairman.
" MARTIN.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman.
" STEWART.

Laborers. 23d & 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT then stated that the Engineer in charge of the maintenance of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards required about ten laborers at this time of the year for the purpose of cleaning out the receiving basins, and moved that he be authorized to instruct said engineer to employ that number of laborers, according as same are required.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Report of Auction.

The TREASURER stated that the auctioneer made a return of the proceeds of the late sale ordered by the Board, of which the following is a summary, viz. :

Gross amount realized by sale of sheep and old material.....	\$794 53
Cost of handbills, posting, distributing, &c.....	\$22 00
“ advertising in the newspapers.....	26 32
Five per cent. commission on \$794.53.....	39 72
	88 04
Net proceeds.....	\$706 49

That he had received the amount of \$706.49 from the auctioneer, in full for the proceeds, and moves that his action be approved by the Board.

(Minutes, Nov. 9th, 1874, p. 334.)

Adopted.

Riverside and Morningside Parks and Avenues.

Mr. MARTIN moved that the Landscape Architect be directed to report as soon as possible the present condition of the work done and to be done, and the plans for the Riverside and Morningside Parks and avenues.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12.10 o'clock P. M., to meet on Saturday, the 9th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

Lamps. 3d Ave. Bridge.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, recommending that the number of burners in four of the gas-lamps on the Third Avenue Bridge, now having four burners, be reduced to two.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the recommendation therein be adopted and carried into effect as soon as possible.

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

Ayes--Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart--4.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting upon the progress made in works under his charge, during the two weeks ending Saturday, the 2d inst.

(Minutes, December 23d, 1874, p. 420.)

Filed.

Watering Jerome Avenue.

From the Engineer in charge of the maintenance of roads, streets, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, with reference to the subject of watering Jerome (or Central) Avenue, during this year, and the necessary appliances needed for that purpose.

Also with reference to procuring broken stone, required in making repairs on the macadamized roads.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Labor. 23d & 24th Wards.

From the Engineer in charge of the maintenance of roads, streets, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, with reference to the number of laborers which he requires immediately, and also with reference to the force which it will be necessary to employ for the remainder of the year.

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

Referred to the President.

Goat Carriages.

From Mr. Isidore Isaac, who at present holds a license to let goat carriages, &c., for hire on Central Park, asking that his license be extended.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, to report upon.

M. Israel.

From Mr. Marem Israel, renewing his application to be re-employed as a division gardener.

(Minutes, Dec. 23d, 1874, p. 421.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. MARTIN, to whom was referred the subject of the grading of Third Avenue, from Harlem River to 147th Street, verbally reported that it would not be necessary to appoint a City Surveyor and Inspector to superintend said work outside of the employès of the Department, but that employès of the Department could be appointed as such Surveyor and Inspector, and that the amount of the fees or pay which they receive for their services in connection therewith, as regulated by ordinance, should be deducted from their salary or pay as regular employès of the Department.

(Minutes, January 6th, 1875, p. 429.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and that the surveyor and inspector for said work be appointed and their remuneration paid, as recommended therein.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Riverside and Morningside Parks.

The Landscape Architect then presented a report upon the present condition of the work done and to be done, and the plans for the Riverside and Morningside Parks and Avenues; and explained verbally the plan of Riverside Park and Avenue as now established by law, and the alterations which this Department proposes therein, as shown on the map or plan thereof adopted by the Board on the 17th day of February, 1874.

(Minutes, January 6th, 1875, p. 438.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report, and the subject of the construction of Riverside and Morningside Parks and Avenues, be referred to the Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Landscape Architect, to report upon.

Adopted.

Construction Work.

Mr. STEWART moved that the Landscape Architect be directed to report to the Board on all projects of construction in the Parks and Places, giving an estimate of the cost of each work.

Adopted.

Kingsbridge Indebtedness.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, it appears by the report of the proceedings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment published in the City Record of the 28th day of December, 1874, that an appropriation of \$14,000 has been made for "indebtedness of late town of King's Bridge arising under Chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, as authorized by Chapter 651, Laws of 1874, including interest." Therefore

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Department be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to apply to, and receive from, the Comptroller of the city of New York, on behalf of this Department, payment of said sum, in pursuance of said last mentioned act, and to give the said Comptroller a full receipt and discharge for the same on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Horses, &c., for City Paymaster.

The TREASURER stated, that as formerly directed by the late President of the Board, this Department continues to supply horses and a wagon for the use of the City Paymaster, without compensation, and he asked the further instructions of the Board on the subject.

(Minutes, Oct. 6th, 1873, p. 322.)

Mr. MARTIN thereupon moved that the President be requested to inform the Board of the number of employèes, horses, wagons, &c., belonging to this Department which are engaged in the service of any other Department, and the extent of such services.

Adopted.

Commissioner's Badges.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, on behalf of Mr. Bissinger, late commissioner, returned to the Board the badge worn by him, and moved that the name of the late commissioner be erased therefrom and that of Mr. Martin substituted in its place.

(Minutes, May 6th, 1874, p. 2.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 9th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Public Place, Boulevard and Sixty-third Street.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting a modified plan of the Public Place at the intersection of the Boulevard, Ninth Avenue and Sixty-third Street, as directed by the Board.

(Minutes, December 19th, 1874, p. 416.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that the plan as modified 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Kingsbridge.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, returning the maps laying out the southwesterly portion of the late town of Kingsbridge, and stating that he had marked in black lines, on the map heretofore agreed to be adopted by the Board, the streets and avenues which the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction approved of on the plan presented to the Board on the 12th November, 1874.

(Minutes, Dec. 16th, 1874, p. 403.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the Civil and Topographical Engineer to take this course, so that the points of agreement between the two plans could be the more easily determined; and he then moved that all the reports and plans with reference to this subject be taken from the table, and referred, together with said communication, to the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, with instructions to prepare and submit to the Board, at as early a day as possible, a map of the southwesterly portion of the late town of Kingsbridge, as agreed to be adopted by the Board on the 23d day of December, 1873, with such modifications thereof as are suggested on the plan presented by the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the 12th November, 1874, and as are approved by the Engineer of the Bureau 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Tinton Avenue.

From Bessie Black, T. F. Brugman, and others, owners of property, relative to the opening of Tinton Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Also the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer thereon.

Laid on the table.

Ice Sleighs.

From Mr. C. H. Hudson, asking permission to place self-propelling Ice Sleighs on the frozen ponds in Central Park.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, to report upon.

Third Avenue Railroad Bridge.

From the Engineer in charge of the improvement of Third Avenue, certifying that he had examined the bridge built along the Third Avenue, and over the railroad track leading to Port Morris, by New York & Harlem Railroad Company, in pursuance of the plans adopted by the late Commissioners for the improvement of said avenue, and as directed by Sec. 17, Chap. 545, Laws of 1872; that the bridge was constructed in accordance with said plans, except in some minor particulars. That these changes would increase the strength and durability of the bridge, and recommending that the Department accept said bridge.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed, and that the Board accept said bridge as recommended by the 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—Messrs Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Audit.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Commercial Advertiser Asso., advertising.....	Maintenance, C. P. & P. & P. '74.....		\$3 20
Composite Iron Works Co., Hydrant..	Construction.....		50 00
Connecticut Clock Co., clocks.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		20 00
Crane, B. F., potash, soap and candles.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		13 40
Evening Post, advertising.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		5 00
Florence, W. H., services.....	Maint. of Bridges....		174 72
Gold & Stock Tel. Co., rent of line...	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$31 25	
	Construction.....	31 25	
		<hr/>	62 50
Hallett, G. G., grate.....	Maintenance Museum and Observatory..		7 00
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$32 61	
	Construction.....	36 78	
	Maintenance, 23d & 24th Wards.....	7 40	
	Laying out, monumenting, Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	6 00	
		<hr/>	82 79
Jackson, Jas. L., water troughs.....	Construction.....		105 00
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., oil...	Maint. of Bridges....		10 75
Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....	Maint. of Bridges....	\$2 85	
	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	11 40	
		<hr/>	14 25
N. Y. Tribune, advertising.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		4 20
N. Y. Times, advertising.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		3 20
Norris & Williams, plumb. and mals..	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		64 25
Pratt, Chas., & Co., oil.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$3 84	
	Maint. of Bridges...	1 60	
	Construction.....	0 96	
		<hr/>	6 40
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., turpentine...	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		5 00
Roosevelt, Sam'l, & Co., hardware...	Construction.....	\$4 71	
	Museum Nat. History,	4 25	
		<hr/>	8 96
Siney & Langstroth, harness soap...	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.		3 00

Standard Park and Street Lamp Co.,		
lamps and globes.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	\$12 20
	Construction.	117 98
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		130 18
Stackpole & Bro., engineer supplies.	Construction.	20 00
Titus, Fredk., services as bridge tender. Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.		25 00
Tysen, David J., carrots.	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	200 00
Tone, Theodore F., coal.	Maint. of Bridges.	15 00
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		<u>\$1,033 80</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Central Park and Parks and Places.	\$412 55
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges.	204 92
Construction	366 68
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.	32 40
Maintenance Museum and Observatory.	7 00
Museum Natural History.	4 25
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.	6 00
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	<u>\$1,033 80</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, January 9th, 1874.

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 service.		
	Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.	\$3 62
	Construction.	3 63
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		\$7 25
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables. Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.		
		64 65

Graham & Co., keep of horse.....Laying out, monu- menting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	\$60 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	\$224 25
Maint. of Bridges, '74	117 00
	341 25
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	103 20
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	328 08
McDermott, John, meat.....Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	199 80
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, wheels.....Maint. of Bridges...	350 00
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas..Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	62 41
New York Mutual Gas-Light Co., gas.Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	1,037 41
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	968 00
Simpson, A., bread.....Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	71 47
Valentine & Briggs, rent.....Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, '74....	30 00
	\$3,623 52

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Central Park and Parks and Places, 1874.....	\$3,062 89
Maintenance of Bridges, 1874.....	467 00
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards, 1874.....	30 00
Construction.....	3 63
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	60 00
	\$3,623 52

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

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, January 12th, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Horses, &c., for City Paymaster.

The PRESIDENT, in answer to the action of the Board on the 9th inst., reported that on enquiry he ascertained that usually the pay-wagon of this Department, with two horses, is used by the City Paymaster for two days each month ; that it is accompanied by a driver and a park-keeper in the employ of this Department on such occasions. That formerly the Disbursing Clerk accompanied the City Paymaster, but that latterly he had not done so, for the reason that the City Paymaster, having become more familiar with his work, did not require his assistance. That the use of the horses and wagon by the City Paymaster were authorized by this Board on the 6th October, 1873, when it was directed that no charge be made therefor.

(Minutes, January 9th, 1875, p. 443.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

E. L. Heusner.

The TREASURER reported that the bill of Emil L. Heusner, for \$205, referred to him, was for the preparation of drawings of Third Avenue bridge, and that said drawings are now useful for the purpose of preparing plans for the repair of said bridge ; and he moved that he be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that it be referred to the

Engineer of the Bureau of Construction with instructions to report thereon.

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

Adopted.

C. Ryan.

Mr. MARTIN stated upon the subject of Mr. C. Ryan, holding the position of Superintendent of Parks, and also a contract to sell refreshments on the Central Park, called to his attention at the last meeting of the Board; that he had examined the said contract, and also the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the subject, and having come to a different conclusion from that arrived at by the Counsel to the Corporation, he had reduced his views on the subject to writing in the form of an opinion. He then presented said opinion to the Board.

(Minutes, Sep. 16th, 1874, p. 259.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said opinion be received and filed.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13, 1875.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the delivery of five hundred tons of coal, one hundred tons of which shall be suitable for grates, and four hundred tons of which shall be suitable for furnaces.

Present--Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ “ WILLIAMSON.

“ “ STEWART.

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

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

No. 1. *Samuel G. French.*

500 tons, of 2,000 lbs. per ton, "Pittston Coal,"	\$5 13 per ton.
500 " 2,240 lbs. " " "	5 63 "

No. 2. *Ver Planck & Irwin.*

100 tons, gross, suitable for grates	\$5 80 per ton.
400 " " " furnaces	5 80 "

No. 3. *Theo. F. Tone.*

100 tons, gross, egg coal	\$6 25 per ton.
400 " " " furnace coal	6 15 "

No. 4. *Caldwell, Weston & Co.*

100 tons, of 2,240 lbs. per ton, egg "Pittston Coal,"	\$5 65 per ton.
400 " " " grate, " "	5 55 "

No. 5. *C. B. Conant.*

100 tons, of 2,240 lbs. per ton, suitable for grates, "Scranton Coal,"	\$6 09 per ton.
100 " " " " " " " "Pittston Coal,"	5 94 "
400 " " " " " " " "furnaces, "Scranton Coal,"	5 99 "
400 " " " " " " " "Pittston Coal,"	5 79 "

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18th, 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, N. Y. }
New York, 16th Jan., 1875.

MR. WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for Monday, the 18th inst., at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of awarding the contract for the delivery of 500 tons of coal, and for the transaction of such other business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 12th and 13th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Ice Sleighs.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the application of Mr. C. H. Hudson for permission to place self-propelling ice sleighs on the frozen ponds in Central Park, and recommending that the experiment of placing same on the ponds

be made under the direction of the Superintendent, who should be directed to report thereon.

(Minutes, Jan. 12th, 1875, p. 447.)

Mr. STEWART moved that permission be given to Mr. C. H. Hudson, until further order, to place said ice sleighs on the Harlem Lake in Central Park without expense to the Department, and under the direction of the Superintendent, who shall report to the Board whether the use of said sleighs injures the ice for skating, and whether, if used in considerable numbers, the sleighs would cause inconvenience or increase the liability to accident of skaters.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting upon the progress made on works under his charge for the weeks ending the 9th inst.

(Minutes, Jany. 9th, 1875, p. 440.)

Filed.

Contract for Coal.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal of Messrs. Caldwell, Weston & Co. (No. 4), for the delivery of 500 tons of coal, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Caldwell, Weston & Co., and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Jan. 13th, 1875, p. 453.)

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

C. Ryan.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then presented to the Board his written opinion in support of the right of Mr. C. Ryan to hold the position of superintendent, and also a contract to sell refreshments on the Central Park.

(Minutes, Jan. 12th, 1875, p. 452.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the said opinion be received and filed.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.50 o'clock A. M.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 12th, 13th and 18th insts., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, forwarding the following resolution of the said Board, viz. :

“ *Resolved*, That the Department of Public Works, the Department of Docks and the Department of Public Parks inform this Board, at its next meeting, whether any new work can be commenced and finished within the next two months, and also whether there is any legislation needed, that said work may be commenced immediately under the Supervision and direction of said Departments.”

Mr. MARTIN moved that said communication and resolution be received and referred to the President to reply thereto.

Adopted.

Architectural Repairs—Urinals.

From the Landscape Architect, enclosing a report of the Superintending Architect on the condition of Urinals and

Architectural Structures. The Superintending Architect recommends the immediate repair of a number of architectural structures, all of which were fully stated in his report of Aug. 28th, 1874, and which report was incorporated in the application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transmitted with the departmental estimates for 1875. He also recommends that in future no wood or concrete flooring be used in connection with the urinals, and that during the heat of summer water should be applied freely by hose to each urinal at least four or five times a day, and that they should be washed out every evening with a solution of potash.

(Minutes, Aug. 28th, p. 225, Sept. 10th, p. 253, and Sept. 25th, p. 271, 1874.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication and report be received, and that the latter be referred to the Landscape Architect, with instructions to report to the Board the estimated expense of the repairs recommended by the Superintending Architect at the same time he reports upon projects of construction, with an estimate of their cost.

(Minutes, January 9th, 1875, p. 442.)

Adopted.

E. L. Heusner.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, reporting upon the bill of Emil L. Heusner, referred to him.

(Minutes, January 12th, 1875, p. 451.)

Laid on the table.

3d Avenue Bridge flooring.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, estimating that new flooring on the Third Avenue Bridge will cost from \$2,200 to \$2,500, and stating that same is very much needed.

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to the President and Mr. Stewart.

Adopted.

Laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards.

From Mr. Fordham Morris, Secretary of the North Side Association, forwarding a copy of the resolutions adopted by said Association on the 9th inst., with reference to the necessity of completing the work of laying out the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards with as little delay as possible; and also with reference to the construction of a new bridge over the Harlem river, and the drainage of the low lands in said two wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication and resolutions be received and placed on file.

Adopted.

Urinal, Reservoir Square.

From Miss M. L. Comstock, requesting the removal of the urinal in Reservoir Square from the position it now occupies to the centre of the square.

Mr. MARTIN moved that said communication be received and referred to the President.

Adopted.

Claremont Hotel.

From Mr. J. G. Keator, lessee of Claremont Hotel, asking for a temporary reduction in his rent, on account of the thoroughfare of the street leading to the hotel being closed.

Also from the Superintendent, reporting thereon.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be received and referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

Adopted.

Audit.

Mr. 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., oats and corn.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.,	
	1874.....	\$303 00
Gates, Church & Co., lumber.....	Maint. of B'dges, 1874	8 40
Moran, O. & L. W. Armstrong, labor		
and materials.....	Museum of Art.....	10,000 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.	120 99
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and ma-		
terials.....	Museum Natl. Hist...	17,000 00
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		\$27,432 39
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Central Park and Parks and Places.....	\$423 99
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges, 1874.....	8 40
Museum of Art.....	10,000 00
Museum of Natural History.....	17,000 00
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	\$27,432 39
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-seven thousand four hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirty-nine cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, January 19, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—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.	
Jan. 6.	By balance.....		\$84 50
Jan. 6 to Jan. 20.	} " cash received from rents, [pound and licenses.....		332 51
			<hr/> \$367 01
1875.		DR.	
Jan. 6 to Jan. 20.	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$317 01
Jan. 20.		" balance.....	
			<hr/> <hr/> \$367 01

(Signed)

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

Wednesday, January 20th, 1875,
9.30 P. M.

Reduction in Price of Labor.

Mr. MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, reported verbally that it is the opinion of the Executive Committee that the pay of foremen and other day laborers should be reduced ; and that said Committee recommends this Department to co-operate with the other departments of the city government to that end, so that the reduction may be uniform and simultaneous in all said departments.

(Minutes Nov. 18th, 1874, p. 356.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and adopted, and that the subject be referred back to the Executive Committee, with instructions to carry its recommendations into effect.

Adopted.

Riverside and Morningside Parks and Avs.

Mr. MARTIN, from the Executive Committee, presented a report from said Committee and also a report from the Land-

scape Architect, accompanied by certain diagrams and maps, upon the construction of Riverside Park and Avenue.

(Minutes Jan. 9th, 1875, pp., 441-2.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee and that of the Landscape Architect, together with the diagrams and maps, be printed as a document of the Board. That said document, when printed, be transmitted to his Hon. the Mayor, to the end that he recommend such action by the Common Council as may be proper to have the work proceeded with.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

(See Document No. 60.)

Park-Keeper McKowen.

MR. STEWART, whom the President had designated to conduct the trial of Park-keeper Thomas McKowen, on charges preferred by the Captain, of intoxication, insubordination and disorderly conduct on the 9th inst., reported that, after examination of the Captain and the said Park-keeper and various witnesses, he found the said Park-keeper guilty of said charges, and as it is not the first time that charges for intoxication have been made against him, he recommended that he be dismissed from the force.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and adopted, and that Park-keeper Thomas McKowen be, and he is hereby, dismissed from the force.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12.35 o'clock P. M., to meet this evening at 8 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of this A. M., was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

List of Subordinates.

From the Supervisor, of the *City Record*, requesting to be furnished with a list of the subordinates employed in this Department, for publication in the *City Record*, in pursuance of Sec. 111, chap. 335, Laws of 1873.

The PRESIDENT then presented a list of the subordinates as requested in said communication, and moved that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the *City Record* for publication.

Mr. STEWART moved as an amendment, that the name of “ C. Ryan, Superintendent,” be stricken from the list, before being sent to the *City Record* for publication.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Martin, Stewart—2.

Noes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson—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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson—3.

Noes—Mr. Stewart—1.

23d & 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon desirable improvements and additions to the plans already adopted for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and printed as a document 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

(See Document No. 61.)

Laying out of 23d & 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon a plan for laying out certain of the principal streets and avenues of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, June 3d, 1874, p. 71.)

Mr. MARTIN moved that said report be received and printed as a document 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

(See Document No. 62.)

Delmonico Place.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a map of a proposed extension of Delmonico Place, from 156th Street, to Boston Avenue.

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

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication and map be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Met. Museum of Art.

From Mr. John Taylor Johnston, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, asking for \$15,000 of the amount appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections in the American Museum of Natural History, and in said Museum of Art.

(Minutes, January 6th, 1875, p. 429.)

Received and filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) of the sum which has been appropriated to this Department, in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 756 Laws of 1873, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of collections during the year 1875, be, and the same is hereby, applied for those purposes for the Metropolitan Museum of Art ; and that the Comptroller of the city of New York be, and he hereby is, requested to pay over that amount to the Treasurer of the said Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Kingsbridge Indebtedness.

The TREASURER reported that, in pursuance of the directions of the Board, he had applied to the Comptroller of the city of New York for the money appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as authorized by Chapter 651, Laws of 1874, and received from him a warrant in favor of the Commissioners of this Department for the sum of \$12,857.50, in full, for the principal amount and interest to date of payment.

(Minutes, January 9th, 1875, p. 442.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to endorse said warrant for and on behalf of the Commissioners of this Department, and to pay with the proceeds thereof such bills as are now unpaid and are authorized to be paid by said Chapter 651, Laws of 1874.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

C. Ryan.

Mr. STEWART then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Columbus Ryan was, on the 27th day of October 1873, appointed Superintendent of Parks, the said Columbus Ryan being at said time, and is now, a lessee of real estate belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, and has held, and is now holding, the said office in violation of Section 101, Chapter 335, of the Laws of 1873 ; therefore

Resolved, That the said office of Superintendent of Parks be, and the same is hereby, declared vacant, and that said appointment of Columbus Ryan be, and the same is hereby, terminated.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered, as an amendment thereto, the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Columbus Ryan is legally entitled to his contract and to his position of Superintendent of Parks ; therefore

Resolved, That the said Columbus Ryan be paid his salary as heretofore fixed by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, until his successor is appointed.

Mr. MARTIN thereupon moved that the said preambles, resolutions and amendment be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. MARTIN then moved that in order to comply with Section 28, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the following preamble and resolution be adopted :

Whereas, The subject of Mr. Ryan's office and contract is under consideration by the Board on the questions,

First, of his tenure of the office of Superintendent and his right to its salary, and

Second, of the validity of his contract ; therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Columbus Ryan be hereby informed that a proposal has been made to remove him from his office as Superintendent, for the cause that the tenure of his office, while he holds his contract with this Department, dated 1st November, 1872, is in violation of the 101st section of the Charter, and that an opportunity will be allowed to him of making an explanation, and that he can be heard before the Board on the 26th day of January inst., at eight o'clock in the evening, at the office of the Department, 36 Union Square. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Ryan.

(Minutes, January 18th, 1875, p. 457.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Martin, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Noes—Mr. Stebbins—1.

Harlem River, Bridges, &c.

Mr. MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the whole subject of the Harlem River, the plan

for its width, depth, bulkheads, and border streets and the tunnels under and the bridges over it, so far as the same are now within the power of this Board, be referred to the Executive Committee to take into review all the action and reports of the Department upon the subject, and to report upon the best plan for the necessary and proper means of crossing the river, whether by tunnels or bridges, and any other plans for the improvement of the river and its borders.

Adopted.

Park-keepers, &c., assigned to special duty.

Mr. MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Captain of the Park Police be directed forthwith to report to the Board the names of all Park-keepers, Gate-keepers, or men under his control, who have been relieved from regular duty or assigned to any special duty during the year 1874, the times in detail when they have been so relieved or assigned, and in each case the reason for so doing, and at whose request it was done.

Adopted.

Ladies' Maid.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Mrs. Margaret Sullivan be appointed as a ladies' maid in charge of one of the cottages on Central Park.

Mr. STEWART moved that said motion be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Central Bridge, Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT presented specifications prepared by the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction for rebuilding the draw of Central (or McComb's Dam) Bridge over Harlem River, and stated that the Engineer reports that the old draw is so much out of repair that it will be necessary to have it rebuilt, and that the present season of the year is the only time that it can be done.

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Mr. MARTIN moved that said specifications and subject be referred to Mr. Stewart to report upon.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 11.55 o'clock P. M., to meet on the 26th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M., unless sooner called together by the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

C. Ryan.

Mr. MARTIN moved that the order of business be suspended, and that Mr. C. Ryan be now heard in pursuance of the resolution adopted at the last meeting.

(Minutes, January 20th, 1875, p. 469.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then stated that Mr. Ryan appeared before the Board, in pursuance of said resolution, by his counsel Mr. S. V. R. Cooper, whom he introduced to the Board.

Mr. Cooper then addressed the Board, and argued that, taking into consideration the resolutions of the Board adopted on the 2d and 6th November, 1872 (pages 556 and 561 of the Minutes), and on the 10th February, 1873 (page 672 of the Minutes), and also the wording of the contract, the latter amounted to nothing more than a license, over which the Board held complete control. That the Board had no right to make leases of any of the city property, and certainly not for more than one year, and therefore the contract given to Mr. Ryan for five years could not be a lease.

That Mr. Ryan's interest in said contract was not one that

could be sold by the sheriff under execution, and hence it was not a lease. That the penalty clause of Sec. 101, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, does not, under any circumstances, include such a case as Mr. Ryan's, and consequently it is not meant to be included in the former portion of that section.

Mr. Cooper then relied upon the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, holding that it was not in violation of the provisions of law for Mr. Ryan to hold both the contract and his position as Superintendent, and submitted that Mr. Ryan was legally entitled to both.

(Minutes, January 20th, 1875, p. 469.)

Mr. Cooper then retired, and the order of business was resumed.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of the 20th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, forwarding the following resolution of said Board, viz. :—

“ *Resolved* :

“ That the Commissioners of Public Parks of this City, report to this Board, within fifteen days, a detailed account of
“ the following items from the first day of June, 1873, to the
“ first day of January, 1875.

“ *First*.—The amount of money appropriated by the Board
“ of Apportionment of this City and Legislature of this State,
“ also the amount of money standing to the account of said
“ Department on the first day of June, 1873, and the amount
“ standing to the account of said Department on the first day
“ of January, 1875.

“ *Second*.—The amount of salary that has been paid to each
“ commissioner, topographical engineer, surveyor, superin-
“ tendents, clerk and all other than foremen, mechanics and
“ laborers, and the names and residences of all such persons.

“ *Third*.—The number of foremen, mechanics and laborers,
“ that have been employed weekly ; the salaries paid to fore-
“ men ; the number of laborers employed under each fore-

“ man, and the names and residences of such foremen; the
 “ number of horses and carts owned by the Department; the
 “ amount paid for the same; their cost of keeping, including
 “ stables, &c.; also the number of horses and carts employed
 “ by the said Department, and the amount paid for the use of
 “ the same.

“ *Fourth.*—The number of contracts that has been granted,
 “ the parties receiving such contracts, and the purpose for
 “ which such contract was issued, the amount of money paid
 “ and the amounts due on the same; the amount of money re-
 “ ceived from all sources as receipt given, and an account of
 “ articles sold and all such enumerated; the amount of money
 “ received from all rentals, and parties to whom rented; also if
 “ any person employed by the said Department was interested
 “ in any contract or lease for which the city had to pay the
 “ cost.

“ *Fifth.*—If any money appropriated by the Legislature has
 “ at any time been converted to any other purpose than
 “ that which the law intended it for, namely, constructive pur-
 “ poses.

“ *Sixth.*—The number of Policemen and Gate-keepers em-
 “ ployed by the Department, their names and residences,
 “ when appointed, the salaries paid and cost for equipping.

The PRESIDENT then presented draft answers to the said resolution, for the consideration of the Board, and after same were read and discussed,

Mr. MARTIN moved that said resolution and answers be laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Central Park, Riverside and Morningside Parks and Avenues.

From Mr. Francis M. Jencks, Secretary of the West Side Association, forwarding a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of said Association, on the 23d inst., urging the necessity for the immediate completion of Riverside and Morningside Parks and Avenues; the westerly slopes and boundary of the Central Park, and the removal of the telegraph poles on Eighth Avenue, along the Central Park.

Also from Mr. John L. Touneli, Secretary of “ The Washing-

ton Heights Association," forwarding a copy of the resolutions adopted by said Association on the 25th inst.; also urging the necessity for the speedy completion of said Riverside and Morningside Parks and Avenues, and the building of the projected Suspension Bridge across the Harlem River at 181st street.

Also from Mr. T. J. Crombie, Secretary of the East Side Association, forwarding a copy of a resolution of the General Committee of said Association, adopted on the 23d inst., requesting that an entrance for pedestrians to the Central Park be made at Eighty-sixth Street and Fifth Avenue.

Mr. MARTIN moved that said communications and resolutions be received, and so much thereof as relates to Riverside and Morningside Parks and Avenues and the Central Park, be referred to the Landscape Architect, to examine, in connection with his forthcoming report upon construction works; and that so much thereof as refers to the construction of a suspension bridge and removal of telegraph poles, be referred to the Executive Committee.

(Minutes, Jany. 9th and 20th, 1875, pp. 442, 460 and 469.)

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, petitioning this Department to have the building now being erected on the Central Park (Manhattan Square) equipped and fitted up for the reception of the collections of the Museum, and estimating the cost of same at \$20,000.

Mr. STEWART moved that said petition be received and laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Laborers.

From the Superintendent, asking that ten laborers be restored for work on the City Parks, on account of the frequent snow storms this season.

Mr. MARTIN moved that said communication be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Stocking the Lakes in Central Park with Fish.

From the Superintendent, asking if any steps are to be taken towards stocking the lakes in Central Park with fish this winter.

(Minutes, May 22d, 1874, p. 48.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to the President.

Adopted.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, reporting upon the location of a wooden pile bridge across the Harlem River, near the head of Madison Avenue.

(Minutes, Jan. 6th, 1875, p. 432.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and referred to the Executive Committee, to report upon.

Minutes, Jan'y 20th, 1875, p. 469.

Adopted.

Park-keeper, &c., assigned to special duty.

From the Captain of the Park Police, reporting the names of all park-keepers, &c., assigned to special duty during 1874.

Minutes, Jan'y 20th, 1875, p. 470.)

Mr. MARTIN moved that said report be received and laid on the table.

Adopted.

Boat service.

From Mr. T. S. Dick, who held the license to let boats for hire on the Lake in Central Park during the season 1874, asking to have same renewed for the year 1875.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Adopted.

Urinal, Reservoir Square.

From owners of property on Fortieth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, requesting the removal of the urinal in Reservoir Square from its present position.

(Minutes, January 20th, 1875, p. 461.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received and referred to the President.

Adopted.

Five Points Park flagging.

The TREASURER, to whom was referred the estimate of the Engineer concerning the concrete flagging laid on Five Points Park, submitted a report, wherein he finds that the contractor deviated from his contract to such an extent that he recommends the Board not to audit the estimate for the work.

(Minutes, Dec. 23d, 1874, p. 425.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then presented an inventory of all the tools, implements and material of the Department, prepared by the property clerk in pursuance of Sec. 4, Article II of the By-Laws.

(Minutes, Aug. 29th, 1873, p. 241.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said inventory be received and filed.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that at present the Department held certain policies of insurance effected on the collections of the American Museum of Natural History, which the Treasurer of

the Museum requested should be handed over to him, stating that he would undertake the responsibility of keeping the property insured, and would render his bill to the Department for the amount of the premiums to be paid out of the fund provided for that purpose by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Secretary be directed to deliver said policies of insurance to the Treasurer of said Museum as requested.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 11.40 o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday, the 29th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the construction and erection of a bronze railing round the Lincoln Monument in Union Square.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

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

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

No. 1.— <i>Janes & Kirtland</i>	\$2,150 00
No. 2.— <i>George Fischer & Bro.</i>	\$1,600 00
No. 3.— <i>Hermann Herlt</i>	\$4,500 00

The COMPTROLLER having retired, the Board organized in adjourned session, at which there were

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 26th inst. was dispensed with.

Laying out north end of Island.

The PRESIDENT stated that a committee from the Washington Heights Association, consisting of Messrs. John Haven, R. C. Combes and A. J. Dovale, were present and desired an interview with the Board, and he moved that they be now heard.

Adopted.

The Committee were then admitted, and stated that their

object was to call the attention of the Commissioners to the necessity of completing the work of laying out of the north end of the Island, north of 155th Street, as soon as possible. They also presented a copy of resolutions to the same effect, adopted by the Washington Heights Association on the 25th inst.

(Minutes, January 26, 1875, p. 475.)

The PRESIDENT then explained to the committee that the Island had already been laid out as far north as Inwood street, and that the maps have been filed; that this Department adopted a map laying out all the territory north of Inwood street, on the 9th day of October, 1874, and that the maps for filing are now being prepared by the engineers.

The Committee, having expressed themselves satisfied, then retired.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Construction work.

Architectural structures.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the estimated expenditures for works of construction, during the present year.

(Minutes, January 9, 1875, p. 442.)

Also for repairs to the architectural structures on the parks and places.

(Minutes, Jan. 20th, 1875, p. 460.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be received and printed as a document of the Board, and that a copy be sent to his Honor the Mayor.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

(See Document No. 63.)

Damage to Plantations.

From the Landscape Architect, stating that damage is being done to the plantations south of the Loch on Central Park by the men engaged in taking ice from it.

(Minutes, Aug. 26th, 1874, p. 221.)

Mr. MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and that the Captain be instructed to prevent any further injury being done to the plantations, and, if necessary, to arrest the offenders.

Adopted.

Audit of Certificates.

Mr. 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 certificates of the Engineer in charge of 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.

CONTRACTOR.	IMPROVEMENT.	NO. OF CERTIFICATE.	AMOUNT.
John R. Baity and John McCarty	Regulating and Grad- ing 148th Street from St. Ann's Avenue to Mill Brook	Fifth and Final.	\$4,129 75
John G. Gent.	Regulating and Grad- ing 151st Street from Third Avenue to Morris Avenue.	Fourth and Final.	\$5,550 46

Dated New York, January 28, 1875.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.

THOMAS E. STEWART.

Auditing Committee.

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

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then offered the following preamble and resolution :

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

Resolved, That the said Commissioners approve, and they hereby do approve, the work and amounts certified to by said Engineer in said certificates respectively ; and that the Secretary be, and he hereby is, directed to prepare the certificates to be delivered to the several contractors mentioned in said report, in pursuance of the provisions of sec. 7, chap. 329, Laws of 1874, and in accordance with the said certificates of said Engineer, and submit the same to the Commissioners of this Department for their signatures.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Riverside Avenue.

The Landscape Architect then presented two similar maps, showing the proposed change of the westerly line of Riverside Avenue, whereupon

(Minutes, February 17th, 1874, p. 568.)

Mr. MARTIN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of an act entitled "An Act in relation to the powers and duties of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York," passed June 28, 1873,

the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby alter, change and re-establish the westerly line of Riverside Avenue as the said alterations and changes are shown by a full red line and red figures on two similar maps entitled "Map showing the westerly line of Riverside Avenue as altered and changed by the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of section 2 of chapter 850 of the Laws of 1873, said westerly line being shown in red color, thus (*red line*), dated "New York, 28th January, 1875," and signed by "Fred. Law. Olmsted, Landscape Architect."

Resolved, That Henry G. Stebbins, the President, and one of the officers of this Board, is hereby designated to certify the said two similar maps, to cause the said maps to be transmitted to the Department of Public Works for the concurrence of that Department, and thereupon to cause one of said maps to be filed in the office of the said Department of Public Works, and the other to be filed in the office of this Department.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Horses, pay wagons, &c.

Mr. MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the President to ascertain and report the time and services, of the property and employes of this Department, from 1st October, 1873, to 1st January, 1875, which have been at the disposal of, and used by the Finance Department, for purposes outside the proper work of this Department, to wit :

The number of days, with the dates, in which the pay wagon and its driver have been so used.

The number of horses used for the pay wagon on such days.

The number of days, with the dates, on which any of the Park-keepers have been so used.

The number of days, with the dates, on which the time and services of the Disbursing Clerk have been so used.

Specifying the cost to the Department of keeping the pay wagon and horses per month or per day, and the salaries or wages of the men above mentioned.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT then called up the petition of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, laid over at the last meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1875, p. 476.)

Mr. STEWART thereupon moved that the President be authorized to take all necessary and proper action to procure the required legislation to enable this Department to equip and establish the building now erected on the Central Park (Manhattan Square), for the purposes of a Museum of Natural History.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Board of Aldermen.

Mr. MARTIN moved that the subject of the reply to the resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, laid over at the last meeting of the Board, be further laid over for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1875, p. 474.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M., to meet to-morrow morning the 30th inst., at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 26th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, requesting, on behalf of Alderman Gross, Chairman of Committee on Arts and Sciences, that the Department would furnish him with certain information and documents before noon of this day.

The PRESIDENT then read a reply, accompanied with such information as he had time to have prepared, and moved that the Secretary be directed to forward same to Alderman Gross.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent reporting upon the progress made in the works under his charge during the week ending the 16th inst.

(Minutes Jan. 7th, 1875, p. 456.)

Filed.

Deer Park.

From the Clerk in charge of animals with reference to the removal of the deer from the present deer park, and the erection of a suitable building for them.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Adopted.

Armadillos.

From the Clerk in charge of animals, stating that there are at present on exhibition three armadillos, which are very rare, and which can be purchased by the Department for \$30.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that said three armadillos be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$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—Messrs: Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

3d Av. Removal of Mr. Gabriel's House.

From Mr. Andrew Gabriel stating that he would remove his house from the line of Third Avenue, but would hold this Department and the city of New York responsible for all loss and damage thereby occasioned to him.

(Minutes, January 6th, 1865, p. 430.)

Filed.

Audit.

Mr. 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 :

Bartlett, J. W., repairs to lamps.....	Maintenance, C. P. & P. & P. '74.....	\$255 75
Barber & Barron, type writer.....	Maintenance, Mus'm and Observat'y '74.....	125 00
Curtiss, Geo. B. & Co., Phila., bolts...	City Parks Imprv't Fund.....	6 46
Crane, B. F., chamois skins.....	Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	10 00
Cooke, R. L., services.....	Laying out, monumenting, Chap. 604, Laws 1874..	8 06
Keuffel & Esser, engineer's supplies...	Laying out, Monumenting, chapter 604, Laws 1874...	20 00
Norris & Williams, plumbing materials.	Maintenance C. P. & P. & P. '74.....	42 80
New, T. felt.....	Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	10 00
Pratt, Chas. & Co., oil.....	Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	\$13 12
	Maint. Bridges, '74.	1 60
		<hr/> 14 72
Queen, Jas. W. & Co., spectroscope and thermometer.....	Maint. Museum and Observatory, '74.	184 50
Stackpole & Bro., tape.....	Laying out, monumenting, Chapter 604, Laws 1874..	28 00
Tillottson, L. G. & Co., meteorological supplies.....	Maint. Museum and Observatory, '74.	95 45
Tone, Theodore F., coal.....	Maintenance C. P. & P. & P., '74.....	32 40
	City Parks Im.Fund	49 05
	Met.Museum of Art.	8 55
		<hr/> 90 00
Westchester Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maint.H.R.Bridges.	64 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$954 74

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Central Park and Parks and Places, 1874.....	\$364 07
Maint. Museum and Observatory, and Gallery of Art, 1874.	404 95
Maintenance Harlem River Bridges, 1874.....	65 60
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	55 51
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874,....	56 06
Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	8 55
	\$954 74

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nine hundred and fifty-four dollars and seventy-four cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, January 30, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Bridge over Harlem River.

Mr. STEWART, Chairman of the Executive Committee, verbally reported upon the subject of a wooden pile bridge across the Harlem River, near the head of Madison Avenue, and recommended that a bridge of that description be constructed without delay across the said Harlem River, from 139th Street, on the south side of the river, to a point a little north of the present lines of 138th Street, on the north side of the river, so that the bridge may be as near as possible at right angles to the course of the river.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1875, p. 477.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the report of the Executive Committee be received, and that it and the recommendations therein contained 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the subject of the preparation of the plans for said bridge, and the construction of the same be referred back to the Executive Committee, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Lincoln Monument Railing.

Mr. MARTIN moved that the proposal (No. 2) of Messrs. George Fischer & Brother, for the construction and erection of a bronze railing round the Lincoln Monument, in Union Square, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said George Fischer & Brother, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Jan. 29th, 1875, p 481.)

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

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

No—Mr. Stewart—1.

C. Ryan.

Mr. STEWART moved to take from the table the preambles and resolutions with reference to Columbus Ryan, laid on the

table January 20th, 1875, and entered on pages 468 and 469 of the Minutes.

(Minutes, January 20th, 1875, pp. 468-9).

Adopted.

Mr. MARTIN then offered the following preamble and resolution, as a substitute for said preambles and resolutions, taken from the table, viz. :

Whereas the office of Mr. C. Ryan, as Superintendent of Parks terminated on the 27th October, 1873, and he has not since legally held the office nor been entitled to its salary ; and whereas notice of the proposal to remove him, has been given him, and he has been heard thereon—

Resolved, That Mr. Ryan be, and that he is hereby, removed from the office of Superintendent.

The PRESIDENT moved that said preambles, resolutions, and the whole subject be laid on the table until next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Monday the 1st February, 1875, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 29th and 30th January, 1875, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Powers of Department in 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. Fordham Morris, Secretary of the North Side Association, forwarding copies of certain resolutions adopted by said association, recommending that a permanent commission, which should be a bureau of this Department, should be established for the purpose of opening all streets, roads and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Also recommending that the powers conferred on this Department by Sec. 14, Ch. 329, Laws of 1874, should be defined by the use of the same terms as are used in reference to the same powers in that part of the city lying south of the Harlem river, and that the Legislature should be requested to enact specifically that among the powers which the Department has in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards is and shall be—

1st. To open, alter, regulate, grade, flag, curb and gutter the streets, roads and avenues.

2d. To repair the streets, roads and avenues.

3d. To construct all drains, blind drains and sewers that may be necessary for the protection of the public health, and for the perfect drainage and sewerage of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

4th. To issue permits for, and superintend the construction of vaults and openings under and in the streets, roads and avenues and the sidewalks of the same.

5th. To pave and repave streets, roads and avenues, and to lay crosswalks and sidewalks, and to keep the streets, roads and sidewalks clear of obstructions.

(Minutes, February 5th, 1873, pp. 656-662).

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said resolutions be received and referred to the Executive Committee to report upon.

Adopted.

Elton Ave.

From the Engineer in charge of improvements, &c., in Morrisania, recommending that the contractors for grading Elton Avenue, in Morrisania, be notified that they will be required to complete said work by the 1st of June next.

Mr. MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and that said contractors be notified that if they do not proceed at once with said work, all advantage will be taken by this Department to which it is entitled under the contract, by reason of their delay.

Adopted.

Concord Ave.

From the Engineer in charge of improvements, &c., in Morrisania, recommending that the sureties of the contractor for the grading of Concord Avenue should be notified to complete the work at once.

(Minutes, Sept. 10th, 1874, p. 251.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to Mr. Stewart.

Adopted.

From the Engineer in charge of the Third Avenue improvement, recommending that the owners of all houses on the lines of the Third Avenue be notified to remove their houses from the avenue on or before a certain day.

(Minutes, Oct. 9th, 1874, p. 299.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received and that the owners of all such houses be notified to remove so much of their houses as project into and stand upon the Third Avenue, on or before the first day of April next, and in case any of said houses are not so removed, that the President be authorized to have the same removed in such manner as he may deem most expedient.

(Minutes, Jan. 6th, 1875, p. 430.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Horses and Wagons for 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Engineer in charge of the maintenance, &c., of streets, roads and avenues in the 23d and 24th Wards, recommending that the Department purchase two horses and wagons for the use of the general foreman and himself, rather than hiring them as at present.

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received and referred to the President to ascertain whether the necessary horses and wagons cannot be supplied from those already belonging to the Department.

Adopted.

Lincoln Monument Railing.

From Messrs. Janes & Kirtland, claiming the award of the contract for the bronze railing round the Lincoln Monument.

(Minutes, January 30th, 1875, p. 91.)

Filed.

C. Ryan.

From Mr. S. V. R. Cooper, counsel for Mr. C. Ryan, submitting references to authorities in support of his arguments before the Board on the 26th January last.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1875, p. 473.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Mr. MARTIN then stated that since hearing Mr. Cooper on behalf of Mr. C. Ryan, he had again very carefully considered the question, but could not arrive at any other conclusion than that heretofore expressed to the Board. That he had reduced his views of the case, more fully than on the former occasion, to writing, which he had offered to the Board.

(Minutes, Jan. 12th, 1875, p. 452.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said opinion be received and filed.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then moved that the subject of the removal of Mr. C. Ryan from the office of Superintendent, and the preambles and resolutions laid on the table at the last meeting of the Board be taken from the table.

(Minutes, Jan. 30th, 1875, p. 492.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved that, inasmuch as Mr. Ryan had placed his resignation in his hands, the whole subject be again laid on the table.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then stated that Mr. C. Ryan had been an employé of this Department during a period of about fourteen years, and that in all that time, to his personal knowledge, he had proven himself worthy of the trusts reposed in him, and it was with regret that he herewith tendered his resignation of the office of Superintendent of Parks.

The PRESIDENT then presented the resignation of Mr. Ryan, as Superintendent, to take effect January 31st, 1875, and offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. Columbus Ryan be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

Resolved, That the members of this Board, in accepting the said resignation, desire to express to Mr. Ryan their high appreciation of his valuable services as Superintendent, and their full confidence in his integrity and fidelity.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Supt. pro tem.

Mr. MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, be assigned and directed to perform the duties of Superintendent of Parks, temporarily, in addition to his present duties, without any increase of salary.

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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Mr. MARTIN moved that the President be requested to call the attention of the Comptroller of the city to the recent amendment to Sec. 11, Article 8 of the Constitution of the State, prohibiting any city giving any money to any association or corporation, and request him not to pay the sum of \$15,000, directed to be paid to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on the 20th January last, until the subject can be further ex-

amined, if in his judgment there is anything in the amendment which conflicts with the right to pay the same.

(Minutes, January 20th, 1875, p. 467.)

Adopted.

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that the appropriation for the "Maintenance and government of public places, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for 1874," fell short of the actual expenditures to the amount of \$126.05. That there was a balance remaining unexpended of more than that amount of the appropriation for the "celebration of Independence Day in 1874." He therefore moved that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer said amount from the latter to the former appropriation.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3d, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 29th and 30th January, 1875, and of the 1st inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Tenth Avenue, Kingsbridge Road, &c.

From the Comptroller of the city, forwarding copies of the orders of the Supreme Court, confirming the reports of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, for the opening of the following avenues and streets, viz.:

Tenth Avenue, from 155th Street to Eleventh Avenue.

Kingsbridge Road, from 155th Street to the Harlem River.

A new street parallel to 155th Street, from Kingsbridge Road into the Boulevard.

Also stating the amounts of the awards in each case, and forwarding draft resolutions which he states it is necessary should be adopted by this Department, to enable the bonds to pay said awards to be issued in pursuance of Sec. 7, Chap. 565, Laws of 1865.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then offered the following resolution, as requested by the Comptroller, with respect to the Tenth Avenue.

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 Sec. 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 Department of Public Parks and the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, relative to the opening of Tenth Avenue, from a point 10,353 feet 6 inches, northerly from 155th Street, in a northwesterly, westerly and southerly direction, to the Eleventh Avenue, as laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park, 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 ninety-two thousand six hundred and twenty-six 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 premium 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution, as requested by the Comptroller, with respect to Kingsbridge Road :

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 sec. 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 laying out, widening and straightening of Kingsbridge Road, between One hundred and fifty-fifth street and the Harlem River, 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 one million two hundred and seventy-six thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fourteen cents, 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 premium 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution, as requested by the Comptroller, with respect to a new street parallel to 155th Street :

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 505 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24th, 1895, 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 Department of Public Parks and the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, relative to laying out a new street, running parallel to 155th Street, in an easterly direction from the Kingsbridge road, across the Tenth Avenue to the Boulevard, near the Harlem River, as laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park 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 thirty-four thousand three hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ninety-one cents, 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 premium 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Third Avenue Bridge lamps.

From the Engineer, recommending that the number of burners in all the gas lamps on the Third Avenue Bridge, now

having four burners, be reduced to two, and giving an estimate of the cost of same at \$2.50 per lamp.

(Minutes, Jan. 9th, 1875, p. 439.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and the recommendation therein be adopted and carried into effect as soon as possible.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

T. F. Tone.

From Mr. Theo. F. Tone, in relation to certain bills due him for coal, which he states he delivered to the Department during the years 1871, 1872 and 1873.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and referred to Mr. Williamson to examine and report.

Adopted.

E. L. Heusner.

From Mr. Emil L. Heusner, with reference to the bill due to him for drawings of the Third Avenue Bridge.

(Minutes, January 20, 1875, p. 460.)

Laid on the table.

Treasurer's Account.

The TREASURER then presented the following account, which was ordered to be printed in the Minutes :

Department of Public Parks in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.	CR.	
Jan. 20.	By balance.....	\$50 00
21	" cash received from Comptroller on account of late town of Kingsbridge.....	12,857 50
Jan. 20.	} " cash received from rents and licenses.....	185 50
to		
Feb. 3.)		
		————— \$13,093 00

1875.	DR.	
Jan. 22.	To cash paid Wm. Rumble, balance account and interest against late town of Kingsbridge.	\$5,252 93
“	To cash paid Thomas C. Cornell, balance account and interest against late town of Kingsbridge.....	5,895 81
Jan. 20.)	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	110 50
to		
Feb. 3.)		
Feb. 3.	“ balance.....	1,834 26
		\$13,093 00

(Signed)

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

Wednesday, February 3, 1875, 9.30 A. M.

Wm. H. Grant.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Mr. Wm. H. Grant, late Civil and Topographical Engineer, for interest due him as provided by Sec. 8, Chap. 604 Laws, of 1874, amounting to \$104.45, and moved that same be transmitted to the Finance Department for adjustment.

(Minutes, Oct. 9th, 1874, p. 301).

Adopted.

A. Liautard.

The PRESIDENT also presented a bill of A. Liautard, M.D., V.S., for services rendered to one of the camels in the Central Park, and moved that same be referred to the Auditing Committee to examine and audit.

Adopted.

Flower Seeds, &c.

The PRESIDENT presented two requisitions of the Landscape Gardener for flower seeds, and for tubs, dated, respectively, January 30th and February 1st, 1875.

Mr. MARTIN moved that said requisitions 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The late Hon. W. F. Havemeyer.

The PRESIDENT stated that the resolutions of the Board, adopted December 1st, 1874, on the occasion of the death of the late Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the city, had been engrossed, and moved that they be now suitably framed for presentation to the family of the deceased.

(Minutes, December 1st, 1874, p. 379.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

The Board of Aldermen.

The PRESIDENT then called up the reply to the Board of Aldermen, laid over for consideration at this meeting on the 29th January, 1875.

(Minutes, January 29th, 1875, p. 486.)

and moved that the answer, as submitted to the Board on the 26th January, 1875, with certain amendments as suggested by several Commissioners, be transmitted to the Board of Aldermen.

(Minutes, January 26, 1875, p. 475.)

Adopted.

By Laws.

Mr. MARTIN moved that section 9, Article II of the By Laws be amended, by adding at the end thereof the words,

“ There shall be a Lieutenant of Police.”

(Minutes, Aug. 29th, 1873, p. 242.)

The PRESIDENT, by unanimous consent, put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was de-

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Lieutenant of Police.

Mr. MARTIN moved that Mr. John Corcoran be appointed Lieutenant of Police, at a salary of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) per annum.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 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, N. Y. }
February 6th, 1875.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.:

SIR,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Monday, the 8th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,
(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 3d inst. were read and approved.

At this point Mr. STEWART entered the meeting.

The following communications were presented and read :

Lieutenant of Police.

From the Captain, as to the duties of a Lieutenant of Police.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Police System.

From the Captain, with respect to the system of police duty existing in the Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Ice on Harlem Lake.

From Mr. C. V. Hough, offering to purchase the ice on a portion of Harlem Lake in Central Park.

Also from the Superintendent *pro tem.*, reporting, that if a portion of the ice on that lake is sold, it will inconvenience skaters and prove a constant source of danger, and that the contractor, in taking away the ice, could not prevent damage to the borders of the lake and the plantations round it.

The PRESIDENT moved that said two communications be received, and that the application of Mr. Hough be refused, for the reasons stated in the communication of the Superintendent *pro tem.*

Adopted.

Sale of Refreshments on Central Park.

From Mr. J. W. Knapp, applying for a lease of premises in Central Park for the purpose of selling refreshments.

Laid on the table.

Claremont Hotel.

The TREASURER verbally reported upon the application of Mr. J. G. Keator, lessee of Claremont Hotel, for a reduction of his rent, and recommended that the application be not granted. He at the same time presented a communication of the Superintendent *pro tem.*, with regard to the situation of said hotel.

(Minutes, Jan. 20th, 1875, p. 461.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report and communication be received, and that the recommendations of the Treasurer be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Central Bridge, Harlem River.

Mr. STEWART reported verbally upon the specifications for re-building the draw of Central (McComb's Dam) Bridge, and presented the same amended.

(Minutes, Jan. 20th, 1875, p. 470.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and the specifications as amended adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. STEWART then moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for re-building said draw in the 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Park-keepers uniforms, &c.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Captain be directed to report the number of winter and summer uniforms of the park-keepers and gate-keepers now on hand, and their condition; also the number of additional uniforms which will be required for the remainder of the year.

(Minutes, Oct. 21st, 1874, p. 308.)

Adopted.

Triangle at the intersection of Kingsbridge Road and 11th Ave.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to examine and report upon the advisability of acquiring the title to a small triangle at the intersection of the easterly line of Kingsbridge Road with the westerly line of Eleventh Avenue.

Adopted.

Policies of Insurance, American Museum of Nat. Hist.

The SECRETARY then presented the receipt of the Treasurer

of the American Museum of Natural History, for the policies of insurance on the collections of said Museum held by this Department, whereupon

The PRESIDENT moved that same be received and filed.

(Minutes, Jan. 26th, 1875, p. 479.)

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M., or sooner at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading the minutes of the previous meeting of the 8th inst. was suspended.

(See page 514.)

Administration of the Department.

The PRESIDENT then stated that he had directed the several employés in charge of the various offices of the Department to be present at this meeting, in order that the Commissioners should have an opportunity of examining them as to the work they, and the subordinates placed under their directions, are employed upon, with the view of ascertaining whether it would be possible to administer the affairs of the Department more economically than at present.

He then moved that the order of business be suspended, and that said employés be now examined.

Adopted.

The Commissioners then examined at length the following employes.

The Landscape Architect.

The Civil and Topographical Engineer.

The Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction.

The Engineer.

The Superintendent of Parks *pro tem.*, and Superintending Architect.

The Landscape Gardener.

The Engineer in charge of the Maintenance of Public Places, Streets, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.

And the Disbursing Clerk.

Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect of the Museum of Natural History and Museum of Art was also present and was examined in relation to those works and his connection therewith.

After the employés had retired, the Commissioners discussed the subject at some length, but took no action thereon.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 8th inst. were then read and approved.

The following communication was then presented and read :

Parade ground.

From the Clerk of the Assembly, forwarding the following, resolution :

“Whereas Chapter 628 of the Laws of 1871 directs the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the city of New York, in conjunction with the Major-General of the First Division of the National Guard, to acquire lands and lay out the same to be used as a parade ground for said National Guard ; and

“Whereas, said Commissioners and the said Major-General have taken the initiatory steps towards acquiring such land, yet have done nothing further to place it in a condition for occupancy by the State militia ; therefore

“Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and this resolution be sent by the Clerk of this Assembly to said Central Park Commissioners for their statement of the reasons why the provisions of said law has not been carried out, and also for them to indicate what, if any, further legislation is required to complete said parade ground ; and the said Commissioners are hereby requested to answer this inquiry as soon as practicable.”

(Minutes, January 19th, 1874, p. 528.)

Mr. MARTIN moved that said communication be referred to the President to answer.

Adopted.

Construction Work.
Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT then presented two draft acts, one to provide the necessary funds for works of construction and architectural repairs during this year, and the other to provide the means necessary to establish and equip the Museum of Natural History Building.

(Minutes, Jan'y 29th, 1875, pp. 482, 486.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said draft acts be referred to the Executive Committee 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the reading of the minutes of the inst. was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT then stated that a Committee from the Washington Heights Association, consisting of Messrs. Van Voorhis, L'Espinasse and Monteith, were present and desired to be heard before the Board.

He then moved that the order of business be suspended and that the Committee be now received.

Adopted.

North end of the Island Suspension Bridge, &c.

The Committee were then admitted, and stated that they were directed by their Association to press on the Board the importance of undertaking and completing the following works as soon as possible, viz. :

The laying out and monumenting the district of Manhattan Island north of 155th street, including two new streets from Tenth Avenue to the Harlem River, between 155th street and 181st street.

The construction of a Suspension Bridge at 181st street over the Harlem River.

The completion of Riverside Park and Drive.

(Appendix to minutes of Jan. 15th, 1873; Minutes, Jan. 29th, 1875, p. 481.)

After considerable discussion of the above subjects the Committee retired.

The following communication was then presented and read :

165th Street.

From Mr. N. A. L'Espinasse, petitioning to have 165th street extended from the Eastern Drive, or Boulevard, to the Harlem River.

Mr. MARTIN moved that said communication be received and referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report upon.

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.

1875.	CR.		
Feby. 3.	By balance.....	\$1,834	26
Feby. 3.	} " cash received from rents and licenses.....	795	48
to			
Feby. 17.	}	<u>1,709</u>	<u>74</u>
1875.	DR.		
Feby. 3	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$920	48
to			
Feby. 17.	}	1,709	26
Feby. 17.	" balance.....	<u>1,709</u>	<u>26</u>
			<u>\$2,629 74</u>

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, February 17, 1875.

9.30 A. M.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M., to meet on Friday, the 19th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 11th and 17th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Broken Stone.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, forwarding a copy of the following resolution of said Board, viz. :

“ *Resolved*, That in purchasing broken stones for macadamizing or other purposes, by the Departments of Public Works or Public Parks, preference be given to those broken by hand, provided that such hand-broken stone be of equal quality, and no greater price than is now or may hereafter be charged for similar material broken by steam power.”

Filed.

Pay of Laborers in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, viz. :

“ *Resolved*, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, requested to furnish to this Board at its next meeting, information as to whether the laborers in its employ in

“ the 23d and 24th wards, are paid a less sum for the same labor than is paid in the other wards of the city, with the reasons for such discrimination, if any exist.”

Referred to the President to answer.

Riverside Avenue.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, returning the duplicate maps changing and re-establishing the westerly line of Riverside Avenue, with his concurrence endorsed thereon.

(Minutes, January 29th, 1875, p. 484.)

Filed.

Fountains Stuyvesant Square.

From the Health Department, forwarding copies of two reports of Sanitary Inspectors upon the unhealthy condition of the basins of the fountains in Stuyvesant Square, by reason of their being covered by decaying vegetable matter.

Also from the Superintendent *pro tem.*, reporting that he had examined said basins and found that the covering of leaves was frozen into a compact mass, as it has been during the entire winter, and that it is safe to assume that, with the present state of cold weather, no decaying process can take place.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be received, and that the Secretary be directed to send a copy of the report of the Superintendent *pro tem.*, to the Department of Health.

Adopted.

Triangle at the intersection of Kingsbridge Road and Eleventh Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the triangle at the intersection of the easterly line of Kingsbridge Road with the westerly line of Eleventh Avenue, has been laid out, and that it would be advisable for the city to acquire the title to it, as it forms part of 170th street.

(Minutes, February 8th, 1875, p. 511.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Gate-houses.

From the Superintendent *pro tem.*, recommending that three new gate-houses be built, to replace the old and decayed ones, at the following entrances to the Central Park: 79th Street and 5th Avenue, 72d Street and 8th Avenue, and 110th street and 6th Avenue.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Adopted.

Urinal.

From the Superintendent, *pro tem.*, reporting that the foundations for a new urinal, in the Central Park, near the East Drive and 79th Street, have been completed.

(Minutes, December 23d, 1874, p. 420.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed, and that a wire-gauze urinal, for six persons, of the pattern supplied by Mr. Bacharach, be ordered, at a cost not exceeding \$1,000, and that it be placed in the Central Park, at the place indicated by the Superintendent, *pro tem.*

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Superintendent's Reports.

From the Superintendent, *pro tem.*, reporting upon the progress made on works under his charge during the week ending on the 6th inst.

Also a similar report, for the week ending on the 13th inst.

(Minutes, January 30th, 1875, p. 487.)

Filed.

Menagerie Buildings.

From the Superintendent, *pro tem.*, reporting concerning necessary alterations and changes in the buildings for the animals in the Central Park, and also concerning the disposition of the animals themselves.

(Minutes, November 19th, 1873, p. 408.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and referred to the Executive Committee, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Terrace Ceiling.

From the Superintendent, *pro tem.*, reporting that the ornamental light in the ceiling of the Terrace, Central Park, had fallen down, and recommending that, in repairing it, the light be made in four sections, in place of one as heretofore, and that the patent sky-light be made more effectually water-tight.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and referred back to the Superintendent, *pro tem.*, to report upon the cost of the necessary repairs as recommended.

Adopted.

Park-keepers' Uniforms.

From Captain, reporting upon the number of winter and summer uniforms, &c., now on hand, and their condition ; also the number of additional uniforms required for the remainder of the year.

(Minutes, February 8th, 1875, p. 511.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received and referred to Mr. Williamson, to report upon.

Adopted.

Audits.

Mr. 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.

Barron, James S., & Co., brooms, brushes, &c.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$66 00	
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., paper and borax.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$5 50	
	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	3 75	
			9 25
Com'l Advertiser Ass'n, advertising.	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	\$4 60	
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	1 40	
			6 00
Cartwright, Wm., fish & vegetables.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		90 70
Evening Post, advertising.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$2 70	
	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	6 70	
			9 40
Graham & Co., keep of horse.	Survey'g, lay'g out, &c., 23d & 24th W'ds, &c.		30 00
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	\$31 25	
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	31 25	
			62 50
Hazard Powder Co., powder.	Museum of Art.	\$18 75	
	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	321 25	
			340 00
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron. . . .	Maint. C. P. & P. & P., 1874.		18 20
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron. . . .	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		20 25
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at stables.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		79 20
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at parks, &c.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$281 52	
	Maint. & Govt. H. R. Bridges.	146 88	
			428 40

Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.,		
	1874.....	\$3 16	
	Sea Wall at Battery ..	1 00	
	Laying out, monum'g,		
	Chap. 604, Laws 1874	8 00	
	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	3 91	
		<hr/>	\$16 07
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	\$92 69	
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	33 79	
	Maint. & Govt., &c.,		
	23d & 24th W'ds, &c.	6 80	
		<hr/>	133 28
Labaugh, Wm. O., salt.....	Maint. H. R. Bridges..	\$6 00	
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	15 25	
		<hr/>	21 25
Liautard, A., services.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.,		
	1874.....	65 00	
McDermott, John, meat.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	192 40	
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, hammer....	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	66 50	
N. Y. Times, advertisiug.....	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	\$4 60	
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	1 40	
		<hr/>	6 00
N. Y. Tribune, advertising.....	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	\$5 10	
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	1 50	
		<hr/>	6 60
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at office.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$6 60	
	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	6 60	
		<hr/>	13 20
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.,		
	1874.....		4 34
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., rent to Feb. 1, 1875.....	Maint. C. P. & P. & P.,		
	1874.....	\$416 66	
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.,		
	1875..	208 34	
	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	625 00	
		<hr/>	1,250 00
Ryder, Frank, stone boats.....	City Pks. Imp. Fund..		112 50
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c..	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	\$203 40	
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	142 12	
		<hr/>	345 52

Rollins, T. W., labor and materials..Museum Nat. History.	\$12,922 50
Siney & Langstroth, axle grease....Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	18 00
Simpson, A., bread.....Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	57 64
Skidmore, J., & Sons, coal.....Maint. & Govt. P. & P.,	
1874.....	\$24 00
Maint. & Govt. P. & P.,	
1875.....	16 00
	40 00
Thorburn, Geo., & Co., spruce piles.City Pks. Imp. Fund..	126 30
Titus, Frederick, services.....Maint. & Govt., &c.,	
23d & 24th W'ds, &c.,	12 50
Watrouse & Willson, lumber.....Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	132 00
Zeigler & Co., chairs.....City Pks. Imp. Fund..	24 00
	\$16,725 50

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1875.....	\$1,397 56
Maintenance, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, &c., 1875.	19 30
Maintenance, &c., Harlem River Bridges, 1875.....	152 88
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,638 15
Maintenance Central Park and Parks and Places, 1874.....	537 36
Surveying, laying out, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, &c.,	
1875.....	30 00
Laying out, monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	8 00
Sea Wall at Battery.....	1 00
Museum of Art.....	18 75
Museum of Natural History.....	12,922 50
	\$16,725 50

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, February 16, 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.

Bacharach, M., urinal.....City Parks Imp. Fund....	\$1,000 00
Composite Iron Works, gerbe rose.....City Parks Imp. Fund....	275 00
Conklin, Wm. A., medicine.....Maint. C. P. & P. P., '74.	14 02
Florence, Wm. H., services.....Maint., &c., H. R. Bridges.	104 16
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....Maint. C. P. & P. & P., 74.	\$4 68
Maint. and Govt. P. & P. 1875.....	25 29
City Parks Imp. Fund...	14 57
	<hr/> 44 54
Lanthier, L. A., frame for Mayor's Resolutions.....Maint. C. P. & P. & P....	13 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas..Maint. C. P. & P. & P....	282 20
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at City Parks.....Maint. and Govt., P. & P.	476 25
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office.Maint. and Govt., &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	30 00
	<hr/> \$2,239 17
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Central Park and Parks and Places, 1874.....	\$18 70
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1875.....	796 74
Maintenance and Government of H. R. Bridges, 1875.....	104 16
Maintenance and Government, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c., 1875.....	30 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,289 57
	<hr/> \$2,239 17
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventeen cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
 Auditing Committee.

New York, February 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Horses and wagons for 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT, to whom it was referred to ascertain whether two horses and wagons could not be supplied from those already belonging to the Department, for the use of the Engineer in charge of the maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards, and the general foreman, reported that on inquiry he found that two horses and buggies could be supplied, and he moved that the Superintendent, *pro tem.*, be directed to transfer to the said Engineer said horses and buggies, to be kept at the offices of the Department in Fordham until further order.

(Minutes, Feb. 1st, 1875, p. 495.)

Adopted.

Globes for the Candelabra.

The TREASURER presented a requisition of the Engineer for 16 porcelain or opal globes for the Candelabra.

Mr. STEWART moved that the subject of new globes for the said Candelabra be referred to Mr. Williamson to report upon.

Adopted.

Lady's Maid.

Mr. STEWART moved that Mary T. Barry be appointed lady's maid in charge of a cottage on the Central Park, and that her pay be fixed at \$10.50 per week.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Lady's Maid

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Jane Lambert be appointed lady's maid in charge of a cottage on the Central Park, and that her pay be fixed at \$10.50 per week.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Deficiencies of 1873.

The TREASURER then presented a draft act which he had prepared to make provision for the deficiencies in the appropriations of this Department, up to the end of the year 1873, and moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10:15 o'clock P. M., to meet to-morrow, the 20th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 o'clock A.M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Exotic and Propagating Department.

From the Superintendent, *pro tem.*, upon the condition of the greenhouses and propagating houses, hot-beds, &c., together with statements of the method of working the same, of the yearly expense of keeping them in order, and of the plants raised therein.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and referred to the Executive Committee, to examine and report.

Adopted.

Music Pavilion.

From the Superintendent, *pro tem.*, calling attention to the

necessity of repairing the architectural structures on Central Park, and stating that the Music Pavilion cannot be again used in its present condition.

(Minutes, January 29th, 1875, p. 482.)

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received and filed, and that the Landscape Architect be directed to prepare and submit to the Board specifications for the necessary repairs to the Music Pavilion, on the Mall in Central Park.

Adopted.

Bridge over Harlem River.

Mr. STEWART, Chairman of the Executive Committee, verbally reported, that before proceeding further with the work of the construction of the bridge over the Harlem River, from 139th street, it would be necessary for the Comptroller to issue bonds for that purpose, as directed by law, and for that purpose the Executive Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of Sec. 3, Chap. 534, Laws of 1871, and Sec. 16, Chap. 329, Laws of 1874, and for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing a bridge over the Harlem River, in the city of New York, the Department of Public Parks of said city, and the Board of Commissioners thereof, hereby make requisition on the Comptroller of said city to issue, in the name of and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of said city, bonds to the amount of (\$100,000) one hundred thousand dollars. Said bonds shall be issued in sums composed of even hundreds of dollars, shall be payable in twenty years from the date of issue, and shall bear such rate of interest, not exceeding 7 per cent. per annum, as shall be determined by said Comptroller.

Resolved, That the said Department, and the said Commissioners thereof, hereby certify that said amount, namely, (\$100,000) one hundred thousand dollars, is necessary to be raised for said purpose.

(Minutes, January 30th, 1875, pp. 490-1.)

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

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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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock m., to meet on Tuesday the 23d inst., at 8 o'clock p. m.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 19th and 20th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Globe Gas-Light Co.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the offer of the New York Globe Gas-Light Co., to light the skating ponds on the parks during the winter, and recommending that the company be permitted to put up one lamp on the shore of the Lake in Central Park, on trial.

(Minutes, December 16th, 1874, p. 405.)

Laid on the table.

Executive Committee Report.
Exotic and Propagating Departments.

Commissioner STEWART, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented the following report upon the Exotic and Propagating Department :

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

“ The Executive Committee having had under consideration the report of the Superintendent *pro. tem.* in relation to the present method of management of the exotic, propagating and gardening department, report that the present organization appears to have been formed with the expectation that the large conservatory, designed in 1871, would soon be built, and that a stock should be grown for furnishing it, and also with a view to a more extensive and costly use of flowering plants than with present appropriations, and in view of the financial condition and prospects of the city, can be sustained without prejudice to the trusts of the Board of a more essential and permanent character. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

“ *Resolved*, That Sec. 5, Article II of the By-Laws is hereby repealed.

“ *Resolved*, That the Superintendent *pro. tem.* is directed to make suitable arrangements for the management of the property and work hitherto under the direction of the Landscape Gardener.

“ *Resolved*, That the project of a new conservatory is hereby indefinitely postponed, and that the Superintendent *pro. tem.* is directed to allow no larger share of the total expenditure for gardening materials and labor to be given to the existing conservatory and to provisions for the floral decorations of the parks than can be spared without prejudice to matters of more essential and permanent consequence.”

(Minutes, Feb'y 20th, 1875, p. 529.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report of the Executive Committee be received, and that the resolutions therein 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, all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Executive Committee Report.

Commissioner STEWART, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented a second report from said committee, wherein the

Board is recommended to take certain action upon several matters referred to said committee.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

The following are the recommendations of the said committee.

Broken stone for macadamizing.

1. To refer the subject of procuring broken stone for macadamizing purposes in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, to the President, with power.

(Minutes, Jany. 9th, 1875, p. 440.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted, and that said 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, Stewart
—4.

Suspension Bridge over Harlem River at 181st Street.

2. To take the preliminary steps at once for the construction of the Suspension Bridge over the Harlem River at 181st Street.

(Minutes, Jany. 26th, 1875, p. 476.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted, and that the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction and the Civil and Topographical Engineer be instructed to prepare plans, which shall be in harmony with one another, for said bridge and for the approaches thereto respectively, and submit same to the Board, as soon as practicable.

(Minutes, Feby. 17th, 1875, p. 517.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Police.

3. To appoint one of the Commissioners to look specially after the police force, and to vest him with power to supervise the system and working thereof.

(Minutes, Feby. 8th, 1875, pp. 509-10.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted, and that Commissioner Stewart be appointed to look specially after the police force, and that he be vested with power to supervise the system and working thereof.

Adopted.

Proceedings to acquire title.

4. To instruct the Counsel to the Corporation, if he has not commenced proceedings to acquire title to

Willis Avenue from 147th Street to Third Avenue,
148th Street from Third Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue,
149th Street from Third Avenue to Southern Boulevard,
156th Street from Third Avenue to Elton Avenue,
not to commence such proceedings until further instructions.

(Minutes, Oct. 9th, 1874, p. 299, and Nov. 6th, 1874, p. 331.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted by the Board, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be notified thereof.

Adopted.

Accounts 23d & 24th Wards.

5. To direct that the accounts on the books of the Department for the maintenance and government of public places, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be kept in one account for the future.

(Minutes, Feby. 4th, 1874, p. 560.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Deficiencies of 1873.

6. To refer the draft act to make provision for the deficiencies in the appropriations for this Department up to the end of the year 1873, to the Treasurer, to confer with the Comptroller, and request him to send same to the Legislature, or to include it in any act he may himself have prepared to provide for deficiencies.

(Minutes, Feby. 19th, 1875, p. 528.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Landscape Gardener.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in view of the action of the Board in discontinuing the present organization in relation to the method of the management of the exotic, propagating and gardening department, and the repeal of Section 5, Article II, of the By Laws, the position of Landscape Gardener is hereby abolished, and that the present incumbent, Mr. Robert Demcker, be and hereby is removed, and his services dispensed with from and after the first day of March, 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, Stewart
—4.

Met. Museum of Art.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the resolution adopted January 20th, 1875, entered on page 467 of the minutes, and directing the Comptroller of the city of New York to pay over

the sum of \$15,000 to the Treasurer of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said resolution be laid on the table ; that the officers of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and of the American Museum of Natural History be invited to confer with the Board at its next meeting, for the purpose of arriving at an understanding with regard to the present and future disbursements to be made by this Department for the maintenance of said Museums, and other matters relating thereto ; and that the Comptroller of the city be notified of the action of the Board with regard to the payment of said sum of \$15,000.

Adopted.

(Minutes of Feb. 1, 1875., p. 497.)

Menagerie Buildings.

Commissioner STEWART, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented an estimate, submitted to him by the Superintendent *pro tem.*, for the alterations and erections of the different structures and buildings for the animals in the Central Park ; and moved that same be referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon as soon as practicable.

(Minutes, Feb. 19, 1875, p. 522.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday, the 26th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the 23d inst. and the order of business were suspended.

(See page 540.)

Met. Museum of Art & Am. Museum of Natl. His.

The PRESIDENT then stated that, in pursuance of the invitation extended to the officers of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the American Museum of Natural History, at the last meeting of the Board, the following gentlemen were in attendance, namely :

W. T. BLODGETT, Esq., Vice-President,

F. W. RHINELANDER, Esq., Treasurer,

J. H. CHOATE, Esq., Trustee,

HOWARD POTTER, Esq., “

THOS. BLAND, Esq., Ass't Secretary,

} *Metropolitan Museum of Art.*

WM. A. HAINES, Esq., Vice-President,

W. T. BLODGETT, Esq., Secretary,

HOWARD POTTER, Esq., Treasurer,

J. H. CHOATE, Esq., Trustee,

} *American Museum of Natural History.*

(Minutes, Feb. 23d, 1875, p. 538.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that the officers of said associations be now received.

Adopted.

The subject of application by this Board under the seventh section of chapter 756 of the Laws of 1873, out of their maintenance fund, of moneys for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of the said associations in such a way as to avoid the prohibitions of the eleventh section of article eight of the Constitution, that no city shall give money to any association, corporation, &c., being under consideration.

The following mode of procedure received general assent :

That each association should, at the beginning of each year, submit to the Department an exhibit of the expenses to which they would be subjected for that year for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of their collections.

That these should be together considered by the Department, and an apportionment made to each association of the amount provided for that purpose, and that thereafter the bills of the associations for such expenses should be presented to the Board for audit and payment, in the same way as other liabilities paid out of maintenance money.

The question of the terms and provisions under which the associations should be placed in the occupation of the buildings now being erected in the Central Park, under section 2, chapter 290, Laws of 1871, was also considered, and reserved for future consideration by the associations.

The officers of said associations then retired and the order of business was resumed.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Metropolitan Museum of Art.

From Mr. F. W. Rhineland, Treasurer of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, submitting a statement of the various liabilities accruing in the year 1875, for the keeping, preservation and

exhibition of the collections of said Museum, amounting to \$22,051.

Filed.

Riverside Avenue.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works acknowledging the receipt, for filing, of the map changing and re-establishing the westerly line of Riverside Avenue, and stating that same had been filed in said department on the 23d February, 1875.

(Minutes, Feb. 19th, 1875, p. 520.)

Filed.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From the Engineer of the Bureau of Construction, reporting upon the cost and other questions connected with the construction of the wooden pile bridge over the Harlem river at 139th street.

(Minutes, Jan. 30th, 1875, p. 491.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

Laborers, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Engineer in charge of the maintenance, &c., of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that he will require, on the 1st March, 15 additional laborers and 3 more double teams; and by the middle of March he will require one foreman and 20 more laborers.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received and filed, and that 15 laborers and 3 double teams, in addition to those now employed, be placed at work on the maintenance of public places, roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Superintendent of Parks.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Julius Munckwitz be, and he hereby is, appointed Superintendent of Parks, at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, and that that sum shall cover all compensation for the services he may render as Superintending Architect.

(Minutes, February 1st, 1875, p. 497.)

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, Stewart—4.

Anthony Imhoff's Bill.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, stated that the Comptroller of the city had refused to pay the bill of Mr. Anthony Imhoff, audited on the 26th December, 1874, and he moved that said bill be referred to Commissioner Stewart to examine and report upon.

(Minutes, December 23d, 1874, p. 423.)

Adopted.

Met. Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT moved that the resolution directing the Comptroller of the city of New York to pay over \$15,000 to the Treasurer of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and which was laid on the table at the last meeting of the Board, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, February 23d, 1875, pp. 537-8.)

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that said resolution, taken from the table, be 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 :

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that in view of the Constitutional prohibition against the city giving money to any association and the provisions of Section 7, Chap. 756 of the Laws of 1873, that the requisition sent to the Comptroller of the city of New York for the payment of said sum of \$15,000 to the Treasurer of said Museum be, and hereby is, withdrawn, and that the Comptroller be requested to return said requisition to this Department.

Adopted.

Gate-keeper John L. Rooney.

Commissioner STEWART, whom the President had designated to conduct the trial of gate-keeper John L. Rooney, on a charge of intoxication, reported that he found him guilty, and recommended that he be dismissed from the force.

(Minutes, Aug. 19th, 1874, p. 214.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and adopted, and that the said gate-keeper, John L. Rooney, be, and is hereby, dismissed and removed from the force and the employment 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, Stewart—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock P. M.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3d, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for rebuilding the draw in the Central Bridge over the Harlem River.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

(Minutes, February 8th, 1875, p. 511.)

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

Contractors.	White Oak, per 1,000 feet.	White Pine, per 1,000 feet.	Yellow Pine, per 1,000 feet.	Spruce, per 1,000 feet.	Wrought Iron, per lb.
No. 1. Thomas Hayden.....	\$83	\$66	\$66	\$53	10c.
“ 2. Watson Manufacturing Co. of Paterson, N. J.	85	80	80	60	10c.
“ 3. Joseph Walsh.....	154	129	129	119	18c.

The above prices to cover the entire cost of the work.

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

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 26th February, 1875, were read and approved.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Stone Cutting.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which had been adopted by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor, viz. :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Docks and Public Parks be, and are hereby, directed to have the work of cutting stone, to be used in the docks or piers, and in the public parks of this city, performed by contract or by day's work, as may appear to them to be the most conducive to the interests of the city ; but, in all cases, the said commissioners are hereby directed to cause the work of cutting the stone required, whether by contract or day's work, to be performed in this city, and by mechanics resident within its corporate limits.

Filed,

Proceedings to acquire title.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that proceedings to appoint Commissioners of Estimate and Assessments for the purpose of acquiring title to

Willis Avenue, from 147th Street to 3d Avenue ;

148th Street, from 3d Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue ;

149th Street, from 3d Avenue to Southern Boulevard ;

156th Street, from 3d Avenue to Elton Avenue,

had been commenced before the receipt of the notice of the action of the Board on the 23d February last, but that if the Board

still desired the proceedings discontinued, he would do so, if notified on or before the 4th inst.

(Minutes February 23d, 1875, p. 536.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received and filed, and that Council to the Corporation be requested to discontinue said proceedings.

Adopted.

Gate-houses.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting in favor of the recommendation of the Superintendent to have three gate-houses built, to replace old and decayed ones.

(Minutes February 19th, 1875, p. 521.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed, and that three new gate-houses be built by the force in the employment of the Department, to replace the old and decayed ones now situated at the following entrances to the Central Park, namely: 79th Street and 5th Avenue; 72d Street and 8th Avenue, and 110th Street and 6th Avenue.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Ladies' Cottage.

From the Superintendent, reporting that the Ladies' Cottage, located on the croquet ground, Central Park, had been removed last autumn, and that it would be advisable to erect a suitable building for the accommodation of players before the season commences.

(Minutes, July 8th, 1874, p. 135.)

Laid on the table.

J. W. Mould.

From Mr. J. W. Mould, architect, notifying the Board of his appointment to and acceptance of the position of Engineer and Architect-in-Chief to the Board of Public Works of the city of Lima, Peru; and requesting that the plans for the several structures on the parks, the foundations of which have been laid from his designs, may, when the works are proceeded with, be entrusted to him to complete.

(Minutes, May 20th, 1874, p. 43.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed, and that he be authorized to forward to Mr. Mould the following reply thereto, namely :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square (East). }
March 3d, 1875.

JACOB WREY MOULD, Esq.,
Architect :

Dear sir,—I have received your letter of the 1st inst., informing me of your acceptance of the appointment as Engineer and Architect-in-chief to the Board of Public Works of Lima, Peru, and congratulate you on this fresh mark of appreciation of your artistic ability.

I regret at the same time that the city of New York should thus, for a season, be deprived of your valuable services.

Fortunately, however, this interruption to your engagements in the Central Park Department does not take place until you have had ample opportunity to contribute largely to the success of the undertaking entrusted to its management.

Such a work is necessarily intricate in its general character and complex in its requirements. You have now for seventeen years held professional relations with the Park Commission and with its Landscape Architects, and our citizens are indebted to your natural fertility of invention, educated taste, and skillful hand, for a series of architectural decorations, that are not only permanent ornaments to the Park, but that have rare merit as individual artistic studies.

I fully appreciate the value of the active share you have taken in the preparation of the designs for the sections of the Natural History Museum and Art Museum buildings, now in progress, and I know that it has been the intention of our Board to call on you professionally, whenever the necessary appropriations should be secured, in reference to the Eighth Avenue

entrance to the Park, and other important architectural improvements, the consideration of which is for the present indefinitely postponed.

I trust that you may find in your new field of labor many adequate opportunities for the exercise of your skill and taste, and that the position may prove in every way entirely satisfactory to you.

I remain,
Yours, respectfully,
(Sgd.) HENRY G. STEBBINS,
President D. P. P.

Adopted.

Damage to sloop *Dallas*

From Mr. C. L. Van Loon, requesting compensation to the amount of \$50 for damage done to his sloop *Dallas*, while passing through the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge, on the 18th December, 1874.

Also from the late Superintendent forwarding a report of the two bridge tenders of said bridge, stating that no damage had been done to said sloop or the bridge at that time.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communications be received and filed, and that Mr. Van Loon be notified of the substance of the report forwarded by the late Superintendent.

Adopted.

Thinning Plantations.

From Mr. W. L. Fischer, offering his services as gardener.

The Landscape Architect, who was present, stated that there was immediate and urgent occasion for work in thinning the plantations on the parks, and that competent supervision of this work was difficult to secure. He named Mr. Fischer and Mr. O. E. Bullard as competent men for the purpose, whereupon—

Commissioner STEWART moved that the Landscape Architect be authorized to employ Messrs. W. L. Fischer and O. E. Bullard for a period of thirty (30) days from this date at a rate of pay not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) per day, each, for the pur-

pose of assisting in the work of thinning the plantations on the parks.

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

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

American Dist. Tel. Co., rent and ser-

vices	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$4 00	
	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	4 00	
			\$8 00
Affleck, Wm., & Co., oats, corn, &c.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		670 25
Allen, R. H. & Co., hemp seed.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		2 50
Adler, Jacob & Co., Gloves.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		23 51
Composite Iron Works, iron fence...	City Pks. Imp. Fund..		342 00
Colgate & Co., soap.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		11 00
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., iron wire.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		7 61
Coffin, Paul C. & Co., pruning knives.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		14 00
DeGrauw, Aymar & Co., rope.....	City Pks. Imp. Fund..		9 10
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	\$31 25	
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	31 25	
			62 50
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		21 47
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		23 00
Kenuffel & Esser, engineer's supplies.	Survey'g, lay'g out, &c., 23d & 24th W'ds, &c...		48 00
Lefferts, Marshall, Jr., Galvanized iron.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.,		9 94

McFadden, S., & Co., bunting.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$2 00
Murphy & Nesbit, lime.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	1 75
Moffat, David, & Co., leather and skins.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	29 52
Norris & Williams, solder.	City Pks. Imp. Fund. .	15 00
N. Y. Gas-light Co., gas	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	1,056 00
Noe, Jas. H., & Sons, brushes.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	21 88
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	8 00
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints,	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	53 75
Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, gold wreaths.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	21 00
Sanderson, Brothers & Co., steel.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$11 96
	Maint., &c., 23d & 24th Wards.	28 60
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		40 56
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	7 56
Vanderbilt Bros., bird seed.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	18 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	57 17
Walton & Bros., glasses and waste.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	21 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$2,128 12
City Parks Improvement Fund.	401 35
Surveying, laying out, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, &c.,	48 00
Maintenance, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,	28 60
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-six hundred and six dollars and seven cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, March 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, Stewart—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.	
Feb'y. 17.	By balance.....		\$1,709 26
Feb'y. 17.	} " cash received from rents and licenses.....		938 00
to			
March 3d	}		<u>2,647 26</u>
1875.		DR.	
Feb'y. 17	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$938 00
to			
March 3.	}		
March 3.	" balance.....		1,709 26
			<u>2,647 26</u>

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, March 3d, 1875.

9.30 A. M.

Central Bridge, Harlem River.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal (No. 1) of Thomas Hayden, for rebuilding the draw in Central Bridge, over the Harlem River, be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to said Thomas Hayden, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1875, p. 545).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Lincoln Monument Railing.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The proposal of Messrs. George Fischer & Brother for the bronze railing around the Lincoln Monument was sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties on the 1st February last, and has not been acted on by him ;

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to act on the said proposal without further delay.

(Minutes, January 30th, 1875, p. 491.)

Adopted.

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

The TREASURER reported that the Disbursing Clerk had forwarded him \$100, which he had found was a surplus in his hands after paying the January pay rolls. Whereupon—

The PRESIDENT moved that said sum be sealed in an envelope, endorsed and placed in the safe.

Adopted.

Fountain on Mall, Central Park.

The PRESIDENT presented the plans, drawings and specifications of the fountain to be located on the south end of the Mall, Central Park, prepared by Mr. J. W. Mould, Architect, pursuant to the direction of the Board. The Landscape Architect, who was present, was consulted on the subject, and, after examining said plans, &c., he recommended that they be accepted, and that Mr. Mould be paid. Thereupon—

The PRESIDENT moved that said plans, drawings and specifications be accepted, and that Mr. J. W. Mould be paid the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) therefor, as directed by the Board on the 24th November, 1874.

(Minutes, November 24th, 1874, p 363.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Licenses.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Joseph Scott, who holds the license to let for hire the novelty carriages on the Central Park, applied for an extension of his license.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON also stated that Mr. Isaac Hall made a similar application with regard to the license he holds for the bath-house at the Battery.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that the whole question of licenses on the parks be laid over for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Amendment of Chap. 329, Laws 1874.

The PRESIDENT presented a draft of an act to amend Sec. 14, Chap. 329, Laws of 1874, relative to the powers of this Department in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, which Hon. D. R. Sheil had sent, stating that he had been requested to introduce it in the Assembly, but that before doing so he wished to ascertain the views of the Commissioners concerning it. The draft act being drawn so as to confer on this Department the powers recommended by the North Side Association, and entered on pages 493 and 494 of the minutes of February 1st, 1875,

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said draft act be returned to the Hon. D. R. Shiel, and that he be informed at the same time that this Department approves of said act.

(Minutes, February 1st, 1875, p. 493.)

Adopted.

March 3, 1875.]

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On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M., to meet on Friday, the 5th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the 3d inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Lamp at Abingdon Square.

From the Secretary of the Mayor, stating that the fact that Abingdon Square was under the jurisdiction of this Department had been overlooked by the Mayor, who had approved of a resolution of the Common Council directing the Commissioner of Public Works to have a lamp erected on said square.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received and referred to the Landscape Architect, to report whether it is advisable to erect a lamp on said square.

Adopted.

Lincoln Monument Railing.

From the COMPTROLLER of the city, stating that he had referred the proposal of Messrs. George Fischer & Brother to construct a bronze railing round the Lincoln Monument to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion thereon, and that as soon as he received the opinion he would act in accordance with it.

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

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting upon the progress made on works under his charge during the two weeks ending February 27th, 1875.

(Minutes, Feb. 19th, 1875, p. 522.)

Filed.

Book-cases for the American Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintendent, stating that the Superintendent of the American Museum of Natural History had applied to him to make and put up a series of temporary book-cases at the southern end of the Museum Building, Central Park, and estimating the cost of the construction of such cases at from \$100 to \$125.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the Superintendent be directed to have said cases made and put up as required, by the force in the employment 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, Stewart—4.

Globes for Candelabra.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON reported verbally, in favor of purchasing two dozen heavy plain glass globes for the candelabra, at Broadway, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, of the same pattern as at present used.

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

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and the globes, as thereby recommended, 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, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Park-keepers' Uniforms.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON reported verbally, recommending that the summer uniforms, as mentioned in the report of the Captain, received by the Board on the 19th February last, be purchased at once, but that the purchase of overcoats and winter uniforms be deferred until later in the season.

(Minutes, Feb. 19th, 1875, p. 522.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisement for proposals to supply said summer uniforms of the quality and make now used by 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, Stewart—4.

Skating.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent be directed not to allow any skating on the lakes and ponds of the Central Park for the remainder of the season.

Adopted.

The Captain of Police.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that Mr. Henry Koster be removed from the position of Captain of police.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution, as an amendment to said motion :

Resolved, That Henry Koster and William H. Grant be, and they hereby are removed, their removals to take effect on the 8th day of March instant.

Commissioner STEWART offered the following resolution, as a substitute for said original motion and resolution, namely :

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Koster be, and he hereby is, removed from the position of Captain of Police, and that the Lieutenant be appointed captain temporarily.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute offered by Commissioner Stewart, 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 Stewart—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins and Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment 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—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

Commissioner STEWART then offered the following resolution as a substitute for the original motion :

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Koster, Captain of police, be, and he hereby is, suspended without pay, from and after the 8th instant, and until further order ; and that the President be authorized to place the Lieutenant in command of the police force from said date until the further order of the Board.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Construction Work.

Commissioner MARTIN from the Executive Committee then reported that the draft act to provide means for works of construction and architectural repairs during the present year, had

been placed in the hands of the Mayor of the City, who promised to forward same to the Legislature, with his approval. He also stated that before giving said act to the Mayor, an addition had been made to it, to provide for a further amount for the work of surveying and laying out in the north end of the island and in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, during this year.

(Minutes, February 11, 1875, p. 515.)

He also stated, that in view of the application to the Legislature he had prepared a communication relative to the prosecution of public improvements in the City, which he then presented to the Board.

Mr. STEWART moved that said communication be received and printed as a document 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, Stewart—4.

(See Document No. 64).

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the facts set forth in the communication presented by Commissioner Wm. R. Martin this day, and ordered to be printed as a document of the Board, are calculated, not only to revive the recollection of the high estimation in which the work of the Department of Parks, carried forward for a long course of years, has been held, but also to re-assure the public at large that the more recent expenditures have thus far been, and will, in their opinion, continue to be largely beneficial to the great and important interests of the City, in the general advance of the value of property and large increase of revenue.

Resolved, That the works and improvements referred to in said document should be proceeded with at once, with a due regard to a wise economy.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Saturday, the 6th instant, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 6th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Lincoln Monument Railing.

From the Comptroller of the City, returning the proposal of Messrs. George Fischer & Brother for the bronze railing round the Lincoln Monument, without his approval of the sureties, for the reasons stated in the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation (a copy of which he enclosed), namely : that the proposal was defective because the sureties had not signed the consent to become bound for the faithful performance of the contract, and because the names of the parties making the bid were not inserted in the body of their affidavit, verifying their proposal. The Counsel to the Corporation also states in said opinion :

“In my opinion it was the duty of the Commissioners of the Department of Parks to have rejected the bid of Messrs. Fischer & Brother, and awarded the contract to the next lowest bidder (if any) whose bid was made out in conformity to the provisions of the ordinances and statutes.”

(Minutes, March 5th, 1875, p. 557.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that the action of the Board on the 30th January, 1875, and entered on page 491 of

the Minutes, awarding the contract for the construction and erection of a bronze railing round the Lincoln Monument to Messrs. George Fischer & Brother, be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved, as an amendment to the motion to award said contract to Messrs. George Fischer & Brother, that the proposal of said Messrs. George Fischer & Brother be rejected.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. Janes & Kirtland, for the construction and erection of a bronze railing round the Lincoln Monument in Union Square, be accepted as the lowest bid in conformity with the statutes and ordinances ; that the contract be awarded to said Janes & Kirtland, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, January 30th, 1875, p. 491.)

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, Stewart
—4.

Accident to team of A. & J. Bowes.

From Messrs. A. & J. Bowes, reporting that one of their teams had met with an accident at the unfinished bridge on Third avenue, over Millbrook, and that they shall seek compensation therefor.

Also from the Engineer in charge of the Third avenue improvement, as to the nature and cause of the accident, and the condition of said bridge.

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

Adopted.

Draw-Tender, Bronx River.

From Mr. William Watson, requesting that Mrs. Sarah Titus be appointed by this Department to attend to the draw of the Bronx River Bridge, and stating that she is fully competent to discharge the duties of the position.

Also from Mr. F. C. Havemeyer, Supervisor of the town of Westchester, stating that on behalf of said town he had appointed Mrs. Titus draw-tender of said bridge, trusting that, on the part of the city of New York, such appointment will be assented to by this Department.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mrs. Titus was the widow of the late draw-tender, who had died about the 1st of last month; that she had performed the work for several years, as her late husband was an invalid; that the appointment was a joint one made by the city of New York and the town of Westchester, each paying half the salary of the draw-tender. He therefore moved that said communications be received and filed, and that Mrs. Sarah Titus be appointed draw-tender of said bridge from February 1st, 1875, and that she be paid by the city of New York at the rate of \$150 per annum, from said date.

(Minutes, Oct. 21st, 1874, p. 315.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Benevolent Society of Operative Masons.

From Mr. John Coghlan, president, and Mr. George Francis, secretary, of the New York Benevolent Society of Operative Masons, notifying the Department that two delinquent and former members of said society were pretending to represent a Society of Operative Masons, but that there is no such society, other than the New York Benevolent Society of Operative Masons in the city.

Filed.

Menagerie Buildings.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the alterations necessary in the sheep-fold and the expenses of such alterations, in order to make it in any way suitable for the location of the animals in the Central Park, and recommending that, in place of expending any money on said building, it be demolished, the material stored for such other uses as it may be adapted to serve, and the ground restored to the condition originally designed.

(Minutes, February 23d, 1875, p. 538.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and filed. Adopted.

Commissioner STEWART then moved that the ground in front of the sheep-fold be graded, planted and grassed, the steps made complete and a neat picket fence substituted for the present board fence.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Commissioner STEWART then moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and re-insert the necessary advertisements for the construction and erection of the building for the graminivorous animals, proposals for which were opened on November 12th, 1873, and were rejected, on account of being informal, on November 19th, 1873.

(Minutes November 19th, 1873, p. 408.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner STEWART, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported that the draft act to provide means to establish and equip the Museum of Natural History building had been transmitted to the Legislature, and would be introduced in a few days.

(Minutes, February 11th, 1875, p. 515.)

Commissioner MARTIN thereupon moved that the President be requested to forward to the Legislature the petition of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History in favor of said act, with a letter approving thereof on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, January 29th, 1875, p. 486.)

Adopted.

Licenses

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Board now take into consideration the subject of licenses to be granted for various objects on the parks for the coming year.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1875, p. 554.)

Adopted.

Goat Carriages.

The Landscape Architect then reported verbally, upon the application of Mr. Isidore Isaac, asking for an extension of his license to let goat carriages for hire on Central Park, and recommended that his license be extended for another year from May 1st, 1875, on the condition that the uniform of the attendants be more suitable than it has been for the last two years; and that the Superintendent be directly charged with the supervision not only of the conducting of this business but of all other licensed business on the parks, and directed to insist on a full and exact compliance with the requirements and regulations applicable to them.

(Minutes, January 9th, 1875, p. 440.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted, and said license be extended as recommended, subject to the order of the Board, and that the Superintendent be directly charged with the supervision of all licensed business on the parks, and directed to insist on a full and exact compliance with the requirements and regulations applicable to them.

Adopted.

Mineral Springs.

The PRESIDENT presented an application from Mr. Carl H. Schultz for a modification of his license to sell mineral waters on the Central Park, and moved that it be referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon, and also upon the question as to what use could be made of the building now occupied for the sale of mineral waters on the Central Park, in case it became vacant.

Adopted.

Boat service.

The PRESIDENT also presented an application from Messrs. Jacob Seabold, Jr., and John Halloran, for the license to supply boats on the lake in Central Park, and moved that it be referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon, at the same time that he reports upon the application of Mr. T. S. Dick, who at present holds said license.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1875, p. 477.)

Adopted.

Carriage service.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of the renewal of the licence for the carriage service, at present held by Messrs. Platt & Clapp, be referred to Commissioner Stewart to report upon.

Adopted.

Children's carriages.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the license at present

held by Mr. Joseph Scott to let for hire on Central Park novelty carriages for children, be extended, subject to the order of the Board, for one year from April 1st, 1875.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1875, p. 554.)

Adopted.

Donkeys.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the license now held by Mr. John Lucas to let donkeys for hire on Central Park be extended, subject to the order of the Board, for one year from April 1st, 1875.

Adopted.

Bath-house at the Battery.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the renewal of the license now held by Mr. Isaac Hall, for the bath-house at the Battery, be referred to the Superintendent, to report upon the condition and appearance of said bath house.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1875, p. 554.)

Adopted.

Photographs.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the license and privilege heretofore enjoyed by George G. Rockwood, of taking and selling photographs on the Central Park, be discontinued on account of his non-compliance with the terms of his license.

Adopted.

Camera obscura.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the privilege given to Mr. George Raphael to exhibit a camera obscura on the Central Park be revoked, and that he be directed to remove the building in which he has heretofore exhibited said camera obscura on or before the 1st day of May next.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock, P. M.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 5th and 6th insts., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Riverside Avenue.

From the Landscape Architect, presenting a plan for that part of Riverside Avenue lying between 104th and 120th streets, modifying the plan heretofore adopted, so as to introduce a riding-way in connection with the promenade, drive and walk.

(Minutes, February 19th, 1875, p. 520.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, that the plan now presented, dated “15th March, 1875,” and signed “Fred. Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect,” be approved, and that the plan for the treatment of that part of Riverside Avenue lying between 104th and 120th streets, adopted February 4th, 1874, and entered on page 562 of the Minutes, be modified in accordance therewith, so as to make provision for a riding-way.

(Minutes, Feby. 4th, 1874, p. 562.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Music Pavilion.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting specifications for the necessary repairs to the Music Pavilion, on the Mall in Central Park.

(Minutes, Feby. 20th, 1875, p. 530.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said specification be received and adopted, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for 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, Stewart
—4.

Lamp at Abingdon Square.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting that the Park of Abingdon Square is fairly well lighted, but that a strong light is needed at the crossing of the street south of the same, the jurisdiction of which is with the Department of Public Works.

(Minutes, March 5th, 1875, p. 557.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received and referred to the President, to communicate with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, with respect to the erection of a lamp-post at the point indicated.

Adopted.

Horses.

From the Superintendent, reporting the number and condition of the horses belonging to this Department. Also stating that one horse and cart and four double teams are regularly employed from outside parties every day during the year, and that it would be cheaper for the Department to own a sufficient number of good serviceable horses, to enable it to dispense with those at present hired.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be laid on the table, and that the Superintendent be directed to report on what works, and in what manner, the horses at present owned by this Department are employed.

Adopted.

Terrace Ceiling.

From the Superintendent, reporting the estimated cost for replacing the ornamental light in the ceiling of the Terrace on Central Park, as follows, viz. :

To put up the light as it was formerly, in one large sheet of plate-glass, with the ornamentation laid on the inner side of it, \$950.

To put up the same design in four sections, the sections to be formed of four wrought-iron bars, and the glass laid into this frame, \$875 to \$900.

To repair the floor light above the ceiling light, \$30 to \$40.

(Minutes, Feby. 19th, 1875, p. 522.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that said ornamental light be directed to be repaired in four sections, in the manner stated therein.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Repairs to Mt. St. Vincent.

From the Superintendent, reporting that some of the rooms and passages in Mount St. Vincent, on the Central Park, require to be painted, papered and kalsomined this spring, and estimating the cost for same at from \$125 to \$150.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT moved, as an amendment to said motion, that said communication be received, and that the repairs therein mentioned be directed to be made forthwith.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, 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, Stewart—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the original motion, which was adopted.

Removal of Granite at site of Conservatory.

From the Superintendent, estimating that it would cost from \$1,800 to \$2,000 to remove the granite now at the site of the proposed Conservatory to Manhattan Square.

Laid on the table.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting the progress made on the various works under his charge, for the week ending March 31st, 1875.

(Minutes, March 5th, 1875, p. 558.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, presenting an estimate, which amounts in all, to \$197,500—for the completion of the

section of the Museum of Natural History now being erected, including certain modifications and additions contemplated by the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, and hard wood cases glazed with plate glass in large sheets throughout.

Filed.

Cariboo.

From the Clerk in charge of the Animals, requesting that a pair of Cariboo be purchased, instead of the pair of Moose authorized to be purchased in September, 1873.

(Minutes September 25th, 1873, p. 298.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received, and referred to the President, to report.

Adopted.

Sale of Refreshments on Central Park.

From Mr. C. Ryan, enclosing schedules of prices at which refreshments could be sold at the various places on Central Park during the coming summer, and stating that the building now occupied for the sale of mineral waters, on Central Park, could be used to advantage for the sale of light refreshments, and that the alterations which would be required would not cost much.

(Minutes, March 6th, 1875, p. 568.)

Laid on the table.

Captain of Police.

From the Captain of Police with reference to the action of the Board in suspending him.

(Minutes March 5th, 1875, p. 559.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Gas at Battery and City Hall Parks.

From Mr. Charles Place, Secretary of the New York Mutual Gas Light Co. with reference to the purchase by this Department of all the gas mains in the Battery and City Hall Parks, so as to enable competition among the various gas companies for the lighting of said parks.

Laid on the table.

Addition to Offices.

From Mr. Charles Place, Secretary of the New York Mutual Gas Light Co., offering, on behalf of said company, to erect, for the accommodation of this Department, a suitable fire-proof building at the rear of the offices now occupied by this Department.

Laid on the table.

Sea Wall at the Battery.

From Mr. A. J. Howell, contractor for the repairs of the sea wall at the Battery, offering to complete the pavement of a portion of said wall which has been partly repaired by this Department, at \$2.50 per lineal foot.

(Minutes, December 9th, 1874, p. 412.)

Laid on the table.

Improvements in 23d Ward.

From Mr. Webster Woodman, Secretary of the Local Improvement Committee of the North Side Association, forwarding the following resolution adopted by said committee on February 23d, 1875.

Resolved, That the North Side Association urge the immediate progress and completion of the following improvements at as early a day as possible.

1st. Brook Avenue to Harlem Railway and Westchester Avenue extended to Fordham.

2d. Third Avenue improvement.

3d. The pavement or macadamizing of Westchester Road.

4th. 138th Street, from East river to Harlem river.

5th. 149th Street, from Third Avenue to Southern Boulevard

6th. 167th Street, from Hunt's Point, and from West Farms to Suspension Bridge.

7th. Avenue crossing railway at Tremont, from West Farms Village to Harlem river.

8th. Pelham Avenue continued to Harlem river.

9th. The drainage road of Tibbitt's Brook valley.

10th. The avenue from Spuyten Duyvil Station to Kingsbridge, and to the north line of the city.

11th. The road from Riverdale Avenue to the corner of Mosholu Avenue to Broadway.

Resolved, That each of the other roads mentioned in the reports of General Greene to the Department of Public Parks of December 16, 1874, and January 14, 1875, and the map accompanying the latter report, are of great importance, and their construction is a necessary improvement, but the improvements above specified are vital to the health of the district and to the removal of existing impediments to the business and growth of the new wards.

(Documents 61 and 62, minutes Jan. 20th, 1875, p. 466.)

Received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Morris Ave, 23d Ward

From Mr. Hugh McLoughlin and thirty other owners of property and residents in the vicinity of the proposed extension and widening of Morris Avenue in the 23d Ward, petitioning that the portion of Morris Avenue between Third Avenue and 148th Street, be opened for public use as soon as possible.

(Minutes, November 6th, 1874, p. 332.)

Received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Houses on 3rd Avenue.

From Mr. John L. Burnett, requesting that Mr. Selig Hecht be permitted to leave his house, which projects on the line of Third Avenue at 148th Street, in its present position for six months.

(Minutes, February 1st, 1875, p. 495.)

Referred to the Engineer in charge of the Third Avenue improvement, to report.

Public place at Avenue St. Nicholas and 9th Avenue.

From Mr. N. Carman Combes and seven other owners of property in the vicinity of Avenue St. Nicholas and 150th Street, petitioning that the small plot of ground on Avenue St. Nicholas, at its junction with Ninth Avenue, and between 150th and 151st Streets, be set apart as a public place.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report upon.

Special keeper D. Healy.

From Special keeper Denis Healy, petitioning to be allowed pay from January 19th to February 4th last, during which time he was off duty, on account of sickness, and enclosing a certificate of Dr. O. S. Paine, as to his illness.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that said Special keeper Denis Healy be allowed, on the next pay roll, half-pay from the 19th January to the 4th February last, during which time he was off duty on account of illness.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Urinals.

From Mr. Oswald Ottendorfer and a number of others, requesting that urinals, of the kind erected in Reservoir Square, be placed in "all accessible parks in the lower part of the city as well as in such public places or intersections of streets where it is practicable to have them located."

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received and referred to the President to reply to.

Adopted.

Trucks.

From Mr. E. O. Carrington, applying for permission to stand with his licensed truck round the park at Broadway and 32d street.

Laid on the table.

Sale of Refreshments on Central Park.

From Mr. J. W. Knapp, applying for a lease of premises in Central Park for the purpose of selling refreshments.

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

Laid on the table.

Audits.

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 Dist. Telg. Co., rent and services.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$2 60	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	2 60	
		<hr/>	\$5 20
Bartlett, J. W., lamp globes.....	Maint and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		110 25
Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal.....	Maint, and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....	1,726 34	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	832 50	
	Surveying, Laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	313 30	
		<hr/>	2,872 14
Curtis, Geo. B., & Co., carriage hardware.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P.....		9 33

Coffin, Paul C., files, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$8 00	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	16 63	
		<hr/>	\$24 63
Graham & Co., keep of horse.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc..		30 00
Guest, Isaac B., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		140 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		65 10
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., oil....	Maint. H.R. Bridges 1874.....		11 50
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., oil....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....	\$75 00	
	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges	14 00	
		<hr/>	89 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		1,048 87
Metropolitan Gas Light Co.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		468 75
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, wheels and cov- ers.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$8 98	
	Maint. H.R. Bridges	312 00	
		<hr/>	315 98
New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		1,054 39
Norris & Williams, plumbing matls....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		24 00
Norris & Williams, plumbing matls....	City Parks Imp. Fund.....		200 96
Noe, James H., & Sons, brushes.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		30 00
Siney & Langstroth, harness materials.	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		16 32
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		15 12
Worrall & Co., saws.....	Maint. and Govmt. Parks and P.....		2 80

Westchester Co. Gas Light Co., gas....	Maint., etc., H. R.	
	Bridges.....	\$64 00
Westchester Co. Gas Light Co., gas....	Maint., etc., H. R.	
	Bridges.....	64 00
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		\$6,662 34
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$4,796 87
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	454 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	3 98
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	343 30
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,052 69
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges, 1874.....	11 50
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	\$6,662 34
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-six hundred and sixty-two dollars and thirty-four cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, March 11, 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.

Coffin, Paul C., & Co., bolts.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$18 76
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vege- } tables.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	75 50
Demcker, Robt., petty expenses....	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	\$3 49
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	3 48
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		6 97
Florence, Wm. H., services.....	Maintenance etc., H. R.	
	Bridges.....	104 16
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maintenance etc., H. R.	
	Bridges.....	\$124 20
	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	238 05
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		362 25
Harmer, Hays & Co., thread.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	6 58

Irwin, Wm., petty expenses	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$31 17	
	City Pks. Imp. Fund. . .	21 50	
	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th		
	Wards, etc.	10 76	
	Survey'g, lay'g out, &c.,		
	23d & 24th Wards,		
	etc.	\$3 35	
			\$66 78
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas, Feb.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		1,002 25
McDermott, John, meat, Feb'y	Maint., & Govt. P. & P.		177 60
Noe, Jas. H., & Sons, brushes	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		22 35
Sam'l. Roosevelt & Co., hardware	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$104 25	
	City Parks Imp. Fund.	27 00	
			131 25
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints and			
sponges	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.		95 63
Watson Manf. Co., iron and labor	Museum of Art.		7,450 00
			\$9,520 08

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places	\$1,775 62
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges	228 36
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.,	10 76
Surveying, laying out, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth	
Wards, &c.	3 35
City Parks Improvement Fund	51 99
Museum of Art	7,450 00
	\$9,520 08

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

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, March 16th, 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, Stewart—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.		
March 3.	By balance.....	\$1,709	26
March 3 } to March 17 }	" cash received from rents and licenses.....	795	61
		2,504	87

1875.	DR.		
March 3 } to March 17. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$795	61
March 17.	" balance.....	1,709	26
		2,504	87

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, March 17, 1875.

9.30 A. M.

Audit of Certificates.

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 certificates of the Engineer in charge of the improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to the 1st day of January, 1874, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

CONTRACTOR.	IMPROVEMENT.	NO. OF CERTIFICATE.	AMOUNT.
John G. Gent.....	Grading 151st Street from west line of Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue.	First and final....	\$4,393 30
Green Wright.....	Sewer in 156th St., from St. Ann's Av. to Mill Brook.	First and final....	\$2,800 00
Green Wright.....	Regulating and grading 156th Street, from Third Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue.	Second and final..	\$3,344 63
James Hall and M. O'Neill.....	Regulating and grading 159th Street, from Third Avenue to that part of Elton Av. which was formerly part of Washington Avenue.	First and final....	\$251 75

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

Dated New York City,
March 16th, 1875.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted by the Board.

Adopted.

Commissioner STEWART then offered the following preamble and resolution :

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

Resolved, That the said Commissioners approve, and they hereby do approve, the works and amounts certified to by said Engineer, in said certificates respectively ; and that the Secre-

tary be, and he hereby is, directed to prepare the certificates to be delivered to the several contractors mentioned in said report, in pursuance of the provisions of Sec. 7, Chap. 329, Laws of 1874, and in accordance with the said certificates of said Engineer, and submit the same to the Commissioners of this Department for their signatures.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

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

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 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 144th Street, from Willis to St. Ann's Avenue.....	\$208 61
In the matter of regulating, grading and improving 152d Street, from 3d Avenue to Morris Avenue.....	245 32
In the matter of regulating, grading and improving 150th Street, from 3d to Morris Avenue.....	226 04
In the matter of regulating, grading and improving 148th Street, from St. Ann's Avenue to Millbrook.....	135 07
In the matter of regulating, grading and improving 151st Street, from 3d to Morris Avenue.....	242 51

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
THOS. E. STEWART,

Auditing Committee.

New York, 17th March, 1875.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted by the Board.

Adopted.

Commissioner STEWART moved 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 resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Repairs to Mrs. Foster's House.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered certain necessary repairs to be made to the house on Riverside Park now occupied by Mrs. Foster, at a cost not to exceed \$25, and moved that his action be approved by the Board.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, 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, Stewart
—4.

Park-keeper S. T. Munson.

Commissioner STEWART, whom the President had designated to conduct the trial of Park-keeper Samuel T. Munson, on charges preferred by the Captain of neglect of duty and being under the influence of liquor, reported that he found the said

park-keeper guilty of neglect of duty, in leaving his post without notifying either the gate-keeper or officer on the next beat that he was obliged to leave on account of sickness. He therefore recommended that the park-keeper be fined five days' pay.

(Minutes, Aug. 19th, 1874, p. 214.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted, and that said park-keeper Samuel T. Munson be fined five days' pay, as recommended.

Adopted.

Gas.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to light the public lamps under the control of this Department with gas for the eight months commencing May 1st, 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, Stewart—4.

Lighting Public Lamps.

The PRESIDENT moved that a trial of the "Pneumatic Gas-lighting Apparatus" be, and hereby is, authorized to be made under the direction of the Engineer, provided it can be made without expense to this Department.

Adopted.

Foreman for 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner Martin moved that Patrick Crotty be ap-

pointed foreman on the work of maintenance and government of public places, streets, &c., in the Twenty-Third and Twenty-Fourth Wards, and that his pay be fixed at \$4 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Williamson, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT was, by consent, excused from voting.

Laborers.

The PRESIDENT stated that there were 20 more laborers required at once on the maintenance, &c., of public places, streets, &c., in the Twenty-Third and Twenty-Fourth Wards, and 15 on the city parks, and moved that that number be appointed.

(Minutes February 26th, 1875, p. 541.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Marem Israel.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Landscape Architect be authorized to employ Marem Israel at \$3 per day, for the purpose of preparing a complete schedule of all the exotic and other nursery stock of the Department.

(Minutes, Jan'y 9th, 1875, p. 440.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

At this point Commissioner MARTIN left the meeting.

Police Uniforms.

Commissioner STEWART moved that hereafter the uniform coats of the Captain and Lieutenant of Police be made double breasted in place of single as at present.

Adopted.

Stretchers.

Commissioner STEWART moved that four stretchers for conveying sick or disabled persons from the Central Park to the hospitals, be made by the force in the employment of this Department, and kept at the police station.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and 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, Stewart—3.

Clerk in charge of Animals.

The PRESIDENT moved that the official title of the " Clerk in charge of the Animals " be changed to that of " Director of the Menagerie."

(Minutes, Dec. 15, 1873, p. 453.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 1.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday, the 19th inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 19th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the 17th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Museum of Natural History Building.

From the Comptroller of the city of New York, with relation to the transfer of \$38,106.52, erroneously charged to the fund for the erection of the Museum of Natural History Building.

(Minutes, November 6th, 1874, p. 336.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received and referred to the President and Commissioner Williamson to report upon.

Adopted.

Boat Service.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting progress in the matter of the Boat Service on the Lake in Central Park, and recommending that Mr. T. C. Dick, the present licensee of said service, be allowed to continue for the present and until otherwise ordered, to provide boats on the Lake on the same terms as heretofore.

(Minutes, March 6th, 1875, p. 568.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Animals for Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that he had an opportunity of purchasing a number of animals, which are specified in his communication, for \$125, and that they would be a great addition to the menagerie.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that the several animals mentioned therein be purchased at a price not exceeding \$125.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Houses on 3d Avenue.

From the Engineer in charge, &c., of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the application of Mr. John L. Burnett, to allow Mr. Selig Hecht's house to remain for six months on the line of Third avenue.

(Minutes, March 17th, 1875, p. 577.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received and filed, and that the request to allow said house to remain on said avenue be refused.

Adopted.

Horses for 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Engineer in charge, &c., of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that one of the horses furnished to him by the Superintendent of Parks, was useless for the purposes required, and that he had therefore returned it.

(Minutes, January 19th, 1875, p. 527.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to transfer to said Engineer a more suitable horse than the one returned.

Adopted.

U. S. Post Office and Court House.

From Mr. C. T. Hulburd, Superintendent of the New U. S. Post Office and Court House, requesting permission to make some improvements on the City Hall Park, in front of said Post Office and Court House.

(Minutes, October 27th, 1873, p. 367.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and referred to the Landscape Architect, to report upon.

Adopted.

Maps of 23d and 24th Wards, &c.

The PRESIDENT then stated that there were several communications from the engineers, accompanying maps of various portions of the 23d and 24th Wards, ready to be presented to the Board.

Whereupon Commissioner MARTIN presented and read a communication to the Board, on the subject of the laying out drainage, &c., of said wards.

Commissioner STEWART then moved that said communication presented by Commissioner Martin be printed, and proofs thereof furnished to the Commissioners; and that the consideration of maps and plans for the laying out of said wards be postponed until said communication is so printed and furnished to the Commissioners.

(Minutes, January 12th, 1875, p. 446.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

3d Avenue Bridge.

Commissioner STEWART, of the special committee appointed with power to have the Third Avenue Bridge re-floored, verbally reported that the bridge needed re-flooring immediately; that it would cost more than \$1,000 to do so, and that the committee had had specifications (which he presented) prepared for the work.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted, the specifications presented adopted, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the work of re-flooring said Third Avenue Bridge.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

By-Laws.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution;

Resolved, That Section 3 of Article II, of the By-Laws is hereby repealed; that Article V is hereby amended by the addition of the words "and officers," after the word "committees," in the 4th rule of order, and that Section 2 of Article II is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2.—There shall be an Office of Design and Superintendence, through which all orders for the service of the Department in Parks and Places, and not relating to payments and financial accounts, shall be issued, and their execution supervised. There shall be a Landscape Architect in general supervision of the same, to whom the meetings of the Board

shall be open. There shall be the following subordinate officers of said Office of Design and Superintendence, each responsible for the class of duties indicated by his title : a Superintending Architect, a Superintending Engineer, a Superintending Gardener, a Chief Clerk, and a Superintendent of Parks. It shall also be the duty of the Superintendent of Parks to direct all ordinary work of maintenance and repair, and the disposition, management and discipline of the force employed for works of general construction and maintenance on Parks and Places.

(Minutes, February 3d and 23d, 1875, pp. 506 and 534.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

3d Avenue Bridge.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Engineer of Construction reported that there were seven wheels under the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge so cracked as to require to be replaced by new ones, and he moved that that number of new wheels be purchased and placed in position.

(Minutes, January 6th, 1875, p. 432.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Superintending Gardener.

The PRESIDENT moved that W. L. Fischer be, and he hereby is, appointed Superintending Gardener, and that his pay be fixed at \$1,800 per annum.

(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, Stewart—4.

Toy Boats on Central Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that several applications had been made for permits to sail toy boats on the lakes in Central Park, and he moved that the subject be referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

(Minutes, July, 17th, 1873, p. 128.)

Adopted.

New Offices.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be authorized to make a provisional arrangement with the Trustees of the German Savings Bank, corner of Fourth Avenue and Fourteenth Street, to hire for the use of this Department the second floor and one room on the third or fourth floor, for five years, at a rent of not exceeding \$6,000 per annum ; the said Trustees to suitably partition said second floor into offices for this Department.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1874, p. 118.)

Adopted.

The following were received by the Board :

Messrs. Dennis Callaghan, Wm. Fitzgerald and Michael Egan, a committee of Stone Masons, on the subject of obtaining work.

Mr. C. Ryan on the subject of the sale of refreshments on Central Park.

Mr. Wm. E. Beames, Property Clerk, on subjects connected with the administration of his office.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th, 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, New York, }
March 23d, 1875.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.:

SIR,—You will please call a Special Meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., to take into consideration the subject of discontinuing for the present all works of construction, and also for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 17th and 19th inst. were read and approved.

Construction.

The PRESIDENT stated that the amounts heretofore appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of constructing and improving the Parks and Places have been exhausted, and that, in consequence, he gave orders, on the 23d inst., that all works,

the cost of which is payable from such funds, be discontinued forthwith ; that all clerks, &c., wholly employed on such works be suspended without pay until further orders, and that those employed partly on such works and partly on maintenance be employed only on maintenance,

Commissioner STEWART then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The liabilities incurred by this Department in the construction of certain uncompleted works have reached the limits of the construction money now to its credit on the books of the Finance Department ;

And whereas, No further works of construction can go forward until the Legislature shall have favorably acted on the bill now before that body for additional funds to be applied to this purpose ;

And whereas, The President has discontinued all works of construction, and suspended without pay all officers, clerks and laborers engaged on said works until further orders. It is

Resolved, That the Board approves of the action of the President in discontinuing all works of construction until further order, and suspending the force connected therewith, as stated in the following letter addressed by him to the Landscape Architect, viz. :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square, }
23d March, 1875.

FREDERICK LAW OLNSTED, Esq.,
Landscape Architect:

“ Sir,—On examination of the books, it is found that all our construction fund is exhausted. You will therefore suspend all construction works of every kind from to-day, until further order.

“ All clerical force solely employed on construction works is suspended without pay until further order.

“ All clerical force employed partly on construction and partly on maintenance works, will be employed from to-day only on maintenance and their time so returned.

Respectfully,
(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,
President.

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, Stewart
—4.

Construction Accounts.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be requested to report to the Board the condition of the account of the construction fund from May 1st, 1873, to the present time, and, if necessary, to employ additional clerical force for the 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, Stewart
—4.

Assistant Engineer Calkins.

Commissioner STEWART moved that Assistant Engineer Frank A. Calkins be continued in the employ of this Department, and his full pay charged to the maintenance of parks and places.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Office of Design and Superintendence.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the titles of the following employés of this Department be changed as follows, so as to conform to the amendment of the by-laws adopted March 19th, 1875, and entered on pages 594 and 595 of the minutes, viz. :

John Bogart, Engineer, to "Superintending Engineer."

Howard A. Martin, Clerk, to "Chief Clerk." That the titles of Fred. Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect, and Julius Munchwitz, Superintendent of Parks, and Superintending Architect, be continued as at present.

And that all the aforesaid employés shall be attached to the office of Design and Superintendence, and their pay fixed at the several amounts heretofore paid to them.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Engineer force, &c.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the services of the following employés be continued, and half their pay charged to the maintenance of parks and places until further order, viz :

John Bogart, Superintending Engineer,

Halsted Hermans, Rodman,

Otto Siebeth, Draughtsman,

Arthur Krause, Draughtsman.

Also that all the watchmen employed on Riverside and Morningside parks be continued, and their pay charged to maintenance of Parks and Places.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Suspension Bridge, at 181st Street.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board plans for an approach to the Suspension Bridge over the Harlem River, at 181st Street, directly from Tenth Avenue, on the west side of said river, and from streets on the same grade as said Tenth Avenue, on the east side of said river.

(Minutes, February 23, 1875, p. 535.)

Adopted.

Laborers, 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that on the 1st of April, the Engineer in charge of the maintenance of streets, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, will require 60 additional laborers and 12 additional teams, and moved that that number of laborers and teams be employed.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 1.30 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P. •

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th, 1875.

SPECIAL MEETING.—12 o'clock M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square, N. Y. }
March 26, 1875. }

MR. WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Saturday, the 27th inst., at 12 o'clock M., to take into consideration such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 24th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

3d Avenue Bridge Draw-Tender.

From the Superintendent, stating that he had suspended John G. Seabold, draw-tender of the Third Avenue bridge, on account of having found him intoxicated while on duty.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received and that John G. Seabold, draw-tender, be dismissed and removed from the service of the Department.

Adopted.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting the progress made on the works under his charge during the week ending March 20th, 1875.

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

Filed.

Thinning Plantations.

The Landscape Architect stated that some trees had been cut in the work of thinning and improving the old woods of the Central Park, and the ground remained littered, and recommended that before spring opened the ground should be put in good order, as a work of maintenance; whereupon,

The PRESIDENT moved that such work be authorized to be proceeded with, and the cost thereof charged to the maintenance of parks and places.

(Minutes, March 3, 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, Stewart—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., to meet at 7.30 o'clock this P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—7.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 24th inst., were read and approved.

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 :

Third avenue Paving.

From the Clerk to the Common Council, forwarding an ordinance, approved by the Mayor on the 20th inst., for paving, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, the Third avenue, between Westchester avenue and the northern boundary of the Twenty-third Ward.

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

Adopted.

Railroad avenue.

From the Secretary of the Health Department, forwarding, by direction of that Department, a copy of Assistant Sanitary Inspector Comfort's report on the condition of Railroad avenue, between Morris and Monroe streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Referred to the Engineer in charge of the maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards to report.

Minutes of 1873.

From Mr. Wm. G. Boggs, of the New York *Evening Post*, asking that this Department request the Board of City Record to issue a retrospective order for the printing of the minutes of this Department for the year 1873, subsequent to April 30th of that year.

(Minutes, August 31st, 1874, p. 233.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and the request therein acceded to.

Adopted.

Opening 151st street.

From Mr. C. A. Jackson, in relation to the opening of 151st street, between Tenth avenue and the river.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that the Secretary be directed to reply thereto, that the jurisdiction of said subject is vested in the Department of Public Works.

Adopted.

Gas.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the contract for lighting the public parks with gas.

(Minutes, March 17, 1875, p. 587.)

Laid on the table.

U. S. Post Office and Court House.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the application of Mr. C. T. Hulburd, Superintendent of the U. S. Post Office &c., for permission to make certain changes in the street on the northerly side of the New U. S. Post Office, and recommending that the desired permission be granted, on the following conditions :

1st. That the grades proposed shall be submitted to and be approved by the Superintending Engineer of this Department.

2d. That any lamp-posts that require removal, shall be reset where directed by this Department.

3d. That provision shall be made to guard against the acquisition of title, or any color of right or title, on the part of the United States, to control or manage 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 the permission proposed to be granted.

(Minutes, March 19th, 1875, p. 593.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said report be received and referred to Commissioner Martin to prepare resolutions granting the permission requested, upon the conditions suggested by the Landscape Architect.

Adopted.

165th Street

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the application of Mr. N. A. L'Espinasse to have 165th street extended to the Harlem River.

(Minutes, Feby. 17th, 1875, p. 518.)

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Horses.

From the Superintendent, reporting on what works, and in what manner, the horses at present owned by this Department are employed.

(Minutes, March 17th, 1875, p. 573.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said report be received, and that the former report on the subject of horses, made by the Superintendent and presented to the Board on the 17th inst., be taken from the table.

Adopted.

Commissioner STEWART then moved that the five horses men-

tioned in said report as disabled and broken-down be sold by auction.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Superintendent be directed to ascertain and report to this Board for what price he can procure from five to eight good horses suitable for the purposes of this Department.

Adopted.

Construction Accounts.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had procured the services of the late Book-keeper of the Department, who, in conjunction with the First Clerk, had prepared an abstract of the state of the construction accounts, which he presented, in accordance with the request of the Board.

(Minutes, March 24th, 1875, p. 599.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said abstract be received and filed.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then presented the following statement, prepared from said abstract, and moved that it be transmitted to the daily and evening newspapers for publication.

Adopted.

STATEMENT.

The dismissal or suspension by this Department, on March 24, of 127 men who were employed in construction, in consequence of the exhaustion of the moneys appropriated for construction purposes, has been the occasion of a charge of misapplication of the appropriations of the Department to other purposes than those for which they were made. There is and has been no foundation for such a statement. All the moneys of the Department have been held and strictly used for the purposes to which they belonged, and none other. The reason why the dismissal was sudden, was that the moneys were not supposed to be exhausted. This arose from a clerical error in a statement made from the "Record Book," which is not one of the regular books of account, but a special book derived from them. In 1872, and for years previous, the moneys appropriated to the Department by the Legislature were paid in

round sums to it by the Comptroller, deposited in its own banks, and this Department made its own disbursements.

Going back to 1872, a period anterior to this clerical error, the accounts stood as follows :

By Chapter 739, Laws of 1872, the Legislature appropriated to this Department for construction		\$750,000 00
Of this sum the Comptroller paid to this department from September, 1872, to April 17, 1873.....		680,000 00
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Leaving in the hands of the Comptroller and due to this Department.....		\$70,000 00
On April 30, 1873, the system was changed under the Charter of 1873. The Comptroller retained the moneys and paid the bills of this Department. The following appropriations were made		
By Chapter 756 of 1873.....	\$1,000,000 00	
By Chapter 645 of 1874.....	250,000 00	
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Making a total of.....	\$1,320,000 00	
Bills, &c., from this Department have been sent to the Comptroller, payable from these funds as follows :		
1873.....	\$527,527 04	
1874	690,164 98	
To March 24, 1875.....	44,743 73	
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		\$1,262,435 75
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Leaving to credit of the Department.....		\$57,564 25
The Department has incurred liabilities chargeable to this balance :		
Contracts.....	\$53,899 82	
Merchandise deliverable on Treasurer's orders.....	4,351 50	
Also salaries and wages chargeable to construction account for the current month of March, which may be estimated at \$2,500.		
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Showing an excess of liabilities over appropriation of.....		\$687 07

But this is not an actual excess, for there is still a small surplus of appropriations, because some of the contracts are

charged at amounts which are greater than the sums actually due on them.

This account is taken from the books of this Department, and on comparison with the books in the Department of Finance, taking into account the bills audited here and held in suspense in that Department, will agree therewith, so that in fact there is no discrepancy or irregularity whatever. The book-keeper in January, 1874, used the Record Book to show the sums charged against the \$1,000,000 appropriation of 1873 only, and not against that \$1,000,000 and the \$70,000 of appropriations standing over from 1872 taken together.

On the 1st of June, 1874, another clerk took charge of the books. He made his statements from the Record Book show the money charged against the appropriation of 1873, \$1,000,000, including the balance from 1872, \$70,000; total, \$1,070,000. In doing this he made an error. He added \$70,000 to the balance stated in the statement from the Record Book—that is, on November 24, 1847, the balance available was \$90,498.76, which was correct. He added \$70,000 to it, carrying forward \$160,498.76, and this sum of \$160,498.76, including the sum of \$70,000, was carried down from week to week on the statements alone to March 24, 1875.

Laborers.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the Superintendent be directed to restore the following number of laborers recently suspended on account of the stoppage of construction works, and employ them on the works of maintenance, viz. :

10	laborers in	Foreman	Andrew's	gang
8	"	"	"	Hodge's "
5	"	"	"	Wolf's "

(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, Stewart

—4.

Disbursing Clerk.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The number of men employed in the Disbursing Bureau and their salaries is now greater than is necessary for the performance of the duties and business of that office, and under the present decrease in the operations of the Department, this excess of employés and expense ought to be avoided.

And whereas, It is provided by sec. 29th of the Charter of 1873 that all payments by the Corporation shall be made through the proper disbursing officer of the Finance Department, and Mr. Van Valkenburgh holds his office in this Department in violation of this provision.

Resolved, That Mr. VanValkenburgh be, and he is hereby, removed and discharged from his office and employment in this Department for the causes above stated, to take effect on the 1st April, 1875.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution as a substitute for said preamble and resolution :

Resolved, That the Disbursing Clerk be, and he hereby is, directed to report to the Board whether the force employed in his office can be reduced without detriment to the Department.

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, Stewart—2.

The PRESIDENT 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 Martin, Stewart—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. VanValkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk of the Department, be requested to report to the Board, without delay, whether, in view of the discontinuance of construction work, the force in his office can now be diminished and to what extent.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor, viz. :

Resolved, That Mr. Van Valkenburgh be notified to appear before the Board at its next meeting to answer such questions as may be put to him in relation to the reduction of the force and expense of his office.

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, Stewart—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Engineers.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The engineering force of this Department should be reorganized for the purpose of greater efficiency.

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer, the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction and the Superintending Engineer be requested to present to the Board their resignations of their respective offices.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said preamble and resolution be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

C. M. Harris.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the services of Mr. C. M. Harris, Surveyor, be dispensed with, and that the Superintending Engineer be directed not to employ any of his former assistants in the capacity of surveyor without the further order of the Board.

(Minutes, September 4th, 1874, p. 245.)

Adopted.

Park-keepers Becker, Butler, Clancy, Donaldson and Walker.

Commissioner STEWART, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of Park-keepers John E. Becker, Rudolph Butler, Bartley Clancy, Julius A. Donaldson and Robert E. Walker, charged with neglect of duty, reported verbally that he found them guilty, and recommended that they be dismissed and removed from the employment of the Department.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received and the recommendation for the dismissal and removal of the said Park-keepers, adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock P. M., to meet on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 30th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings of the 27th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Shaler's Oxygenic Gas.

From Mr. J. B. Shaler, Secretary of Shaler's Oxygenic Gas-Light Co., making a proposition to light the Museum building in Central Park.

Referred to the Landscape to report upon.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting the progress made on the various works under his charge for the week ending March 27th, 1875.

(Minutes, March 27th, 1875, p. 604.)

Filed.

Foreman, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Engineer-in-Charge, &c., of the 23d and 24th Wards, certifying to the capabilities of Mr. John Forsyth for the position of foreman.

(Minutes, Jan. 19th, 1864, p. 530.)

Received and filed.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT and Commissioner WILLIAMSON reported that the Comptroller of the city of New York had not yet decided as to the transfer of \$38,106.52 from the fund for the erection of the Museum of Natural History Building to the Construction Account.

(Minutes, March 19th, 1875, p. 591.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said report be received.
Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The question of the transfer of \$38,106.52, charged to the construction fund of the Museum of Natural History, from that fund to the general construction fund of the Department was presented to the Comptroller, and his enquiries in relation thereto have since been fully answered by this Department.

And Whereas, The Comptroller has not decided in favor of or against such transfer,

Resolved, That the two resolutions, in relation to the transfer of said sum, adopted November 6th, 1874, and entered on pages 336 and 337 of the Minutes, be reconsidered.

(Minutes, Nov. 6th, 1874, p. 336.)

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that said resolutions be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the consideration of the question of transferring said sum of \$38,106.52 from the fund for the erection of a Museum of Natural History to the general construction fund, and the papers on which it was grounded, be withdrawn from the Comptroller of the city.

Adopted.

North end of Island and 23d and 24th Wards.

The communication presented to the Board by Commissioner MARTIN, on the 19th March, 1875, having been furnished to the Commissioners in proof, as directed,

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The communication of Commissioner Martin, presented to the Board at their meeting on the 19th March, 1875, in relation to the best method of treating the section of the city north of 155th Street and the Harlem River, has been read and considered,

Resolved, That said communication be ordered to be printed as a document of the Board, with the understanding that the Board does not in any way commit itself to the policy therein laid down, or to the conclusions at which the author has arrived, but only with the view of submitting the whole subject for such public consideration and discussion as the character of the suggestions may naturally call forth.

(Minutes, March 19th, 1875, p. 593.)

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, Stewart—4.

(See Document No. 65.)

Parade Ground.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be, and he hereby is, directed to take proceedings immediately to acquire the title to the lands laid out, in pursuance of Chapter 628 of the Laws of 1871, as shown upon the maps, plans or surveys thereof heretofore filed in accordance with said Act.

(Minutes, February 20th, 1874, 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, Stewart—3.

Commissioner Williamson was, by consent, excused from voting.

Readjustment of Salaries &c.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That, with a view to a proper adjustment of salaries of employés of this Department, and the discontinuing of any whose services can properly be dispensed with, the Executive Committee be, and is hereby, requested to report upon the same to the Board at their earliest convenience.

Adopted.

G. W. Harrison.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution, and moved that they be referred to the Executive Committee to report upon.

Whereas, The number of men employed in the Disbursing Bureau and their salaries is now greater than is necessary for the performance of the duties and business of that office, and under the present decrease in the operations of the Department, this excess of employés and expense ought to be avoided.

Resolved, That George H. Harrison be removed and dismissed from his office and employment in the Disbursing Bureau, for the cause above stated to take effect on the 1st day of 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 Martin, Williamson, Stewart—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Police Force.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioner Stewart to investigate and report upon the police force, and what removals should be made of men who, in point of character, record and general efficiency, are not up to the standard, both physically or otherwise, which should be required for officers of that force.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Secretary be directed to pre-

pare and submit to Commissioner Stewart a statement containing the date of the appointment and the record of each sergeant, park-keeper and gate-keeper now on the police force.

Adopted.

Disbursing Clerk.

Mr. Van Valkenburgh, the Disbursing Clerk, appeared before the Board as directed at the last meeting, and was examined with regard to the force and expenses of his office.

(Minutes, March 27th, 1875, p. 612.)

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 1.15 o'clock P. M., to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 31st inst.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st, 1875.

9.30 o'clock, A. M.

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

1. 1,000 cubic yards of broken stone.
(Minutes, February 23d, 1875, p. 535.)
2. Police uniforms.
(Minutes, March 5th, 1875, p. 559.)
3. Frame building on Central Park for the graminivorous animals.
(Minutes, March 6th, 1875, p. 566.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.
 “ MARTIN.
 “ WILLIAMSON.
 “ STEWART.

The COMPTROLLER of the city of New York was also present. The following proposals were received and publicly opened.

1,000 CUBIC YARDS OF BROKEN STONE.

1. Otis Grimes.....	\$2 00	per cubic yard.
2. John A. Bouker.....	2 40	“ “
3. A. J. Howell.....	2 60	“ “
4. J. H. Perkins*.....	1 93	“ “
5. J. D. Foshay, Jr.....	2 40	“ “
6. J. L. Mansfield.....	2 00	“ “

*The stone to be the same as a sample furnished.

POLICE UNIFORMS.

	Body-coats.	Blouse.	Summer Pantaloons.
1. W. L. Conklin & Son	\$14.75	\$9.50	\$6.75
2. Traphagan, Hunter & Co.	19.00	12.00	7.50

FRAME BUILDING.

The PRESIDENT stated that the cost of erecting the frame building on Central Park would have to be paid from funds provided for improving the public parks and places; that all the funds heretofore granted for that purpose were exhausted, and that the Legislature had not yet granted authority for an additional issue of bonds. He, therefore, moved that the opening of the proposals for the frame building be adjourned until Wednesday, the 14th April, 1875, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

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

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the two meetings of the 27th inst., and also of the previous meeting of the 30th inst., was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

175th Street.

From Mr. Louis B. Rader and 13 other owners of property along the line of 175th Street, petitioning to have said street

laid out from the West Side of 10th Avenue to the East Side of Fort Washington Ridge Road.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that said street is laid out west of 10th Avenue, as far as Kingsbridge Road, and recommending that it be extended from Kingsbridge Road to Fort Washington Ridge Road, as laid out on a plan which he enclosed.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be received and referred to the Executive Committee to report.

Adopted.

Repairs to Transit Instrument.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding a letter, and bill for \$50, of Mr. Stephen S. Haight, Assistant Division Engineer, for the repairs of a transit instrument belonging to Mr. Haight, and which was broken while lent by him for the use of the Department.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that Mr. Stephen S. Haight be paid said sum of \$50 for the repairs of said transit instrument.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Garden Mould.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent required about 1,000 cubic yards of garden mould for the parks ;

Whereupon—

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the President be authorized to purchase 1,000 cubic yards of garden mould, at a cost not exceeding 60 cents per cubic yard.

(Minutes, November 12th, 1874, p. 348).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Laborers, &c.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent required the following laborers, &c. : 32 laborers, 2 carpenters, 2 double teams, and 16 single carts and horses, and he moved that they be employed ; the Superintendent being authorized to select the double teams and six of the single carts and horses from those recently suspended on account of the stoppage of construction work.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioners STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of March 27th, 12 o'clock M. and 7.30 o'clock P. M., and of March 30th and 31st, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Astor Place Urinal.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding the following resolution, which was approved by the Mayor on the 2d inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and hereby is, directed to cause the public urinal located in 8th Street, opposite the Mercantile Library building, to be kept open and sufficiently lighted every night until 12 o'clock P. M.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and that said urinal be lighted and kept open as directed by said resolution of the Common Council.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

Balances, &c., of Appropriations of 1874.

From Mr. John Wheeler, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 2d inst. :

Resolved, That each head of the City Departments and Boards be, and is hereby, requested to furnish this Board with a statement of all balances or surplus amounts of appropriations made to it for the year 1874, which are "found to be in excess of the amounts required or deemed to be necessary for the purposes or objects thereof," in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of chapter 308, Laws of 1874.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that the President be requested to furnish the information desired by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted.

Printing the Minutes.

From Mr. M. J. Farrell, Secretary of the Board of City Record, forwarding the following resolution adopted by that Board on the 2d inst.

Resolved, That, by concurrent vote under the power conferred upon this Board, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have authority to print the minutes of the Board of said Department for the year 1875, on such terms and conditions as shall reasonably insure the proper performance of the work at the lowest cost, to be ascertained by advertisement for bids or otherwise, as said Commissioners may find practicable, to be paid for out of the appropriation for "Printing and Stationery."

Received and filed.

Central Bridge Draw.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that the contractor for rebuilding the draw in the central bridge over Harlem River is not progressing in an expeditious manner with the work.

(Minutes, March 3, 1875, p. 552.)

Laid on the table.

3d Avenue Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a proposition of the J. L. Mott Iron Works to finish the two corners of the draw of the 3d Avenue Bridge over Harlem River for the sum of \$60, and recommending that the proposition be accepted.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that an order be given to the J. L. Mott Iron Works for said work at a cost not exceeding \$60.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

J. J. R. Croes.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that Division Engineer J. J. R. Croes had been absent for eight days during the month of March, on account of sickness, and asking the Board to excuse such absence.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that Division Engineer J. J. R. Croes be allowed on the pay-roll for the month of April, pay for such time as he was absent from duty during the month of March, and for which he has not been allowed pay on the pay-rolls for that 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, Stewart—3.

Horses

From the Superintendent, reporting upon the prices at which horses suitable for the purposes of the Department could be purchased.

(Minutes, March 27, 1875, p. 608.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that the President be authorized to purchase for the Department five horses suitable for the work on the Parks, at a cost not exceeding \$180 each.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

Bath-house at the Battery.

From the Superintendent, reporting that the bath-house used at the Battery by Mr. Isaac Hall should have the second story windows made square-headed, with a moulded architrave around, so as to correspond with the rest of the building, and that ornamental brackets should be added to the verandaposts under the soffit of the cornice ; and estimating the cost of such improvement at from \$300 to \$400. He also states that Mr. Hall is willing to make such improvement if half the cost of them is allowed to him by the Department.

(Minutes, March 6, 1875, p. 569.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that on Mr. Isaac Hall making the improvements recommended by the Superintendent and to his satisfaction, his license be extended for the season of 1875 upon the same terms and conditions contained in his license for 1874, except that the license fee shall be fixed at \$575 in place of \$750.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

Third Avenue Bridge Draw Tender.

From the Superintendent, with reference to the appointment of a draw tender for the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem River.

(Minutes, March 27th, 1875, p. 603.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Thomas Byrne be appointed draw tender of the Third Avenue Bridge, and that the salaries of the draw tenders of said bridge be fixed at \$900 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

Foremen's Reports.

From the Disbursing Clerk, with reference to mistakes made by the foremen in their reports and time books.

(Minutes, March 30th, 1875, p. 619.)

Filed.

Broken Stone for Macadamizing.

From the Engineer in charge of the maintenance, &c., of the 23d and 24th Wards, approving of the sample of broken stone for repairing macadamized roads, furnished by Mr. J. H. Perkins, if freed from dust.

Also from Mr. J. H. Perkins, stating that if the contract to deliver said broken stone is awarded to him, he will deliver stone of the same quality as said sample, and almost free from dust.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be received and filed.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved the proposal (No. 4) of J. H. Perkins to deliver in the 23d and 24th Wards of the city one thousand cubic yards of broken stone suitable for repairing

macadamized roads be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said J. H. Perkins, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, March 31st, 1875, p. 621.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

Harlem River Improvements.

From Mr. Joseph H. Godwin, requesting that the Board would designate some Saturday for the purpose of hearing a committee on the subject of the Harlem river improvements.

(Minutes, January 20, 1875, p. 469.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communication be received, and that said committee be requested to attend on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Foreman 23d and 24th Wards.

From Hon. D. R. Shiel, recommending Michael Redmond for the position of foreman in the 23rd and 24th Wards.

Also from Mr. H. D. Purroy, protesting against the appointment of said Michael Redmond as foreman.

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

Adopted.

J. A. Donaldson.

From Mr. Julius A. Donaldson, making application to be reinstated as a park-keeper.

(Minutes, March 27, 1875, p. 613.)

Laid on the table.

Remington S. M. Co.

From the Remington Sewing Machine Co., asking permission to place one or two rings in the curbstones on Madison square, opposite their place of business, for the purpose of tying horses.

Laid on the table.

Railroad Avenue.

From the Engineer in charge of the maintenance, &c., of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the condition of Railroad avenue, between Morris and Monroe streets, to which the attention of the Commissioners was called by the Health Department, and stating that the matter has been thoroughly remedied by making some additions to the drainage pipes, &c., in the locality, and clearing out the drains.

(Minutes, March 27th, 1875, p. 605.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that the President be requested to inform the Health Department that the matter has been attended to.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner STEWART, 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 Photo. Litho. Co., maps..Construction	\$45 00
Affleck, William, & Co., hay, oats and straw.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P. 295 73
Barron, James S., & Co., matches, brooms, &c.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P. 21 10
Byrne & Co., hay and oats.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P. 152 39
Hogan, John, granite and labor.....	Museum of Art..... 9,500 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas (meter bills).....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P. 221 93

Potter Howard (Treas. Mus. N. H.)	
Ins. premiums.	Maint. & Govt. P & P. \$648 55
Roosevelt, Samuel, & Co., hardware.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P. 46 98
Standard Park and Street Lamp Co.,	
globes.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P. 9 75
Slote & Janes, inkstand.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P. 6 00
Titus, Sarah, services.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards. 12 50
	\$10,959 93

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$1,402 43
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.,	12 50
Construction.	45 00
Museum of Art.	9,500 00
	\$10,959 93

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine dollars and ninety-three cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
 T. E. STEWART,
 Auditing Committee.

New York, April 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, Stewart—3.

Third Avenue Paving.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the ordinance for the paving of Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward, presented a

statement from the Engineer in charge, on the condition of said avenue, and verbally reported that the work of paving can be proceeded with at once, the contractor being obliged to commence the work at the northern boundary of the 23d Ward.

(Minutes, March 27th, 1875, p. 605.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said report be accepted, and that the President be authorized to take all necessary proceedings to have said avenue paved as soon as possible, in the manner directed by the ordinance of the Common Council.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

Goat Carriages.

The Landscape Architect presented a further report upon the application of Mr. Isidore Isaac, the licensee of the goat carriage service on Central Park, and recommended that the license granted be modified as follows, viz. :

That the charge for a round trip should be reduced from 15 to 10 cents, and coupon tickets issued so that a child can ride the length of the Mall on one trip and hold the right to return on another.

That the percentage to be paid by Mr. Isidore Isaac be reduced from 25 to 12½.

He also suggests that the license be granted for a longer period than one year.

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

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said report be received, and that the license directed to be granted to Mr. Isidore Isaac at the meeting of the Board held on the 6th March,

1875, be modified as recommended by the Landscape Architect, and be extended for three years from May 1st, 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—Messrs. Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

Battery Sea Wall.

The PRESIDENT stated that in order to pay the inspectors on the work of repairing the sea wall at the Battery, it would be necessary to have a portion of the appropriation for that purpose transferred from the year 1874 to 1875, and he therefore offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and is hereby, respectfully requested, in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 2 of Chapter 303 of the Laws 1874, to transfer from the appropriation for the "repair of sea wall at Battery" in 1874, for a like purpose in the year 1875, the sum of five hundred dollars.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

Normal College Building.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. James M. Halsted, one of the Commissioners of the Board of Education, made application for the assistance of this Department in the laying out of the grounds around the Normal College building, occupying the square bounded by Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Streets and Fourth and Lexington Avenues ; and that such plants and shrubs as might be necessary should be furnished by this Department, without expense to the Board of Education ; and he

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moved that the subject be referred to the Landscape Architect, with power to comply with the request, without expense to this Department.

Adopted.

Laborers, &c.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent required, immediately, two masons and one plumber, and moved that that number of additional laborers be appointed.

(Minutes, March 31st, 1875, p. 624.)

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

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

Police Uniforms.

Commissioner STEWART offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. W. L. Conklin & Son, for police uniforms, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Messrs. W. L. Conklin & Son, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, March 31st, 1875, p. 622.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

On motion of Commissioner MARTIN, the Board adjourned at 12.15 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for lighting, &c., lamps on the public parks, squares, &c., under the control of this Department, for the eight months commencing May 1st, 1875.

(Minutes, March 17th, 1875, p. 587.)

Present—Commissioners STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,
 “ WILLIAMSON,
 “ STEWART.

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

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

NAME OF COMPANY MAKING PROPOSAL.		Gas, &c., for each lamp for eight 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 May.....	\$2 66						
	“ June.....	2 41						
	“ July.....	2 48						
	“ Aug.....	2 77	\$25 00	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$10 00
	“ Sept.....	3 12						
	“ Oct.....	3 59						
	“ Nov.....	3 85						
“ Dec.....	4 12							
No. 2. The New York Mutual Gas Light Co.		14 00	3 50	3 50	5 00	3 50	10 00	10 00
“ 3. The Metropolitan Gas Light Co. of the city of New York.....		23 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	10 00
“ 4. The Manhattan Gas Light Co.....		12 00	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	10 00	10 00
“ 5. The New York Gas Light Co.....		16 00	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	10 00	10 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 southerly 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 Park, Madison Square Park, Worth Monument, and the Candelabra situate at the intersections of Twenty-third Street and Twenty-fourth Street with Broadway.”

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 Manhattan Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the public parks and places within that por-

tion of the City of New York bounded as follows: "On the north, by the centre line of Thirty-fourth Street; on the south, by a line running from the East River through the centre line of Grand Street to the centre of Sullivan Street; thence southerly through Sullivan Street to the centre line of Canal Street to the Hudson River; on the east, by the East River; on the west, by the Hudson River."

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."

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14th, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

ADJOURNED MEETING for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for a frame building on Central Park, for the gram-inivorous animals.

(Minutes, March 31st, 1875, p. 622.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

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

The PRESIDENT stated that the reasons which caused the postponement of the opening of the proposals on the 31st March last, still existed, and he therefore moved that the opening of the proposals be further adjourned until Wednesday the 5th May, 1875, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was 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 COMPTROLLER having retired, and Commissioner STEWART having arrived, the Board, by unanimous consent of all the Commissioners, organized in special session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

Normal College Building.

From Mr. James W. Farr and others, the committee on Normal Schools of the Commissioners of the Board of Education, requesting the assistance of this Department in the laying out of the grounds around the Normal College building, occupying the square bounded by Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Streets and Fourth and Lexington Avenues ; and that such plants and shrubs as might be necessary for the purpose should be furnished by this Department, without expense to the Board of Education.

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

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power to comply with the request, without expense to this Department.

Botanical Garden.

From Mr. Paul Balluff, President of the College of Pharmacy, and others, a committee appointed by various colleges and societies of the city, requesting that a Botanical Garden be established in one of the public parks.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Foreman, 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. Hiram Barney, certifying to the capabilities of Mr. John Forsyth for the position of foreman in the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes, March 30th, 1875, p. 615.)

Received and filed.

Superintendent's Report.

From the Superintendent, reporting upon the progress made on the works under his charge during the week ending Saturday, April 3d, 1875.

(Minutes, March 30th, 1875, p. 615.)

Filed.

F. W. Brown.

From F. W. Brown, messenger in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, asking for an increased rate of pay.

(Minutes, November 12th, 1874, p. 347.)

Laid on the table.

Rudolph Butler.

From Mr. Rudolph Butler, making application to be reinstated as a park-keeper.

(Minutes, March 27th, 1875, p. 613.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received and filed, and the application refused.

Adopted.

Report Executive Committee.

Commissioner STEWART, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented the following report :

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

The Executive Committee beg leave to report to the Board that they recommend the following changes in the employés of this Department, namely—

That Mr. E. C. Morrison, First Assistant Division Engineer in the Civil and Topographical Corps, be removed therefrom and appointed Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that his salary be fixed at \$3,000 per annum.

That the following employés be removed from the service of the Department, namely :

Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk ;

David P. Lord, First Clerk ;

George H. Harrison, Clerk ;

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

T. E. STEWART,

Chairman Ex. Committee.

New York, April 7th, 1875.

(Minutes, March 30th, 1875, p. 618.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that each recommendation mentioned in the report of the Executive Committee be submitted separately to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

Supt. 23d & 24th Wards.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that the recommendation contained in said report, for the removal of Mr. E. C. Morrison from the Civil and Topographical Corps, and his appointment as Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum, 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, Stewart,
—4.

Disbursing Clerk.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the recommendation contained in said report for the removal of Mr. Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, be adopted by the Board.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved as an amendment thereto, that the portion of said report which recommends the removal of Mr. Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment 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, Stewart—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, Stewart—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

First Clerk.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the recommendation contained in said report, for the removal of Mr. David P. Lord, First Clerk, be 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 members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stewart—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

G. H. Harrison.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the recommendation contained in said report, for the removal of Mr. George H. Harrison, Clerk, be 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—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

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.

Arnold & Co., brick and cement....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....		\$62 00
Conklin, W. L., & Co., clothing and caps.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		48 00
Evening Post, advertising proposals for new draw.....	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.....		5 52
Frith & Hinchman, brick.....	City Parks Imp. Fund.		27 00
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		62 50
Hahnel, F. A., pipe and bends.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....		163 60
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		12 25
Haight, Stephen S., repairs to inst.	Laying out, monum'g., etc., 22d & 24th Wards, Laws 1874..		50 00
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$134 33	
	City Parks Imp. Fund.	20 70	
		<hr/>	\$155 03
Johnston, J. O., American flag....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		15 00
Kuffel & Esser, cross section paper.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		20 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, stove, &c....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$115 68	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	57 15	
	City Parks Imp. Fund.	1 40	
		<hr/>	\$174 23
<i>N. Y. Tribune</i> , advertising pro- posals for gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		1 80
<i>N. Y. Times</i> , advertising proposals for new draw.....	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.....		8 00

N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas at office.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		\$22 01
Rhineland, F. W., Treas. Mus. Art, wages, &c.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		1,977 11
Simpson, A., bread.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		62 37
Pratt, Chas., & Co., oil.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$13 28	
	Maintenance, etc., H. R. Bridges.....	1 60	
		<hr/>	14 88
Wetmore & Co.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		141 80
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			<u>\$3,018 10</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,621 13
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	225 60
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	15 12
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.....	57 15
Laying out, Monumenting, etc., Chap. 604 Laws, 1874.....	50 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	49 10
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	<u>\$3,018 10</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand and eighteen dollars and ten cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

New York, April 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, Stewart—4.

Maintenance of the Parks.

The PRESIDENT presented and read a report from the Landscape Architect upon the subject of the maintenance and government of the parks, and the cost of same for the remainder of the year, and moved that it be received and laid on the table.

Adopted.

U. S. Post Office and Court House.

Commissioner Martin, to whom was referred the report of the Landscape Architect on the subject of granting permission to the United States to make certain changes on City Hall Park, at the northerly side of the new United States Post Office, to prepare resolutions granting such permission on the conditions suggested by the Landscape Architect, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plan reported by the Landscape Architect for the grading and paving of the carriageway, the arrangement of the sidewalks and openings of the drains for surface water to the sewers, and the drains and connections at the southerly side of the City Hall Park, in front of the United States Post Office, be adopted.

That permission be given to the United States to construct said drains, connections and openings, and to relay such sidewalks and pavements at their own expense.

That the right to revise, alter and reconstruct such work be reserved to this Department.

(Minutes, March 27th, 1875, p. 606.)

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, Stewart
—4.

Gas.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of the Harlem Gas Light Company 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,” be accepted as the lowest bid for that portion of the city, that the contract be awarded to the said Harlem Gas Light Co., and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 10th, 1875, p. 637.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Gas.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 3) of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company 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, be accepted as the lowest bid for the said several parks and places, that the contract be awarded to the said Metropolitan Gas Light Co., and that the President

be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 10th, 1875, p. 637.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Gas.

Commissioner STEWART offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 4) of Manhattan Gas Light Company 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 a line running from the East River through the centre line of Grand Street to the centre of Sullivan Street ; thence southerly through Sullivan Street to the centre line of Canal Street to the Hudson River ; on the east, by the East River ; on the west, by the Hudson River,” be accepted as the lowest bid for that portion of the city ; that the contract be awarded to the said Manhattan Gas Light Co., and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 10th, 1875, p. 637.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Gas.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 5) of the New York Gas Light Company 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," be accepted as the lowest bid for that portion of the city; that the contract be awarded to the said New York Gas Light Company, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 10th, 1875, p. 637.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

J. A. Donaldson.

Commissioner MARTIN moved that the communication received from Mr. J. A. Donaldson on the 7th inst., asking to be re-instated as a Park-keeper, be taken from the table.

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

Adopted.

Commissioner MARTIN then moved that said communication be filed, and the request therein refused.

Adopted.

Chief Clerk of Office of Design and Superintendence.

The PRESIDENT moved that the salary of the Chief Clerk of the Office of Design and Superintendence be fixed at \$3,000 per annum, to take effect from the 1st April, 1875.

(Minutes, March 24th, 1875, p. 600.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Commissioner MARTIN was, by consent, excused from voting.

Laborer.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the President be authorized to employ one additional laborer on the city parks.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1875, p. 635.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Mason, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT reported that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards occasionally required the services of a mason, and also of an additional blacksmith.

Whereupon,

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to appoint a mason and a blacksmith in the 23d and 24th Wards, to be employed as the Superintendent of said wards shall require them ; and that the pay of masons in said 23d and 24th Wards be fixed at \$3.50 per day.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1874, p. 628, and March 24th, 1875, p. 601.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

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

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17th, 1875.

3 o'clock P. M.

In pursuance of the action of the Board on the 7th inst., the Commissioners met with a Committee on the subject of Harlem River improvements. At the request of the Committee, the Presidents of the Department of Docks and of the Health Department were invited to be present.

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

There were present :

Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

Commissioner CHAS. F. CHANDLER, President of the Health Department, and Commissioner S. H. WALES, of the Department of Docks.

COMMITTEE.

Messrs. BARNEY, Chairman ; MORRIS, FORSTER, JOHNSON, GODWIN, HUTCHINS, ACKERMAN and FONDA.

The Hon. BENJAMIN A. WILLIS was also present.

The Committee, by their Chairman, stated that in pursuance of directions from the National Government, General Newton, Engineer, had examined the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, with a view to making a navigable connection between

the East and North Rivers, and in his report to the National Government had recommended that, in place of using the natural channel which connects said river and creek, a canal should be substituted. This, both as property-owners and as citizens of New York city, they opposed.

After discussion of the subject—

The Committee presented the following resolution to the Commissioners :

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Committee, the Spuyten Duyvil and Harlem River improvement, by the natural channels of those waters, will best secure the commercial, economic and sanitary interests of the city and of the general public ; and we respectfully urge the Departments of the City Government having these interests in charge, to take such measures as will secure the early improvement of those waters by the General Government alone, if practicable ; if not, in connection with the State and City Governments.

The Committee and Commissioners of the Health Department and Department of Docks having retired, the Commissioners, by unanimous consent, organized in special session at 5 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN,
 “ WILLIAMSON.
 “ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 14th inst. was dispensed with.

Accounts.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, An error of \$70,000 has been made in the statement of the balance of construction money available ; the books of

this Department have not been balanced at the close of the year 1874; and the "Green Book," containing summaries of the accounts does not show accurate results; and

Whereas, It is important that the books of the Department should be kept with entire correctness, so as to furnish exact information as to the state of the accounts, and be, in all respects, trustworthy; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of Accounts are now making investigations of the books:

Resolved, That they be requested to make their examination thorough; to report upon the system upon which the books have been kept and its defects; what improvements can be made in keeping the books and accounts; any errors or irregularities they may find; and the exact state of the accounts and funds of the Department at the present time.

Resolved, That every information and facility be given to them in their examination, and that they be requested to make a special report to this Board.

(Minutes, March 27, 1875, p. 608.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved to amend said preamble and resolution offered by Commissioner Martin by striking out the first paragraph of the preamble, and the words "to make their examination through" in the resolution.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said 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:

Aye—Commissioner Williamson—1.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Stewart—3.

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 Martin, Stewart—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Proceedings to open Streets.

Commissioner MARTIN then stated that a bill had been in-

troduced into the Senate which proposes to take from this Department all power in proceedings to open and acquire title to streets, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that therefore he offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Department respectfully remonstrates against the passage of the bill introduced and reported in the Senate, entitled "An Act in relation to regulating, grading and otherwise improving streets, wards and avenues in the City of New York ; and to limit the issue of stocks and bonds in anticipation of the collection of assessments therefor ; and in relation to opening streets, avenues, roads or public parks and places in the City of New York." And particularly against the first half of the 6th section thereof, which deprives this Department of the powers in respect to the proceedings for opening streets, avenues and public places, which it has so long exercised.

That a committee be appointed to prepare such a remonstrance to the Legislature.

During discussion on the foregoing resolution, and before the question of its adoption was put to the Board,

Commissioner STEWART moved that the Board do now adjourn to meet on Monday, the 19th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M., which was

Adopted.

The meeting then adjourned, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, APRIL 19th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING.—4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.
“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ STEWART.

The minutes of the meeting of the 14th inst. were read and approved.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 17th instant was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Brook Ave. and Sewer.

From the Clerk to the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following preamble and resolution, adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 15th instant :

Whereas, The territory recently annexed to the city of New York, and known as the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, has long been suffering from the effects of the entire want of proper sewerage and drainage therein ; and

Whereas, The proper sewerage and drainage of said territory is by far the most pressing of all its wants, outranking in importance every other question, and urgently demanding the first attention of the public authorities ; and

Whereas, The Department of Public Parks, under recent legislation, have been charged with sole jurisdiction over the said question, together with full power to accomplish the results so much desired ; and

Whereas, Proceedings were heretofore taken to acquire title to Brook Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, which proceedings have not been as yet completed, and a proposed map for the extension of said avenue through the Twenty-fourth Ward has

been for some time before the Park Commissioners, awaiting their adoption, without which no steps can be taken to acquire title therein ; and

Whereas, The completion of said proceedings for acquiring title to said avenue, and the adoption of said map, are each preliminary steps absolutely necessary before the real work of building the Millbrook sewer can even be commenced ; now therefore,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Parks be and they are hereby requested—

First. To exert their influence to secure the speedy completion of the legal proceedings for the acquirement of title to Brook Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward ;

Second. To take prompt action with regard to the adoption of some map for the extension of said avenue through the Twenty-fourth Ward, and thereupon to institute proceedings for the acquirement of title thereto ; and,

Third. To push with all convenient speed the work of building the main sewer (Millbrook) through the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

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

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

Adopted.

3d Av.

From Mr. Geo. C. Goeller, urging the speedy completion of the grading, paving and sewerage of Third Avenue.

(Minutes, March 27th, 1875, p. 605.)

Received and filed.

Public place at Av. St. Nicholas and 9th Av.

From Mr. Thos. Faye, requesting that a small plot of ground on Avenue St. Nicholas at its junction with 9th Avenue, and between 150th and 151st Streets, be set apart as a public place.

(Minutes, March 17th, 1875, p. 578.)

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

Claim of Wm. Carrere.

From the Disbursing Clerk, explaining the nature of the claim of Mr. Wm. Carrere for services as foreman in 1871.

Filed.

Mrs. J. Decker.

From Mrs. Johanna Decker, resigning her position as ladies'-maid from the 17th inst.

(Minutes, July 1, 1874, p. 125.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed and the resignation be accepted.

Adopted.

Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, recommending that orders be now given as follows, viz. :

1. To fill in the upper spandrels in the iron roof of the main hall of the Museum of Art building; the cost of which he estimates at \$650.

2. To carry up the brick and blue stone-work in connection with the roof of the Museum of Natural History; the cost of which he estimates at \$950.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and that orders be issued as recommended, the works to be executed in accordance with drawings to be furnished by Mr. C. Vaux, architect, under the direction and to the satisfaction of 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, Stewart
—4.

New Street at Inwood.

From Mr. B. L. Ackermann and five other owners of property,

requesting that a new street at Inwood be laid out, as shown on a tracing sent therewith.

(Minutes, May 9, 1874, p. 15.)

Commissioner Martin moved that said communication be received and referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

Adopted.

Suspension bridge at 181st street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting plans for an approach to the Suspension Bridge over Harlem river at 181st Street, directly from 10th Avenue on the west side, and from Boscobel and Undercliff Avenues on the east side of said river.

(Minutes, March 24th, 1875, p. 601.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received and laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Map of south portion of Kingsbridge.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the adoption of the map for the the south portion of the late town of Kingsbridge be made a special order of business at the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, January 12, 1875, p. 446.)

Adopted.

Astor Place urinal.

The PRESIDENT moved that gas-pipes and fixtures for the proper lighting of the Astor Place urinal be placed therein, at a cost not exceeding \$75.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1875, p. 625.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Proceedings to open streets.

Commissioner MARTIN then called up the unfinished business of the last meeting which was the adoption of the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That this Department respectfully remonstrates against the passage of the bill introduced and reported in the Senate, entitled “An Act in relation to regulating, grading and otherwise improving streets, roads and avenues in the City of New York ; and to limit the issue of stocks and bonds in anticipation of the collection of assessments therefor ; and in relation to opening streets, avenues, roads or public parks and places in the City of New York.” And particularly against the first half of the 6th section thereof which deprives this Department of the powers in respect to proceedings for opening streets, avenues and public places, which it has so long exercised.

That a committee be appointed to prepare such a remonstrance to the Legislature.

(Minutes, April 17th, 1875, p. 656.)

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, Stewart—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

On motion of Commissioner WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21st, 1875.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings, of the 17th and 19th insts., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

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

From Messrs. Wm. Meikleham, John V. Traphagen and W. C. Crane, a committee appointed by the Central Association of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, presenting to this Department the following resolutions, adopted by that association on the 15th inst., namely :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this organization that the first duty of our members should be to urge forward the early completion of a comprehensive map which will show and determine the proposed Streets and Avenues and the grades thereof in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Resolved, That we approve of the plan of the Mill Brook sewer as proposed by your honorable Board, and that we request the speedy completion of that sewer.

Resolved, That in our judgment there should be a street or avenue located along the westerly side of the New York and Harlem Railroad at least sixty feet in width, and extending from Harlem Bridge to the Fordham depot.

Resolved, That, as far as practicable, all the leading avenues in the new wards should be located at least two hundred feet apart.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners of the city of New York, and that a special committee be appointed for that purpose.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Maintenance of the Parks.

From the Landscape Architect, requesting that his report on the subject of the maintenance and government of the parks, and the cost of the same for the remainder of the year, presented to the Board on the 14th inst., be withdrawn and returned to him for further consideration.

(Minutes, April 14th, 1875, p. 648.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that said report be taken from the table and returned to the Landscape Architect.

Adopted.

Suspension Bridge at 181st Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan of approaches to the Suspension Bridge over Harlem River at 181st Street on the west side of said river.

(Minutes, Feb'y 23d, 1875, p. 535.)

Also from the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, submitting a plan of approaches to said Bridge from both sides of said River; and giving relative estimates of the cost of carrying into effect the plan presented to the Board by the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the 19th inst., and at this meeting, and the plan he submitted.

(Minutes, April 19th, 1875, p. 660.)

Commissioner MARTIN moved that said communications and plans be received, and that the consideration of the subject of said plans, and those presented to the Board on the 19th inst. by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, be now taken up.

Adopted.

The subject having been discussed at length, and the said Engineers having attended before the Board and explained the several plans—

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that all said plans be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to prepare and submit to the Board a new plan for the approaches to said bridge.

Adopted.

Kingsbridge.

From the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction, submitting a plan or map for laying out the streets, &c., in the southwesterly portion of the late town of Kingsbridge, as directed by the Board on January 12th, 1875.

(Minutes, January 12, 1875, p. 446.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received.

Adopted.

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 Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, the said Commissioners do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues, public squares and places 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 the said Harlem River to the Sound, north of Randall's Island, as the said streets, roads and avenues are shown on a map dated "New York, February 8th, 1875," and signed by "Wm. H. Grant, Engineer Bureau of Construction," of the width, extent

and direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated on said map by red color and figures, and as the said public squares and places are shown on the said map in green color, and that the width, extent and direction of the said streets, roads and avenues, and public squares and places, so laid out, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good.

Resolved, That the President of this Department cause the said streets, roads and avenues, and public squares and places to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments ; also cause to be prepared and submit to this Board, a plan of grades for the said streets, roads and avenues, and also the three similar maps or plans of the same, and of the said public squares and places, to be filed in pursuance of the said laws above mentioned.

Commissioner STEWART, moved as an amendment to said resolution, that the subject of the adoption of said plan or map be adjourned until Wednesday, the 28th inst.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment moved by Commissioner Stewart, 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, Stewart—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT then 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 :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Stewart—2.

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.

Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$11 58
Donaldson, Thos., globes.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	115 50
Florence, Wm. H., services, March..	Maintenance, etc., H. R. Bridges.....	104 16
Graham & Co., keep of horse, March.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	30 00
Halsted, Isaac C., est. petty expenses.	Laying out, monum'g., etc., chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	6 60
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, March...	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$238 05
	Maintenance, etc., H. R. Bridges.....	124 20
		<hr/> 362 25
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas, March.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	987 21
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, March.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	472 50
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	70 12
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	1,056 00
N. Y. Times, advertising proposals..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$4 06
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	2 27
	City Parks Imp. Fund.	2 27
		<hr/> 8 60
Riddle & Brinnall, coal.....	City Parks Imp. Fund.	\$77 00
	Museum of Art.....	2 00
	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.....	14 00
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	233 00
		<hr/> 326 00
Titus, Sarah, services, March.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 50

Tone, Theodore F., coal.....	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.....	\$7 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office, March and April.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	60 00
Westchester Co. Gas Light Co., gas, March.....	Maint., etc., H. R. Bridges.....	64 00
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		\$3,694 02
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places	\$3,188 02
Maintenance, etc., Harlem River Bridges.....	313 36
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	74 77
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	79 27
Museum of Art.....	2 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.....	30 00
Laying out, monumenting, etc., Chap. 604, Laws, 1874....	6 60
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	\$3,694 02
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-six hundred and ninety-four dollars and two cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

New York, April 20th, 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, Stewart
—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

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Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1875.		CR.	
March 17.	By balance.....		\$1,709 26
March 17 } to } April 21. }	" cash received from rents and licenses.....	265 57	
			<u>\$1,974 83</u>
1875.		DR.	
March 17 } to } April 21. }	To cash paid into the City Treasury.....	\$265 57	
April 21.	" balance.....	1,709 26	
			<u>1,974 83</u>

(Signed)

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

Wednesday, April 21, 1875.

9.30 A. M.

On motion of Commissioner STEWART, the Board adjourned at one o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday, the 23d instant, at 4 o'clock P. M.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 21st inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Flagging Sidewalk, Marion Avenue.

From the Clerk to the Common Council, stating that the following resolution had been adopted and approved by the Mayor, April 16, 1875, namely :

“*Resolved*, That the sidewalks on the west side of Marion Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Ridge Street, be flagged four feet wide through the centre thereof where not already done.”

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Art Museum.

From Mr. Thomas Bland, Assistant Secretary of Metropolitan Museum of Art, stating that said “Museum will be open to the public, *free*, on Thursdays as well as Mondays in each week.”

Filed.

Moran & Armstrong.

From Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, contractors for the masonry of the building for the Museum of Art, giving notice that they are delayed in the performance of their contract by reason of the default in setting the granite for said building.

Received and filed.

Claim to five lots in Central Park.

From Wm. D. Murphy, presenting claim to five lots of land within the boundaries of the Central Park.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

College Avenue.

From Mr. Geo. C. Goeller, requesting that College Avenue, from 141st Street to 139th Street, be closed.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting on said communication, and submitting a map of said avenue.

Laid on the table.

Public Place on Ave. St. Nicholas.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting on the applications that a piece of land on Ave. St. Nicholas, at its junction with 9th avenue, between 150th and 151st streets, be laid out as a public place.

(Minutes, March 17, 1875, p. 578 ; April 19, 1875, p. 658.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and filed, and that the President be requested to inform the property owners who made said applications that this Department has no jurisdiction in the premises.

Adopted.

Brook and Webster Aves.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer submitting

plan and profile of Brook Avenue extended, and of Webster Avenue extended from 165th street to Williams Bridge Road in 23d and 24th Wards.

Laid on the table.

Approaches to proposed Railway Station.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan of streets to connect Berrian Avenue with a railway station proposed to be established on the west side of the Harlem Railroad, near the Southern Boulevard.

Also from Mr. Daniel R. Kendall, one of the projectors of said station, urging the adoption of said map.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communications be referred to the President for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the property owners in the vicinity of the proposed station, on the said plan of approaches thereto.

Adopted.

Sprinkling Jerome Ave.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards with reference to the general subject of watering Jerome Avenue during the coming season, and on the provisions necessary to be made therefor.

(Minutes, Jan. 9th, 1875, p. 440.)

Commissioner STEWART moved that the recommendations in said communication to enlarge the capacity of one tank and prepare another place for the purpose of obtaining water without pumping, at a cost not exceeding \$205, be adopted, and that the remainder of said communication be referred to the President and Treasurer to report.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Labor in Kingsbridge.

From the Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards, stating that six laborers who had been appointed had either not reported or not commenced to work, and requesting that other men residing in Kingsbridge be substituted, as the work lies there.

The PRESIDENT moved that said Superintendent be authorized to employ four laborers, and that the remaining two be appointed by the Board.

Adopted.

Superintendent's report.

From the Superintendent, reporting upon the progress of the works under his charge during the two weeks ending Saturday, April 17th, 1875.

(Minutes April 14th, 1875, p. 642.)

Filed.

Unsafe buildings on Riverside Park.

From the Superintendent, reporting that two houses, corner of 115th street and Bloomingdale Road, on the Riverside territory, were entirely out of repair; and recommended that they be taken down.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the recommendations of said communication be adopted, and that the tenants of said buildings be notified to quit forthwith, and the Superintendent directed to proceed thereafter to tear the same down without delay.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said 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, Stewart—3.

Reduction of maintenance force.

From the Superintendent, recommending the following reductions, changes, &c., in the maintenance force, namely :

1. That three carpenters, two skilled laborers in carpenter's shop, two painters, one blacksmith, two night watchmen on Riverside Park, and one on Morningside Park, and five men at the Arsenal Building, be suspended.

2. That the following be placed on half-time for a period of at least three weeks :

20	laborers	in	Foreman	Manning's	gang.
10	"	"	"	Hodge's	"
10	"	"	"	Andrews'	"
4	"	"	"	Geary's	"
6	"	"	"	Wolf's	"

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received, and that the recommendations therein be approved and adopted.

Adopted.

Buggy and horses.

From the Superintendent requesting that he be furnished with a more suitable buggy, and that five more horses be purchased for the purposes of the Department.

(Minutes, April 7, 1875, p. 627.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that a suitable wagon for the use of the Superintendent of Parks be purchased, at a cost not exceeding \$300, and that the question of the purchase of five additional horses 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, Stewart—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that the pay of the plumber last appointed had not been fixed, and thereupon moved that said pay be fixed at \$3.00 per day.

(Minutes, April 7, 1875, p. 635.)

Pay of Plumber.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and 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, Stewart—3.

Six maps Central Park framed.

The TREASURER presented the requisition of the Landscape Architect for six maps of Central Park, to be framed, &c.

Commissioner STEWART moved that six maps of Central Park be stretched, varnished and framed, for the use of the Commissioners, &c. at a cost not exceeding \$5.00 per map.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and 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, Stewart—3.

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., hay, oats, &c.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$277 79
Bacharach, M., urinal.	City Parks Imp. Fund.,	1,000 00
Cook, Ebenezer, turpentine	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	\$16 28
	City Pks. Imp. Fund..	2 64
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		18 92
Conklin, Wm. A., monkeys, &c.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	125 00
Draper, Daniel, petty expenses.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	24 29
McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co.,		
plumbing materials.	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	63 17

Parry, Thomas, granite for fountain. City Pks. Imp. Fund	1,485 00
Norris & Williams, plumb'g mat'ls. . Maint. & Govt. P. & P.	73 26
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	<u>\$3,067 43</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.	\$579 79
City Parks Improvement Fund.	2,487 64
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	<u>\$3,067 43</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand and sixty-seven dollars and forty-three cents.

(Signed)	DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } <i>Auditing</i>
"	T. E. STEWART, } <i>Committee.</i>
"	H. G. STEBBINS, }

New York, April 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, Williamson, Stewart—3.

Reduction of wages.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following preamble and resolution, and moved that they be laid on the table.

Whereas, a large number of laborers are out of employment, and—

Whereas, the resources of this Department are so limited, that, at the present prices paid for labor, it will be necessary to discharge a large portion of the existing force, which would be very prejudicial to the interests of the city and to the welfare of the laboring classes ; therefore,

Resolved, That the wages of the laborers in the employ of this Department be, and the same hereby are, fixed at and after the rate of \$1.50 per day, and that those now employed be retained.

Adopted.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the President be requested to communicate further with the Mayor and the heads of other departments in reference to the question of the reduction of the wages for labor, and that he report thereon to the Board.

(Minutes, Jan. 20, 1875, p. 463.)

Adopted.

Reduction of salaries.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution, and moved that it be laid over until the next meeting.

Resolved, That the salaries of following named employees be, and the same hereby are fixed, at the rates set opposite their names, respectively.

William Irwin.....	\$3,800
F. L. Olmsted	5,500
Isaac Evans	2,800
D. P. Lord	2,800
Wm. D. Beall	1,100
Howard A. Martin.....	2,800
John Bogart	4,000
Wm. Van Valkenburgh	3,500

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution take effect the first day of May, 1875.

Adopted.

W. H. Grant.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, by reason of the limited amount of work in progress, under the charge of William H. Grant, his services are not needed, therefore,

Resolved, That he be, and hereby is, suspended without pay.

Resolved, That George S. Greene take charge of such few works as are being prosecuted at present under the direction and supervision of said William H. Grant.

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Commissioner STEWART, moved that said preamble and resolution be laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner STEWART, the Board adjourned at 5.30 o'clock P. M.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28th, 1875.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works, namely :

1. A new wooden floor on the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river.

(Minutes, March 19th, 1875, p. 594.)

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

(Minutes, March 17th, 1875, p. 572.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

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

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

FOR A NEW WOODEN FLOOR ON THE THIRD AVENUE BRIDGE.

1. Wm. F. Morgan.....	\$51.50	per 1,000 feet board measure.
2. Harvey B. Dennis.....	\$62.00	“ “ “
3. B. C. Murray & A. McOwen...	\$49.90	“ “ “
4. The Lee Box & Lumber Co....	\$44.75	“ “ “

FOR A NEW ROOF ON THE MUSIC PAVILION.

Two proposals were received, but before opening them, the President explained that funds to pay for this, together with other works, were asked for in the bill now before the Legislature.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that the opening of the proposals for the new roof on the Music Pavilion situate on the Mall, in Central Park, be adjourned until Wednesday the 5th day of May next, at 9.30 o'clock A. M. ; which motion was

Adopted.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30th, 1875.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
New York, 28th April, 1875. }

MR. WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.:

Sir,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Friday, the 30th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., to transact such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ WILLIAMSON.
“ STEWART.

The minutes of the previous meetings, of the 23d and 28th insts. were read and approved.

Botanical Garden.

The PRESIDENT stated that there was a committee of citizens, interested in establishing a botanical garden in one of the public parks, waiting, and moved that the order of business be suspended and the committee received.

Adopted.

The Committee, consisting of Messrs. Paul Balluff, Chair-

man; Augustus W. Weissmann, Gustavus Ramsperger and Wm. Hegeman, were then received and explained their views with regard to the establishment of a botanical garden.

The PRESIDENT then stated to the Committee that, although the Department has no funds at present out of which to pay the expense of establishing such a garden, yet the Board would give the subject a careful consideration; and he referred the committee to the Landscape Architect, who was present, and to whom this subject had been referred by the Board at a previous meeting for investigation and report.

(Minutes, April 14th, 1875, p. 642.)

The Committee then retired.

Third Avenue Bridge.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the order of business be further suspended, and that the subject of awarding the contract for a new floor on the Third Avenue bridge be taken up.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 4) of the Lee Box and Lumber Company of the city of New York, to lay a new wooden floor on the roadway of the Third Avenue Bridge, be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract be awarded to said Lee Box and Lumber Company, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

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, Stewart
—4.

The order of business was then resumed and the following communications were presented and read :

Superintendent's report.

From the Superintendent, reporting the progress in works under his charge for the week ending Saturday April 24th, 1875.

(Minutes, April 23d, 1875, p. 674.)

Filed.

Horse for Superintendent.

From the Superintendent requesting that a suitable horse for his special use be purchased.

Commissioner STEWART moved that said communication be received, and that the President be authorized to purchase a horse suitable for the use of the Superintendent of Parks, at a cost not exceeding \$250.

(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, Stewart
—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, notifying the Board that Mr. John Hogan, the contractor for the granite work of the Museum of Art building, had failed to comply with his agreement to furnish and deliver all the granite necessary for the building on or before the 1st April, 1875, not more than half being as yet delivered on the building site. Also further stating that in his opinion Mr. Hogan will not have the granite set and his contract finished within the time allowed.

(Minutes, April 23, 1875, p. 672.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said communication

be received and referred to Commissioner Martin to prepare, and present to the Board, a notice to be served on the said contractor that he will be held liable if his contract is not completed within the time specified in his agreement.

Adopted.

Gas Main in City Hall Park.

From Mr. Charles Place, Secretary of the New York Mutual Gas Light Co., asking permission for that company to lay a gas main through a small portion of the City Hall Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

Adopted.

Marion Avenue, Flagging Sidewalk.

The PRESIDENT presented a report upon the subject of flagging the sidewalk of Marion Avenue, directed by the ordinance of the Common Council, presenting a tracing showing the location of said avenue, and stating that, although said avenue had been used by the public as a highway for a considerable time, he was unable to ascertain that the title to said avenue was vested in the city.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received, and that it and said ordinance be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice.

(Minutes, April 23d, 1875, p. 671.)

Adopted.

Sprinkling Jerome Avenue.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER reported verbally on that portion of the communication of the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, upon the subject of watering Jerome Avenue, referred to them on the 23d inst., and stated that the following is an estimate of the expense necessary, a memorandum of which they presented, viz. :

12 water tanks, \$50 each.....	\$ 600
Steam boiler and pump.....	1,200
10 wagon bodies for water, with sprinklers attached....	500
Fitting up one water station to save pumping.....	175
Enlarging reservoir, now built.....	30
	\$2,505

They recommended that the materials be purchased, and the work done as mentioned in said estimate.

(Minutes, April 23d, 1875, p. 673.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted, and that Mr. E. C. Morrison, Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, be directed to prepare and submit to the Board specifications for supplying said material and work.

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON then moved that it be referred to the President, with power to make arrangements to have Jerome Avenue properly sprinkled during the June meeting at Jerome Park, at a cost not exceeding \$1,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

Approaches to Railway Station.

The PRESIDENT, to whom it was referred to ascertain the views of the property owners in relation to the plan of the Civil and Topographical Engineer for approaches to a proposed railway station on the west side of the Harlem Railroad, near the Southern Boulevard, verbally reported that, so far as he had been able to ascertain, the property owners were in favor of the plan. He also presented a communication of Mr. D. R.

Kendall, giving the names of the owners of property interested and the amounts subscribed by them for the erection of the station to which the approaches lead.

(Minutes, April 23d, 1875, p. 673.)

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then presented the said map or plan of said approaches, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, the said Commissioners do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues 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 the said Harlem River to the Sound, north of Randall's Island, as the said streets, roads and avenues are shown on a map dated "New York, March 15th, 1875," and signed by "George S. Greene, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the width, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated on said map by red color and figures, 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.

Resolved, That the President of this Department cause the said streets, roads and avenues to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments; also to cause to be prepared and submit to this Board, a plan of grades for the said streets, roads and avenues, and also the three similar maps or plans of the same, to be filed in pursuance of the said act 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, Stewart

Commissioner STEWART, to whom it was referred to investigate and report upon the police force, and what removals should be made, presented a report accompanied by a statement of the Surgeon on the physical condition of the force.

(Minutes, March 30th, 1875, p. 618.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

In pursuance of the recommendations contained in said report, Commissioner Stewart offered the following eight resolutions :

I.

Resolved, That hereafter the park-keepers shall be classed as patrolmen, post-keepers and gate-keepers ; the patrolmen to be men in all respects fitted for the severest active duty that may be required ; the post-keepers to be men who, while serving as patrolmen, have become physically disqualified for such duty, but are still fitted for duty requiring less activity, strength and endurance ; and the gate-keepers to be men adapted for duty at the gates and subject to promotion to the rank of patrolmen.

II.

Resolved, That the number of patrolmen shall, until further orders, be fixed at 45 ; the number of gate-keepers at 23, and the number of post-keepers at 7.

III.

Resolved, That the pay of patrolmen and of gate-keepers shall be at the rates respectively of \$3.00 and \$2.50 a day as heretofore, and that the pay of post-keepers shall be at the rate of \$2.50 a day.

IV.

Resolved, That thirty-nine of the forty-five patrolmen shall be divided into three sections, for duty on the Central Park ; the remaining six shall be assigned to duty on the small parks, or for such other duties as may be directed.

V.

Resolved, That during the period of the night in which here-

fore the fourth or night section of the patrolmen has been on duty the Central Park shall be guarded by a body of ten night-watchmen, to be managed as prescribed in the printed instructions for this purpose, established on the 21st April, 1873, and that the patrol by the patrolmen during that period shall be discontinued. That the pay of the night-watchman be at the rate of \$2 per day.

VI.

Resolved, That keepers Dusenbury, Loeffel, Leonard, Philbin, Valles, Wade and P. Burns are hereby removed from their present positions and appointed post-keepers; that gate-keepers Henry Seymour, J. Smith and Ignatz Scheier are hereby promoted to the rank of patrolmen; that D. W. Bull is hereby appointed gate-keeper, subject to the favorable report of the surgeon as to his physical qualifications, and that the three men now serving as night-watchmen, respectively, at the Arsenal, the Stables and at Mount St. Vincent, are appointed night-watchmen.

VII.

Resolved, That the appointments, promotions and assignments above made shall take effect on May 15th, 1875; and that the necessary arrangements be made for the duty of the night watch and for fully carrying out all the orders at the same time.

VIII.

Resolved, That the park-keepers' force shall give all such aid as may be in its power to the Superintendent of Parks in all his duties, and shall co-operate with foremen in securing conformity to rules and orders and in maintaining discipline in the working force, and shall report any neglect of duty or disregard of rules on the part of any of the licensees of the Department, to the officer in command, who shall communicate the same to the Board.

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, Stewart
—4.

Commissioner STEWART moved that the remainder of the said report and recommendations therein be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Minutes.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that fifteen copies of the minutes and documents of the Board for the year ending April 30th, 1875, be suitably bound for the use of the Department and Commissioners.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Landscape Architect and Police Captain.

Commissioner STEWART moved that Commissioner Williamson and himself be discharged from the further consideration of the communications of the Landscape Architect and Captain of Police referred to them on December 19th, 1874.

(Minutes, December 19th, 1874, p. 417.)

Adopted.

Brook and Webster Avenues.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved to take from the table the communication of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, with the plan and profile of Brook and Webster Avenue extension, presented to the Board on April 23d, 1875.

(Minutes, April 23d, 1875, p. 672.)

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, Stewart—2.

Plan of Streets, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner MARTIN offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That in connection with the Engineers of the Department, the Landscape Architect be directed to give Com-

missioner Martin his professional advice in respect to the artistic considerations affecting the design for laying out the 23d and 24th Wards, in order that the Commissioner may more definitely present his views in respect to the improvement of the same.

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, Stewart—3.

Noes—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 1.15 o'clock P. M., to meet at 5 o'clock this P. M.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 30th, 1875.

ADJOURNED MEETING—5 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ STEWART.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of this A. M. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Unsafe Buildings.

From the Superintendent of Buildings, notifying the Department that the building situate on the north side of West 125th street, about 100 feet from the Hudson River Railroad, is in a generally unsafe condition throughout.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and referred to the Superintendent to report upon.

Adopted.

C. Bernhard.

From the Members of the Board of Aldermen, requesting that Mr. Charles Bernhard be appointed a gate-keeper.

Filed.

Drain in 23d Ward.

From Mr. C. M. Vandervoort, requesting permission to lay a pipe drain from his private residence on Union Avenue, in the 23d Ward, across said avenue to the brook crossing and draining Denman Place.

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

Maintenance of the Parks.

From the Landscape Architect, upon the subject of the maintenance and government of the Parks, and the cost of the same for the remainder of the year.

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

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and laid on the table until the next meeting.

Adopted.

Police Surgeon.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that Police Surgeon G. Z. Hunter be removed from the employment of this Department, and that Dr. Hiram Barber be appointed Police Surgeon in his place, at the same rate of pay, viz., \$1,250 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart—4.

Laborer in 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON stated that a labor ticket had been given by the Board to a man named Patrick Hanlon for work in the 23d and 24th Wards ; that another man named James McAnaspie had unlawfully obtained possession of the ticket and had been at work, under the name of Patrick Hanlon, for about two weeks. He handed in a statement of the admission of the above facts, taken by the Secretary from the man James McAnaspie, and moved that the statement be filed and the name of Patrick Hanlon be stricken from the pay-rolls of the 23d and 24th Wards for the month ending this date.

Adopted.

Carriage Service.

Commissioner STEWART moved that he be discharged from the consideration of the subject of the renewal of the license for the carriage service, at present held by Messrs. Platt & Clapp, which had been referred to him by the Board.

(Minutes, March 6th, 1873, p. 568.)

Adopted.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the renewal of said license be referred to the President to report upon.

Adopted.

Unsafe Buildings, Riverside Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the action of the Board on the 23d inst., and entered on page 674 of the minutes, directing the Superintendent to tear down two houses at the corner of 115th Street and Bloomingdale Road, be reconsidered, on the ground that the expense of taking them down would be greater than the value of the material.

(Minutes, April 23d, 1875, p. 674.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that said motion be laid on the table.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved that said two houses be sold by public auction ; the purchasers to remove said houses forthwith after sale.

Adopted.

Advertisements in Corporation Papers.

Commissioner WILLIAMSON moved that hereafter, and until further order, on the insertion in the *City Record* of each advertisement ordered to be published, the Secretary shall insert a short abstract thereof, in accordance with Sec. 111, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, in the following five corporation papers

only, viz., *New York World*, *New York Tribune*, *Commercial Advertiser*, *Evening Express* and the *Staats Zeitung*.

(Minutes, October 21st, 1874, p. 316.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Martin, Williamson, Stewart
—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 6:30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.