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Wednesday, May 2, 1883.] 1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ CRIMMINS,

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1883.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, }
May 2, 1883. }

MR. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held on Saturday next, the 5th inst., at 10 A. M., for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

Yours, etc.,

W. M. OLLIFFE,
President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

- “ VIELE.
- “ WALES.
- “ CRIMMINS.

Proposals.

At the hour of ten o'clock, the Comptroller of the city being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as were present, opened the estimate-box, and publicly opened and read the estimates or proposals which had been received on 2d inst., in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, and the opening of which had been postponed in the absence of a quorum, for the following works, namely :

- No. 1. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between College avenue and One Hundred and Forty-third street.

No. 2. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in North Third avenue and Boston road, between Brook avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, with branch in North Third avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-third and One Hundred and Sixty-fourth streets.

No. 3. For regulating and grading Lincoln avenue, and also setting curb-stones and flagging the sidewalks from the northern curb line of the Southern Boulevard to the eastern curb line of North Third avenue.

No. 4. For regulating and grading Willis avenue, and also setting curb-stones, paving gutters, and flagging sidewalks therein, between the Southern Boulevard and North Third avenue.

No. 5. For regulating and grading Courtland avenue, and also setting curb and flagging therein, from North Third avenue to East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

No. 6. For laying a crosswalk across the roadway of Washington avenue at each of the intersections of East one Hundred and Sixty-sixth, East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh, East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth, East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth, East One Hundred and Seventy-second, East One Hundred and Seventy-third, and East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth streets, and across the roadway of each of the above-mentioned streets at its intersection with Washington avenue.

No. 7. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Willis and Brook avenues, with a branch in Brown place, between One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets.

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Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fourth Street, between College Avenue and One Hundred and Forty-third Street.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
			BERNARD MAHON.		P. H. CASEY.		B. C. MURRAY.		JOS. D. NUTT AND PATRICK KEARNS.		CHAS. JONES.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	12-inch pipe sewer.....	540 lineal ft.	\$3 00	\$1,620 00	\$3 50	\$1,890 00	\$2 65	\$1,431 00	\$3 00	\$1,620 00	\$2 90	\$1,566 00
2	Spurs for house connect'ns	57	50	28 50	40	23 00	10	5 70	05	2 85	25	14 25
3	Manholes.....	7	50 00	350 00	60 00	420 00	52 00	364 00	40 00	280 00	50 00	350 00
4	Lumber.....	1,000 ft. B. M.	25 00	25 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	1 00	1 00
5	Concrete.....	15 cub. yds.	6 00	90 00	5 00	75 00	3 00	45 00	5 00	75 00	1 00	15 00
6	Time, at \$4.00 per day.....	.....	Days. 20	80 00	Days. 20	80 00	Days. 30	120 00	Days. 20	80 00	Days. 20	80 00
	Totals.....	.....	....	\$2,193 50	....	\$2,527 80	....	\$1,990 70	....	\$2,077 85	....	\$2,026 25

Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in North Third Avenue and Boston Road, between Brook Avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Street, with Branches in North Third Avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-third and One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Streets.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTI- TIES.	1		2		3		4	
			JOHN MCKIM AND SON.		JAMES H. SULLI- VAN AND M. A. KELLOGG.		CHARLES JONES.		THOMAS H. CASEY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Brick sewer 3' x 2' 2".....	175	\$9 00	\$1,575 00	\$8 00	\$1,400 00	\$10 00	\$1,750 00	\$5 00	\$875 00
2	Brick sewer, 2' 6" x 20".....	862	6 50	5,603 00	6 50	5,603 00	8 25	7,111 50	4 00	3,448 00
3	18-inch pipe sewer.....	284	4 50	1,278 00	3 75	1,065 00	8 00	2,272 00	3 00	852 00
4	15-inch pipe sewer.....	306	4 00	1,224 00	3 60	1,101 60	7 75	2,371 50	3 00	918 00
5	12-inch pipe sewer.....	1,685	2 60	4,381 00	3 50	5,897 50	6 90	11,626 50	2 50	4,212 50
6	Spurs for house connections.....	277	1 20	332 40	2 00	554 00	25 00	69 25	50	138 50
7	Manholes.....	36	70 00	2,520 00	75 00	2,700 00	50 00	1,800 00	50 00	1,800 00
8	Receiving basins.....	10	220 00	2,200 00	150 00	1,500 00	125 00	1,250 00	200 00	2,000 00
9	Rock.....	2,000	4 00	12,000 00	4 25	12,750 00	05	150 00	4 00	12,000 00
10	Timber.....	10,000	40 00	400 00	30 00	300 00	01	10	25 00	250 00
11	Concrete.....	400	5 00	2,000 00	4 50	1,800 00	1 00	400 00	4 00	1,600 00
12	Time, at \$4 per day.....	Days. 230	920	Days. 200	800 00	Days. 200	800 00	Days. 312	1,248 00
	Totals.....	\$34,433 40	\$35,471 10	\$29,600 85	\$29,342

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Table of Bids for Regulating and Grading Lincoln Avenue, and also Setting Curb Stones and Flagging the Sidewalks from the Northern Curb Line of the Southern Boulevard to the Eastern Curb Line of North Third Avenue.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
			CHARLES JONES.		JAMES H. PERKINS.		THOMAS MURRAY.		WM. F. CROFT.		BERNARD MAHON.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Cubic yards of filling.....	4,000	\$0 51	\$2,280 00	\$0 39½	\$1,580 00	\$0 59	\$2,360 00	\$0 56	\$2,240 00	\$0 55	\$2,200 00
2	Lineal feet of new curb-stone, furnished and set. }	450	60	270 00	59	265 50	63	283 50	65	292 50	70	315 00
3	Lineal feet of old curb-stone, reset..... }	675	04	27 00	05	33 75	15	101 25	09	60 75	20	135 00
4	Square feet of new flagging, furnished and laid. }	4,550	26	1,183 00	26½	1,205 75	26	1,183 00	26	1,183 00	29	1,319 50
5	Square feet of old flagging, relaid..... }	850	03	25 50	04	34 00	05	42 50	03	25 50	10	85 00
6	Pounds of vitrified stone-ware sewer pipes, furnished and laid..... }	2,000	00½	10 00	03	60 00	01	30 00	01	20 00	01	20 00
7	Time, at \$3.00 per day.....	.....	Days 35	105 00	Days 60	180 00	Days 40	120 00	Days 75	225 00	Days 35	105 00
	Totals.....	.....	....	\$3,900 50	....	\$3,359 00	....	\$4,110 25	....	\$4,046 75	....	\$4,179 50

Table of Bids for Regulating and Grading Willis Avenue, and also Setting Curb-stones, Paving Gutters, and Flagging Sidewalks therein, between the Southern Boulevard and North Third Avenue.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTI- TIES.	1		2		3		4	
			BERNARD MAHON.		JAMES H. SULLIVAN AND M. A. KELLOGG.		WM. F. CROFT.		CHARLES JONES.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Cubic yards of filling.....	16,000	\$0 48	\$7,680 00	\$0 45	\$7,200 00	\$0 46	\$7,360 00	\$0 49	\$7,840 00
2	Cubic yards of excavation.....	4,000	28	1,120 00	25	1,000 00	79	3,160 00	50	2,000 00
3	New curbstone furnished and set.....	4,000 lin.ft.	65	2,600 00	64	2,560 00	66	2,640 00	58	2,320 00
4	Old curbstone reset.....	3,000 "	10	300 00	10	300 00	08	240 00	03	90 00
5	New trap-block pavement furnished and laid.....	2,500sq.yds	1 85	4,625 00	2 25	5,625 00	2 19	5,475 00	2 00	5,000 00
6	New flagging furnished and laid.....	15,000 sq.ft.	28	4,200 00	28	4,200 00	26	3,900 00	26	3,900 00
7	Old flagging relaid.....	2,500 "	05	125 00	05	125 00	08	75 00	02	50 00
8	Vitrified stoneware, pipes, etc., in place.....	2,500 lbs.	01	25 00	05	125 00	01	25 00	02	50 00
9	Time, at \$3 per day.....		Days. 125	375 00	Days. 100	300 00	Days. 65	195 00	Days. 100	300 00
	Totals.....		\$21,050 00	\$21,435 00	\$23,070 00	\$21,550 00

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Table of Bids for Regulating and Grading Courtland Avenue, and also Setting Curb and Flagging therein, from North Third Avenue to East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4	
			BERNARD MAHON.		WM. F. CROFT.		THOMAS MURRAY.		B. C. MURRAY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Cubic yards filling.....	3,000	\$0 32	\$460 00	\$0 26	\$790 00	\$0 30	\$900 00	\$0 60	\$1,800 00
2	Cubic yards excavation.....	2,000	32	640 00	1 09	2,180 00	30	600 00	30	600 00
3	Lineal feet new curb furnished and set.....	1,000	70	700 00	65	650 00	60	600 00	65	650 00
4	Lineal feet old curbstone reset.....	3,900	20	780 00	08	312 00	15	585 00	10	390 00
5	Square feet new flagging furnished and laid.....	5,000	30	1,500 00	26	1,300 00	26	1,300 00	34	1,700 00
6	Square feet old flagging relaid.....	12,300	08	984 00	03	369 20	05	615 00	08	369 00
7	Lbs. vitrified stoneware pipes, etc., in place.....	2,500	01	25 00	01	25 00	01	25 00	02	50 00
8	Time, at \$3.00 per day.....	.....	Days. 60	180 00	Days. 60	180 00	Days 20	60 00	Days. 70	210 00
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$5,769 00	.....	\$5,796 00	.....	\$4,685 00	.....	\$5,769 00

Table of Bids for Laying a Crosswalk across the Roadway of Washington Avenue at each of the Intersections of East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth, East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh, East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth, East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth, East One Hundred and Seventy-second, East One Hundred and Seventy-third and East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Streets, and across the Roadway of each of the above mentioned Streets at its Intersection with Washington Avenue.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUAN- TITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
			JAMES H. PERKINS.		WILLIAM F. CROFT.		DENNIS W. MORAN.		THOMAS MURRAY.		B. C. MURRAY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Square feet new bridgestone laid....	3,040	\$0 52	\$1,580 80	\$0 56	\$1,702 40	\$0 47	\$1,428 80	\$0 55	\$1,672 00	\$0 60	\$1,824 00
2	Time, at \$3.00 per day.....	....	Days. 35	105 00	Days. 19	57 00	Days. 15	45 00	Days. 10	30 00	Days. 15	45 00
	Totals .....	....	....	\$1,685 80	....	\$1,759 40	....	\$1,473 80	...	\$1,702 00	....	\$1,869 00

Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, between Willis and Brook Avenues, with a Branch in Brown Place, between One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Streets.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5		6	
			BERNARD MAHON.		JOHN McKIM & CHAS. McKIM.		WM. F. CROFT.		THOMAS H. CASEY.		JOS. D. NUTT & PATRICK KEARNS.		CHARLES JONES.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	12" pipe sewer.....	1,270 lin. ft.	\$3 00	\$3,810 00	\$4 50	\$5,715 00	\$1 00	\$1,346 20	\$2 50	\$3,175 00	\$7 89	\$10,020 30	\$6 75	\$8,572 50
2	Spurs for house connection	147	1 00	147 00	1 20	176 40	40	58 80	50	73 50	05	7 35	10	14 70
3	Receiving-basin.....	1	250 00	250 00	220 00	220 00	110 00	110 00	200 00	200 00	01	01	145 00	145 00
4	Manholes.....	14	50 00	700 00	100 00	1,400 00	38 00	532 00	40 00	560 00	01	14	45 00	630 00
5	Rock.....	1,450 cu. yds.	3 00	4,350 00	4 00	5,800 00	3 65	5,292 50	4 00	5,800 00	01	14 50	05	72 50
6	Lumber.....	1,000 ft. B. M.	25 00	25 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	01	01	01	01
7	Concrete.....	10 cu. yds.	8 00	80 00	5 00	50 00	6 00	60 00	3 00	30 00	5 00	50 00	5 00	50 00
8	Time, at \$4 per day.....		Days. 100	400 00	Days. 113	452 00	Days. 90	360 00	Days. 600	600 00	Days. 113	452 00	Days. 75	300 00
	Totals.....		....	\$9,762 00	....	\$13,853 40	....	\$7,784 50	....	\$10,458 50	....	\$10,544 31	....	\$9,784 71

The Comptroller then retired.

The minutes of the meetings of April 25 and May 2 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Water in fountains.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to the limited supply of water for ornamental fountains, etc.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins to report as to the advisability of filling in and planting the fountains in the City Parks.

Counsel to the Corporation—Bid of McGrath & Dunn.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the informality in the proposal of McGrath & Dunn, the lowest bidders for mason and stone work, and stating that, in his opinion, it would be for the interest of the city to reject all the bids and readvertise the work.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That, in view of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as this day received, the action of the Board at the last meeting, awarding the contract for mason and stone work to McGrath & Dunn, be and the same is hereby reconsidered, and the Secretary be directed to readvertise for proposals for doing such 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Kerb, Adolf—Bay-window.

From Adolf Kerb, desiring permission to erect a bay-window on his proposed new dwelling, to be erected on Fifth avenue, south of Eightieth street.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That this Department hereby consents to the erection of a bay-window by Adolf Kerb on his proposed new dwelling to be erected on Fifth avenue 25 feet south of Eightieth street, the same not to project more than four feet beyond the house line.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bath at Battery.

From the East River Bathing Company, applying for permission to moor a bath at the Battery.

Referred to the President with power.

Grass—Riverside avenue.

From William Merkert and David Korn, desiring to purchase the grass on Riverside avenue during present season.

Commissioner WALES moved that the subject of the sale of grass on Riverside avenue during the present season be referred to the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Howell, A. J.—Proposal to furnish gravel.

From Alexander J. Howell, in relation to furnishing gravel to the Department.

Ordered filed.

Twomey, Catharine C.—Grade of 154th street.

From Catharine C. Twomey, petitioning for a change of the grade of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, between Courtland and College avenues.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to report.

Shea, Edward—For appointment.

From Edward Shea, desiring employment as Inspector.

Ordered filed.

Byrnes, Patrick—For appointment.

From Patrick Byrnes, desiring employment as Inspector or Foreman.

Ordered filed.

Kane, M. T.—For appointment.

From M. T. Kane, desiring employment as Steam Engineer.

Ordered filed.

Bertholf, W. H.—McComb's Dam Bridge.

From W. H. Bertholf, bridgetender, presenting a statement of the expense of conducting the McComb's Dam Bridge.

Referred to the Treasurer to report.

Ga Nun, A. M.—Pay fixed.

From the Meteorologist, recommending an increase of pay for A. M. Ga Nun, mechanical assistant.

Commissioner WALES moved that the pay of A. M. Ga Nun, mechanical assistant, be fixed at \$3 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Repairs necessary to bridges and buildings.

From the Architect, reporting the repairs necessary to be made to the masonry of bridges and buildings and in the Central Park.

On motion, said report was referred back to the Architect with instructions to include therein the bridges over the Transverse roads, with an estimate of the cost, and specifications for doing the work.

Transfer of rockmen.

From the Architect, recommending the transfer of rockmen from work on the entrance to the park at Seventy-seventh street and Eighth avenue to work on Morningside Park.

Ordered filed.

Morningside Park—Reduction of force.

From the Architect, recommending that the force employed on Morningside Park be reduced to number twenty-five men.

Commissioner WALES moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to suspend the force employed on Morningside Park, with the exception of twenty-five men, and that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to select the twenty-five for retention.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

From the Topographical Engineer :

Van Hoesen, E. F.—Resignation.

1st. Enclosing the resignation of E. F. Van Hoesen, Assistant Engineer.

Accepted.

184th street—Opening of.

2d. Reporting upon the petition of Jno. B. Haskins, H. H. Dundon, and others, for the opening of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, from Jerome avenue to Vanderbilt avenue.

Ordered filed.

144th street—Grade of.

3d. In relation to the proposed change in the established grade of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between College avenue and Spencer place.

Ordered filed.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

4th. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Temporary suspensions.

1st. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Kelly, James—Discharge.

2d. Reporting the suspension of James Kelly, laborer.

On motion, James Kelly, laborer, was discharged.

Works in progress

3d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following :

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 :

Bertine, Edward R., ensigns.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$49 60
Benham & Stoutenborough, oil cans...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	3 00
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	42 87
Goeller, Geo. C., rent.....	Rents, D. P. P....	50 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	97 18
Harmer, Hays & Co., curled hair, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	11 02

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King & Murray, American elms.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. of (1882).	\$202 50
King & Murray, American elms.	Riverside Park and Ave. (1882)....	147 00
McKesson & Robbins, sponges and chamois.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	4 00
McAllister, F. E., hammer handles....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	5 00
McAllister, F. E., pruning saws.....	Riverside Ave., Maint. & Impt.	9 00
McAllister, F. E., repairs to arbor....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	625 00
McQuade, John, estimate No. 7.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	2,371 95
McQuade, John, estimate No. 11.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	1,523 55
Morgan, J. P., treas., expenses Museum Natural History ...	Maint. Museums..	1,549 75
New York Belting & Packing Co., gum packing.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	18 15
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	33 00
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept..	14 88
Sherwood, C. P., sprinkling cans.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	15 75
White, Chas. P., spruce plank	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	16 00
		<u>\$6,789 20</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$868 70
Maintenance, Museums.....	1,549 75
Zoological Department.....	14 88
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards...	51 87
Rents, Department Public Parks.....	50 00
Riverside Avenue, Maintenance and Improvement.....	9 00
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	3,895 50
Manhattan Square, Improvement of (1882).....	202 50
Riverside Park and Avenue (1882).....	147 00
	<u>\$6,789 20</u>

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

(Signed)

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, May 4, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$99 48	
	Zoological Dept...	6 45	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	20 48	
			<u>\$126 41</u>
Marquand, H. G., treas., expenses			
Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums..		1,596 74
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		125 00
Murray, B. C., estimate No. 1.....	Reg., etc., Morris Ave., from 138th to 156th Street.		9,030 00
Parsons, Sam., Jr., petty expenses....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		24 55
			<u>\$10,902 70</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$249 03
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	20 48
Zoological Department.....	6 45
Maintenance Museums.....	1,596 74
Street Improvement Fund.....	9,030 00
	<u>\$10,902 70</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand nine hundred and two dollars and seventy cents.

(Signed)

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, April 30, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Music.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to make all the necessary arrangements for the musical entertainments on the Central Park and on the Battery during the coming season.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bowling Green—Remove fence.

From L. T. Holman, David Dows, H. W. Brevoort and others, petitioning for the removal of the iron fence surrounding the Bowling Green Park.

Commissioner VIELE moved that said iron fence be removed.

Laid over.

Bids for resetting curb on Transverse road and on 59th street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up the estimates received and laid over at the last meeting of the Board, for resetting curb in Eighty-fifth street, Transverse road, and resetting curb on north side of Fifty-ninth street, between Fifth and Eighth avenues, and moved that orders be issued to the lowest bidders for doing said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Skilled laborers.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the men who have been in the employ of the Department as skilled laborers trimming trees, be retained in the employ of the Department as laborers on Riverside avenue, at \$2 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Finn, Wm.—East River Park.

From William Finn, applying for the privilege of the use and occupancy of the buildings in East River Park.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins to report.

Devlin, John B.—Sewer, Southern Boulevard.

Commissioner CRIMMINS presented a communication from Jno. B. Devlin in relation to the proposition to construct a sewer in the Southern Boulevard, between Third and Willis avenues, proposals for which were opened August 21, 1878.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins.

Quarterly Report.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of the transactions of the Department for the quarter ending March 31, 1883, which was approved and ordered transmitted to his Honor, the Mayor.

Cooper, Peter—Statue of.

Alderman Smith, from the Committee of the Board of Aldermen, appointed to confer with this Department in relation

to naming the park at the intersection of Third and Fourth avenues, Sixth and Seventh streets, "Cooper Park," and erecting thereon a statue in honor of the late Peter Cooper, appeared before the Board in relation to the subject, and requested the naming of a day when the Committee could appear before the Board.

The Board designated Wednesday, the 16th inst.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Louis A. Sayre, M. D., son-in-law of the late Charles Henry Hall, who presented the land in question for a public park, objecting to the naming of the park "Cooper Park."

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That whenever the design for a statue of our late honored townsman, Peter Cooper, shall have been approved of and the finished work accepted in accordance with the By-Laws of this Board, a site will be designated for the same in the triangular park at the intersection of Third and Fourth avenues, Sixth and Seventh streets.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Cases in Arsenal.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to remove the cases in the third story of the Arsenal building to a position each side of the room parallel with the wall.

Watchmen under Captain.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That all of the laborers now employed as watchmen be placed under the entire control of the Captain of Police; that he shall daily return their time to the Superin-

tendent of Parks, who shall return their time to the Property Clerk.

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

Ayes—Commissioners VIELE, WALES, CRIMMINS—3.

Gleason, Michael—Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael Gleason be appointed a laborer in place of Thomas Daly, deceased.

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

Ayes—Commissioners VIELE, WALES, CRIMMINS—3.

Labor tickets to expire in ten days.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That hereafter all tickets for laborers and other employees shall be dated when issued, and unless the same be presented to the Superintendent in charge of the work for which they are designated for employment within ten days after the date of the same, they be declared of no force and effect.

Statue—"The Still Hunt."

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the Presidents of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Academy of Design, and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, to call at Tiffany & Co.'s, and examine the statue of "The Still Hunt," and report upon the same as to its merits as a work of art.

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Plan of Organization.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up the Plan of Organization, which was laid over at the last meeting of the Board, and moved its adoption.

Debate was had thereon,

Committees appointed.

When the President appointed the following Committees :

Executive Committee—Commissioners Wales and Crimmins.

Auditing Committee—Commissioners Viele and Wales.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 12.10 o'clock, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1883.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, }
May 10, 1883. }

MR. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held on Saturday, 12th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may be presented.

Respectfully,

S. H. WALES, } *Commissioners*
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner VIELE.

“ WALES.

“ CRIMMINS.

In the absence of the President, on motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner Viele was called to the chair.

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

The following communications were received :

Mayor—Widening of Drives, Central Park.

From the Mayor, transmitting a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, relative to the widening of drives in Central Park, and requesting information in relation to the same.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That a respectful reply be made to his Honor the Mayor, stating that the Department fully appreciates the inadequacy of the width of the East Drive of the Central Park; that the increase of population of this city, as well as the visitors to the Park, has demonstrated the fact that while the width of the drives were ample when laid out, twenty years ago, they are now insufficient to accommodate the thousands of vehicles of every description that daily throng them; that additional roadways across the Park is demanded to be opened up to accommodate the visitors; that surveys and estimates have for some time been in progress, and so soon as completed they will be submitted to the Board, with the view of adopting such measures as will accomplish the desired result.

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor.

Boston Road—Condition of.

1st. Calling attention to the dangerous condition of Boston road.

Fulton avenue crosswalks.

2d. Relative to repairing crosswalks on Fulton avenue.

Referred to Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Department of Public Works—Sewer, Riverside avenue.

From the Engineer in Charge of Sewers of the Department of Public Works, relative to the removal by the contractor of the surplus material left on the line of the sewer across Riverside Park at One Hundred and Fifteenth street.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify the Department of Public Works to have the material removed forthwith.

Charities and Correction—Flowers for Bellevue Hospital.

From the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, requesting a donation of flowers and plants for the grounds of Bellevue Hospital.

Referred to the Secretary to reply.

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Museum of Natural History—Annual report.

From Morris K. Jesup, President American Museum of Natural History, enclosing a copy of the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of said Museum.

Ordered filed.

Leahey, Edward—For employment.

From J. N. Schoonmaker, Chas. McSorley and others, recommending Edward Leahy for employment.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent of Parks—Destruction of flowers, etc.

From the Superintendent of Parks, enclosing a communication from Foreman McGovern relative to police duty in the Central Park.

Referred to Captain of Police.

Superintendent of Parks—Skilled laborers.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the men formerly employed on Riverside Drive, and continued on said work by order of the Board of May 5, and stating that he had previously suspended those men for want of work.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the men employed in trimming trees, etc., on Riverside Park be retained as laborers on said Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Iron girder at 138th street.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting plans and specifications for an iron girder bridge over One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, forming part of the southern approach to the Madison Avenue Bridge, with an estimate of the cost.

Laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, 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 :

Kellogg, M. A., payment on accept.	Setting curb, etc., western side- walk St. Ann's ave., bet. 138th St. and 139th St.	\$802 87
Murray, B. C., payment on accept.	Flagging eastern sidewalk St. Ann's ave. from 138th St. to Southern Boule- vard	1,160 16
Simpson, Wm., est. of decd., rent.	Rents D. P. P.	120 00
		<hr/> \$2,083 03 <hr/>

RECAPITULATION.

Street Improvement Fund	\$1,963 03
Rents, Department Public Parks	120 00
	<hr/> \$2,083 03 <hr/>

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

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, May 11, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT *pro tem.* moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Statue—"Still Hunt."

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the bronze statue of the panther, by Kemeys, be located upon the ledge of rocks overlooking the East Side Drive, from the west, about 160 feet below the south entrance to the Ramble road-step, and that all rock cutting for the base be done by the Department, under direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

Laid over.

Statue of Tigress and Young—Base for.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Architect be directed to prepare a plan for a base for the statue of "Tigress and Young," now standing at the south end of the Mall on the Central Park, and report whether a portion of the granite lying on the Central Park can be utilized for that purpose.

Free dump—80th street and Riverside Park.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That permission is hereby given to John W. Manning to deposit clean and fresh material as a free dump at the foot of Eightieth street and Riverside Park, he to level the same, the Department reserving the right to deposit such material at that point as they may desire.

Laid over.

Proposals—Award of.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the following mentioned proposals of

Wm. F. Croft, sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, amounting to.....	\$7,784 50
Thomas Murray, regulating, etc., Courtland avenue.....	4,685 00
Dennis W. Moran, crosswalks, Washington avenue.....	1,473 80
Bernard Mahon, regulating, etc., Willis avenue...	21,050 00
James H. Perkins, regulating, etc., Lincoln avenue.....	3,359 00
Thomas H. Casey, sewer in North Third avenue..	29,342 00
B. C. Murray, sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street.....	1,990 70

be and the same are accepted as the lowest bidders for the several works: that said proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, the President be and he is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of this Department, contracts for doing said several works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

East River Park.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred the application of William Finn for the use and occupancy of the buildings in East River Park, presented a report, stating that after conferring with the residents and property-owners around said park, he would recommend that no licenses be granted for 1883, but that the premises be placed in the care of an employee, who shall be under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, and keep the buildings open for the convenience of the orderly public; and that the party occupying said premises be given fifteen days to vacate.

On motion, said report was accepted and the recommendations therein adopted.

Camera Obscura.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred the application of H. & A. Raphael and Richard Flanagan, for permission to erect a structure for exhibiting a camera obscura in Central Park, presented a report recommending that the application be denied so far as the location is concerned, and that the Architect be directed to prepare a plan for a pavilion of Moorish design for erection at this point, and if approved, that estimates be obtained and an application made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for a sufficient sum to erect the same.

Laid over.

Kyle, Wm.—Boats, Harlem meer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred the application of William Kyle for a renewal of his license to hire boats at the Harlem meer in Central Park, presented a report recommending that the application be granted on the same conditions and stipulations as heretofore, provided Mr. Kyle will provide a proper uniform for his employees.

Commissioner WALES moved that said report be accepted and the recommendations therein adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Beck, L. D.—Gravel.

A communication from Louis D. Beck was received and ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

NEW YORK, May 11, 1883, }
Post-office Box 3015. }

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks of the City of New York,
No. 36 Union Square :*

GENTLEMEN—Allow me herewith to submit to your Honorable Board my price for best double screened Roa Hook gravel for roads and walks, for this season, quality to be the same as that delivered by me to your Department for the past two years. In this connection I would state, that being the sole agent and representing by both power of attorney and otherwise the owner of the said Roa Hook bank, have deemed it advisable (that the standard of the gravel may be kept up) to refuse to name a price to a third party at my dock at Roa Hook for the grade of gravel delivered to your Department, and although requested almost daily to do so, will continue to refuse, it being in my judgment far more satisfactory to all concerned to do business direct.

As I have explained to some members of your Board my manner of preparation, and that the cost, etc., of such preparation was based upon the amount required, it is useless to go into an explanation again here. My interests, as far as the gravel business is concerned, are entirely connected with the Roa Hook bank at Peekskill, the quality, the preparation, etc., to have the standard kept up, and not with the freighting and hauling here, incident upon the delivery on the roads. If your Board should see fit to order my gravel at dock at Roa Hook, and will receive and measure it there, putting the freighting and hauling into competition, it would relieve me of much that is annoying, and by so doing you might be able to get it done at a lower figure than I am obliged to pay. If this plan meets the approval of your Board, I will gladly name a price to them.

For the information of the gentlemen who have but recently come into your Board, I beg leave to make a statement which speaks for itself in favor of my mode of preparation of the gravel. The first year I took the matter of preparation in my own hands and dealt directly with your Department, it used in repairs, etc., over 10,000 yards; the next, although it was thought it would take nearly the same amount and my price was based upon that, it took only 6,800 yards to do the work; this season I learn that even a less amount is estimated upon. I think it is due to myself and the quality of gravel I have been delivering to make the above statements before submitting my price.

For the amount I learn that will be required this year, I submit the following for best double-screened Roa Hook gravel, delivered on the park drives, etc., as the Superintendent may direct, two dollars and thirty cents per cubic yard (\$2.30), delivery to begin after ten days' notice, so that I may prepare screens, etc.

Requesting you to excuse the time I have occupied in my explanation, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

LOUIS D. BECK,

Sole Agent for the Roa Hook Gravel Bank.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase such quantities of gravel as may be required for the use of the Department, upon requisitions submitted from time to time by the Superintendent of Parks, at a price not exceeding the price mentioned in the communication from Mr. Beck.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Wootton, E. H.—Proposal to lay walks.

Commissioner VIELE presented estimates from E. H. Wootton, for laying asphalt pavements in the Central Park, and moved that an order be issued to Mr. Wootton for laying an asphalt sidewalk on the north side of Transverse Road No. 3, through Central Park, at an expense not to exceed $22\frac{1}{2}$ cents per square foot.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Executive session.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., the Board went into executive session.

Bills before Governor—Commissioner Viele to appear.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That Commissioner Viele be authorized to appear before his Excellency the Governor, and represent this Department in opposition to Senate Bill No. 147, and other measures now before the Governor adverse to the interest of this Department.

Employment of men in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the employment of men and teams for work on the approaches to bridges over Bronx river.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of twenty-four laborers, four double teams and one stone mason be authorized for work in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Employment of men on Central Park and Riverside Drive.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of twenty laborers for work on bridges, etc., in Central Park, one additional monitor on Riverside Drive, and one horse and cart on City Parks.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the recommendations of the Superintendent of Parks be approved ; that he be directed to proceed with the work ; and that the employment of twenty laborers on Central Park, one monitor on Riverside Drive, and one horse and cart on City Parks, be authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Foreman of Painters.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the necessity of appointing a Foreman of Painters, and reporting the suspension of four painters for neglect of duty.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the action of the Superintendent of Parks in suspending four delinquent painters be

approved, and that the painters so suspended for neglect of duty be discharged.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Morningside Park—Employment of men.

From the Architect, in relation to the work on Morningside and Riverside Parks.

Commissioner WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That the force of laborers employed on Morningside Park be reduced to ten men, and that the employment of six rockmen, for work on Morningside Park, forty laborers and six carts on Riverside Park, be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Commissioner WALES presented the name of H. H. Gates, as candidate for the position of Stenographer in the Department, and Commissioner CRIMMINS presented the name of A. B. Parker as candidate for the same position.

Laid over.

On motion, at 11.40 o'clock A. M., the executive session arose, and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner VIELE.
“ WALES.
“ CRIMMINS.

In the absence of the President, on motion of Commissioner VIELE, Commissioner Wales was called to the chair.

The minutes of the meetings of 5th and 12th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Music at Washington Square.

From W. Butler Duncan, desiring that permission be given to the residents of Washington Square to erect a temporary music stand in said square, at their own expense, for the purpose of giving free concerts during the coming season.

On motion, said permission was granted ; the work to be done under the direction of the Architect of the Department.

Sunday-school Parade—Madison Square.

From J. A. Bennett, M. D., desiring permission for the Baptist Sunday-schools of the city to parade in Madison Square on the afternoon of May 29, 1883.

Granted.

Snow, J. J.—Pony service.

From Joseph J. Snow, applying for a renewal of his license for pony service in Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Stiles, Mrs. E.—For appointment.

From Mrs. E. Stiles, applying for employment as ladies' maid.

Ordered filed.

Mehles, Henry—Increase of pay.

From Henry Mehles, asking for an increase of pay.

Referred to Topographical Engineer :

Scott, Joseph—Novelty carriages.

From Joseph Scott, applying for a renewal of his license for novelty carriages in Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Wales, with power.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical Engineer :

1st. Reporting upon the petition of Catharine C. Twomey for change of grade of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, between Courtland and College avenues, and recommending that the proposed change of grade be advertised in order to obtain the views of the property owners before any final action is taken in relation to the same.

Referred to the Secretary to insert notice in the *City Record*, notifying the property owners interested of the proposed change of grade.

169th street—Laying out.

2d. Reporting upon the application of Jno. Devlin, Mathew Cox and Thomas Fenton for the laying out of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, between Tenth avenue and the Kingsbridge road.

Laid over.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Jennings, Charles—Discharged.

1st. Reporting the suspension of Charles Jennings, laborer, for inefficiency.

On motion, said Charles Jennings was discharged.

Works in progress.

2d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

Morningside Park—Suspension of men.

1st. Reporting the suspension of men on Morningside Park, to reduce the force in accordance with the order of the Board of 5th inst.

Approved.

Water for Central Park.

2d. Relative to the scarcity of water on Central Park, and stating that the number of park watering-carts now employed is insufficient to haul water from the fire hydrants on Fifth avenue for properly sprinkling the drives.

Referred to the Treasurer.

McGrath, Patrick—Appointed.

From Hon. S. S. Cox, recommending Patrick McGrath for employment.

Commissioner WALES moved that Patrick McGrath be employed as a laborer on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Elevated R. R.—Platform at Battery.

From F. K. Hain, General Manager of the New York Elevated Railroad, desiring permission to construct platforms on each side of their structure, over the Battery Park, in accordance with a plan submitted by him.

Commissioner WALES moved that said permission be denied.

Laid over.

Beatty, John—Claim of—Report on.

Commissioner CRIMMINS presented the following report :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The undersigned, to whom was referred the claim of Mr. John Beattie, amounting to \$1,574.95, for delays and extra work on his contract for constructing swing bridge over the Bronx river, in consequence of the additions found necessary at the New York end of the bridge, begs leave to report : That they have examined fully into the matter, and believe the claim to be a just one, and recommend that it be paid out of the balance to the credit of that account for the year 1881, in which year the contract was made. This amount to cover all claims for damages and extra compensation of every name and nature whatsoever.

S. H. WALES, }
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *Commissioners*
 } *D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question upon the acceptance and adoption of said report, and ordering the transmission of said bill to the Finance Department for payment, and it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, 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, David P., meat, vegetables, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$6 75	
	Zoological Dept..	318 65	\$325 40
Benoit, A. V., steel tape.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards ...		2 80
Bertine, Edwin R., flag.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		7 00
Bouton & Smith, knobs and shafts.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		5 10
Bullinger, E. W., subs. to "Guide"...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		6 00
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce planks.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		223 60
Connolly, John E., corn, oats, etc.	Zoological Dept..		134 81
Connolly, John E., oats, corn, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		615 45
Halsey, Geo. W., oats and straw.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		40 41
Hazard Powder Co., fuse and powder..	Entrances Central Park, 8th av., 77th and 81st sts.	\$31 50	
	Bronx River Bdgs.	85	32 35
Herrman, Carl, corn brooms.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		2 40
Hilton, E. G., couplings... ..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		13 50
Heyniger, L. & Co., matches, pails, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$15 29	
	Zool. Dept... ..	23	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	23	
	Morningside Park, Impt. of.....	50	16 25
McArthur, J. & Co., steel brooms.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.		7 43
McAllister, F. E., sundries	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$311 70	
	Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of.....	90 00	
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	90 00	491 70

McAllister, F. E., shovels	Morningside Park, Impt. of.....	\$63 75
McAllister, F. E., hemp seed, etc.....	Zoological Dept..	12 00
McAllister, F. E., shrubs	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	18 70
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., rubber gas- kets	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	5 23
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$24 52
	Harlem R. Blds..	93
		<hr/> 25 45
Mahon, Bernard, payment on accept..	Reflagging, etc., 3d ave. and in- tersections from 149th st. to H. R.	1,556 78
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, 6° brushes...	Fourth Ave. Park, Imp. of.....	23 50
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	79 02
Miller N. Hubbard, uniforms.....	Police—Supplies..	29 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, grates, covers, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	23 85
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stove-pipe iron.	Zoological Dept..	9 24
Murphy & Nesbit, cement.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$69 00
	Zoological Dept..	6 00
		<hr/> 75 00
Nathans, J. J., Mallard duck.	Zoological Dept..	36 00
Newell, D. C. & Sons, shavings.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	2 50
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	46 80
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., rent..	Rents, Depart. Public Parks...	625 00
Pratt, Charles, & Co., oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	7 07
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$99 75
	Zoological Dept..	36 75
	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....	5 25
		<hr/> 141 75

Rohrey, John, castile soap.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		\$1 75
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Zoological Dept..		9 60
Seaman, John A., manilla rope.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		14 24
Seymour, W. N., & Co., files, spikes, and nails.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		22 16
Seymour, W. N., & Co., knives, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		3 07
Seymour, W. N., & Co., curved picks and handles.....	Morningside Park, Imp. of.....		61 50
Schoonmaker, S. A. & Co., paints, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$30 28	
	Fourth Ave. Parks.	34 02	
		<hr/>	64 30
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		15 74
Tysen, David J., Jr., cabbage.....	Zoological Dept. (1882).....		28 00
Tysen, David J., Jr., turnips and cab- bage.....	Zoological Dept..		382 00
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....	\$70 44	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	17 57	
		<hr/>	88 01
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Construction Bdgs over Harlem R.		7 58
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			<u>\$5,402 79</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,396 63
Zoological Department.....	945 28
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	305 78
Entrances at Eighth avenue and Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, Central Park.....	31 50
Bronx River Bridges.....	85
Police, Supplies.....	29 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	17 57
Harlem River Bridges.....	1 16
Rents—Department of Public Parks.....	625 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	108 70
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	90 00
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.....	75 69
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	57 52
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	7 58
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	125 75
Reflagging, etc., Third avenue and Intersections, from One Hundred and Forty-seventh street to Harlem river.....	1,556 78
Zoological Department (1882).....	28 00
	<u>\$5,402 79</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-four hundred and two dollars and seventy-nine cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, May 15, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT *pro tem.* moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Reilly, Thomas—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas Reilly be and is hereby appointed a laborer on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Peters, Henry—Permission to black boots.

From Henry Peters, desiring permission to place a boot-blackening stand at the Sixth avenue entrance to Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Abt, John—Transfer of.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That John Abt, laborer on Riverside Park, be transferred to the work of general maintenance of parks, and detailed for duty at Mt. Morris Square.

Aistle, John—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That John P. Aistle be and he is hereby appointed Rodman under Engineer Calkins, *vice* James Smith, resigned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Department Street Cleaning—To fill in Madison avenue.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning be requested to fill in Madison avenue,

from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, where now graded, to the approach to the Madison Avenue Bridge, in process of construction over the Harlem river at that point, without cost to this Department.

Transfer.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to transfer from the appropriations of 1881—

Laying walks, City Parks.....	\$3,984 24
“ Central Park.....	1,042 18
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	\$5,026 42

—and which are not required on said accounts for that year, to an account for erecting a railing and laying pavement around the Obelisk in the Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Flagging Eighth avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to have the flagging on the Park sidewalk of Eighth avenue properly relaid, at an expense not to exceed \$1,000, payable out of the appropriation for laying new and repairing old walks, Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Claremont—Verandah.

Commissioner VIELE presented a plan for constructing a verandah to the building known as "Claremont" on Riverside Park, and moved that the same be approved.

Adopted.

Commissioner WALES moved that the subject of carrying out the proposed improvement at Claremont be referred to Commissioner Crimmins, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 10.45 o'clock A. M. the Board went into Executive Session.

Double Team—Employment of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of an additional team for hauling rubbish from Seventy-seventh street and Eighth avenue to the new dumping place at Seventy-ninth street and Riverside Park.

Commissioner WALES moved that the employment of a double team be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Engineer—Appointment of.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending the appointment of the following-named persons, they having been

temporarily employed on the work under his charge, and proven themselves qualified :

S. C. Thompson, Assistant Engineer	\$4 00	per diem.
Wm. Shingleton, Draughtsman	3 00	“ “
Wm. C. Illig, Assistant	2 50	“ “
F. L. Myer, Computer	2 50	“ “
J. Schaefer, “	2 50	“ “
J. J. Clabby, Axeman	2 00	“ “

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the above-mentioned persons be and they are hereby appointed to the grade set opposite their respective names.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Charges against keepers.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigation of charges preferred against Park and Gatekeepers, made a verbal report, and recommended, as follows :

McCarthy, Thos. J.

1st. That Gatekeeper Thomas J. McCarthy, charged with absence from roll call, be fined five days' pay.

Smith, Samuel J.

2d. That Gatekeeper Samuel J. Smith, charged with being off his post, be fined one-half day's pay.

O'Keefe, John.

3d. That Parkkeeper John O'Keefe, charged with absence from roll call, be fined one-half day's pay.

Nally, Wm. J.

4th. That Gatekeeper William J. Nally, charged with absence without leave and neglect of duty, be fined two days' pay.

Slavin, Hugh L.

5th. That Gatekeeper Hugh L. Slavin, charged with not properly patrolling his post, be fined one day's pay.

Willson, John W.

6th. That Gatekeeper John W. Willson, charged with being off post, be fined one-half day's pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Green, Thomas.

7th. That Parkkeeper Thomas Green, charged with intoxication, be fined fifteen days' pay, and notified that a repetition of said offense will result in his discharge from the force, and that this action be read in the presence of the entire police force of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Cullen, Thos. D.—Appointed engineer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas D. Cullen be and he is hereby appointed a steam engineer for duty on the Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Rockmen—Riverside Park.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of nine rockmen and one blaster be authorized for work on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Connolly, James—Restored.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That James Connolly be and he is hereby restored to duty as carpenter.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Leavitt, Samuel—Appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Samuel Leavitt be and he is hereby appointed General Foreman on Riverside Park, at \$5 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Parker, A. D.—Appointed Stenographer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That A. D. Parker be and he is hereby appointed Stenographer, at \$1,200 per annum.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Smith, C. H.—Salary fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Clinton H. Smith, Assistant to the Secretary, be fixed at \$1,200 per annum, to date from this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday next, 23d instant, at 10 o'clock A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1883.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present Commissioner VIELE.

“ WALES.

At the hour of ten o'clock, Mr. Storrs, the representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as were present, the estimate-box was publicly opened and the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record* were read for the following works, namely:

1. For constructing a retaining wall, steps, etc., at the southwest end of the Park, located on Fulton and Franklin avenues, and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, New York City, and for erecting granite posts, curb, etc., around this Park and the Park located on Boston and Third avenues, New York City.

2. For furnishing uniforms for the police force of the Department.

For Constructing a Retaining Wall, Steps, etc., for Park, One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Street, Fulton and Franklin Avenues, and for Granite Posts, Curb, etc., for Park at Boston and Third Avenues.

	Earth Excavated. Cubic Yards, 120.	Wall and Base Courses. Cubic Yards, 700.	Granite Coping. Lineal Feet, 350.	Granite Steps and Plat- form. Lineal feet, 192.	Blue Stone Curb. Lineal Feet, 692.	Granite Posts, 226.	
Stephen S. Willis, John M. Dyer, and Henry Chenoweth	\$1 00	\$7 14	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$0 50	\$5 50	\$8,038 00
Michael McGrath and Thomas Dunne	99	7 75	2 10½	3 07¾	68¾	3 43	7,911 80

Police Uniforms.

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NUMBER.	CLASS OF WORK	QUANTITIES.	1		2	
			N. HUBBARD MILLER.		ALANSON TREDWELL AND ALONZO SLOTE.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	D. B. Body Coat, for Captain	1	\$16 75	\$16 75	\$20 50	\$20 50
2	D. B. Body Coats for Sergeants	5	16 75	88 75	20 50	102 50
3	S. B. Body Coats, with Chevrons, for Roundsmen.....	4	16 25	65 00	19 50	78 00
4	S. B. Body Coats, for Park and Gate Keepers.....	100	15 75	1,575 00	19 50	1,950 00
5	D. B. Blouses for Captain and Sergeants.....	6	17 25	108 50	18 00	108 00
6	S. B. Blouses, with Chevrons, for Roundsmen.....	4	16 75	67 00	18 00	72 00
7	S. B. Blouses for Park and Gate Keepers.....	100	16 25	1,625 00	18 00	1,800 00
8	Uniform Pants for Captain and Sergeants.....	6 pairs.	6 50	39 00	7 50	45 00
9	Uniform Pants for Park and Gate Keepers.....	104 pairs.	6 50	676 00	7 50	780 00
	Totals.....	\$4,251 00	\$4,956 00

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E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1883.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, }
May 23, 1883. }

MR. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—Please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held on Friday next, the 25th inst., at 10 A. M., for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

Yours, etc.,

EBERT L. VIELE, } *Commissioners*
S. H. WALES, } *D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.

“ WALES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following ordinance and resolution adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

146th street—Sunken lots.

1st. Ordinance to fill sunken lots in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, near Brook avenue.

Referred to Acting Engineer of Construction.

Drive, Central Park—To widen.

2d. Resolution to widen the East Drive in Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner of Street Cleaning—Filling Madison avenue.

From the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, relative to filling in Madison avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, to the approach to the Madison Avenue Bridge.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

Guidet, Charles—Paving Transverse roads.

From Charles Guidet in relation to the paving of the Transverse roads through Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins to report.

Murray, Thomas—For extension of time on contract.

From Thomas Murray, asking for an extension of time for completing his contract for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street.

Denied and the communication ordered filed.

McNiece, David J—Commending conduct of Officer 39.

From David J. McNiece, relative to the commendable conduct of Parkkeeper Number Thirty-nine, in stopping a runaway horse in Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the conduct of Parkkeeper Number Thirty-nine, James Driscoll, in stopping a runaway horse, thereby possibly saving injury, is worthy of praise.

Treasurer's Statement.

A statement of the Treasurer showing the moneys deposited with the Comptroller May 16, 1883, was ordered entered at length upon the minutes as follows :

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STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MONEYS MADE TO COMPTROLLER.

1883.		<i>Permits.</i>	
April 19.	Joseph Bender.....		\$30 00
" 19.	James Byrnes.....		10 00
" 20.	Thos. Redden.....		10 00
" 24.	Gross & Heckel.....		10 00
" 24.	J. T. Hunt.....		10 00
" 27.	Fire Department.....		10 00
" 28.	Lewis Mitchell.....		10 00
" 30.	Mastan Norg.....		10 00
" 30.	A. Scheppert.....		10 00
May 1.	S. D. Close.....		20 00
" 1.	Jas. L. Boyant.....		10 00
" 1.	Henry Schmidt.....		10 00
" 2.	Mrs. Margaret Foster.....		10 00
" 5.	Z. Bodley.....		10 00
" 7.	W. H. Bache.....		10 00
" 9.	H. Brennan.....		10 00
" 11.	J. E. O'Brien.....		10 00
" 11.	Ed. Kedney.....		10 00
" 11.	Fred. Turner.....		10 00
" 12.	A. Piser.....		10 00
" 10.	W. N. Robinson.....		10 00
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			\$240 00
 <i>Licenses.</i>			
May 9.	John Lucas.....		\$8 40
" 9.	W. H. Radford.....		176 34
" 9.	Isidor Isaac.....		28 78
" 15.	Jas. J. Snow.....		10 36
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			223 88
 <i>Sundry Receipts.</i>			
May 12.	Van Tassell & Kearney.....		734 05
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			\$1,197 93
 <i>Special Fund—Repairing.</i>			
May 1.	F. E. Beck.....		\$6 00
" 4.	A. McLean.....		6 00
" 8.	A. McLean.....		4 00
" 12.	Jno. F. Crotty.....		10 00
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			\$26 00

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 1883, 9.30 A. M.

Captain Beaty—Police force.

From Captain Beaty, reporting upon the communications from Superintendent of Parks and Foreman McGovern, in relation to police service in Central Park.

Special Keepers—Saturdays and Sundays.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Captain of Police be authorized to make requisition on the Superintendent of Parks for fifteen intelligent laborers for police duty on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer season.

Walmsley, Robert G.—Claim for work on contract.

From Robert G. Walmsley, relative to a claim of \$248.33 for work performed by him as assignee of a contract for constructing pipe sewers in Central Park in 1876.

Ordered filed.

Maher, Jno. T.—For increase of pay.

From Jno. T. Maher, Steam Engineer, asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Architect—Boundary of Park in 23d Ward.

From the Architect, relative to an encroachment upon the southern boundary of the public square located on the west side of Fulton avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets, shown by the dimensions of said square as given him by the Topographical Engineer.

On motion, the Architect was directed to proceed with the work of fencing, etc., said square, in accordance with the dimensions given him by the Topographical Engineer.

Inventory.

From the Property Clerk, submitting an inventory of the property of the Department, on April 1, 1883.

Ordered filed.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Mehles, Henry—Increase of pay.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the application of Henry Mehles for an increase of pay.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the salary of Henry Mehles, Draughtsman, be fixed at \$1,200 per annum, to date from this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Timber guards for Madison Avenue Bridge.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, submitting plan and specifications, etc., for timber guards for the Madison Avenue Bridge.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan, specifications, and form of contract for timber guards for the Madison Avenue Bridge as this day submitted be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Water for sprinkling, etc.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the purchase of four new monitors for use on the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That in view of the great necessity of securing a supply of water on the Central Park for sprinkling, drinking, and other purposes, that the Commissioner of Public Works be respectfully requested to give directions whereby a sufficient supply of water may be furnished, in order that the wants of visitors may be supplied and the roads and drives sprinkled.

Rogers, B. H.—Parade for Baptist Sunday School.

From B. H. Rogers, desiring permission for the Sixth Street Baptist Sunday School to parade with music through Tompkins Square on 29th instant. Granted.

Picnics—Litter on lawns.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That public notice be posted that persons holding picnics, etc., in Central Park and who are reported as creating litter on the lawns shall be given no permission in the future for a similar privilege.

Money order for Director of Observatory.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory requesting that an order for \$25 be issued for the purchase of sundry small articles.

Commissioner WALES moved that an order for \$25 be issued for the purchase of sundry articles for the Meteorological Observatory.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Contracts—Award of.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-mentioned proposals, N. Hubbard Miller, for Police uniforms amounting to \$4,251; Michael McGrath and Thomas Dunn, for constructing wall, etc., around Parks in Twenty-third Ward, amounting to \$7,911.80, be and the same are accepted as the lowest bidders for said works. That the proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, that the President be authorized to execute contracts with said parties.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Inspectors to be appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint Inspectors on the several works for which contracts were awarded by the Department on the 12th inst.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Blacksmiths and Steam Engineers—Pay of.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of blacksmiths and Steam Engineers be fixed at \$3 per day from this date.

Statue of panther—Location of.

Commissioner WALES called up the following resolution laid over at a meeting held on 12th inst., and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That the bronze statue of the panther, by Kemeys, be located upon the ledge of rocks overlooking the East Side Drive, from the west, about one hundred and sixty feet below the south entrance to the Ramble road-step, and that all rock cutting for the base be done by the Department, under direction of the Superintendent of 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Abt, John—Pay of.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the pay of John Abt, laborer on Mount Morris Park, be fixed at \$2 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Neeson, P. S.—Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That P. S. Neeson be appointed a skilled laborer at \$2 per day, to assist Assistant Engineer Calkins, in place of Joseph F. Reddington, who failed to report for duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Beck, Louis D.—To furnish gravel.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Louis D. Beck be requested to deliver on Riverside Drive, under the direction of the Superintendent of

Parks, a cargo of Roa Hook gravel at a price not to exceed the price named in his communication to the Board of 12th instant.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Laborers—Restored.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That James McManus, Michael Walsh, John Rooney, James Connally, John Phillips, laborers on Parks, and John Nagle and John Sexton, laborers in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Jones, A. B.—To prepare plans.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That A. B. Jones, Architect, be requested to prepare and submit for the further information of this Board, detailed specifications and estimates for erecting a building at Mt. St. Vincent, in accordance with the plan submitted by him.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Bath at Battery--Application denied.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the application of the East River Bathing Company for permission to moor a bath at the Battery, made a verbal report, recommending that said application be denied.

Adopted.

Free Dump, Eightieth street and Riverside Park.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That a free dump be designated at the foot of Eightieth street and Riverside Park, for the deposit of clean earth and rock-filling, under the direction and supervision of the General Foreman of said Park.

Gateway, Transverse road, No. 1.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the gateway in front of Transverse No. 1, on the drive leading to the Arsenal in Central Park, be widened to $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet and the fence placed to correspond, at an expense not to exceed \$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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Elevated R. R. Platform at Battery.

Commissioner WALES called up the application of the New York Elevated Railroad for permission to erect platforms on either side of their structure through Battery Park, and moved that said application be denied, and that the Secretary be directed to return the plans to the company and notify them of the action of this Board.

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Debate was had thereon when, on motion, the further consideration of the subject was deferred until the next meeting of the Board, Commissioner Wales giving notice that at that time he would call for a vote upon his motion.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 11.20 A.M., adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.

“ WALES.

“ CRIMMINS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following ordinances and resolutions adopted by said Board :

141st street—Regulating, etc.

1st. An ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-first street, from North Third avenue to Rider avenue.

Referred to Acting Engineer of Construction.

Pay of laborers.

2d and 3d. Resolutions relative to fixing the pay of laborers at \$2 per day.

Ordered filed.

Benches in City Hall Park.

4th. Resolution relative to placing additional benches in City Hall Park.

Ordered filed.

Tremont street—Regulating, etc.

5th. Ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., Tremont street, from Boston road to the Bronx river.

Referred to Acting Engineer of Construction.

Substitution of Sureties.

From the Comptroller, returning the proposal of Bernard Mahon for grading, etc., Willis avenue, without his approval, on account of the inadequacy of Jno. O'Brien, one of the sureties.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks does hereby consent to the substitution of the names of Dennis W. Moran and Maurice B. Flynn as sureties on the bond attached to the proposal of Bernard Mahon for regulating, etc., Willis avenue, between the Southern Boulevard and North Third avenue.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Counsel to Corporation—Grove street.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, enclosing a deed of the House of the Good Shepherd, ceding to the city that part of Grove street lying between Brook avenue and the centre of Mill Brook.

House of Good Shepherd—Deed of Grove street.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have the deed of the House of the Good Shepherd, ceding to the Mayor,

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Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York that part of Grove street lying between Brook avenue and the centre of Mill Brook, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds and then filed in the office of the Comptroller.

141st street—For drain in.

From Adam Keefer, Geo. A. Henshaw and others, property owners, desiring permission to lay a drain in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from College avenue to a point three hundred feet east therefrom, at their own expense.

Referred to Acting Engineer of Construction.

Spans—McComb's Dam Bridge.

From A. P. Boller, submitting plans for repairing the fixed spans of McComb's Dam Bridge.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, said plans were referred back to Mr. Boller to report an estimate of the cost of doing the work, and the Acting Engineer of Construction was directed to report to the Board which of the plans submitted would be the most advantageous.

Flood, Wm.—For employment.

From William Flood, desiring employment as painter.

Ordered filed.

Sheil, Patrick—For increase of pay.

From Patrick Sheil, applying for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Counsel to the Corporation.

The following communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation :

Sewer in Southern Boulevard.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, June 5, 1883.

E. P. BARKER, Esq.,

Secretary Department of Public Parks :

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 29th ultimo, requesting my advice as to the course to be pursued by the Department in relation to the construction of

a sewer in the Southern Boulevard, from Third Avenue to Willis Avenue, the contract for which was awarded in 1878, to John B. Devlin, but one of whose sureties was not approved by the Comptroller.

The provision of law in force at the time said contract was awarded to Devlin, and now, in relation to this matter, is contained in section 64 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882. It is therein, among other things, provided that if the bidder shall not execute a contract awarded to him at a public letting, the work shall be readvertised and relet. If the Department, therefore, is of the opinion that the sewer should be constructed, it should be readvertised and relet in the manner provided in said section.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

GEORGE P. ANDREWS,

Counsel to the Corporation.

Sewer in Southern Boulevard—Advertise for proposals.

Commissioner WALES moved that the Secretary be directed to take all action necessary and insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for constructing a sewer in 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Keystone Bridge Company—Madison Avenue Bridge.

From the Keystone Bridge Company, relative to the necessity of completing the mason work of the piers of the Madison Avenue Bridge to facilitate the work of erecting the superstructure ; and

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, in relation to the same.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with the Keystone Bridge Company, relative to the same.

McCabe, James—For promotion.

From James McCabe, applying for promotion from laborer to mechanic.

Ordered filed.

From Captain Beaty, relative to summer vacations for members of the police force.

Vacations.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the usual summer vacation of two weeks be granted to the employees of the Department upon their filing an application for the same with the Secretary, and it receiving the approval of the President.

Parkkeepers' vacation.

Resolved, That the members of the police force of the Department be granted a summer vacation, at times to be designated by the Captain as he may deem expedient, as follows:

- Captain, six days.
- Surgeon six days.
- Sergeants, five days.
- Roundsmen, four days.
- Patrolmen, three days.
- Gatekeepers, three days.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards:

Works in progress.

1st. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Temporary Suspensions.

2d. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

McIntyre, Robert—Discharged.

3d. Reporting the suspension of Robert McIntyre, laborer, for inefficiency.

On motion, said McIntyre was discharged.

Laughlin, James—Discharged.

4th. Reporting the suspension of James Laughlin, laborer, for inefficiency.

On motion, said Laughlin was discharged.

Superintendent of Parks—High Bridge Hotel.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the sanitary condition of the High Bridge Hotel.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Architect was directed to prepare plans for improving the sanitary condition of High Bridge Hotel, and submit them to the Board.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Manning, J. W.—Bill of.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred the bill of J. W. Manning, for 165 cubic yards of mould, at 75 cents per yard, delivered on Riverside avenue in November, 1882, presented a report recommending that the same be paid.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Benoit, A. V., bond paper.....	Brook Avenue Sewer	\$7 20
McAllister, F. E., trees	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	69 50
McNerney, John, mould.....	Fourth Ave.Parks, Impt. of.	72 80

Nolan & McGrath, granite steps.....	Laying Walks— Central Park...	\$660 00
Patterson Bros., axes, augers, etc.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	27 15
See, A. & Son, shovels.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	60 60
Westerfield, W. & Son, filters.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	23 00
		\$920 25

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$69 50
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	110 75
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	660 00
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	72 80
Street Improvement Fund.....	7 20
	\$920 25

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

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, June 5, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the President moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

Benoit, A. V., leveling rods.....	Surveys, Maps, and Plans.....	\$34 00
Brodie, Edward, documents	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	50 00

Coffin, Paul C., harness.....	Maint. 23d and 23th Wards....	\$53 10
Donnaldson, J., lamp wick.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$0 80
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	40
		<hr/> 1 20
Gutta Percha & Rubber Manuf. Co., rubber cloth.....	Labor, Maint, and Supplies.....	7 95
Hatfield & Sons, blouse.....	Police Supplies ..	34 00
Hoyt, T. B. & Co., belting... ..	Laying Walks, Central Park. . .	19 95
Kipp, John L., wagon wheels.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1881)..	903 00
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., rent and services.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	37 60
McAllister, F. E., plowshares, hoes, etc.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	98 40
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	137 70
White, Chas. W., spruce plank.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	21 60
		<hr/> \$1,398 50

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$234 05
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards ..	173 10
Harlem River Bridges.....	40
Walks, Central Park.....	19 95
Police Supplies.	34 00
Surveys, Maps, and Plans.	34 00
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1881	903 00
	<hr/> \$1,398 50

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen hundred and ninety-eight dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, May 22, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the President moved that the Board do now

approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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, David P., meat and vegetables. Zoological Dept.	\$293 55
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal. Harlem R. Bdgs.	55 00
Benoit, A. V., bushes Labor, Maint. and Supplies	2 40
Benoit, A. V., paints, etc. Surveys, Maps and Plans.	20 80
Benoit, A. V., paints, etc. Surveys, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.	13 12
Crimmins, Daniel, mould. Fourth Ave. Parks, Impt. of.	28 35
Draper, Daniel, sundries. Labor, Maint. and Supplies	25 75
Edwards, Jos., wheels for pump. Laying Walks, Central Park.	20 00
Giblin & Lyons, labor and materials. Labor, Maint. and Supplies	600 00
Giblin & Lyons, labor and materials. Laying Walks, Central Park.	200 00
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse. Riverside Park, Impt. of.	40 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., whips Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1882).	6 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., blankets, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$19 38
• Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.	16 50
	35 88

Heyniger, L., & Co., baskets.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$3 75
Kane, Patrick, broken stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.		28 50
Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$136 35	
	Zoological Dept..	45 33	
		<hr/>	181 68
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, fire brick, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		11 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, steel.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		28 86
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 2...	Reg., etc., Morris ave., from 138th to 156th street..		5,857 25
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 2...	Reg., etc., 155th street, from Ellis ave. to Court- land ave.		1,830 50
Mahon, Bernard, Estimate No. 2.....	Flag., etc., Elton ave. from Junc. at Wash'n ave. to Junc. with Third ave.....		3,250 80
Murray, Thos., payment on acceptance.	Flag., etc., 151st st. from Court- land ave. to Morris ave.....		952 41
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 12.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...		3,987 20
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 8.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...		2,748 20
McKenney & Co., J. H., uniform caps.	Police.....		36 50
McKenney & Co., J. H., uniform caps.	Police (1882).....		10 00
McNab & Harlin Manuf. Co., valves..	Laying Walks, Central Park...	\$2 09	
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	6 00	
		<hr/>	8 09
McAllister, F. E., repairs to arbors and seed.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		795 50

McAllister, F. E., wooden wheel-barrows.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		\$90 00
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas... Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....			41 40
Newell, D. C., & Sons, shavings.....	Zoological Dept..		6 00
O'Grady, Jas. W., payment on acceptance.....	Reg., etc., 142d street, from Willis ave. to Brook ave.....		2,595 92
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$54 62	
	Zoological Dept..	10 50	
	Surveys, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.	5 25	
	Riverside avenue, Maint. of.....	1 62	
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	1 62	
	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.....	1 63	
	Fourth Ave. Parks, Impt. of.....	1 63	
	Morningside Park, Impt. of.....	1 63	
			78 50
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept..		14 40
Patterson Bros., picks and handles... Riverside Park, Impt. of.....			55 00
Rubber Clothing Co., rubber overcoats. Police Supplies...			72 00
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Zoological Dept..		9 00
Seymour, W. N. & Co., brass knobs... Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....			6 00
Seaman, John A., cotton waste.....	Harlem R. Bdgs..		6 00
See, A. & Son, shovels.	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		49 00
Young, Chas. C., bread....	Zoological Dept..		69 92
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			<u>\$24,165 23</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,696 15
Zoological Department.....	454 70
Police.....	108 50
Walks, Central Park.....	222 09
Harlem River Bridges.....	61 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	20 80
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	18 37
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	45 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	1 63
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	29 98
Riverside Avenue, Maintenance of, etc.....	1 62
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	264 98
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	1 63
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies (1882).....	6 50
Police (1882).....	10 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	14,486 88
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	6,735 40
	\$24,165 23

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

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, June 5, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Cram, H. A.—Madison Avenue Bridge

Mr. H. A. Cram appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to the progress of the work on the Madison Avenue Bridge and approaches.

Corporation Counsel—Lost property.

Commissioner WALES presented the following opinion from the Counsel to the Corporation relative to disposing of the "lost property" in the possession of the Department :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, May 16, 1883.

Hon. SALEM H. WALES,

Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks :

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 12th ultimo, in which you ask me what legal disposition your department can make of certain articles of personal property, of the nature of wearing apparel, etc., which from time to time, for a period of years, have been found in the public parks of this city, and are now in the custody of the Park Property Clerk.

Also, if certain small sums of money found under like circumstances, and which are now in like custody, can be properly turned over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by your department.

No absolute right to sell lost articles which have been found within the park limits has been expressly conferred upon your Board by virtue of any law with which I am acquainted. At the same time I am of opinion that such "estrays," if kept by you for a reasonable time, without claim being made therefor by the owners, could safely be sold by you at public auction. What is a reasonable time must depend much upon the nature of the article found, and whether a year, more or less, is a matter that would have to be left to the discretion of the department.

Once the department feels that there is no likelihood of the assertion of any claim of ownership, a rule of procedure is furnished by section 62 of chapter 400 of the Laws of 1882, known as the Consolidation Act. This section is as follows :

"All property sold, other than land under water, shall be sold at public auction, after previous public notice, under the superintendence of the appropriate head of department. The proceeds of all sales made under and by virtue of this act shall, except as herein otherwise specially provided, be by the officer receiving the same immediately deposited with the Chamberlain ; and the account of sales, verified by the officer making the sales, shall be immediately filed in the office of the Comptroller."

Pursuant to this section, I am of opinion that the proceeds of said sale, and as well the sums of money found within the public park territory, to which you refer in your letter, should not be paid to the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the account of their fund, but to the Chamberlain, for the account of the General Fund, as it is called ; the office of which is the reduction of the amount of moneys to be annually raised by taxation.

As to the character of the notice of sale, I think advertisement in the *City Record* sufficient, pursuant to section 66 of the Consolidation Act, which contains, among other things, the following provision :

"All advertising required to be done for the city, except as in this act otherwise especially provided, and all notices required by law or ordinance to be published in corporation papers, shall be inserted at public expense only in the *City Record*, and a publication therein shall be a sufficient compliance with any law or ordinance requiring publication of such matters or notices."

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

GEORGE P. ANDREWS,
Counsel to the Corporation.

Lost articles—Deposit money—Sell articles.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to deposit the money now in the hands of the Property Clerk, returned to him as lost property found on the parks, with the City Chamberlain to the credit of the General Fund, and that the balance of said property be included in the next auction sale of property to be held on the Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bridge above High Bridge.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Whereas, By chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871 the Board of Commissioners of Parks was fully authorized forthwith to commence the building or construction of a bridge over the Harlem river north of High Bridge, but not more than a half mile therefrom ; and

Whereas, The land for the approaches to the bridge on both sides of the river has been long since taken and paid for by the city, and the amount thereof, to wit, \$37,751.78, has been assessed upon the owners of property ; and

Whereas, The increase in population in the upper part of our city, and the pressing need of greater facilities for traveling across the Harlem river, demand immediate action on the part of this Board to insure the speedy erection of said bridge,

Resolved, That Commissioner Wales be appointed to confer with the Engineer or Engineers as to the proper place for the proposed bridge, and the probable cost of the same, and that such Commissioner report as soon as practicable to this Board the result of the conference.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Transfer—Riverside Park.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer from the appropriation "For the Improvement and Maintenance of Riverside Park and Avenue" 1882, for which it is not required, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars to the appropriation "For the Improvement and Maintenance of Riverside Avenue," 1883, which is insufficient in consequence of the repairs needed on retaining walls that have fallen down.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Riverside avenue—Retaining wall.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up the plan for rebuilding retaining wall on the west side of Riverside avenue, at One Hundred and Third street and at One Hundred and Fifteenth street, and offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan and specifications for rebuilding retaining wall on the west side of Riverside avenue, at One Hundred and Third street and One Hundred and Fifteenth street, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Parkkeepers—Quarters.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That Commissioner Viele be requested to report as to the practicability of moving the quarters of the Police

force from the basement to the first floor of the Arsenal building.

Riverside avenue—Building regulations.

Commissioner VIELE called up the regulations for establishing the limits of projections, etc., on the Riverside avenue, presented to the Board and laid over, October 4, 1882, and presented the following amended regulations, and moved their adoption :

PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING LIMITS OF PROJECTION FOR CONSTRUCTIONS ON THE LINE OF RIVERSIDE AVENUE.

I. No structure or construction of any description or part thereof shall be placed or permitted on or under Riverside avenue, until a plan and elevation thereof, with proposed dimensions plainly marked, shall have first been filed in the Department of Public Parks ; said plans and application to be accompanied by the written consent of the adjoining owners of fifty feet front of property on either side, where the erection fronts solely on the avenue, and for fifty feet on the avenue and fifty feet front on the street adjoining where the erection is to be made on a corner lot, and a special permission had and obtained from the said Department for such structure or construction as applied for.

II. No permission for placing or continuing any structure or construction of any description within the limits of Riverside avenue shall be given, except the same is in accordance with the following limitations :

A (a) Stoops or steps, courtyards and areas, or any part or appurtenance thereof, shall not project in the avenue beyond the building line to the extent of more than—

5 feet where the sidewalk is 16 feet wide :			
7	“	“	20 “
8	“	“	25 “

and in proportion to the above where the sidewalk is between sixteen and twenty feet or between twenty and twenty-five feet.

(b) No stoop or steps shall be covered, except over the landing or platform at the top; nor shall they be inclosed, except by an open railing not more than four feet in height.

B (a) Bay-windows shall not project in the avenue beyond the building line to the extent of more than four feet.

The above shall apply only to bay-windows not extending higher than the second floor of the building from which they project.

(b) Where bay-windows extend higher than the second floor of the building from which they project, the limit given in the preceding paragraph shall be decreased one foot for each additional story in height of the bay-window.

(c) Bay-windows, nor any part or appurtenance thereof, when allowed to project in the avenue, shall not occupy longitudinally with the avenue more than two-thirds of the width of the building from which they project.

C (a) No balcony, cornice or ornament shall project in the avenue beyond the house-line to the extent of more than four feet.

(b) No balcony shall be inclosed on the front or sides except by a railing not over four feet in height.

D No vault or other construction below the sidewalk shall be built, except in such manner as shall leave the sewers, gas and water pipes, or space proposed to be occupied by the same, free and uninclosed, and in safe condition; nor, in any case, to extend in the clear beyond the curb-line.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Executive Session

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 11.35 o'clock A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending that the employees on the force under him be relieved from their

duties at three o'clock on Saturdays during the summer season.

Saturday vacation.

On motion, the Topographical Engineer was authorized to allow the persons employed on the force under him to stop work at three o'clock on Saturdays during the summer, excepting such persons as are employed on contract works, said absence to be only whenever the condition of the force and the work on which they are engaged will permit.

Inspector on Alexander avenue.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, recommending the employment of an additional Inspector on the work of grading, paving, etc., Alexander avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the President be authorized to select a person for appointment as Inspector on said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Riverside Park—Employment of laborers and rockmen.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that Bartholomew Doyle, John D. Malone, Francis Clark and Edward Shay, employed as rockmen on Riverside Park, be reduced to the grade of laborers, and that Daniel Sullivan, Matthew Rahl, Patrick McGrath and Thomas Shannahan, laborers, be promoted to the grade of rockmen.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks be approved.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

23d and 24th Wards—Employment of men.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the employment of stone masons and rockmen for work on the approaches to the Bronx river bridges.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of four rockmen, three stone masons for work on approaches to Bronx river bridges, and twenty-four laborers for work on maintenance of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Pay of laborers cleaning sewers.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the three laborers employed in cleaning sewers in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be paid \$2 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Schreiber, Fred.—Pay of.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Fred. Schreiber, skilled laborer, be fixed at \$3 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, Olliffe—2.

Schreiber, Fred. } Pay of.
McDonald, Wm. }

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Fred. Schreiber, skilled laborer, be fixed at \$3 per day, and that the pay of Wm. McDonald, Assistant Foreman, be fixed at \$3.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins—2.

Mowers and Workers on tar walks—Pay of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending an increase of pay for mowers, and graders and layers of tar walks during the summer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of mowers and layers and graders of tar walks be fixed at \$2 per day during the months of June, July and August of the present year.

Promotions for efficiency.

Commissioner WALES offered the following as a substitute :

To secure better service and encourage emulation among the laborers now employed in care and maintenance of the parks ; be it

Resolved, That thirty men be selected from the present force by the Superintendent of Parks, on the recommendation

of the several Foremen, for promotion to the grade of skilled laborers, in recognition of their efficiency and disposition to render good service, and that the Superintendent report at the next regular meeting of this Board the names of the men to be promoted, together with a statement of the kind of work upon which the men are now or have been employed, and upon approval by this Board the men so promoted be paid two dollars per day, to take effect on the first day of July, 1883.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Fay, Wm.—Appointed plumber.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Wm. Fay be and he is hereby appointed a plumber on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Parker, John C. } Appointed Steam Engineers.
Sharkey, John K. }

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That J. C. Parker be transferred from the steam road roller to the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river, and that John K. Sharkey be appointed Steam Engineer for duty on road roller in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Armstrong, Henry, {
 Evans, Wm., }
 Ryan, Patrick, } Laborers restored.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Henry Armstrong and Wm. Evans, laborers on Central Park, and Patrick Ryan, laborer in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be restored to duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

McGowan, Foreman—Pay of.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Foreman McGowan be fixed at \$4 per day.

Foremen—Pay of.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the pay of all Foremen on the Central and City Parks, including Assistant Foreman Wm. McDonald, be fixed at \$4 per day.

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

Aye—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Noes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Gravel—Treasurer to purchase.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase from Louis D. Beck such quantity of Roa Hook gravel as may be required, at a price not exceeding \$2.25 per cubic yard.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Clark, John J.—Appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John J. Clark be and he is hereby appointed an assistant to the Topographical Engineer at \$5 per day, to codify papers, etc., and records of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards transferred to this Department under the annexation act.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Rogers, O. H.—To report.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That O. H. Rogers be directed to present to the Board, on or before 15th day of July next, a topographical map of the Riverside Park and avenue, which he was authorized to make.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Marston, Jno. R.—Discharged.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Jno. R. Marston, Foreman of Carpenters, having returned the time of Thomas McQuade for five days' work when he was not so employed by this Department, is hereby discharged.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

McQuade, Thos.—Discharged.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas McQuade, laborer, having drawn his pay for five days' work when he was not so employed, is hereby discharged.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Demarest, Abram—Appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Abram Demarest be and he is hereby appointed Foreman of Carpenters in the Department at \$3.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Marston, John R.—Appointed carpenter.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That John R. Marston be and he is hereby appointed a carpenter.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Kellogg, M. A.—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Montgomery A. Kellogg be and he is hereby appointed Engineer in this Department and that he be charged with the works of the drainage of the Central Park, construction of Riverside Park and avenue, construction of Morningside Park and of such other works as he may be from time to time charged with ; that his salary be fixed at \$3,000 per annum and be charged to the several works upon which he may be engaged ; that Engineer Calkins and his corps of assistants be placed under the control of Mr. Kellogg.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bertholf, W. H.—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of William H. Bertholf, bridge tender, be fixed at \$1,800 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bicycles to enter Central Park.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That all proficient members of established bicycle clubs that make application to ride on the west drive of the Central Park before nine o'clock in the morning be granted permission so to do, upon the presentation of their certificate of membership ; that the Secretary be authorized to give a permit to enter and leave the Central Park at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street and Seventh avenue.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

169th street.—To lay out.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up a report of the Topographical Engineer upon the application of John Devlin, Matthew Cox and Thomas Fenton for the laying-out of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, between Tenth avenue and Kingsbridge road, which was laid over May 16, 1883, and moved that the recommendations contained therein be adopted and that the Topographical Engineer be instructed to prepare the necessary maps for filing, showing One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, between Tenth avenue and the Kingsbridge road, in accordance with a diagram submitted by him and as a street of the third class.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Parks—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That with a view of early defining all the streets, avenues, and parks which it is proposed to lay out in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, that the Topographical Engineer be directed to transmit to this Board without delay a plan showing the location and extent of each and all of the Parks, Squares, and places that the plans for the laying-out of the annexed district included, and to be provided for in such laying-out.

Watchmen—Fourth Avenue Parks.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the laborers employed as watchmen on the Fourth Avenue Parks, be paid for their overtime.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Brady, Thomas—Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas Brady be appointed a laborer and detailed for duty in watching tools on the Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Elevated R. R.—Application denied.

In accordance with notice given at the previous meeting, Commissioner WALES called up the application of the N. Y. Elevated Railway Company for permission to erect platforms on either side of their structure through the Battery

Park, which was received and laid over May 16, 1883, and renewed his motion that said application be denied.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Elevated R. R.—Corporation Counsel to report.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to furnish this Board at his earliest convenience a memorandum of all proceedings had by him or his predecessor under or in consequence of the resolution adopted by this Board June 9, 1880, directing the Counsel to the Corporation to use all necessary legal means to enforce the removal of the tracks, piers and structures of the N. Y. Elevated R. R. Co. from the Battery Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Parkkeepers—Trial.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against members of the Police force of the Department, made a verbal report, and recommended as follows :

Walker, George.

1st. That Gatekeeper George Walker, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one-half day's pay.

Duggan, William.

2d. That Gatekeeper William Duggan, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one-half day's pay.

Whalen, Daniel.

3d. That Gatekeeper Daniel Whalen, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one day's pay.

Taylor, Jno. V.

4th. That Gatekeeper Jno. V. Taylor, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one-half day's pay.

Hines, Peter F.

5th. That Gatekeeper Peter F. Hines, charged with intoxication, be fined fifteen days' pay, to commence with the day of his suspension.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Brady, Patrick, and Lahey, D. J.—Appointed laborers.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Brady be appointed a laborer on Riverside Park, and that David J. Lahey be appointed a laborer on the Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Riverside Park—Plan of.

The Architect submitted a plan for the improvement of the Riverside Park, showing the lines of walks as staked out on the ground.

Commissioner WALES moved that the same be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Mt. St. Vincent—Plan of building.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan for a building at Mt. St. Vincent, on the Central Park, as submitted this day by the Architect of the Department, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, and that the Secretary be authorized to have the contract and specifications for the erection of the same printed, and insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Jones, A. P.—Pay for plans.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That A. P. Jones, Architect, be paid \$350 for the plans submitted by him for a building at Mt. St. Vincent, said plans to become the property of the Department, and that the thanks of this Board be tendered Mr. Jones for his courtesy and skill in the matter.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Conklin, C. S.—License for Mt. St. Vincent.

A communication was received from C. S. Conklin, applying for a license to occupy and sell refreshments in the new building to be erected at Mt. St. Vincent in the Central Park.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That a license be and is hereby ordered granted to C. S. Conklin, to occupy the new building to be erected at Mt. St. Vincent, Central Park, and sell refreshments therein for a term of five years from and after the date when said building is ready for occupancy. The said Conklin agreeing to furnish the said building in a manner to meet the approval of the Commissioners of the Department, and to pay to the Department monthly a license fee of five per cent. upon the gross amount of the receipts derived from the sale of refreshments during the previous month, and that the President be authorized to sign said license 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

McGee, Ellen } Appointed ladies' maids.
Caten, Mrs. }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Ellen McGee be appointed a ladies' maid at the cottage in Reservoir Square, and that Mrs. Caten be appointed ladies' maid at the cottage in Mt. Morris Square, when said cottages are completed and ready for use.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Crimmins, J. D.—Elected Treasurer.
Purchasing Clerk—Nomination to be made.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner John D. Crimmins be and he is hereby elected Treasurer of this Department, to serve until November 1, next, and that he be authorized to select and submit to the Board the name of a person suitable to act as Purchasing Clerk.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Inspectors—President to appoint.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to select and appoint suitable persons as Inspectors on works where their services may be required during the absence of a meeting of the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 2 o'clock P. M., the executive session arose, and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

• “ VIELE.
 “ WALES.
 “ CRIMMINS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Injunction—Grading 165th street.

A copy of an injunction, granted by the Supreme Court, upon the application of Anne Fullgraf, restraining the contractor from proceeding with the work of regulating and grading One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, was received, and Colonel E. T. Wood, counsel for Mrs. Fullgraf, appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to the same.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the further consideration of the subject was laid over, and the Secretary was directed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to have the matter of the further argument of said injunction postponed for two weeks.

The following communications were received :

Commissioner Public Works—Water supply.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to furnishing a greater supply of water for the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Peter Cooper monument—Special committee.

From Alderman A. B. Smith, Chairman of the Committee from the Board of Aldermen, appointed to take measures to cause the erection of a statue of Peter Cooper in the square at Third and Fourth avenues, Sixth and Seventh streets, requesting the appointment of a sub-committee of this department to aid in making the necessary detailed arrangements in the matter of the erection of said statue.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioner Viele a committee to act with the committee from the Board of Aldermen.

Park on Fulton Avenue—Boundary line.

From Brown & Wescott, attorneys for Anna M. Fahs, in relation to the southern boundary line of the public square on the westerly side of Fulton avenue north of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, the matter was referred to the Topographical Engineer to confer with the engineer employed by Mrs. Fahs in relation to determining the southern boundary line of said square.

Hoyt, A. M.—Bay-windows.

From A. M. Hoyt, applying for permission to erect bay-windows on his proposed new building to be erected on Fifth avenue, between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets.

On motion, said application was laid over and the Secretary was directed to request Mr. Hoyt to submit to the Board the elevations of the building which he proposes to erect.

Jones, J. Jarvis—Claremont.

From J. Jarvis Jones, applying for a lease of "Claremont" on Riverside Park.

Ordered filed.

Chase, Julia A.—Commending conduct Parkkeeper Sheehan.

From Julia A. Chase, commending the conduct of Parkkeeper Sheehan in stopping a team of runaway horses.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

McComb's Dam Bridge trusses—Cost of.

From A. P. Baller, reporting an estimate of the cost of repairing McComb's Dam Bridge in accordance with the plans submitted by him at the last meeting of the Board.

Transfer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer from the unexpended balances from the appropriations for "Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance," and for which they are not required.

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	\$14,342 77
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—to the appropriation for "Harlem River Bridges, Repairs Improvement and Maintenance" 1883, which is insufficient.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Riverside Park—Topographical map.

From Oscar H. Rogers, relative to the completion of the topographical map of Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

Daly, Hugh J.—Employment.

From Hugh J. Daly, applying for employment as Inspector.

Ordered filed.

Klein, Parkkeeper—Time allowed.

From Parkkeeper Adolf Klein, asking to be allowed pay for the 30th ultimo.

Commissioner WALES moved that pay be allowed Parkkeeper Klein for 30th ultimo.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Treasurer's Statement.

The Treasurer presented statements of moneys deposited with the Comptroller, which were ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MONEYS MADE TO COMPTROLLER,
JUNE 6, 1883.

1883.	<i>Permits.</i>	
May 16.	Amelia C. Lange.....	\$10 00
" 16.	W. H. Payne.....	10 00
" 22.	James Sullivan.....	10 00
" 25.	Franklin Rich.....	10 00
" 25.	J. Windecker.....	10 00
" 26.	Mrs. A. M. Stanton.....	10 00
" 29.	Hugh Martin.....	10 00
" 31.	C. Spillner.....	10 00
" 31.	Wm. Merkleham.....	10 00
June 4.	James Campbell.....	10 00
" 4.	C. Spillner.....	10 00
" 4.	Henry R. Sherwood.....	10 00
" 5.	Charles Edel.....	10 00
		\$130 00
	<i>Grass.</i>	
May 16.	Wm. Merkert & D. Korn.....	60 00
	<i>Sundry Receipts:</i>	
May 16.	Property Clerk.....	14 00
	<i>License.</i>	
June 4.	John Lucas.....	14 53
		\$218 53

June 20, 1883.]

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1883.		<i>Special Fund—Repaving.</i>	
May 25.	George Stolz.....		\$10 00
" 28.	Daniel Malone.....		6 00
June 5.	Thomas C. Andrews.....		10 00
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			\$26 00

WEDNESDAY, June 6, 1883, 9.30 A. M.

STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MONEYS MADE TO COMPTROLLER,
JUNE 13, 1883.

1883.		<i>Permits.</i>	
June 8.	John McGovern.....		\$10 00
" 9.	Charles Bathgate.....		10 00
" 11.	Robert Huson.....		20 00
" 12.	Mrs. B. Bunting.....		10 00
" 12.	C. Van Riper.....		40 00
" 13.	John McDonald.....		10 00
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			\$100 00
		<i>Licenses.</i>	
June 8.	Isidor Isaac.....		\$74 31
" 11.	J. J. Snow.....		17 88
" 12.	W. H. Radford.....		553 45
" 12.	C. H. Schultz.....		41 11
" 12.	William Kyle.....		5 77
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			692 52
		<i>Grass.</i>	
June 9.	Property Clerk.....		29 00
		<i>Sundry Receipts.</i>	
June 9.	Property Clerk.....		22 00
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			\$843 52
		<i>Special Fund—Repaving.</i>	
June 9.	Samuel Eldridge.....		10 00
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			10 00

Little, W. McCarty—Bay window.

From W. McCarty Little, applying for permission to extend store windows over the area in front of his building, "Westmoreland," on the corner of Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the consent of this Department is hereby given to W. McCarthy Little to extend the bay windows over

the area in front of his building on the southeast corner of Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street, the same not to project beyond the foundation of the area line.

Barney, C. T.—Bay window.

From C. T. Barney, applying for permission to erect bay windows on his building, to be erected on the corner of Fifth avenue and Sixty-third street.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the consent of this Department is hereby given to C. T. Barney to erect bay windows on his building, to be erected on the corner of Fifth avenue and Sixty-third street, the same not to project more than four feet beyond the house line.

Sewer, 148th street—Assignment of Michael Egan.

An assignment of Michael Egan to James J. Jones, of the contract for constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-eighth street between Millbrook and Courtland avenues, with branches, etc., was approved and ordered filed with the Comptroller.

Parks—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Topographical Engineer :

1st. Submitting a plan showing the location of each and all of the parks, squares, and places that the plans for laying out the annexed district include.

Ordered filed.

154th street—Change of grade.

2d. Reporting in the matter of the petition of Catharine C. Twomey for a change of the grade of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, between Courtland and College avenues, notices of which were inserted in the *City Record*.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be requested to prepare, for filing, the necessary plans estab-

lishing the grade of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, between Courtland and College avenues, as shown on a profile submitted with the petition of Catherine C. Twomey, and submit them to 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Sewer—149th street.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Brook and Robbins avenues.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Brook and Robbins avenues, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Sunken lots—146th street.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting a plan and specification for filling the sunken lots on the north side of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, three hundred and fifty feet west of Brook avenue.

Referred to the Treasurer to obtain estimates for doing the work and submit them to the Board.

Drain—145th street.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the petition of Chris. Erdenbrecher, Adam Keefer and others for permission to build a drain in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between College and North Third avenues, at their own expense, and recommending that the same be denied.

On motion, said recommendation was adopted.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction reporting upon the works under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Fire cistern—Alexander avenue.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction recommending that an old fire cistern, at the northeast corner of One Hundred and Fortieth street and Alexander avenue, be filled in.

On motion, the Acting Engineer of Construction was authorized to have the same filled in.

Skilled laborers—Promotions to.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting the following-named persons for promotion to the rank of skilled laborers, for their efficiency and disposition to render good service to the Department :

FOREMAN DONNELLY'S GANG.

Michael Conlin,
John Murphy,
Michael Murphy,
Thomas McLaughlin,
Patrick McKewen,
Thomas Halpin,

Robert Smith,
Michael Sheehan,
Cornelius Scully,
Michael Quinn,
John Gibbons,
Patrick Burns.

FOREMAN'S HODGE'S GANG.

Patrick Coyle,
John Ryan,
Daniel Foley,

John Garvin,
James Patterson,
David Higgins.

FOREMAN MCGOVERN'S GANG.

Dennis Martin,
Patrick Shevlin,
Patrick Flanagan,
William Jay,
Patrick Green,
James Callahan.

Robert Brown,
Patrick Mackey,
Michael Hackett,
James Fox,
Patrick Doran,

FOREMAN JOHNSON'S GANG.

James McShane.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks be approved, and that the laborers as mentioned by him be promoted to the grade of skilled laborers and paid \$2 per day, to date from July 1, 1883.

Commissioner WALES moved, as an amendment, that the names of Louis Plass and Emil Fischer, gardeners, be added to the list for promotion to the rank of Division Gardeners.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved, as a further amendment, to add the name of James Connolly, employed in the blacksmith shop, to the list for promotion to the rank and pay of skilled laborer, at \$2.00 per day.

Commissioner VIELE accepted said amendments.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent of Parks—Suspensions.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of Thomas Shandley and Patrick Cronogue, gardeners

employed on Manhattan Square, on account of the completion of the work.

On motion, said Shandley and Cronogue were discharged.

Allowance of pay for laborers—Riverside Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the following-named persons be allowed pay for time which they worked on Riverside Park, and which was not returned by their foremen :

Michael Cooney, laborer	1 day.
Thomas Hines laborer	1 day.
Owen McIntyre, laborer	1 day.
John Brannan, laborer	1 day.
Charles Reilly, laborer	1 day.
John McDermott, laborer	1 day.
Henry Decker, laborer	1 day.
Michael Rawley, laborer	1 day.
James Pendergrass, laborer	1 day.
Richard Hughes, laborer	1 day.
Richard Edwards, laborer	1 day.
Dennis McBride, laborer	1 day.
P. H. Drew, laborer	1 day.
G. C. Bower, double team	2 days.

Commissioners WALES moved that pay be allowed the above-mentioned persons as recommended by the Superintendent of Parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Suspensions.

1st. Reporting the suspension of Eugene O'Hara, John Taughy, and James Daveren, laborers, for inefficiency.

On motion said laborers were discharged.

Pay for extra time—Sprinkling.

2d. Recommending that pay be allowed the following persons for overtime made on the work of sprinkling Jerome avenue :

Dennis Geoghegan, double team.....	32	hours.
James Lytell, "	32	"
William Mooney "	32	"
James Thompson, "	32	"
Matthew Crotty, "	32	"
Hugh Lunny, "	32	"
Jackson Weeks, "	32	"
Charles Herman, "	32	"
Leonard Dietsch, "	32	"
One Monitor detailed from Riverside drive.....	32	"
Charles J. Parker, steam engineer.....	8	"
Peter T. Garvey, "	32	"
James Feeney, laborer.....	32	"
Thomas Delaney, laborer.....	32	"

Commissioner WALES moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be approved, and that pay be allowed the persons mentioned for the overtime made by 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Works in progress.

3d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Cagney, David, mould.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$100 00
Crombie, Thos. J., posts and pickets...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	77 50
Croft, W. F., payment on acceptance	Receiving Basin and Culvert at northeast cor. Rider ave. and 135th st.	174 75
Fledderman, H. H., lard oil.....	Bronx River Bdgs.	5 00
Fogarty, P., mould.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$35 00
	Fourth Ave.Parks, Impt. of.....	52 85
		<hr/> 87 85
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies ,.....	55 34
Hazard Powde: Co., powder.....	Entrances Central Park at 8th ave., 77th & 81st sts.	26 50
Herrman, Carl, rattan brooms.....	Bronx R. Bridges.	2 30
Hoopes Bros. & Thomas, pinus mergho.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	16 09
Irvine & Smith, mould.....	Fourth Ave.Parks, Impt. of.....	309 58
Joyce, Thomas H., music.....	Music.....	430 00
King & Murray, Am. elms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	26 25
Logan, Robt., Estimate No. 2 and final	Const. Museum of Art.....	100 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., rivets& valves.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	16 00

McLaughlin, Thomas G., painting.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		\$600 00
Maud, G., labor and material	Harlem R. Bdgs..		120 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		71 55
Miller, D. K., Lock Co., padlocks.....	Zoological Dept...		54 00
Morgan, J. P., Treasurer, expenses, Museum Natural History.....	Maint. Museums..		1,549 75
Murray, B. C., payment on acceptance.	Crosswalks inter- section S. Boule- vard and Lincoln ave.....		438 26
Murray, B. C., amount retained for repairs.....	Sewer, etc., 135th st., bet. College and Third aves.		48 60
Murphy & Nesbit, cement.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$108 50	
	Zoological Dept ..	9 00	
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Nathans, J. J., animals, etc.....	Zoological Dept..		18 00
Nolan & McGrath, granite steps.....	Laying Walks, Central Park...		60 00
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$78 75	
	Zoological Dept...	10 50	
		<hr/>	89 25
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint, and Supplies, 1882.	\$49 50	
	Zoo'l. Dept, 1882.	27 50	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1882....	5 50	
		<hr/>	82 50
Parsons, Samuel, Jr., petty expenses..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		8 40
Patterson Bros., axes, mattocks, etc...	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		31 30

Pierson & Co., steel crowbars.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$8 25
Pierson & Co., steel.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	7 08
Riddle, George, signs.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	10 00
Rielly, Jas. H., Estimate No. 1.....	Ladies' Cottages..	562 50
Ryder, Jesse, Am. elms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	244 00
Rubber Clothing Co., rubber boots....	Sewers & Drains, Cleaning, etc...	37 50
Slattery, James, labor and material....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	624 00
Stackpole & Bro., repairs to transit ...	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	70 00
Seymour, W. N. & Co.. nails and files..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1882).	396 71
Schoonmaker, S. A. & Co., sash tools..	Fourth ave. Park, Impt. of.....	9 00
Taylor, Matt, pavement.....	Laying Walks, Central Park...	128 45
VanWinkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.....	\$80 01
	Surveys, and Maps Plans... ..	24 98
		<hr/> 104 99
VanWinkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	2 61
Walker, J., charcoal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	6 00
Westerfield, W. & Son, sprinkler.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.	485 00
Young, G. G., steam engine.....	Laying Walks, Central Park...	940 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$2,067 29
Zoological Department.....	91 50
Ladies' Cottages.....	562 50
Maintenance Museums.....	1,549 75
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	1,000 00
Entrances Central Park, Eighth avenue, Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets.....	26 50
Laying Walks, City Parks.....	128 45
Music.....	430 00
Harlem River Bridges.....	120 00
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	493 25
Bronx River Bridges.....	7 30
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.....	37 50
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	371 43
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	41 30
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc	80 01
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies (1882).....	446 21
Zoological Department (1882)....	27 50
Surveys, Maps and Plans (1882).....	5 50
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	102 06
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	2 61
Construction Museum of Art.....	100 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	661 61
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-three hundred and fifty-two dollars and twenty-seven cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, June 19, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 affirma-

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

Benham & Stoutenborough, galv'd pails.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$34 12
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.	4 88
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		\$39 00
Brunner & Fitzgerald, coal.	Labor, Maint, and Supplies	165 00
Coffin, Paul C., bolts and grindstones.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	78 99
Crombie, R. H., spruce	Riverside Park, Impt. of.	34 88
Crombie, R. H., spruce	Sewer and Drains, Cleaning, etc.	144 44
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce	Zoological Dept.	41 84
Connelly, John E., hay	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.	24 26
Connelly, John E., hay, corn, etc.	Zoological Dept.	148 66
Douglas, W. & B., pump, etc.	Zoological Dept.	30 99
Ellwanger & Barry, Am. elms.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	375 00
Fox, Geo. & Son, repairs to boiler.	Laying Walks, Central Park.	60 00
Halsey, Geo. W., oats, hay, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	611 67
Harmer, Hays & Co., brushes, curry- combs, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1882).	96 75
Hurst & Treanor, curbing	Laying Walks— Central Park.	93 00

Kellogg, M. A., flagging.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	\$986 37
Kirkpatrick, Thos., badges.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	60 00
McAllister, F. E., repairs to arbor, mowers, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$203 40
	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	19 40
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	19 40
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McAllister, F. E., shrubs	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	85 46
Marquand, H. G., Treasurer, expenses Mus. of Art	Maint. Museums .	1,611 74
Murray, B. C., payment on acceptance.	Crosswalks E 153d st. at east inter- section of street and avenue bet. 3d ave. and Rail- road ave.	793 11
Murray, B. C., payment on acceptance.	Laying crosswalks at intersection of 155th st. and Melrose ave....	240 00
Murray, Thos., payment on acceptance.	Flagging, etc., Denham pl., from Forest to Concord aves...	1,841 76
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	22 50
Newell, D. C. & Sons, ground shavings.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	5 00
Parsons & Sons Co., trees.....	Riverside ave., Maint. and Impt. (1882)	256 00
Patterson Bros., vise and handles	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	\$3 20
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	15 40
		<hr/> 18 60

Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1882)..	\$9 58
Pierson & Co., iron and steel.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	52 87
Seaman, John A., manila rope.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	11 20
Sylvester, Hilton & Co., gloves.....	Police.....	76 00
Schoonmaker, S. A. & Co., paints, etc.	Fourth Ave. Parks, Impt. of.....	193 07
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food.....	Zoological Dept. . .	12 00
Wilson, W. C., coleus, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	16 50
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		\$8,478 39
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,572 18
Zoological Department.....	233 49
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	138 58
Manhattan Square, Improvement of . . .	1,094 43
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	153 00
Police.....	76 00
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	193 07
Maintenance Museums.....	1,611 74
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards . .	24 26
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.....	144 44
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1882.....	106 33
Riverside Park and Avenue, Maintenance and Improve- ment, 1882.....	256 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	2,874 87
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	\$8,478 39
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-four hundred and seventy-eight dollars and thirty-nine cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, June 19, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now

approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Assessment List Receiving Basins, Third avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named assessment list for "Receiving Basins and Sewer Connection at northeast corner of Rider avenue and East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street," and also the statement of the amount and cost of the work therein mentioned, be approved and signed by the Commissioners of the Department, and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Suspension of Inspectors.

On motion of Commissioner WALES,

Resolved, That the action of Commissioner Crimmins in suspending from duty the inspectors on the work of grading Alexander avenue, be and the same is hereby approved.

Camera Obscura { Commissioner Crimmins discharged.
 { Commissioner Viele appointed.

Commissioner Crimmins was discharged from the further consideration of the application of H. & A. Raphael and Richard Flanagan, for permission to erect a Camera Obscura on the Central Park, and, on motion, the subject was referred to Commissioner Viele.

On motion, at 11.45 o'clock A. M., the Board went into executive session.

Stone on Riverside Park.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Commissioner of Public Works and inform him that this Department, considering that the stone excavated by John McKim, the contractor for building a sewer, and left by him on the Riverside Park, will be useful to this Department, consents to their remaining where they are, Mr. McKim consenting to their use by this Department.

Laborers—Transfer of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of the following-named persons, employed on Morning-side Park, on account of the completion of the work :

John Phelan, foreman.
 Florence Driscoll, blaster.
 Timothy Sullivan, rockman.
 John Gray, “
 Michael Sullivan, “
 James Moran, “
 Bernard McCarron, “
 Daniel Flanigan, “
 Frank Morgan, laborer.
 Charles Harf, “
 Wm. McGibley, “
 Dennis Burns, “
 Edward McMahan, “
 John F. Martin, “
 Timothy Callahan, “
 Thomas Newett “
 William Burke, “
 James Ryan, “

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the name of Michael Dillon be substituted for that of Florence Driscoll, and that he and all the other above-mentioned persons be transferred to work on Riverside 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Laborers appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named be and they are hereby appointed as laborers :

Patrick Devlin, on Riverside Park.		
John Smith,	"	"
Hugh McGuire,	"	"
Wm. McGibney,	"	"
Matthew Kelly,	"	"
Patrick Matthews,	"	"
Peter Maxwell,	"	"
Peter Mitchell,	"	"
Owen Rice,	"	"
John Fitzpatrick,	"	"
Edward Blake,	"	"
Edward Dennis, on Central Park.		
James Fagan,	"	"
John Hyland, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Laborers authorized.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of five laborers be and the same is hereby authorized, for work in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Mayor—Work done by Engineers Reese and Guion.

From the Mayor, enclosing a communication from City Surveyor Henry Lett, complaining that employees of this Department are engaged on private works, and are spending

their time in making surveys for individuals and receiving compensation therefor.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the employees of this Department be notified that if hereafter they are found to be engaged in doing private work outside of their departmental duties, it will be deemed sufficient ground for their immediate discharge.

McGrath, Edward—Appointed.

, Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Hugh Reilly be appointed a laborer on Riverside Park, *vice* Thomas Brady.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Uniform for employees.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That in order to insure a greater efficiency in the Department, the employees be required hereafter to wear, as far as practicable, a uniform dress, which dress shall be as follows :

For the clerical force and professional employees—For summer, dark blue flannel coat, single-breasted sack, gilt buttons, with coat-of-arms of the City of New York, surrounded by the words, "Department of Public Parks"; vest single-breasted, without collar; pants the same material; cap navy pattern, or felt hat Grand Army pattern, or straw hat.

The office employees may, at their option, wear only the sack coat in uniform, when on duty.

The Secretary, Superintendent, and chiefs of bureaus, will wear a double-breasted sack, rolling collar, and a narrow gilt band around the upper edge of the cuff.

Messengers and Foremen of Maintenance will wear the complete suit at all times on duty.

Laborers on Maintenance, when at work, will wear dark pantaloons, of such material as they choose, and check jumpers, small pattern, with straw hats, the letters "D. P. P." on a detached band.

The Treasurer is authorized to furnish these to the force now employed on Maintenance.

The women in charge of cottages will wear dark dresses, with white aprons and caps.

The laborers hereafter appointed will be required to furnish their own uniform.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

On motion, the enforcement of the above order was referred to Commissioner Viele, with power.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Water-closets, etc.—Arsenal Building.

Resolved, That a water-closet be immediately constructed in rear of the monkey house four feet from it, of sufficient capacity to take the place of all the water-closets and urinals inside the Arsenal building, and as soon as it is completed, all appliances of that character be removed from that building.

That the two statues in the Arsenal building be removed to the Museum of Art, and the remaining articles on the first floor be taken to the second ; that Mr. Ward be requested to remove his collections from that building ; that all the materials now on third floor be placed on second floor, and that the building be closed as a place of exhibition, and devoted solely to the business purposes of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Estimates—Railing around Obelisk.

On motion the Secretary was directed to obtain estimates for granite and bronze work required in the construction of a railing around the Obelisk, and submit them to the Board.

Ladies' Maid—Cottage Conservatory Lake.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the cottage at the Conservatory Lake, in Central park, be opened for the accommodation of ladies and children, and that Mary Clem be appointed a ladies' maid to take charge of said cottage until January 1, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Estimates—Painting railing Fourth avenue parks.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the Secretary was directed to obtain estimates for painting the railings around the Fourth avenue parks, and submit them to the Board.

Charges against keepers.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against members of the Police force of the Department made a verbal report and recommended as follows :

Parks, E. L.

1st. That Gatekeeper E. L. Parks, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, be fined five days' pay.

Tracy, Wm. D.

2d. That Gatekeeper Wm. D. Tracy, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, be fined five days' pay.

Slavin, H. L.

3d. That Gatekeeper Hugh L. Slavin, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, be fined five days' pay.

Fall, Geo. P.

4th. That Gatekeeper Geo. P. Fall, charged with violation of rules and being off post, be fined ten days' pay and reprimanded.

Nelson, Thomas.

5th. That Gatekeeper Thomas Nelson, charged with absence without leave, be fined five days' pay.

Lyons, John.

6th. That Gatekeeper John Lyons, charged with neglect of duty, be fined one day's pay.

Walker, Geo.

7th. That Gatekeeper George Walker, charged with neglect of duty, be fined one day's pay.

Taylor, John V.

8th. That Gatekeeper John V. Taylor, charged with violation of rules, be fined one day's pay.

McCarthy, Thos. J.

9th. That Gatekeeper Thos. J. McCarthy, charged with neglect of duty, be fined one day's pay.

Kassing, A. H.

10th. That Parkkeeper A. H. Kassing, charged with neglect of duty, be fined two days' pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

White—Parkkeeper.

11th. That the Gatekeeper Patrick White, charged with intoxication and insubordination be fined fifteen days' pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Hewitt, R. E.,)
 Lyons, David,)
 Troy, Daniel.)

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the charge of violation of rules preferred against Parkkeeper R. E. Hewitt, and the charge of neglect of duty against Parkkeepers David Lyons and Daniel Troy were dismissed.

Park and Gate Keeper—Commissioner VIELE to examine.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to a Committee of the Board to examine into and report upon the mental, physical and moral condition of the Park and Gate Keepers.

The President appointed Commissioner VIELE as such Committee.

Stuyvesant Park—Flagging.

From N. W. Stuyvesant Catlin, calling attention to the condition of the flagging on the east side of Stuyvesant Square in Livingston place, and

From the Architect, recommending that the same be repaired.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the subject of repairing the sidewalk around Stuyvesant Square be referred to the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Employment of—

Mason,)
 Painters,)
 Carpenters.)

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

Resolved, That the employment of one mason, four painters, and four carpenters be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Foremen of Carpenters—To report inefficient men.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Foreman of Carpenters be directed to report to the Board the names of any and all persons employed under him who are in his judgment inefficient.

McComb's Dam Bridge—Estimate for painting.

Commissioner CRIMMINS presented the following estimates for painting the wood and iron work of the draw of the McComb's Dam Bridge :

Joseph Dillon.....	\$1,800 00
John D. Taylor.....	1,580 00
Sullivan Bros.....	935 00

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to the lowest bidder for doing said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Leavitt, Samuel—To be relieved from duty.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Samuel Leavitt, General Foreman on Riverside Park, be relieved from duty on said work on and after July 1st, next, and that he be assigned to the duty of Inspector on sewer on contract work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

President appoint a laborer.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint a laborer on Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bicycles—Riverside avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That all proficient members of established bicycle clubs that make application to ride on the Riverside Drive before two o'clock P. M., and after seven o'clock P. M., be granted permission so to do, and upon the presentation of their certificate of membership, that the Secretary be authorized to give permits for the same.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words "before two o'clock P. M., and after seven o'clock P. M.," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "before nine o'clock A. M."

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

Aye—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Noes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Mould, J. W.—Employment.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Jacob Wrey Mould be continued in the service of this Department, at the same rate of pay that he now receives.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Flagging—Eighth avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That a second course of flagging be laid on the Eighth avenue sidewalk of Manhattan Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Sell Building—Riverside avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the building now standing on the Riverside Drive at One Hundred and Twelfth street be sold at public auction.

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

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners Crimmins, Olliffe—2.

President to Sell at Auction.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to sell at public auction at as early a day as possible the "lost property" in the possession of the Department, the buildings on Riverside Drive, and such lambs, etc., from the Central Park flock, and other property of the Department that it is necessary to dispose of at public auction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

On motion, at 2.40 o'clock P. M., the executive session arose, and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

Tuesday, July 3, 1883.]

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TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1883.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

The meeting was called in pursuance with the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, }
June 29, 1883. }

MR. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary*:

SIR—In view of Wednesday, July 4th, the regular meeting day, being a national holiday, you will please issue notices for a Special Meeting of the Board to be held on Tuesday, 3d inst., at 10 A. M., for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

Yours, etc.,

W. M. OLLIFFE,
President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

Wednesday, July 4, 1883.] 133

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING DAY.

'This being a holiday, no meeting held.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1883.

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SPECIAL MEETING, 10 A. M.
—

The Board met, pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, }
July 9, 1883. }

MR. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Board, to be held on Wednesday next, 11th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of opening proposals for work and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

Yours, etc.,

W. M. OLLIFFE,
President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.

“ WALES.

Proposals—Opening of.

At the hour of ten o'clock, the Comptroller of the City being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the Comptroller, and of such of the parties making proposals as were present, opened the estimate-box, and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertise-

ment duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works, namely :

For completing the timber guards for Pivot Pier of the Madison Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river.

For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Millbrook and Courtland avenues, with a branch in Bergen avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets.

For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in Westchester avenue and One Hundred and Fiftieth street, between Brook and Courtland avenues, with branches in North Third avenue and Bergen avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Westchester avenue.

For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Fortieth street, between North Third and Alexander avenues, with a branch in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Fortieth and One Hundred and Forty-first streets.

Table of Bids for Completing the Timber Guards for Pivot Pier of the Madison Avenue Bridge over the Harlem River.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUAN- TITIES.	1		2		3		4		5		6	
			JOSEPH WALSH.		JAMES D. LEARY.		WARREN ROSEVELT.		JOHN GILLIES.		JOHN McQUADE.		* FLAHERTY & THOS. O'CONNELL.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Piles driven, cut and framed.....	196	....	\$1,900 00	\$9 40	\$1,842 40	\$8 00	\$1,568 00	\$10 00	\$1,960 00	\$20 00	\$3,920 00	\$5 50	\$1,078 00
2	Yellow pine timber in place.....	37 M. B. M.	....	1,850 00	48 40	1,790 80	35 00	1,295 00	40 00	1,480 00	75 00	2,775 00	42 00	1,554 00
3	White oak timber in place.....	33 M. B. M.	....	2,400 00	74 40	2,455 20	70 00	2,310 00	70 00	2,310 00	95 00	3,135 00	57 00	1,881 00
	Total.....	.....	....	\$6,150 00	....	\$6,088 40	....	\$5,173 00	....	\$5,750 00	....	\$9,830 00	....	\$4,513 00

* Informal.

Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street, between Mill Brook and Courtland Avenue, with a Branch in Bergen Avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-ninth Streets.

Number of Item.	ITEMS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5		6	
			B. C. MURRAY.		FERD. V. MORRISON.		MICHAEL EGAN.		CORNELIUS SMITH.		WM. F. CROFT.		THOMAS H. CASEY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	{ 15" pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs.....	290 lin. ft.	\$4 00	\$1,160 00	\$3 00	\$870 00	\$3 00	\$870 00	\$3 60	\$1,044 00	\$2 25	\$652 50	\$3 00	\$870 00
2	{ 12" pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs.....	1,170 "	2 48	2,901 60	3 00	3,510 00	2 60	3,042 00	3 50	4,095 00	2 00	2,340 00	2 50	2,925 00
3	{ Spurs for house connections.....	140	0 10	14 00	1 0	140 00	75	105 00	80	112 00	15	21 00	50	70 00
4	Receiving-basins complete.....	4	150 00	600 00	130 00	520 00	150 00	600 00	175 00	700 00	135 00	540 00	200 00	800 00
5	Manholes complete.....	18	50 00	900 00	45 00	810 00	55 00	990 00	75 00	1,350 00	47 00	846 00	50 00	900 00
6	{ Rock to be excavated and removed.....	800 cu. yds.	3 40	2,720 00	3 10	2,480 00	4 00	3,200 00	4 80	3,840 00	4 00	3,200 00	4 50	3,600 00
7	{ Lumber furnished and laid.....	2,000 ft. B. M.	25 00	50 00	20 00	40 00	01	02	38 00	76 00	25 00	50 00	30 00	60 00
8	Concrete in place.....	6 cu. yds.	4 00	24 00	6 00	36 00	4 00	24 00	7 00	42 00	6 00	36 00	5 00	30 00
9	Rubble masonry in mortar.....	20 "	5 00	100 00	4 00	80 00	10 00	200 00	6 50	130 00	5 00	100 00	5 00	100 00
10	{ Time for completion, at \$4 per day.....	.....	Days. 100	400 00	Days. 100	400 00	Days. 30	120 00	Days. 78	312 00	Days. 45	180 00	Days. 150	600 00
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$8,869 60	.....	\$8,886 00	.....	\$9,151 02	.....	\$11,701 00	.....	\$7,965 50	.....	\$9,955 00

Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in Westchester Avenue and One Hundred and Fiftieth Street, between Brook and Courtland Avenues, with Branches in North Third Avenue and Bergen Avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street and Westchester Avenue.

Number of Item.	ITEMS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3	
			THOS. H. CASEY.		B. C. MURRAY.		MICHAEL EGAN.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	15" pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs.	380 lin. ft.	\$5 00	\$1,900 00	\$4 00	\$1,520 00	\$3 00	\$1,140 00
2	12" pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs.	1,720 "	5 00	8,600 00	3 25	5,590 00	2 60	4,472 00
3	Spurs for house connections.	198	30	59 40	30	59 40	75	148 50
4	Receiving-basins, complete.	5	200 00	1,000 00	150 00	750 00	150 00	750 00
5	Manholes, complete.	24	50 00	1,200 00	50 00	1,200 00	55 00	1,320 00
6	Rock to be excavated and removed.	1,500 cu. yds.	01	15 00	3 00	4,500 00	4 00	6,000 00
7	Lumber furnished and laid.	2,000 ft., B. M.	3 00	6 00	30 00	60 00	01	02
8	Concrete in place.	12 cu. yds.	3 00	36 00	3 00	36 00	4 00	48 00
9	Time for completion, at \$4 per day.		Days. 170	680 00	Days. 100	400 00	Days. 30	120 00
	Totals.			\$13,496 40		\$14,115 40		\$13,998 52

Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Fortieth Street, between North Third Avenue and Alexander Avenue, with a branch in Alexander Avenue, between One Hundred and Fortieth and One Hundred and Forty-First Streets.

Number.	ITEMS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
			MICHAEL EGAN.		ROBERT HALL AND F. V. MORRISON.		THOS. H. CASEY.		B. C. MURRAY.		CORNELIUS SMITH.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	12-in. pipe sewer ex. spurs.	600 lineal ft.	\$2 90	\$1,740 00	\$3 25	\$1,950 00	\$6 00	\$3,600 00	\$5 00	\$3,000 00	\$2 98	\$1,788 00
2	Spurs, over and above } cost per foot of pipe ... }	55	75	41 25	1 00	55 00	25	13 75	01	55	80	44 00
3	Manholes (complete)	9	55 00	495 00	50 00	450 00	35 00	315 00	50 00	450 00	80 00	720 00
4	Timber furnished and laid	1,000 ft. B. M.	01	01	20 00	20 00	1 00	1 00	30 00	30 00	35 00	35 00
5	Concrete in place.....	6 cub. yds.	01	06	4 00	24 00	4 00	24 00	4 00	24 00	7 00	42 00
6	Time for completion, at } \$4.00 per day..... }	.....	Days. 20	80 00	Days. 30	120 00	Days. 30	120 00	Days. 30	120 00	Days. 35	140 00
	Totals.....	.....	....	\$2,356 32	....	\$2,619 00	....	\$4,073 75	....	\$3,624 55	....	\$2,769 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Bailey, N. P. }
Barlow, S. L. M. } —To work Sedgwick avenue.

From N. P. Bailey and S. L. M. Barlow, for permission to regulate, grade, etc., at their own expense, and under the supervision of this Department, Sedgwick avenue from the Fordham road to the Kingsbridge road.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Whereas, Nathaniel P. Bailey and Samuel L. M. Barlow, property-holders in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, have petitioned that they themselves may do the work of opening the proposed extension to Sedgwick avenue, in said city, between its point of intersection with the Fordham Landing road and its intersection with the Kingsbridge road in the said Twenty-fourth Ward, under the supervision of a proper inspector and engineer, at their own expense, including the charges of the inspector and engineer ;

Resolved, That the prayer of said petitioners be granted, and they themselves allowed to do such work, upon the following terms, conditions and stipulations :

I.—The work shall be under the immediate supervision of the Acting Engineer of Construction of the Department of Public Parks. It shall conform strictly to the grades and lines heretofore established for said portion of Sedgwick avenue, in accordance with law.

II.—The amount of "surveyor's fees," namely, ten cents per lineal foot for feet, to be deposited with the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

III.—The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks to appoint an inspector to supervise the execution of the work, to be paid \$3 per diem. The petitioners to deposit with the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, before work is actually begun, a sum sufficient to pay said inspector, at the above-named rate, for twice the time agreed

upon by their contractor for doing the work; and if this sum should prove insufficient, then, from time to time, upon five (5) days' notice, such additional sum as the said Commissioners may determine to be necessary to pay said inspector, to be deposited with said Commissioners.

IV.—The regulating and grading shall extend over the full width of the avenue. Slopes in excavation and embankment to extend over adjacent private property.

V.—Proper, easy and safe connections to be graded from the new work to the present roadway at Kingsbridge road and Fordham Landing road.

VI.—Any destruction of, or injury to, gas or water pipes or appurtenances thereof, or any loss or damage to the city arising from the work, to be paid for by said petitioners.

VII.—No estimate to be paid to any contractor for said grading until the same has been approved of by the Engineer of the Department of Public Parks.

VIII.—The Engineer of the Department of Public Parks not to be called upon to give an exact estimate of work until its final completion; nor to give approximate estimates oftener than once a month, and then only when the amount of work done since previous estimate would amount to at least \$1,000.

IX.—The specifications included in the contract for doing the work to be approved by the Engineer of the Department of Public Parks.

X.—This permit shall be void after the expiration of two (2) years from date.

XI.—And that the said work shall be done in all respects according to law, and the said petitioners shall indemnify and save harmless the City of New York and the Department of Public Parks, and Commissioners thereof, of and from all loss and damage, liability and claims arising out of, or in any way connected with said work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was deter-

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following ordinances and resolutions adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor.

134th street—To pave.

1. Ordinance to pave East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from North Third avenue to Alexander avenue.

156th street—Crosswalks.

2. Ordinance to lay crosswalks in East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from North Third avenue to Railroad avenue.

Referred to Acting Engineer of Construction.

Close offices.

3. Resolution to close public offices at noon on Saturdays during the summer season.

Ordered filed.

Rose street—Repairing of.

4. Resolution relative to repairing Rose street, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Referred to the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Comptroller—Condition of Riverside avenue wall.

From the Comptroller, relative to an action against the city taken by the assignee of the contractors for constructing Riverside Drive, for extra work on the retaining and parapet walls, and desiring information in relation to the same.

Referred to the Engineer to report.

Transfers.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven dollars and ten cents (\$2,887.10) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1880, "For Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—For Labor, Maintenance and Supplies," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation hereby made to the same Department for 1883, and entitled "Triangles at Sixty-third and Sixty-fifth streets, Improvement of," for which it is required.

Resolved, That the sums following be and are hereby transferred from the appropriations herein named, made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1881, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

Laying Walks, City Parks	\$3,984 24
Laying Walks, Central Park	1,042 18
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	\$5,026 42

—to the appropriation hereby made to the same Department for 1883, entitled "For Erecting a Railing and Laying Pavement around the Obelisk in the Central Park," for which it is required.

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1882, "For the Improvement and Maintenance of Riverside Park and Avenue," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for 1883, "For the Improvement and Maintenance of Riverside Avenue," which is insufficient.

Resolved, That the sums following be and hereby are transferred from the appropriation herein named, made to the Department of Public Parks for the years 1880, 1881, and 1882, respectively, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance, 1880	\$2,896 48
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance, 1881	144 51
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance, 1882	11,301 78
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	\$14,342 77

—to the appropriation entitled "Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance," for 1883, which is insufficient.

Ordered filed.

Fire Department—Temporary quarters.

From the President of the Fire Department, desiring permission to erect a temporary structure on the circle at Eighth

avenue and Fifty-ninth street, for the use of Engine Co. No. 23.

Referred to Commissioner Viele to report.

Fire Department—Use of Riverside Drive.

From the President of the Fire Department, desiring that their Chiefs of Battalions be allowed to pass over Riverside avenue with their wagons when necessary.

Ordered filed.

Parshall, James L.—Opening Trinity avenue.

From James L. Parshall, petitioning for the opening of Trinity avenue eastwardly to the Boston road.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Parshall, James L. and others—Crosswalks Washington avenue.

From James L. Parshall and S. S. Randall, relative to the dangerous condition of Washington avenue, caused by the laying of crosswalks below the surface of the avenue at the intersecting streets.

Referred to Commissioner Viele.

Flanagan, Richard—Camera obscura.

From Richard Flanagan, withdrawing the application of Raphael & Flanagan, and applying on his own behalf for permission to erect a structure on the Central Park for exhibiting a camera obscura.

Referred to Commissioner Viele.

Rogers, O. H.—Topographical map, Riverside Park and drive.

From Oscar H. Rogers, submitting a topographical map of the Riverside drive and Park.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to examine and report upon.

Forsberg, Knut—For appointment.

From Knut Forsberg, desiring employment.

Ordered filed.

Boller, A. P.—Estimate Keystone Bridge Co.

From A. P. Boller, Engineer, enclosing a communication from the Keystone Bridge Company with an estimate of work done on their contract for the superstructure of the Madison avenue bridge amounting to \$6,928.67.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Shea, J. B.—For promotion.

From Jno. B. Shea, applying for promotion from the position of chainman to that of assistant in the Engineering Corps.

Ordered filed.

Kellogg, M. A.—Suspension of laborers.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, reporting the suspension of John Gaffney, Martin McCue, Michael Rawley, and Thomas Corley, laborers, for inefficiency.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, said laborers were discharged.

Treasurer's statement.

A statement of the Treasurer of the moneys deposited with the Comptroller was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MONEYS MADE TO COMPTROLLER,	
JUNE 20, 1883.	
1883.	<i>Permits.</i>
June 13. Mrs. Dora Scudder.....	\$10 00
“ 14. J. Ansel	10 00
“ 18. Simon Jordan	10 00
“ 19. Chas. Wetzel.....	10 00
“ 19. James Meehan.....	10 00
	\$50 00
	<i>License.</i>
June 18. Lewis P. Tibbals.....	14 24
	\$64 24
	<i>Special Fund—Repairing.</i>
June 14. Thos. C. Andrews.....	\$10 00
“ 19. Gustave Engel.....	10 00
	\$20 00

STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MONEYS MADE TO COMPTROLLER,
JUNE 27, 1883.

1883.	<i>Permits.</i>		
June 21. F. McNulty		\$10 00	
“ 22. Ph. Herd		10 00	
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Architect—Sanitary condition of Highbridge.

From the Architect, submitting plans, etc., for improving the sanitary condition of High Bridge hotel.

Referred back to the Architect to report the cost of the same.

Grove street sewerage.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction :

1st. Presenting plans and specifications for sewers necessary to drain the territory which is dependent for an outlet for drainage through Grove street in Twenty-third Ward.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for sewers necessary to drain the territory dependent for an outlet for drainage through Grove street in Twenty-third Ward, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

165th street regulating—Injunction.

2d. Reporting upon the complaint of John E. Barstow, as to the dangerous condition of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, where the work of grading was stopped by an order of the Supreme Court.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, was directed to close the dangerous portion of said street, and the Counsel to the Corporation was requested to have the time for the hearing in the matter of the injunction by the Supreme Court postponed for two weeks.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Works in progress.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

1st. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Temporary suspensions.

2d. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Keegan, Thos.—Suspension.

3d. Reporting the suspension of Thomas Keegan, laborer, for intoxication.

On motion, said Keegan was discharged.

Olmstead, D. H., and others—Roads across Central Park.

From D. H. Olmstead, N. P. Bailey, F. H. Cossit and others, petitioning for the construction of a cross drive between the East and West Drives in Central Park, immediately north of the transverse road at Ninety-sixth street, for securing more convenient communication between the Fifth and Eighth avenues.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be directed to make the necessary surveys and plans with a view to the construction of a surface drive from the East to the West Drive in Central Park, immediately north of the transverse road at Ninety-sixth street; also an estimate of the cost of doing the work, and submit the same to the Board before October 1 next.

Morningside Park bays—Proposal and award of contract.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following proposals for constructing walls for seven octagonal bays, and four entrances on Morningside Park, adjoining Morningside avenue :

Michael M. Brennan.....	\$78,110 00
Nolan & McGrath.....	74,350 00
John B. Healey.....	71,000 00
William F. Croft.....	59,700 00
Charles Jones.....	53,500 00

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of Charles Jones, amounting to \$53,500, for constructing walls for seven octagonal bays and four entrances on Morningside Park, adjoining Morningside avenue, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid, that it be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, the President be and he is hereby authorized to sign a contract with the said Charles Jones for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Trees planted and condition of.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That at the first regular meeting in August the Superintendent of Planting report to this Board the whole number and kind of trees planted in 1882 and 1883 on the

Fifth avenue, Riverside drive, and Manhattan square, how many of each species have died, together with his opinion as to the cause of the death of the trees.

Conservatory—Site for.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That a site be selected for a conservatory in place of the glass houses now in use, that have become inadequate and out of repair, and that the subject be referred to a special committee to report.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners Viele and Wales as such committee.

McComb's Dam bridge—Repairs to.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be requested to give his personal supervision to the repairs of the approaches to the McComb's Dam bridge, and that said repairs be completed without delay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Examination of planting.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks, Superintendent of Planting, and Superintending Gardener make a thorough and detailed examination of the several divisions of the Central Park, and designate such trees and shrubs as can be judiciously removed and transplanted to other parts.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 11 o'clock A. M. the Board went into executive session.

Lyons, James—Appointment.

The PRESIDENT stated that in accordance with the authority of the Board, and upon the recommendation of the Acting

Engineer of Construction, he had appointed James Lyons Inspector of Masonry on the Madison Avenue bridge.

Commissioner WALES moved that the action of the President in appointing James Lyons Inspector 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Extra time on Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the following persons be allowed pay for overtime made by them in repairing the Third Avenue bridge :

John McDonald, 5 hours.
James Davis, 7 hours.
Terrence Duffy, 5 hours.
John T. Maher, 4 hours.
Peter Carroll, 7 hours.
Thomas D. Cullen, 7 hours.
Patrick Lahey, 7 hours.
James McCabe, 7 hours.
Michael Pendergast, 7 hours.
Alfred Videtta, 8 hours.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that pay be allowed the above-mentioned persons for overtime, as recommended by the Superintendent of Parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Paving around triangle, 63d street and Boulevard.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That E. H. Wootton be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the laying of an asphalt walk around the triangle at the Boulevard and Sixty-third street, at 23½ cents per square foot.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Murphy, Patrick—Promoted.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the name of Patrick Murphy, laborer, be added to the list of persons promoted to the rank of skilled laborers, at \$2 per day, at the meeting of the Board held June 20, 1883.

Commissioner WALES moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks be adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Riverside avenue—Laborers appointed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of additional laborers for work on Riverside avenue.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of twelve laborers for work on Riverside avenue, be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Additional laborers for Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the employment of additional men for work on the Central Park.

Referred to the President.

Transfer of laborers.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to transferring laborers from the work on the entrance to Manhattan square at Seventy-seventh street to Central and Fourth avenue Parks, and the employment of a machinist for work at the shops.

Referred to the President with power.

Supt. of Parks—Work in progress.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the work in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Supt. of Parks—Gardening force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the gardening force of the Department.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the employment of a gardener be authorized for work on Riverside drive and 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Restoration of laborers, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of Conrad Maidoff and Louis Roussel, laborers.

Commissioner WALES moved that Conrad Maidoff and Louis Roussel, laborers, be restored to duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Double teams—23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of four double teams be authorized for work in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Rogers, O. H.—Appointed.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending the appointment of Oscar H. Rogers as an assistant on the work of preparing tax maps.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Oscar H. Rogers be and he is hereby appointed an assistant to the Topographical Engineer at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Superintendent of Planting—Cleaning trees.

From the Superintendent of Planting, in relation to the cleaning and pruning of trees and shrubs in the Central and city parks.

Ordered filed.

Plans for McComb's Dam bridge.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting in relation to the plans prepared by A. P. Boller and Post & McCord and the Delaware Bridge Company for new trusses for McComb's Dam bridge.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, the Secretary was directed to procure estimates for doing the work in accordance with the plans prepared by A. P. Boller and submit them to the Board.

Foreman of Carpenters—Report.

From the Foreman of Carpenters, reporting, in compliance with the resolution of the Board, adopted on the 20th ultimo, directing him to report the names of any and all persons employed on the force under him that, in his judgment, are inefficient.

Laid over.

Hall, Francis—Restored.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Francis Hall be and he is hereby restored to duty as carpenter.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Kitchell, Patrick, } Appointed.
Hogan, Patrick, }

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Kitchell and Patrick Hogan be and are hereby appointed laborers on Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Removal of stone from sidewalk of Mail street.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Postmaster be requested to notify the proper authorities to remove, without delay, the blocks of granite now lying on the sidewalk of Mail street.

Duffy, James, }
McDonald, James, } Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That James Duffy be and he is hereby appointed a skilled laborer under Engineer Kellogg, *vice* Patrick Neeson, and that James McDonald be appointed a laborer on Riverside Park, *vice* Peter Mitchell.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Kane, Thos.—Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE moved that Thos. Kane be appointed for duty as watchman on Riverside 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Stone cutter, }
Stone mason, } Appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner Viele be authorized to appoint one stone cutter and one stone mason for work on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Crimmins, John D., personal expenses. Labor, Maint., and Supplies	\$150 00
Viele, Egbert L., personal expenses. Labor, Maint., and Supplies	150 00
Wales, Salem H., personal expenses Labor, Maint., and Supplies	150 00
	\$450 00
	\$450 00

Amounting to the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 10, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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 :

B. C. Murray, paving cement. Special fund re-		
pairing.	\$42 00	
		\$42 00
		\$42 00

Amounting to the sum of forty-two dollars.

(Signed),

E. L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 10, 1883.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve it, 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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:

Croft, W. F. (Estimate No. 1).....	Sewer, etc., 138th st. bet. Willis and Brook avs., branch in Brown place	\$1,652 84
Gustaverson, Edward, payment on acceptance.....	Fencing vacant lots N. S. of 157th st., commencing 450 ft. W. Elton ave...	60 00
Gustaverson, Edward, payment on acceptance.....	Fencing vacant lots S. S. 154th st., commencing 250 ft. W. Courtland street....	66 00
Rogers, O. H. Map Riverside Park ..	Riverside Park and ave. Impt. and Maint. 1882.	356 50
		<u>\$2,135 34</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Street Improvement Fund.....	\$1,778 84
Riverside Park and avenue, Improvement and Maint.....	356 50
	<u>\$2,135 34</u>

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

(Signed),

E. L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 11, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now

approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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, D. P., meat and vegetables....	Zool. Dept.		\$319 90
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal	Harlem R. Bdgs		55 00
Benoit, A. V., drawing paper, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$19 20	
	Morningside Park, Impt. of.....	19 20	
			<hr/> 38 40
Benoit, A. V., drawing paper.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc, Tax and Asses. Maps, etc.		10 24
Borne, Scrymser & Co., machinery oil.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$16 25	
	Riverside avenue, Impt. and Maint.	6 50	
	Harlem R. Bdgs.	9 43	
			<hr/> 32 18
Bouker, John A., trap rock.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		900 00
Brown, Martin B., file boxes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		36 75
Brown, Martin B., binding.....	Sewer, 135th st., bet. College & 3d aves.....		5 50
Crombie, R. H., moulding and lumber.	Zool. Dept.....		122 22
Crombie, R. H., spruce joists, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		26 90
Crombie, R. H., spruce.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		17 91

Cook & Pulver, steam packing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$1 00
Doyle, Andrew T., blinds.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	185 00
Fitzpatrick, James, oats, corn, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	33 90
Fitzpatrick, James, oats, corn, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	419 53
Galligan, T. P. & Son, mould & carting.....	Labor, Maint and Supplies.....	148 12
Ghetti, Antonio, street monuments.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Mak- ing Maps, etc., 1882.....	24 00
Joyce, Thos. H., music.....	Music.....	810 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	5 78
McAllister, F. E., wheel-barrows.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	18 00
McAllister, F. E., bird seed.....	Zool. Dept.....	12 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., steam packing.....	Harlem R. Bldgs..	8 40
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 9.....	Const. Bldgs. over Harlem River...	2,440 20
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 13.....	Const. Bldgs. over Harlem River..	5,000 80
McQuade, Thos., broken stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	85 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	59 40
Miller, N. Hubbard, uniforms.....	Police.....	4,251 00
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Mu- seum Nat. His.....	Maint. Museums	1,549 75
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 3.....	Regulating, etc., Morris av., from 138th to 156th streets.....	5,684 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	39 60
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement.....	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park.....	433 80

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O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$21 77	
	Riverside avenue, Impt. & Maint.	10 50	
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	13 00	
	Harlem R. Bdgs.	4 23	
		<hr/>	\$49 50
Parsons, S., Jr., car fares.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		7 60
Parsons & Sons Co. (limited), shrubs..	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....		223 00
Patterson Bros., iron, sickles and nails.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		33 95
Patterson Bros., rakes, etc.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		43 00
Patterson Bros., sledges and handles.	Bronx R. Bdgs..		14 12
Pierson & Co., steel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		4 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., varnish, paint, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		96 58
Shady, James H., fish.....	Zool. Dept.....		9 30
Seaman, John A., rope and waste....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		28 00
Vanderbilt Bros., water barrel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		28 72
Van Riper, Chas., door.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		10 75
Von Gerichten & Stark, tool boxes....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		178 50
Wiegand, Chas., stone boats.....	Bronx R. Bdgs. (1882).....		9 00
Wiegand, Chas., stone boats.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		9 00
Wiegand, Chas., stone boats.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		18 50
Wootton, E. H., laying pavement.....	Laying walks, Central Park...		37 50
Wootton, E. H., laying pavement.....	Laying Walks, Central Park (1882).....		578 40
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			<u>\$24,148 70</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,166 43
Zoological Department.....	463 42
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	471 30
Maintenance Museums.....	1,549 75
Music.....	810 00
Police.....	4,251 00
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards ..	1,264 78
Harlem River Bridges.....	77 06
Bronx River Bridges.....	14 12
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	19 20
Manhattan Square, Improvement of ..	223 00
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assess. Maps, etc. .	10 24
Riverside avenue, Improvement and Maintenance.....	17 00
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	69 50
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Making Maps, etc. (1882)..	24 00
Bronx River Bridges (1882).....	9 00
Laying Walks, Central Park (1882).....	578 40
Street Improvement Fund.....	5,689 50
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	7,441 00
	—————\$24,148 70
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-four thousand one hundred and forty-eight dollars and seventy cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 10, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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 :

Ammann, C., honeysuckles, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$100 00
Brennan, Wm., repairs to cottages. . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	130 00
Benham & Stoutenborough.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	5 40
Benoit, A. V., steel tapes, etc.	Morningside Park, Impt. of.	32 20
Benoit, A. V., plum bob line.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	4 39
Brown, Martin B., binding.	Brook ave sewer. .	15 00
Connelly, John E., straw.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	15 47
Crofut & Knapp, helmets	Police	275 00
Crombie, R. H., oak stakes.	Surveys, Maps and Plans	65 00
Dishet, Wm., broken stone.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	85 00
Ellwanger & Barry, shrubs.	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.	133 50
Egan, Michael, estimate No. 1.	Sewer, etc., 148th st., bet. Mill- brook & Court- land ave. and branches	2,737 00
Flanery, A., broken stone.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	85 00
Fitzpatrick, Jas., salt.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	3 90
Gribble, James, hammers and tongs . .	Riverside Park, Impt. of.	101 86
Heyniger, L. & Co., twine and pails. . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$3 36
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.	3 75
Harmer, Hays & Co., ticking, etc. . . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	7 11
		9 84

Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$103 14	
	Zoological Depart- ment	3 58	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	24 95	
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Jones, John, repairs 141st street.....	Sewer, 141st st., bet. Alexander and Willis aves., branches in Wil- lis, etc.....		15 00
Joyce, Thos. H., Music.....	Music.....		430 00
Kane, James, broken stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		85 00
Keater, T. R. & Co., Portland cement..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$35 75	
	Zoological Depart- ment.....	5 50	
		<hr/>	41 25
McNab & Harlin M'f'g Co., copper bolt.	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	\$1 80	
	Morningside Park, Impt. of.....	1 80	
		<hr/>	3 60
McNab & Harlin M'f'g Co., urinals ...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		16 87
McDonald & Killduff, stone sills.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		100 00
McAllister, F. E., shrubs.....	Fourth ave. Parks		72 50
Moffat, David & Co., harness leather...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		9 40
Murray, Thos., payment on acceptance.	Regulating, etc., 135th st., from N. 3d avenue to Railroad avenue		3,230 09
Parsons & Sons Co., shrubs, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		144 50
Parsons & Sons Co., plants.....	Manhattan Square		471 25
Patterson Bros., shovels.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		24 00
Patterson Bros., shovels.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		34 00
Pierson & Co., steel.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		12 84
Reilly, Hugh, broken stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		85 00

Reilly, Jas. H., estimate No. 1.....	Ladies' Cottages..	\$472 50
Reilly, Jas. H., estimate No. 2.....	Ladies' Cottages..	787 50
Slattery, James, labor, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$657 25
Seaman, John A., waste.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	6 00
Thielman, F., Jr., labor, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	726 00
Whiston, Wm., labor, etc.....	Const. Musuem Nat. His.....	315 00
Young, G. G., steam-engine.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	940 00
Young, C. C., bread.....	Zoological Dept...	62 00
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		\$12,678 89

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$2,061 48
Zoological Department	71 08
Police.....	275 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	604 75
Music.....	430 00
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	144 25
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,348 74
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	65 00
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	72 50
Ladies' Cottages.....	1,260 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	5,997 09
Morningside Park, Improvement of	34 00
Construction Musuem Natural History.....	315 00
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	\$12,678 89

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve thousand six hundred and seventy-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents.

(Signed)

H. L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 2, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 affirma-

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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

Howell, A. J., screenings and trap rock.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1882	\$849 00
Howell, A. J., screenings	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards . . .	397 50
Lyons, James, materials and labor	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards . . .	75 00
Marquand, H. G., Treasurer, expenses		
Mus. of Art.	Maint. Museums .	1,611 74
Moran, Dennis W., payment on accept- ances	Crosswalks across Washington ave. at 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 172d, 173d and 175th streets, & at intersections of these streets with avenue . . .	1,375 75
Perkins, James H., estimate No. 1	Regulating, etc., 134th street, set- ting curb and gutters and flag- ging sidewalks, from Willis and Brook avenues . .	1,628 90
Perkins, James H., estimate No. 1	Regulating, etc., setting curb, lay- ing crosswalks, and paving road- way Alexander avenue, from S. Boulevard to North Third ave.	4,327 40
Riddle, Geo., tin signs	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards . . .	9 00
Young, Chas. C., bread	Zoological Dept. . .	70 76
		<u>\$10,345 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	\$481 50
Maintenance Museums	1,611 74
Zoological Department	70 76
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, 1883	849 00
Street Improvement Fund	7,332 05
	\$10,345 05

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars and five cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 2, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Charges against Keepers.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against park and gate keepers, made a verbal report and recommended as follows :

Troy, Daniel.

1st. That the charge of being off post preferred against Parkkeeper Daniel Troy be dismissed, and that he be restored to duty without loss of pay.

O'Keefe, John.

2d. That Parkkeeper John O'Keefe, charged with absence without leave and conduct unbecoming an officer, be dismissed from the force.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Nelson, Thomas.

3d. That Gatekeeper Thomas Nelson, charged with sleeping on post, be dismissed from the force.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Hennessy, Michael—Appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael Hennessey be and he is hereby appointed a Gatekeeper on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

White, Patrick—Fine.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the fine of fifteen days' pay imposed upon Gatekeeper Patrick White, at a meeting of the Board held on 20th ultimo, be ordered to commence with the date of his suspension, and that his pay be allowed accordingly.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Keystone Bridge Co.—Estimate.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the communication from A. P. Boller,

Engineer, enclosing Estimate No. 1, amounting to \$6,928.67, in favor of the Keystone Bridge Company, for iron work done on account of their contract for erecting the superstructure of the Madison Avenue Bridge, presented said estimate, and moved that the same be approved and sent 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Hoyt, A. M.—Bay windows.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That this Department hereby consents to the erection of bay-windows by Alfred M. Hoyt on his proposed new building to be erected on the corner of Fifth avenue and Seventy-fifth street, the projection not to extend more than four feet beyond the house-line.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Obelisk railing—Estimates.

The Secretary presented the following estimates for granite and bronze work for a railing around the Obelisk in Central Park.

GRANITE WORK.

R. C. Fisher	\$2,647 00
J. G. Batterson, Westerly Granite	1,250 00
Hallowell "	1,000 00
Millstone Point Granite	950 00
W. F. Pietch	750 00

BRONZE WORK.

Mitchell, Vance & Co	\$1,800 00
W. H. Jackson & Co.	1,675 00
R. C. Fisher.	1,097 88
Geo. Fisher & Bro.	997 88

Commissioner VIELE moved that orders be issued to the lowest bidders for doing the said works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

On motion of Commissioner Viele, at 12.35 o'clock P. M., the executive session arose, and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.

“ WALES.

“ CRIMMINS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen—Half holiday for laborers.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution, adopted by said Board, relative to a half holiday on Saturdays for the mechanics and laborers of the several City Departments on Saturdays during summer season.

Ordered filed.

Counsel to Corporation—Bid of Flaherty & O'Connell.

The following opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, July 13, 1883.

E. P. BARKER, Esq., *Secretary of the Department of Public Parks:*

SIR—I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, inclosing the proposal of Flaherty & O'Connell, for building timber guards of the first pier of the Madison Avenue Bridge, and asking my advice as to the course to be pursued by the Department in relation thereto.

The sureties having failed to qualify in any sum whatever, the bid is irregular in form, and, under the provisions of the Ordinances of the Common Council, must be rejected. The Board is authorized by section 64 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882 to reject all the other bids and readvertise the contract; or, if it seems to be for the best interests of the city, may award the contract to the bidder whose bid was the next lowest to that of Flaherty & O'Connell.

The bid transmitted in your letter is herewith returned.

I am, sir, respectfully yours,

GEORGE P. ANDREWS,

Counsel to the Corporation.

Roosevelt, Warren—Proposal accepted.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following:

Resolved, That in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation the proposal of Warren Roosevelt, amounting to \$5,173.00, for building timber guards for the Madison Avenue Bridge, be accepted as the lowest bid in legal and regular form, and the contract awarded accordingly. That said proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that the President be authorized to execute, for and on behalf of this Department, a contract for doing said 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Unbekant, Col.—Music Tompkins Square.

From Col. Fred. Unbekant, offering on behalf of the officers and band of the Eleventh Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., to give a concert in Tompkins Square on any Friday during the present month.

On motion, said offer was accepted, with the thanks of the Board, and the subject referred to the President with power.

Kearney, Denis—Meeting on plaza.

From Denis Kearney, desiring permission to hold a mass meeting on the plaza at Union Square, on Thursday evening, 19th instant.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, the President was authorized to grant a permit to Denis Kearney to hold such meeting upon his obtaining permission from the Police Department so to do.

Brady, Patrick—Discharged.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, reporting the suspension of Patrick Brady, laborer, for intoxication.

On motion, said Brady was discharged.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, 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 :

Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$70 00
Benham & Stoutenborough, water cooler	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	5 68
Boynton, E. M., Saw and File Co., saw.	Riverside Park....	2 50
Cairns, J., ribbons.....	Police	37 50
Connolly, John E., oats, corn, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	391 76
Coffin, Paul C., grindstone, etc.	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	11 55
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	207 91
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	30 14
Howell, A. J., screenings.....	Maint. 23d & 24th* Wards (1882)...	315 00
Howell, A. J., trap rock.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards (1882)...	690 00
Ives & Bonar, hats.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	55 00
McKinney, J. H. & Co., wreaths.....	Police	27 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, pipe	Riverside Park....	166 40
Newell, D. C. & Sons, shavings.....	Zoological Dept..	6 00

Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$162 96	
	Zoological Dept.	43 40	
		<hr/>	\$206 36
Scherer, Henry, sods.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		346 44
Sellew, T. G., desk and chair.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		143 00
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses.	Surveying, Laying out, etc., Taxes and Assessment, etc.	\$83 87	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.	28 85	
		<hr/>	112 72
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses.	Const. Bridges over Harlem River.		4 13
Wootton, E. H., laying pavement.	Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3.		3,496 28
Young, G. G., belting.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.		63 61
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			<u>\$6,388 93</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.	\$1,134 93
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards	341 52
Police	64 50
Maintenance Zoological Department	49 40
Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3.	3,496 28
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	83 87
Surveys, Maps and Plans.	28 85
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards (1882).	1,005 00
Construction Bridges over Harlem River	4 13
Riverside Park, Improvement of.	180 45
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	<u>\$6,388 93</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-three hundred and eighty-eight dollars and ninety-three cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 17, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now

approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

The Secretary presented the following bids or estimates :

Proposals—Painting railing Fourth Avenue Parks.

Bids on painting railings around Fourth Avenue Parks, between Sixty-seventh and Eighty-second streets :

Sullivan Brothers	\$970 00
John D. Taylor.....	700 00
Joseph Dillon.....	575 00

Laid over.

Proposals—Flagging Stuyvesant Square.

Bids for relaying old and furnishing new flagging on sidewalk east side of Stuyvesant Square :

McDonald & Kilduff.....	\$200 00
R. J. Mahony.....	180 00

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that an order be issued to R. J. Mahony, the lowest bidder for doing said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 10.30 o'clock A. M., the Board went into executive session.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Half holiday Saturday.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that on the 14th instant, eleven double

teams and eighty-eight laborers on the force under him stopped work at noon and eleven laborers stopped work at 3 o'clock, without permission so to do and without their respective Foremen being aware of their intention.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE—

Resolved, That the action of the employees of the Department in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards who on Saturday last assumed the right to leave the work in a body before the regular hour meets with the severe condemnation of this Board. That no pay be allowed such employees for the time they were absent from their work; that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to personally inform the several gangs of workmen that the regulation of the time of the labor of the Department is solely under the control of the Commissioners and that hereafter any man who leaves work except by authority of this Board will be peremptorily discharged: that any modification of the hours of labor will be made only by the order of this Board.

Miller, Dennis, } Restorations.
Hackett, Michael, }

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Dennis Miller, carpenter, and Michael Hackett, laborer, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Parrell, Richard, } Appointed.
Reddy, James, }

• Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Richard Parrell and James Reddy be and they are hereby appointed laborers on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Discharged employees; not to be reappointed.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That hereafter no laborer or other employee of the Department, who may be discharged for cause shall be re-employed, and in each case where any such person may present a ticket for employment, the Superintendent or Engineer receiving such ticket shall return the same to the Commissioner signing it and inform the Commissioner of the cause of the discharge of the person presenting it.

Wootton, E. H.—Pave Fifth avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That E. H. Wootton be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the laying of a rock asphalt walk on the Fifth avenue sidewalk of the Central Park, from Seventy-second street to Seventy-ninth street, of the same quality and to conform to that already laid up to that point, at a price of 22½ cents per square foot.

Laid over.

Marsh, Dr. E. T. T.—Salary.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Dr. E. T. T. Marsh, Police Surgeon, be fixed at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, to date from August 1, 1883.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Parkkeepers—Charges against.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against park and gate keepers made a verbal report and recommended as follows :

Higgins, Gilbert.

1st. That the charges of violation of rules preferred against Parkkeeper Gilbert Higgins be dismissed.

Hillier, Francis.

2d. That Gatekeeper Francis Hillier, charged with absence from roll-call be fined one day's pay.

Bannon, James.

3d. That Parkkeeper James Bannon, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one-half day's pay.

Bernhard, Charles.

4th. That Parkkeeper Chas. Bernhard, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one-half day's pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Proposals—Award of contract.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the following mentioned proposals of—

Wm. F. Croft, sewer, One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.....	\$7,965 50
Michael Eagan, sewer, One Hundred and Fortieth street.....	2,356 32
Thomas Casey, sewer, Westchester avenue.....	13,496 40

—be and the same are accepted as the lowest bidders for the several works; that said proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, the President be and is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of this Department, contracts for doing said several works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Murray—promoted.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeeper Ed. Murray be and he is hereby promoted to Parkkeeper.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

By-laws.

The President and Secretary, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of revising the By-laws, presented the following report, which was ordered entered upon the minutes and laid over for the further consideration of the Board :

Department of Public Parks

OF THE

CITY OF NEW YORK.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. All meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks shall be held at their office, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

SEC. 2. Stated meetings shall be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Other meetings may be held by adjournment, on the call of the President, or at the written request of two members. The notices of the meetings called by the President, or by any two members, shall state the matter to be presented at such proposed meeting, and no other matter shall be acted on at such meetings, except by the consent of a majority of the members then present.

SEC. 3. Meetings of the Board shall be held at 10 o'clock A. M., unless the Board otherwise orders.

SEC. 4. Notices of meetings shall be sent to each Commissioner, at his place of address, by the Secretary, at least two days before the day of the meeting for which notice is given.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Board shall be as follows :

1st. A President.

2d. A Treasurer.

Each of whom shall hold office until the first day of May next succeeding his election.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall, at the regular meeting next succeeding his election, appoint and announce all the standing committees.

By virtue of his office, the President shall be the executive officer of the Department, and as such he shall be charged with the duty of prosecuting all the works authorized and directed by the Board, and the carrying out of all orders and directions of the Board as may be from time to time given. Subject at all times to the direction, revision, and control of the Board. He shall have power to suspend at any time any Foreman, mechanic or laborer, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendents and Engineers may transfer any Foreman, laborer or mechanic. In cases of absence over three days from duty caused alone by sickness he shall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendents, Engineers or other ranking official have power to restore such person to duty. He shall in each case report his action to the Board at the next meeting.

TREASURER.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall be charged with the making of purchases of all supplies, tools and materials which may be ordered by the Board or called for upon requisitions. Requisitions shall be approved of by the President before

purchases are made. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be indicated by the Board and may receive such compensation as may be determined by the Board.

SEC. 3. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of any of the officers of the Board a successor may be elected at the regular meeting next succeeding such death, resignation or removal.

SECRETARY.

SEC. 4. There shall be a Secretary, who shall be the custodian of the Departmental papers, keep all the minutes and records of the Board, have a general supervision over the clerical forces and accounts of the Department, conduct the correspondence, receive the reports of the employees, promulgate the Departmental orders and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS.

SEC. 5. There shall be a Superintendent of Parks who shall be charged with the maintenance and care of the Central and city parks below the Harlem river, bridges over the Harlem river, and such other works as may be from time to time designated by the Board, and shall supervise and control all Foremen, laborers and others of the mechanical and working forces employed upon such works.

ENGINEER OF CONSTRUCTION.

SEC. 6. There shall be an Engineer of Construction who shall have control of the regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging of streets, building sewers and bridges and such other works as he may from time to time be charged with.

TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEER.

SEC. 7. There shall be a Topographical Engineer who shall be charged with all the work connected with the surveying,

laying-out and monumenting of streets and avenues and the preparation of maps and plans in connection therewith and for the purpose of acquiring title to lands.

ARCHITECT.

SEC. 8. There shall be an Architect who shall prepare plans for the construction and repairs of structures and other architectural, ornamental and landscape works, and have a general supervision and direction in the execution and carrying out of such plans.

SUPERINTENDING GARDENER.

SEC. 9. There shall be a Superintending Gardener who shall have charge of the trees and plants, the pruning and cultivation of the same, and the general landscape effect of all the parks.

PROPERTY CLERK.

SEC. 10. There shall be a Property Clerk who shall be the general custodian of, and responsible for, all the tools and materials, the property of the Department. He shall receive and distribute the same and keep detailed and separate accounts, showing the cost, receipt and distribution of such materials. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him.

SUPERINTENDENT TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

SEC. 11. There shall be a Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, who shall be charged with the duty of maintaining all the streets, roads, avenues and parks; the cleaning and repairing of sewers, drains and culverts, and the maintaining and repair of all bridges over streams in said district.

PARK AND GATE KEEPERS.

SEC. 12. There shall be a Captain of Police, whose duty it shall be to direct and supervise the various park and gate keepers in the employ of the Department, and to report daily everything relating to the force under his command, in the form, manner and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Board.

SEC. 13. There shall be four Sergeants of Police, whose number may, from time to time, be increased as may be required, and who shall assist the Captain in the discharge of his duties.

SEC. 14. There shall be a Surgeon of Police, who shall look after and care for the health and physical condition of the members of the park and gate keepers' force. All cases of sickness or accident to members of the force shall at once be reported to the Sergeant in charge of the station, and by him immediately reported to the Surgeon. Keepers doing duty on the lower parks may, in case of sickness or accident, report immediately to the Surgeon in person.

The Surgeon shall, on the first of January in each year, make to the Board a detailed written report of the physical condition of each and every member of the park and gate keepers' force. He shall, from time to time, make such special reports as he may deem necessary.

SEC. 15. All appointments to and removals from this force shall be by the order of the Board. Appointments shall be made only after the applicant has submitted to a physical examination and been reported upon favorably by the Surgeon of Police.

Applicants for appointment on the force shall be required to write the answers to the questions called for in the application in their own handwriting, without any aid, assistance or suggestions from any other person. Any false statement, evasion or deception in answering said questions will be suffi-

cient ground for rejection of the application or of dismissal from the force.

No person shall be appointed to the police force of this Department without the presentation by the applicant of a certificate that he has passed, successfully, the final examination of the fourth grade of a grammar school in the City of New York, or a certificate from a principal of a grammar school in this city, that the applicant has successfully passed an equivalent examination before such principal and such public school teachers as he may have associated with himself.

All trials of park and gate keepers shall be conducted by the President or by a Commissioner designated for that purpose.

ARTICLE III.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 1. No person in the service of the Board above the grade of the working force, shall be absent from duty without leave or an excuse satisfactory therefor to the head of the office in which he is employed.

SEC. 2. No committee, officer or member of the Department or person employed by this Board, shall make any purchase or incur any liability in relation to the Department, its officers or employees, unless in pursuance of power delegated by order of the Board or by the act by which it is organized.

SEC. 3. Any employee of the Department may at any time be suspended from duty by writing signed by two members of the Board; but such suspension shall not continue beyond the next succeeding meeting of the Board unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the Board.

SEC. 4. Before any engagement is made to place a statue, or allow a statue to be placed, on the Parks, it shall be seen in a finished condition, or in the form of a finished model, and a

judgment as to its merits as a work of art shall have been requested of the respective Presidents of the National Academy of Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The determination of a site for any statue shall be reserved until after its acceptance.

Plans and elevations for the pedestals of statues to be placed on the Parks, shall be submitted to and approved by the Department.

ARTICLE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. There shall be an Executive Committee, an Auditing Committee, each to consist of two members, and such other Standing Committees as may, from time to time, be determined upon.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall act on such subjects, and perform such duties, as shall be specially, from time to time, referred to it by the Board.

SEC. 3. All bills, claims and accounts, before being submitted to the Board for approval, shall be examined and audited by at least one member of the Auditing Committee. All bills shall be passed on separately by the Board.

The President shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Executive and Auditing Committees.

ARTICLE V.

RULES OF ORDER.

The order of business at meetings of the Board, except otherwise ordered, shall be :

1st. Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

- 2d. Communications.
- 3d. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 4th. Reports of Special Committees and Officers.
- 5th. Motions and Resolutions.
- 6th. Miscellaneous Business.

The Ayes and Noes shall be called and recorded, on all appropriations of money, and on all other questions, at the request of one Commissioner.

All resolutions shall be in writing, with the name of the mover thereon.

All reports shall be in writing, unless otherwise agreed to and signed by a majority of the committee to whom the matter was referred, and shall state the facts upon which the same is based and their conclusions thereon.

The Board shall be governed by the common parliamentary law, as far as applicable, as laid down in Cushing's Manual.

All resolutions and propositions presented to the Board, for altering in any manner the adopted design or plan of the Central Park improvement, or for any structure upon the Parks, shall be referred to a special committee, who shall report upon the same, before any further action thereon is had by the Board.

No by-law shall be altered, repealed or adopted, without the report of a committee thereon, nor without the assent of a majority of the whole Board, nor at the same meeting at which it is proposed, unless by the unanimous consent of all the members of the Board.

McComb's Dam Bridge—Over track N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R.

The President appointed Commissioner Crimmins a committee to confer with the officers of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company in relation to crossing their tracks at the north end of McComb's Dam Bridge over Harlem river.

Fallon, Jos.—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Joseph Fallon be and he is hereby appointed a painter on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Topographical Engineers—Work in progress.

From the Topographical Engineer and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

147th street—Petition for opening.

From Christian Nordron, William Doherty and others, petitioning for the opening of East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, between North Third avenue and St. Ann's avenue.

Referred to Topographical Engineer.

Cafferata, Geo.—Report on clubbing.

From the Superintendent of Parks and Captain of Police, reporting on the result of an investigation into the alleged clubbing of a citizen in Union Square Park by Watchman George Cafferata, on the morning of July 5, 1883.

Ordered filed.

Ladies' maid—Reservoir Park.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner Crimmins be authorized to appoint a person to fill the vacancy of "Ladies' maid" at Reservoir Square Cottage.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

President—Appoint laborer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint a laborer for duty in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Bridge^o over 138th street.

Commissioner VIELE called up the plan prepared by the Acting Engineer of Construction, for a girder bridge over One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in connection with the construction of the Madison Avenue Bridge, and offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan for a girder bridge over One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, as presented by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved, that the contract be ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Plan for completion.

On motion, the Acting Engineer of Construction was directed to present at the next meeting of the Board all the plans necessary for the completion in every respect of the Madison Avenue Bridge.

Corporation Counsel—Elevated R. R. on Battery.

The President presented a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation in response to a resolution of this Board requesting him to furnish a memorandum of all proceedings had by him or his predecessor to enforce the removal of the tracks, piers and structure of the New York Elevated Railroad Company from Battery Park, under a resolution adopted by the Board June 9, 1880.

Ordered filed.

McDonald, Wm., } —Pay of.
Masons, }

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Wm. McDonald, Assistant Foreman in stables, be fixed at \$3.50 per day, to date from this date, and that the pay of John Cahill, David Turley, Thos. Little, and Michael Howard be fixed at \$3.50 per day until December 1st next.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Hogan, James—Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That James Hogan be and is hereby appointed a laborer in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 11.45 o'clock A. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next, 25th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1883.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.

“ WALES.

Proposals.

At the hour of ten o'clock, Mr. Storrs, the representative of the Comptroller of the City, being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as were present, opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisement duly published in the *City Record*, for erecting a refreshment building at Mount St. Vincent in Central Park, as follows :

Breen & Nason..	\$47,600 00
John Keleher	33,258 00
Wm. F. Croft.	31,293 00
James Brady.	29,740 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor.

Horton, H. L.—To grade Tinton avenue.

1. Resolution permitting H. L. Horton to grade, etc., Tinton avenue in front of his premises.

Kingston, G. W.—To grade 149th street.

2. Resolution permitting Geo. W. Kingston to grade, etc., the sidewalk in front of his premises on East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, near Robbins avenue.

O'Grady, Mary and others—To grade Tinton avenue.

3. Resolution permitting Mary O'Grady, Josephine Booth and Mary R. Murphy, to grade, etc., Tinton avenue in front of their premises.

Twomey, C. C.—To grade 154th street.

4. Resolution permitting C. C. Twomey to improve One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, in front of her premises near Courtland avenue.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Dubois H.—Sewer 145th street.

From H. Dubois petitioning on behalf of property owners for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, to connect with College avenue sewer.

Referred to Acting Engineer of Construction.

161st street—Improvement of.

From Mrs. Monica Maier, C. Moritz, and others in relation to improving One Hundred and Sixty-first, between Third avenue and Courtland avenue.

Referred to Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Janton H. J.—Camera Obscura.

From Henry J. Janton relative to an application made by him for permission to erect a structure for exhibiting a Camera Obscura in Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Viele.

Walmsley R. G.—Claim of.

From Robert G. Walmsley, enclosing a bill amounting to \$248.35 for balance claimed to be due him for the construction of a pipe sewer in Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins.

Bernstein, Isaac—Runaway in park.

From Isaac Bernstein, commending the action of Gatekeeper McKay in stopping a runaway horse.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

McDonald, Wm.—Increase of pay.

From William McDonald, skilled blacksmith, asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Kellogg, M. A.—Riverside Park wall and entrances.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, in relation to the areas between the roadways of Riverside Park, and recommending the improvement of the same.

Calling attention to the condition of the retaining wall of Riverside Drive at One Hundred and Fifteenth street, and suggesting that entrances to the park be made from the drive at One Hundred and Eighth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets.

Referred to Commissioner Viele to examine and report upon to the Board, with an estimate of the cost of the proposed improvements.

Kellogg, M. A.—Payment of men.

From M. A. Kellogg, complaining of the injustice to the Department by the present method of paying the men employed under him, and recommending, as a measure to obviate the injustice complained of, that hereafter the men be paid at the old building standing on the drive at One Hundred and Twelfth street, and that suitable accommodations

be provided in said building for the use of his Engineer Corps and as a place for the storing of tools and materials.

Referred to the President with power.

Substitution of sureties.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks does hereby consent to the substitution of the name of Michael Brennan in place of Thomas Dunn, as one of the sureties on the proposal of Charles Jones for building bays and entrances on Morningside Park, adjoining Morningside avenue.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Bauman Bros., chairs and table.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	\$14 50	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	4 50	
		<hr/>	\$19 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Riverside Ave., Impt. and Maint.		688 50
Coffin & Hurlbut, straw hats	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		90 00
Connolly, John E., corn, bran, etc....	Zoological Dept. . .		37 05
Harrison, M., painting, roofing, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		353 30
Harrison, M., roofing.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		724 00
Harrison, M., roofing.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		708 00

Heyniger, L. & Co., brooms and pails	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$53 00	
	Zoological Dept. . .	2 25	
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	1 50	
	Riverside Park, Impt. of	3 75	
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			\$60 50
Howell, A. J., broken stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		962 50
Joyce, Thos. H., music.....	Music		375 00
Mahon, Bernard, payment on acceptance	Flagging, etc., Elton Ave., from Washington Ave. to North Third Ave		3,517 67
Miller, N. Hubbard, chevrons, etc.....	Police		90 00
Mott, J. L., iron works, settees.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		300 00
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal... ..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$52 50	
	Riverside Ave., Impt. and Maint.	26 25	
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			78 75
Patterson Bros., screws and nails.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		18 13
Smith, Joseph, ladders.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		52 75
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			<u>\$8,075 15</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$2,351 68
Zoological Department	39 30
Harlem River Bridges	1 50
Riverside Park, Improvement of	18 25
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards	962 50
Surveys, Maps and Plans	4 50
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance	714 75
Music	375 00
Police	90 00
Street Improvement Fund	3,517 67
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	<u>\$8,075 15</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight thousand and seventy-five dollars and fifteen cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 24, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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

Bouker, John A., screenings.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$560 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Laying Walks, Cen- tral Park.....	704 67
Miller & Coates, labor and materials... Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		441 99
Murray, Bernhard C., Estimate No. 3. Regulating, etc., 155th St., from Elton Ave. to Courtland Ave..		2,636 20
Thilemann, F., Jr., labor and materials. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		580 00
Westerfield, W. & Son, monitors.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	970 00
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		\$5,892 86

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,991 99
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	560 00
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	704 67
Street Improvement Fund.....	2,636 20
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	\$5,892 86

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-eight hundred and ninety-two dollars and eighty-six cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 25, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Telephone system in Park.

Commissioner WALES presented a communication from the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, enclosing a proposition offering to furnish a system of telephonic service for the use of the Department.

Laid over.

Music on Tompkins Square.

From the Superintendent of Parks, complaining of the damage done to Tompkins Square by the crowd congregating there on Friday evening last, in anticipation of the concert proffered by Colonel Unbekant, and recommending that permission to give such a concert be withheld in order to prevent further damage.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the communication from Colonel Unbekant, offering to give a concert in Tompkins Square by the Eleventh Regiment Band, verbally reported that a committee of The Tompkins Square Protective Union had called upon him, and protested against the giving of a concert on said Square on account of the damage that would be caused to the shrubs, grass-plats, etc., by the crowd.

The whole subject was referred back to the President with power.

Transfer.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer from the appropriation

"For Repairing Building in Central Park at the site known as Mount St. Vincent," 1882, for which it is not required, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6,500), to the appropriation "For the Erection of a Building on the site of Mount St. Vincent," 1883, which is insufficient.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Transfer.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer from "Central Park, Transverse Roads, Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Eighty-sixth Streets," 1882, for which it is not required, the sum of nineteen hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty-two cents (\$1,928.82), to the appropriation "Central Park, Transverse Roads, Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Eighty-sixth Streets," 1883, which is insufficient.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Transfer.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer the following sums from the appropriations for which they are not required :

Zoological Department, 1880.....	\$37 61
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, 1880.....	710 89
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, etc., 1880.....	1 33
Manhattan Square—Improvement of, 1880.....	3,733 43

Laying-out and Repairing old Walks in and and Around following Public Parks and Places :	
Tompkins' Square, Reservoir Park, etc., 1880.	\$65 67
Rents, Department of Public Parks, 1881	540 66
Walks, City Parks, other than Central, 1882.	1,203 50
	\$6,293 09

Sixty-two hundred and ninety-three dollars and nine cents, to appropriation "Laying New and Repairing old Walks, Central Park," 1883, which is insufficient.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 10.50 o'clock, A.M., the Board went into Executive Session.

Claremont—Work at.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, relative to the progress of the work on the verandah at "Claremont," and stating that six good carpenters will be required on said work.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be directed to report to this Board at its next meeting the names of six competent men for employment as carpenters on the restoration of the building at Claremont.

Burns, Dennis—Restored.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Dennis Burns be and he is hereby restored to duty as laborer on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Mould, J. W.—Discharged.

The PRESIDENT stated that Jacob Wrey Mould, an employee in this Department, had, in his presence, been guilty of using language disrespectful to the Commissioners. That he had examined fully into the matter, and recommended the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That Jacob Wrey Mould be and he is hereby dismissed from the employ of this Department for gross and disrespectful language used by him in the presence of the President.

Adopted.

Garvey, P. J.—Resignation.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that Peter J. Garvey, Engineer on steam pump on Jerome avenue, had refused to do further duty, and recommending the appointment of a person in his stead.

Engineer—Commissioner Crimmins to appoint.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner Crimmins be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a person for duty as Engineer in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, *vice* Peter J. Garvey.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Engineer—President to appoint.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be and is hereby authorized to appoint an Engineer for duty on the stone breaker in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, when his services are required.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Goldman, J. B.—Appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That John B. Goldman be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on Riverside Drive.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

McCue, Martin—Restored.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Martin McCue be and he is hereby restored to duty as laborer on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE,
“ WALES,
“ CRIMMINS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

McComb's Dam Bridge—Authority to repair.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor, authorizing this Department to proceed with the work of repairing McComb's Dam Bridge by private contract.

Ordered filed.

Mount St. Vincent—Transfer.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, enclosing a copy of the following resolution adopted by said Board :

Resolved, That the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1882, " For Repairing Building in Central Park at the site known as Mt. St. Vincent," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for 1883, entitled " For the Erection of a Building on the site of Mount St. Vincent," which is insufficient.

Ordered filed.

Mt. St. Vincent refreshment house—Award of contract.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of James Brady for erecting a refreshment building at Mt. St. Vincent, in Central Park, amounting to \$29,740, be and the same is hereby accepted as the lowest bid for said work ; that said proposal be sent to Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, the President be and is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of this Department, a contract for doing said 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Shepard, E. F.—Lord Coleridge.

From Elliott F. Shepard, Chairman of Committee of Arrangements, relative to the proposed visit of Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, of England, to this country, as the guest of the New York State Bar Association, and stating that any civilities that the Commissioners of this Department may be able to extend to Lord Coleridge will be appreciated by the Bar of the country.

Referred to the President with power.

Courtland avenue sewer.

From Mathias Haffen, Samuel M. Purdy and others, property owners, petitioning for the construction of a sewer in Courtland avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-first street to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Howell, A. J.—Gravel.

From Alexander J. Howell, offering to furnish gravel to the Department.

Ordered filed.

Deeves, R.—Guy posts.

From Richard Deeves, desiring permission to insert guy-posts in the park sidewalk of Fifty-ninth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, for the purpose of attaching derrick guys.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins with power.

Russell, E. B.—For appointment.

From B. W. Voorhis, S. F. Knapp and others, recommending E. B. Russell for employment as foreman.

Ordered filed.

Treasurer's statement.

The Treasurer presented statements of the moneys deposited by him with the Comptroller, which were ordered entered at length upon the minutes as follows :

STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MONEYS MADE TO COMPTROLLER,
JULY 18, 1883.

Permits.

1883.		
June 28.	Mrs. York	\$10 00
July 2.	W. H. Smith	10 00
" 6.	John Weilhamman	10 00
" 9.	Estate Philip Dater	10 00
" 11.	Wm. Halting	10 00
" 16.	C. Van Riper	50 00
" 17.	Michael Eckes	20 00
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		\$120 00

Licenses.

July 6.	L. P. Tibbals	\$12 72
" 7.	G. W. Eggers	250 00
" 10.	John Lucas	8 13
" 10.	Wm. Kyle	3 66
" 10.	Isidore Isaac	47 81
" 10.	W. H. Radford	577 52
" 10.	Carl H. Schultz	37 77
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		937 61

1883.	<i>Sundry Receipts.</i>	
July 18. Property Clerk.....		\$11 00
	<i>Grass.</i>	
July 18. Property Clerk.....		206 00
		<u>\$1,274 61</u>
	<i>Special Fund—Repaving.</i>	
July 17. Thos. J. Cummins		<u>\$6 00</u>

STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MONEYS MADE TO COMPTROLLER,
JULY 26. 1883.

	<i>Permits.</i>	
July 20. John Schneider		\$10 00
“ 24. J. B. Talmage		10 00
“ 24. Jacob Loeffler.....		10 00
“ 24. M. E. Robinson.....		20 00
		<u>\$50 00</u>

From the Topographical Engineer :

Riverside Park—Topographical map.

1st. Reporting in relation to the topographical map of Riverside Park and avenue prepared by O. H. Rogers.

Ordered filed.

Parshall, J. L.—Opening Trinity avenue.

2d. Reporting upon the petition of James L. Parshall for the opening of Trinity avenue, and stating that in his opinion there is no public necessity that would warrant the initiation of such proceeding by the Department, in the absence of a petition from a majority of the property-owners.

On motion, said report was ordered filed, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with Mr. Parshall in relation to the same.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction :

146th street—Regulating, etc.

1st. Presenting plans and specifications for regulating, grading, and flagging, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between North Third and St. Ann's avenues.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating, grading, flagging etc., East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between North Third and St. Ann's avenues, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Acting Engineer of Construction—Works in progress.

2d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.
Ordered filed.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Plans.

3d. Reporting in pursuance of an order of the Board relative to the plans necessary to complete the Madison Avenue Bridge in every respect, and stating that the only points not already under contract or provided for, are the lighting and the paving of the approaches.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Lighting.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That provision be made to light the approaches to the Madison Avenue Bridge by gas lamps, and the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to report the cost of a dynamo-electric machine for the purpose of lighting said bridge.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Receiving-basin—Alexander avenue.

4th. In relation to the necessity for a receiving-basin at the northeast corner of Alexander avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, and recommending its construction.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to procure estimates for constructing a receiving-basin at the northeast corner of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and Alexander avenue, and issue an order to the lowest bidder for doing the work, in accordance with plans, etc., prepared by the Acting Engineer of Construction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Sewer—145th street.

5th. Reporting upon the petition of H. Du Bois and others for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from North Third avenue to College avenue.

On motion, the Acting Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare plans and specifications for a sewer in said street and submit them to the Board.

154th street—Grade maps.

From the Topographical Engineer, presenting, for filing, three copies of a map altering and establishing the grade of East One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, between Courtland and College avenues, in conformity with the petition of Catharine C. Twomey.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That in pursuance and by virtue of the authority vested in the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, under chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby alter and establish the grades of East One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, from College avenue to Court-

land avenue, as shown on a map or plan, dated "New York, 31st July, 1883," and signed "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," and that William M. Olliffe, President of the Department of Public Parks be and hereby is authorized and directed to file copies of the same in pursuance of the provisions 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Rider avenue—Map filed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That William M. Olliffe, the President of the Department of Public Parks, be and he is hereby designated and directed to certify and file, as provided by law, the three similar maps or plans entitled, "Map or Plan of Rider avenue, from north side of East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street to south side of East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, in the City of New York, as established and classified by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876," "dated New York, July 31, 1883," and signed "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Department 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Pendergast, Michael—Appointed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that Michael Pendergast, a laborer employed in doing the work of a steam engineer, be promoted to the grade and pay of steam engineer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael Pendergast be and he is hereby promoted to the grade and pay of a steam engineer from this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Hawley, James C., petty expenses	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$132 55	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.	13 98	
	Zool. Dept.	9 72	
			\$156 25
Perkins, James H., estimate No. 2	Regulating, etc., Alexander ave- nue, curbing, flagging, paving, etc., from South- ern Boulevard to North Third ave.		9,572 50
Smith, John, mould	Fourth ave. Parks.		315 00
			<u>\$10,043 75</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$132 55
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	13 98
Zoological Department	9 72
Street Improvement Fund	9,572 50
Fourth Avenue Parks	315 00
	<u>\$10,043 75</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand and forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 31, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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, David P., meat and vegetables. Zool. Dept.	\$308 25
Baker, Voorhis & Co., Session laws, 1883.	
Labor, Maint. and Supplies	3 00
Cairns, J., whistles	18 00
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., iron.	
Labor, Maint. and Supplies	3 53
Crombie, R. H., lath.	
Labor, Maint. and Supplies	18 00
Crombie, Thomas J., spruce plank.	
Riverside Park, Impt. of.	89 00
Crombie, Thomas J., moulding	25 47
Connolly, John E., oats.	
Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.	26 00
Handrick, Fritz, wine cask	
Riverside Park, Impt. of.	5 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.	
Labor, Maint. and Supplies	27 45
Joyce, Thos. H., music	380 00
McAllister, F. E., rakes and mower parts	
Labor, Maint. and Supplies	36 54
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., urinals, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies	8 79
McKesson & Robbins, sponges, borax, etc.	
Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$64 44
Riverside Park, Impt. of.	3 05
	67 49

Manchester & Philbrick, cement	Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.	\$17 50
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	36 00
Moffat, David, & Co., leather	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	7 35
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	35 55
O'Brien, M., milk.	Zool. Dept.	14 40
Reiche, Chas., & Bro., bird food.	Zool. Dept.	12 00
Shady, James H., fish.	Zool. Dept.	9 30
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	16 04
Young, Chas. C., bread.	Zool. Dept.	68 36
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Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$256 69
Zoological Department.	437 78
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.	26 00
Police	18 00
Music	380 00
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.	17 50
Riverside Park, Improvement of.	97 05
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	<u>\$1,233 02</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve hundred and thirty-three dollars and two cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, July 31, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bridge Bonds to be issued.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is respectfully required to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars in such sums as may be necessary from time to time for the "Construction of bridges over Harlem River," at Madison avenue, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, and chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Urinal, Tompkins Square.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect prepare plans for school sinks and urinals in the basement of the Cottage on Tompkins Square and that as soon as the necessary funds can be provided for this improvement, the urinals at present in Tompkins Square shall be removed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Third Avenue Bridge—Lighting.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to obtain estimates of the cost of a dynamo machine for the purpose of lighting the Third Avenue Bridge, and report to the Board.

Harlem River—Improvement.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That plans be prepared for the improvement of the Harlem river front in connection with the improvements of that stream under the plans prepared by order of the General

Government, and that the Topographical Engineer be instructed to report what areas along said river can be judiciously converted into permanent basins.

Laid over.

Fullgraff, L. A.—Grade of 165th street.

Colonel E. T. Wood, Counsel for L. A. Fullgraff, appeared before the Board and presented a communication in relation to the action taken against this Department to compel a change of the grade of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and Delmonico place, between Boston and Concord avenues.

Ordered filed.

Telephonic service.

Commissioner WALES called up the proposition of the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company for furnishing a system of telephonic service for the use of the Department presented by him at the last meeting of the Board, and recommended that the matter be laid over until next year, and that a sum be included in the Departmental Estimate for 1884 sufficient to cover the expense of the same.

Adopted.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner Olliffe, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., the Board met in Executive Session.

Deputy Comptroller—Claim, Jno. Beattie.

From the Deputy Comptroller, returning a bill of Jno. Beattie, amounting to \$1,574.95, for costs incurred by delay on a contract for a bridge over the Bronx river, transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, and stating that said bill being a claim for damages can be settled only in accordance with section 3 of the Charter.

Ordered filed.

Supt. of Parks—Gardeners and horse and cart, city parks, discharged.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the discharge of two gardeners and one horse and cart from the force employed on the city parks, and ten laborers from the Central Park force, their services being no longer required.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Cleary, Jos.—Appointed Foreman of Painters.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the appointment of a Foreman of Painters.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Joseph Cleary be and he is hereby appointed Foreman of Painters on the force of the Department.

Wm. Flanagan—To appoint.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That Wm. Flanagan be and he is hereby appointed Foreman of Painters on the force of the Department.

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

Aye—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Noes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, as offered by Commissioner Viele,

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

McCue, Martin—Discharged.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, in relation to the restoration of Martin McCue, a laborer who had previously been discharged for inefficiency and neglect of duty.

On motion, said Martin McCue, laborer, was discharged.

Carpenters—Claremont.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, in relation to the employment of carpenters on the work of improving "Claremont," on the Riverside Park.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of six carpenters and one foreman of carpenters be and the same is hereby authorized for work on "Claremont."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Animals—Exchange of.

From the Director of the Menagerie, requesting that he be authorized to exchange two African buffaloes and one Zebu calf with the Detroit Zoological Garden for one Llama and one European pelican.

On motion, the Director of the Menagerie was authorized to make the exchange.

Superintendent of Parks—Reduction of force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting in relation to reducing the working force on the Central and City Parks, with a view to economize the expenditures of the Department.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Work in progress.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Obelisk—Railing.

From the Architect, in relation to the delay in commencing the work of erecting a railing around the Obelisk.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent of Planting—Report.

From the Superintendent of Planting, reporting in accordance with an order of the Board directing him to submit a list of the trees and shrubs planted in 1882 and 1883, on Fifth avenue, Riverside avenue and Manhattan Square, and the number of each species that have died, with the causes of their death.

Ordered filed.

Music stand, Washington Square.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the temporary platform erected on Washington square for music purposes be removed, and that plans and estimates be prepared by the Architect to enlarge the present music stand.

Head, John—To appoint.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That John Head be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on Riverside park.

Referred to the President with power.

Ryan, James—Appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That James Ryan be and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper on the force of the Department *vice* Michael Hennessey, disabled.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Secretary—Salary fixed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Edward P. Barker, Secretary, be and is hereby fixed at \$4,500 per annum to date from this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, at 12.40 o'clock P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday, September 5, 1883.

C. H. SMITH,

Asst. to Secretary.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1883.

SPECIAL MEETING—11 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, }
August 8, 1883. }

MR. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary, etc.* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Board, to be held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at eleven o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented.

S. H. WALES, }
EGBERT L. VIELE, } *Commissioners*
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.
“ WALES.
“ CRIMMINS.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen—Resolutions.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen transmitting copies of the following ordinances adopted by said Board :

159th Street—Regulate, etc.

1st. To regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from North Third avenue to Railroad avenue.

Railroad Avenue—Crosswalks.

2d. To lay crosswalks across Railroad avenue.

160th Street—Regulate, etc.

3d. To regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Sixtieth street, from Washington avenue to Railroad avenue.

146th Street—Regulate, etc.

4th. To regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, from North Third avenue to Railroad avenue.

138th Street—Regulate, etc.

5th. To regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from St. Ann's avenue to College avenue.

Fence lots—Alexander avenue and 141st street.

6th. To fence vacant lots on northwest corner of Alexander avenue and One Hundred and Forty-first street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Board of Health—Urinal Tompkins Square.

From the Secretary of the Board of Health, enclosing a copy of a report upon the sanitary condition of the urinal in Tompkins Square.

Ordered filed.

Counsel to Corporation—Drainage maps.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the preparation of plans for the construction of drains provided for by chapter 360 of the Laws of 1883.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Rider or College avenue—To open.

From W. J. Renshaw, W. S. Hughes, and others, petitioning for the opening of College avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth to One Hundred and Thirty-sixth streets.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Com-

monalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to that part of Rider avenue (College avenue), commencing at One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and running to its intersection with One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, in the Twenty-third Ward, as the same has heretofore been laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by this Department, and that the Commissioners of the Department are authorized to sign a petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Delmonico Place—To postpone opening.

From Wm. H. Carpenter, James Duthie and others, requesting that the matter of opening or changing the present grade of Delmonico place be postponed for one year from July 1, 1883.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to report.

Sewer, 144th Street.

From H. M. Booth, in relation to the necessity for a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, west of Third avenue.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Grohman, C. C. J.—Claremont.

From C. C. J. Grohman, applying for a lease of "Claremont" on Riverside Park.

Laid over.

McGee, Mrs.—For appointment.

From Emily C. McGee, desiring employment as ladies' maid.

Ordered filed.

Substitution of surety—Sewer 149th Street.

From the Comptroller, returning the proposal of W. F. Craft, for constructing a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, without his approval of the sureties thereon, in consequence of the failure of John D. Taylor, one of the sureties, to justify as to the value of property owned by him.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks does hereby consent to the substitution of the name of Peter McGuinness in place and stead of John D. Taylor as surety in the proposal of William F. Croft, for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Millbrook and Courtland avenues.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Frawley, John—Discharged.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the suspension of John Frawley, laborer, for intoxication.

On motion, Jno. Frawley, laborer, was discharged.

Sewer—145th street.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction:

1st. Presenting a plan and specifications for building a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between North Third avenue and College avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for constructing a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between North Third and College avenues, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed, and approved as to form by the

Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Crosswalks—Tremont station.
Fencing lots—Alexander avenue.

2d. Submitting plans for laying crosswalks at Tremont Station and for fencing at Alexander avenue and One Hundred and Forty-first street.

Referred to the Treasurer to obtain estimates for doing the work, and submit them to the Board.

Work on Riverside wall.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer :

1st. Recommending the employment of one foreman, four horses and carts and twelve truckmen, for duty on Riverside Drive in repairing retaining wall, etc.

E. B. Russell—Appointed Foreman.
Rockmen—Employed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That E. B. Russell be appointed Foreman on the work of repairing retaining wall of Riverside Drive, and that the employment of twelve rockmen and four horses and carts be and the same is hereby authorized for said 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Draughtsman—Employment of.

2d. Recommending the employment of a draughtsman for preparing plans, estimates, etc., and general work.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be and he is hereby authorized to select a suitable person for appointment as Draughtsman, at an expense not to exceed four dollars per day, his pay to be charged against the several works on which he may be employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

23d and 24th Wards—Suspensions.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Superintendent of Parks—Transfer of masons.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. In relation to reducing the masons' force, and recommending that Thomas Little and Wm. J. Mead be transferred to work on the improvement of Claremont on Riverside Park.

Commissioner WALES moved that Thomas Little and Wm. J. Mead, masons, be transferred for duty under M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, on the work of improving "Claremont."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Kelly, John } —Appointed.
Pye, John }

2d. Recommending the employment of a cottage laborer for duty in third division, Central Park, in place of Patrick Whalen deceased.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That John Kelly be appointed a cottage laborer at \$1.50 per day, *vice* Patrick Whalen ; and that John Pye be appointed a laborer on East River Park, *vice* W. J. Morgan.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Hillyer, Wm.—Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Edward Hiller be and he is hereby appointed watchman at the shops in Central Park, *vice* Bartley Hart, removed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent of Parks—Suspension of men.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of the following persons in accordance with an order of the Board.

Foreman Johnson's gang—

Paul Brennan, Patrick Kennedy, gardeners.

Foreman McGovern's gang—

Thomas Brennan, Theodore Kitchell, Louis McGown, Patrick Butterly, laborers.

Foreman Donnelly's gang—

Thomas Greaney, Patrick Hogan, Jas. McGuinness, Gregory Flynn, Patrick Keleher, Albert Merrick, laborers.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would approve of the action of Superintendent of Parks, and it was

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Manhattan Square—Suspension of men.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of the following-named laborers on Manhattan Square, for want of work :

Barney Murray, John Lee, Patrick Butler, John Martin, Michael Toner, James Moncrief, Michael Bambrick, Fred. Litterer and John McFadden.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would approve of the action of the Superintendent of Parks, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Works in Progress.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Suspension of Working Force.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending a reduction of the force employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards to report names for reduction.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That in view of the limited appropriation that remains to be expended upon the maintenance of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the year, the Superintendent be and he hereby is directed to report forthwith a reduction of forty per cent. in the working force under his charge, together with the names of those to be suspended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Supt. 23d and 24th Wards to report request to Board.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be and is hereby instructed to receive no verbal applications or requests for any kind of improvements whatever, and that all applications or requests from citizens relating to work to be done in those wards be made in writing and transmitted to this Board for its action.

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 Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe.—4

Acting Engineer of Construction to examine work on 155th street.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be requested to examine the work now in progress on One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and report in writing whether the same is being done in accordance with the contract, more particularly in regard to the removal of the rock below the established grade of the street.

161st and 165th streets—Regulating.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That ordinances be prepared and transmitted to the Board of Aldermen for regulating and grading One Hundred and Sixty-first and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets, between Jerome and Walton avenues, providing for culverts for the water of Cromwell's creek.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

92d street and 8th avenue entrance to Central Park.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That a wicket gate be placed at Eighth avenue and Ninety-second street and a walk made from that point to the nearest Park walk.

Laid over.

Laborers, etc.—For work on Riverside Park.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of nine laborers and two carts for work on Riverside Avenue Maintenance, and twelve laborers for work on Riverside Park, be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Index for Minutes.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have an analytic index of the minutes of the last fiscal year prepared at an expense not exceeding \$75.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, 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 :

Croft, W. F., rubble stone	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	\$750 00
Croft, W. F., Estimate No. 2.....	Sewer, 138th st., bet. Willis and Brook avenues, branch in Brown place	1,127 91
Egan, M., Estimate No. 2.....	Sewer, 148th st., bet. Mill Brook and Courtland ave., and br'ches	2,367 05
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 10.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	1,982 40
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 14.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	8,386 00
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 1...	Regulating, etc., Clifton st., from east curb-line St. Ann's ave. to west curb-line Union ave	5,600 00
Perkins, Jas. H., payment on acceptance.....	Regulating, etc., 134th st., from Mott ave. to Brook ave	2,666 82
Sapportas, F. C., security for repairs..	Sewer, 141st st., bet. Alexander and Willis aves .	197 73
		<u>\$23,077 91</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards ...	\$750 00
Street Improvement Fund	11,959 51
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	10,368 40
	<u>\$23,077 91</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-three thousand and seventy-seven dollars and ninety-one cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, August 14, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Quarterly Report.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of the transactions of the Department for the quarter ending June 30, 1883, which was approved and ordered transmitted to the Mayor.

Reduction of Force on Parks.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That in view of the limited appropriation that remains to be expended upon the work of Maintenance of Parks and Places for the year, the Superintendent of Parks be and he hereby is directed to report at the next regular meeting as to the practicability of a reduction of *twenty-five per cent.* in the working force under his charge, together with the names of those to be suspended.

McCabe, James—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of James McCabe, laborer in blacksmith's shop, be fixed at \$2 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Estimates.

The Treasurer presented the following estimates for constructing receiving basins at Alexander avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street :

J. H. Perkins.....	\$198 00
W. F. Croft.....	187 00

and stated that he had issued an order to the lowest bidder for doing the work; also, that he had issued an order to

Golden & Norton for removing rock from the small park at Sixty-third street and Boulevard, at an expense of \$360.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the action of the Treasurer 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Foreman of Carpenters—Report.

Commissioner WALES called up the report of the Foreman of Carpenters, which was received and laid over at meeting held July 11, 1883.

McLaughlin, Owen—Charges against.

Debate was had thereon, when, on motion, the recommendation contained therein relative to the discharge of Owen McLaughlin was referred to Commissioner Crimmins to report.

Marston, John R.—Discharged.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the recommendation that John, R. Marston, carpenter, be dismissed from the employ of the Department, was adopted.

Schreiber, Fred.—Pay fixed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Fred. Schreiber be fixed at \$3 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

McComb's Dam Bridge—Proposals.

In accordance with an order of the Board, the Secretary presented the following bids or estimates, which he had

received, for repairing the fixed spans of the McComb's Dam Bridge over Harlem river :

	QUANTITY IRON, 469,072 LBS.		QUANTITY LUMBER, 10,000 FEET, B. M.		TOTALS.
	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	
Post & McCord .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$34,200 00
Edgemoor Iron Co.....	\$0 0614	\$28,801 02	\$50 00	\$500 00	29,301 02
Keystone Bridge Co.....	0595	27,909 78	48 00	480 00	28,389 78
Passaic Rolling Mill Co.....	0574	26,924 73	49 00	490 00	27,414 73
Central Bridge Works.....	056	26,268 03	45 00	450 00	26,718 03

Award of contract.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the estimate of the Central Bridge Works, for repairing the fixed spans of the McComb's Dam Bridge over Harlem river, amounting to \$26,718.03, be accepted as the lowest bid, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract, on behalf of this Department, with the Central Bridge Works for doing said work, in pursuance of the authority given the Department by a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, July 18, 1883, and approved by the Mayor, July 23, 1883.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Sheehan, Parkkeeper—Recognition of conduct.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Board recognize and highly commend the brave conduct of Officer Sheehan on the 12th instant, in his efforts to stop a runaway team, whereby he met with a severe injury, and express their warmest sympathy for him, and hope for his speedy recovery.

Madison avenue—Grading.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to take the action necessary to proceed with the regulating and grading of Madison avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, being the southern terminus of the approach to the Madison Avenue Bridge; said improvement being necessary, as the approach to said bridge will be completed and ready for use on January 1, next.

Framers for work on Claremont.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to employ two framers for work on the improvement of "Claremont."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Buildings at Woodlawn.

On motion, the subject of the buildings and property of the Department at Woodlawn was referred to the President with power.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Tuesday, September 4, 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and on motion of Commissioner Crimmins, at 1.30 o'clock, P. M. the Board

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1883.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE,
“ WALES,
“ CRIMMINS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Comptroller—Departmental Estimates.

From the Comptroller, in relation to the Departmental Estimates for the year 1884.

Laid over.

Transfers.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board :

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,928.82 be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1882 for “Central Park Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets,” which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for 1883, entitled “Central Park Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets, which is insufficient.

Resolved, That the sums following be and hereby are transferred from the appropriations named, made to the Department of Public Parks for the years

1880, 1881, and 1882, respectively, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz :

"Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—For Zoological Department," 1880.....	\$37 61
"Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," 1880.....	710 89
"Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," 1880.....	1 33
"Manhattan Square Improvement of," 1880.....	3,733 43
"Laying New and Repairing Old Walks in and around following Public Parks and Places: Tompkins Square, Reservoir Park, etc.," 1880.....	65 67
"Rents, Department of Public Parks," 1881.....	540 66
"Walks—City Parks other than Central," 1882.....	1,203 50
Total.....	\$6,293 09

—to the appropriation made to the same Department for 1883 entitled "Laying New and Repairing Old Walks—Central Park," which is insufficient. The transfer is made at the request of the Board of Commissioners of the Park Department, dated July 25, 1883.

Ordered filed.

Contracts—Morningside avenue, east.

From the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, transmitting for the information of this Department a copy of a form of contract and specifications for improving the avenues bounding the easterly side of Morningside Park and the street bounding the northerly side of the park.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent Lamps and Gas—Lighting Madison Avenue Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, in relation to the lighting of bridges, etc., by electricity.

Commissioner Public Works—Lighting bridges.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby called to the insufficient manner in which the bridge over the Harlem river at Third avenue is lighted, with a respectful request that provision be made for lighting with electric lights that bridge as well as the new bridge now being constructed over the Harlem river at Madison avenue.

Civil Service Commission—List of employees.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, desiring to be furnished with a list of the number, names, duties,

etc., of the employees of this Department for the use of said Commission.

Referred to the Secretary to furnish the same.

Vogel, Heyman—Present to Officer Sheehan.

From Heyman Vogel, enclosing a check for \$250 for presentation to Parkkeeper Maurice Sheehan, in recognition of his bravery and as a reward for the injury he sustained in stopping a team of runaway horses on 12th ultimo, and requesting that Officer Sheehan be allowed to accept the same.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That officer Sheehan be allowed to accept the check for \$250 presented by Heyman Vogel, and that the thanks of this Board be tendered to Mr. Vogel for his recognition of the brave conduct of Officer Sheehan.

145th Street sewer.

From John Fullerton, Thomas Duggan and others petitioning for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Anderson, S. W.—Opening Bremer ave.

From Smith W. Anderson, in relation to the opening of Bremer avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to the Committee having the subject in charge.

Radford, W. H.—Painting Casino.

From Wm. H. Radford, licensee, in relation to making certain necessary repairs to the Casino in Central Park, and

Schultz, Carl H.—Painting Mineral Spring House.

From Carl H. Schultz, in relation to repairing the damage caused by fire at the Mineral Spring in Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer to ascertain the cost of making such repairs and report to the Board.

Exchange of Swans for Deer.

From the Director of the Menagerie, desiring authority to exchange a pair of black swans with the Cincinnati Zoological Garden for a pair of hog deer.

Laid over.

Munson, S. T.—For restoration.

From Samuel T. Munson, desiring to be reinstated as gate-keeper on the force of the Department.

Referred to Commissioner Viele to report.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction :

Sewer, 144th street.

1st. Reporting upon the petition of H. M. Booth, for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from North Third to College avenue.

Commissioner WALES moved that the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans, specifications, and form of contract for a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between North Third and College avenues, and submit them to the Board for approval.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Delmonico Place—Grade of.

2d. Reporting upon the petition of W. H. Carpenter, James Duthie and others, in relation to changing the grade of Delmonico Place.

Ordered filed.

Plans for drainage.

3d. In relation to the preparation of the plans authorized by chapter 360 of the Laws of 1883.

Laid over.

Courtland avenue sewer.

4th. Reporting upon the petition of Mathias Haffen, S. M. Purdy and others for the construction of a sewer in Courtland avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth streets, and stating that the work of the so-called "Grove Street System" of sewers, already ordered by the Board, provides for sewers in Courtland avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-first to One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, and that it is impracticable to sewer said avenue north of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, until such time as Melrose avenue is opened.

Ordered filed.

Works in progress.

5th. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

134th street paving	} —Plans for approved.
Lincoln avenue paving	
Courtland avenue paving	
Willis avenue crosswalks	
Morris avenue crosswalks	
138th street regulating	

6th. Presenting plans and specifications for the following works :

Paving East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from North Third avenue to Alexander avenue.

Paving Lincoln avenue, from Southern Boulevard to North Third avenue.

Paving Courtland avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street to North Third avenue.

Crosswalks in Willis avenue, from Southern Boulevard to North Third avenue.

Crosswalks in Morris avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to Railroad avenue.

Regulating and grading East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from St. Ann's avenue to the Mott Haven Canal.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction for

1. Paving One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between North Third and Alexander avenues.

2. Paving Lincoln avenue, between the Southern Boulevard and North Third avenue.

3. Paving Courtland avenue, between North Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

4. Regulating, etc., East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from St. Ann's avenue to the Mott Haven Canal.

5. Crosswalks in Willis avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to North Third avenue.

6. Crosswalks in Morris avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to Railroad avenue.

—be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the several 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Riverside Park—Promotions.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer :

1st. Recommending that James Ryan and Michael Harrington, laborers, be promoted to rockmen, from August 27, 1883.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the recommendation of the Engineer be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Suspensions.

2d. Reporting the suspension of Charles Riley and Joseph Devlin, laborers, for inefficiency.

On motion, said laborers were discharged.

McFadden, Jno.—Reduction.

3d. Recommending that John McFadden, rockman, be reduced to laborer.

On motion, said McFadden was so reduced.

Turley, David—Discharged.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of David Turley, mason, for inefficiency and neglect of duty.

On motion David Turley, mason, was discharged.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

American Dist. Telegraph Co., services. Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1882..	\$19 51
Bradley & Smith, dusters Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	1 90
Beck, Louis D., gravel Laying Walks, Central Park	849 08
Beck, Louis D., gravel..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	684 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	618 42
Benoit, A. V., drawing paper Surveys, Maps, and Plans.....	30 00

Bouker, John A., trap rock, etc.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	\$890 00
Bouker, John A., trap block	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	860 00
Bouker, John A., screenings.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	640 00
Bouker, John A., screenings.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	465 00
Carr & Hobson, hoes, wrench, etc....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	47 80
Cook & Radley, railing	Laying Walks, Central Park.....	134 00
Connolly, John E., salt, oats, corn, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	386 63
Connolly, John E., corn, oats and bran.	Zoo. Department .	33 55
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce timber....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	42 50
Egan, K. & Co., waste	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	6 00
Edward, James, rubble stones	Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc....	50 00
Fledderman, H. H., castor oil.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	2 00
Goeller, Geo. C., rent.....	Rent, D. P. P....	56 00
Ghetti, Antonio, monuments.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, 1882 ...	300 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., sheets, curry- combs, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	\$11 00
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	10 50
		21 50
Halsey, Geo. W., hay and straw.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	32 87
Joyce, Thos. H., music.....	Music	1,895 00
McQuade, John, driving piles.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	270 00
McAllister, F. E., scythes, forks, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	95 40

McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., oil cups	Riverside avenue, Imp. & Maint..	\$1 38
McArthur, J. & Co., brushes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	60 00
McKesson & Robbins, chamois.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	4 50
Mahon, Bernard, Estimate No. 1.....	Reg., etc., Willis ave., from South- ern Boulevard to North 3d ave...	6,391 70
Marquand, H. G., treasurer, expenses, Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums.	1,611 74
Miller, N. Hubbard, buttons.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	80 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, settees, frames, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	568 27
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, monument, boxes.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax & Assessment Maps	37 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, castings.....	Fourth Ave. Park, Imp. of.....	42 00
Moffat, David, & Co., sheep skins and leather.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	12 23
Murray, Thos., payment on acceptance.	Reg., etc., Depot place, bet. Sedg- wick ave. and N. Y. C. & H. R. R.	1,422 90
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., rent..	Rent, D. P. P....	625 00
New York Coal Tar Chemical Co., pav- ing cement	Laying Walks, Cen- tral Park.....	446 17
New York Rubber Co., hose.....	Riverside avenue, Imp. and Maint.	9 80
O'Brien, M., milk,	Zool. Dept.....	14 88
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Riverside Park, Imp. of.....	\$6 50
	Laying Walks, Cen- tral Park.....	52 50
		<hr/> 59 00

Otis & Gorsline, earthen pipe.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$250 00
Parsons, Samuel, Jr., car fares.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	7 80
Patterson Bros., saw, handles and rifles.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	10 00
Patterson Bros., files, hose, etc.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	\$6 70
	Riverside Ave. Maint. and Imp.	9 00
		<hr/> 15 70
Pioneer Iron Works, cast iron propellers.	Laying Walks Central Park...	10 60
Porter's Sons, Wm., lamps.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	9 00
Reilly, James H., Estimate No. 2.....	Ladies' Cottages..	661 50
Reilly, James H., final estimate.....	Ladies' Cottages..	1,150 00
Rohrey, John, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	4 85
Seaman, John A., buoy and rope.....	Harlem River Bridges.....	9 25
Simpson, Wm. S., estate, rent.....	Rent Dept. P. P.	120 00
Schoolfield, R. J., stencils.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	5 30
Tatham & Bros., lead pipe.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	94 30
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.....	\$108 92
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	15 22
		<hr/> 124 14
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	5 42
Vail, William, plumbing, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	280 75
White, Chas. W., spruce timber.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	405 09
Wilson & Adams, spruce timber.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	11 27
		<hr/> <hr/> \$22,993 20

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$3,194 10
Zoological Department.....	48 43
Maintenance Museums.....	1,611 74
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	3,268 19
Laying Walks Central Park	1,492 35
Rent Department Public Parks.....	801 00
Music	1,895 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	45 22
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.....	50 00
Ladies' Cottages.....	1,811 50
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance.....	20 18
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	418 29
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	42 00
Harlem River Bridges	9 25
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps..	146 42
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies (1882).....	19 51
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Making Maps, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards (1882).....	300 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	7,814 60
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	5 42
	————— \$22,993 20

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two thousand, nine hundred and ninety-three dollars and twenty cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, September 3, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

Croft, W. F., payment on acceptance..	Receiving Basin and Sewer Con- nection north- east corner of Al- exander ave. and 136th st.		\$187 00
Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$142 77	
	Zoological Dept...	6 15	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	12 41	
			161 33
Keystone Bridge Co., Estimate No 2.	Const. Bridges over Harlem River..		14,481 37
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 15.....	Const. Bridges over Harlem River..		8,964 20
			<u>\$23,793 90</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$142 77
Zoological Department.....	6 15
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards ...	12 41
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	23,445 57
Street Improvement Fund	187 00
	<u>\$23,793 90</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-three thousand seven hundred and ninety-three dollars and ninety cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, September 4, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 affirma-

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Estimate—McGrath & Dunne.

From the Architect, giving an estimate of the work done by McGrath & Dunne on account of their contract for constructing a retaining wall, steps, etc., around parks on Fulton and Franklin avenues, and on Boston and Third avenues, amounting to \$5,543.80.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to pay Michael McGrath and Thomas Dunne, the sum of \$5,000, being a payment on account of the amount certified by the Architect of this Department, as due them for work performed under their contract for constructing retaining wall, steps, etc., around parks located on Fulton and Franklin avenues and on Boston and Third avenues.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Gerard avenue—To file plans.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

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, under chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby establish and classify that portion of Gerard avenue, lying between Sedgwick avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-first street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as a first-class street, the same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good, and that the President of the Department of Public Parks be and he is hereby designated and directed to certify and file, in pursuance of the provisions of the laws above

mentioned, three similar maps or plans of said portion of Gerard avenue as hereby established and classified.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Gerard avenue—To open.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York for the purpose of acquiring title wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to Gerard avenue, commencing at East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and running northerly to Jerome avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated, as a first class street by this Department, and that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks are authorized to sign a petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Lincoln ave.—File maps.

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, under chapter 604 of the laws of 1874, and chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby establish and classify Lincoln avenue, for its entire extent, from the Harlem river to East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as a first-class street ; the same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good ; and that the President of the Department of Public Parks be and he is hereby designated and directed to certify and file, in pursuance of the provisions of the laws above cited three similar maps or plans of said Lincoln avenue, as hereby established and classified.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Lincoln avenue—To open.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to that portion of Lincoln avenue lying between the Harlem river and the Southern Boulevard, as the same has been heretofore established and designated as a first-class street by this Department, and that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks are authorized to sign a petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Fountain, City Hall Park—Removal of.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the fountain now standing east of the New Court-house and south of the Brown-stone Building, in City Hall Park, be transferred to the basin in the triangle at Sixty-third street and the Boulevard, and that the basin in the City Hall Park be filled with mould for a flower bed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Riverside Avenue—Plans for completion.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution adopting the plans for completing Riverside avenue, between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-eighth streets, be reconsidered, in order that said plans may be modified so as to provide for storage places under the roadway.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Orders for work to be issued through Secretary.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That in order to secure an intelligent and judicious expenditure of the appropriations made to this Department, that hereafter no Engineer, Superintendent or Architect will be allowed to prosecute any special work of the Department until he shall have been officially notified by the Secretary that such work is to proceed, either by order of the Board or by order of a Commissioner duly empowered by the Board to direct such work.

Laid over.

165th street—Grade of.

From Anna Fullgraff, Thomas Duffy and others, petitioning for a change of the grade of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Concord and Caldwell avenues, as shown upon a profile submitted by them.

Referred to the Secretary to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* notifying the property owners interested of the proposed change of grade.

Drain—Cottage at Mt. Morris.

Commissioner CRIMMINS presented the following estimates for connecting, by a drain, the Ladies' Cottage in Mt. Morris

Square with the sewer in One Hundred and Twentieth street:

Golden & Morton.....	\$500 00
Nicholas Rogers.....	\$3 per foot.
Florence Driscoll.....	\$350 00

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the subject be referred to the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Elevated Railroad on Battery—Platforms.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following:

Permission is hereby granted to the New York Elevated Railroad Company to extend the platforms of the station of their road at Battery Place, southwardly, according to the plan thereof, dated 16th June, 1883, and signed by R. I. Sloan, Chief-Engineer of said Railroad Company, and

, of the Department of Public Parks, and to repair and maintain said platforms; but the said platforms shall be supported wholly upon the present structure of said railroad company, and no supports or posts therefor shall be erected on the Battery Park.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Board, that the permissions that have been heretofore given, for the Elevated Railroad to erect its structure in the Battery Park, were unwise, as granting the use of public property to a grasping corporation, without any recompense to the municipal treasury, and in view of this fact, that the application of the Manhattan Railway Company to extend their structures over and through the Battery Park be denied.

Laid over.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner Viele, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

Insects in Central Park.

1st. In relation to the destruction of insects which infest the trees in the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Horses and Carts for Central Park.

2d. Recommending the employment of two extra horses and carts for removing rubbish, etc., from Mount St. Vincent.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of two horses and carts be authorized, for work on the Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Finlay, Thomas—Suspension of.

3d. Reporting the suspension of Thomas Finlay, painter, as the result of the dispute in which the foreman of painters asserts that Finlay used disrespectful language towards him for which he declines to accept an apology.

Commissioner WALES moved that the subject be referred to Commissioner Viele with power to restore Finlay if in his opinion it may appear proper.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Foremen of Carpenters—Suspension of Owen McLaughlin.

Commissioner Crimmins, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Foreman of Carpenters that Owen McLaughlin, carpenter, be discharged from the service of this Department, made a verbal report, and recommended that said McLaughlin be suspended from duty for two days without pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Superintendent of Parks—Reduction of Force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting in relation to the practicability of reducing the working force under his charge and stating that the suspension of six carpenters, eight painters and two rustic workers could be made without detriment to the service.

Claremont—Transfer of carpenters and painters.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that not less than four nor more than six carpenters and four painters be transferred from the Work of Maintenance to Work on the Improvement of Claremont.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Third Avenue Bridge—Repairs to sidewalks.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the necessity of repairing the sidewalks of the Third Avenue Bridge, over Harlem river.

Referred to the Treasurer, to obtain estimates for doing the work.

Muller, Charles, rustic worker—Discharged.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that Charles Muller, rustic worker, be discharged from the service of the Department.

Commissioner WALES moved as an amendment that Francis Hall and Charles Muller, rustic workers, be discharged from the service of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Wales, Olliffe—2.

Nays—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins—2.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

John Callaghan, Gardener—Suspension of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of John Callaghan, a gardener.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the subject of the suspension of John Callaghan, gardener, be referred to Commissioner Wales, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Reton, Clarence—Appointed.
Axemen—President to appoint.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending the employment of Clarence Reton as assistant rodman, *vice* Lincoln Frank, resigned; also, the employment of two young men of liberal education, with some experience in engineering, as axemen on the corps under his charge.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Clarence Reton be and he is hereby appointed assistant rodman, *vice* Lincoln Frank, resigned; that the two laborers detailed to duty under M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, from Manhattan Square be ordered to report to the Superintendent of Parks for duty; and that the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint two suitable persons for duty as axemen under M. A. Kellogg, Engineer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Transfer.

From the Topographical Engineer, in relation to the exhausted condition of the appropriations for "Surveying, Laying out and Monumenting," and "Surveys, Maps and Plans," and recommending that transfers of unexpended balances be asked for for these accounts.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer the following sums from the appropriations for which they are not required :

“Making Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments,” 1881 . . .	\$858 92
“Surveys, Maps and Plans in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,” 1881	3,877 30
“Surveying, Laying Out, etc., Taxes and Assessment Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,” 1882	5,503 73
“Surveys, Maps and Plans, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,” 1882	1,586 34
	\$11,825 88

Eleven thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighty-eight cents to the appropriation “Surveying, Laying Out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,” 1883, which is insufficient.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

McCarthy, Michael.—For increase of pay.

From the Foreman of Carpenters, relative to the efficiency of Michael F. McCarthy, carpenter, and recommending that his pay be increased to \$3.50 per day.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Suspensions.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—

1st. Reporting the suspension of Michael Hogan, Luke McAvoy and Jno. Glennon, laborers, for negligence.

On motion, said laborers were discharged.

Suspensions—Stormy weather.

2d. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Reduction of force.

3d. Reporting, in compliance with an order of the Board, relative to a forty per cent. reduction of the working force under him and submitting a list of the names of the persons to be suspended.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered the suspension of the persons reported by the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On motion, the action of the President was approved, and the report of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was ordered filed.

Pay of masons fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That until the 31st of December next the pay of masons be fixed at \$3.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Barrett, George—Permission to search for buried treasure.

From Geo. W. Barrett, desiring permission to search for valuables said to be buried in Central Park.

Denied.

Burke, Joseph—In relation to Foreman Holland.

From Joseph Burke, complaining in relation to Foreman Keyron Holland in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to report.

Wootton, E. H. -To lay pavement 5th avenue sidewalk.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that E. H. Wootton be authorized and directed to proceed with the laying of Syssel asphalt pavement, ten feet wide, on the Park sidewalk of Fifth avenue, from Seventy-second to Eighty-fifth street, at a price of $22\frac{1}{2}$ cents per square foot; said pavement to be laid in the same manner and of the same material as that heretofore laid by him on the Fifth avenue sidewalk of the Central Park, below Seventy-second street.

Neufchatel Pavement—Pavement to be laid.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved as an amendment that the Neufchatel Pavement Company be authorized to proceed with said work at an expense of 23 cents per square foot.

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

Aye—Commissioner Crimmins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Crimmins—1.

Park and Gate keepers—Investigation of charges.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating the charges preferred against park and gate-keepers, made a verbal report and recommended as follows:

Bannon, James.

1st. That Parkkeeper James Bannon, charged with neglect of duty and absence without leave, be fined thirty days' pay, and that he be restored to duty.

McCarthy, Thomas J.

2d. That Gatekeeper Thomas J. McCarthy, charged with being off post and violation of rules, be fined five days' pay, with an earnest caution against any further neglect.

Hall, George.

3d. That Gatekeeper George Hall, charged with absence from roll call, be fined one day's pay.

Smith, Samuel.

4th. That Gatekeeper Samuel Smith, charged with being off post, be fined two days' pay.

Whalen, Daniel.

5th. That Gatekeeper Daniel Whalen, charged with being off post, be fined one day's pay.

Smith, Samuel J.

6th. That Gatekeeper Samuel J. Smith, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, be fined two days' pay.

Adams, Geo. W.

7th. That Gatekeeper George W. Adams, charged with violation of rules, be fined two days' pay.

Green, Thomas.

8th. That Parkkeeper Thomas Green, charged with improperly patrolling his post, be fined two days' pay.

Feiler, Jno. E.

9th. That Gatekeeper John E. Feiler, charged with improperly patrolling his post, be fined two days' pay.

10th. That Gatekeeper William Duggan, charged with absence from roll-call be fined one day's pay.

11th. That Gatekeeper Wm. D. Tracy, charged with violation of rules be fined one day's pay.

12th. That the charge of being off post against Parkkeeper E. J. Dougherty be dismissed, with a warning not to leave his post until properly relieved.

13th. That the charge of being off post against Parkkeeper Patrick Green be dismissed.

14th. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Parkkeeper James Farley be dismissed.

15th. That the charge of absence without leave against Parkkeeper John Mernagh be dismissed.

16th. That Gatekeeper William Duggan, charged with violation of rules be fined one day's pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Park and Gate keepers report as to disabilities.

Commissioner VIELE, to whom was referred the subject of an examination of the moral, mental, and physical condition of the Police Force of the Department, made a verbal report and recommended that the keepers who, upon examination, have been found deficient be discharged on account of their disability, to take effect October 1, next, with the option of allowing them to resign their positions prior to that date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Laborers—Riverside Park.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of twenty-four laborers be and the same is hereby authorized for work on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Laborers—Restoration.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Stephen Fitzsimmons and M. B. Casey, laborers on Riverside Park, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

On motion, at 2 o'clock p. m., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday, 5th instant, at 12 o'clock, m.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1883.

ADJOURNED MEETING—12, M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.
“ WALES.
“ CRIMMINS.

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

Tibbal, L. P.—Swings.

A communication was received from Lewis P. Tibbals, relinquishing the permission heretofore granted him to operate swings in the Central Park, recommending that the permission be granted to D. H. Riker.

Ordered filed.

Doyle, Wm.—Restored.

Commissioner VIELE moved that William Doyle, a blacksmith under Foreman Van Riper, be restored to duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Departmental Estimate.

The Board then proceeded to the consideration of the Departmental Estimates for the year 1884.

At 2.15 P. M., on motion of Commissioner WALES, the Board adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next, 11th inst. at 10 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1883.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ WALES.

“ CRIMMINS.

The minutes of the meetings held September 4 and 5 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Mayor—Civil Service Commission.

From the Mayor, requesting the Commissioners of this Department to attend a conference with the Civil Service Commission to be held on 14th instant.

On motion, the President was requested to attend said conference on behalf of this Department.

Board of Health—Sewer, 145th street.

From the Secretary of the Board of Health, enclosing a copy of a report upon the sanitary condition of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, and the necessity for a sewer in said street between St. Ann's and Brook avenues.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Anderson, J. S.—Repair Ogden avenue.

From J. Schuyler Anderson, A. MacIntosh and others, petitioning for the improvement of Ogden avenue, between Union and Orchard streets, by macadamizing.

Referred to Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Works in progress.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Hall, Ernest—Removal of earth Boston avenue.

From Ernest Hall, in relation to the removal of earth from Boston avenue, and asking for an investigation into the matter.

Referred to the President to report.

Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

Horses and Carts—Tar walks and maintenance.

1st. Stating that the horses and carts now employed on the work of laying tar walks in the Central Park will be required for similar work in Mt. Morris Square, and those on sprinkling will be required to continue on said works, and that additional horses and carts are required for work at Mt. St. Vincent.

Horses and carts on Riverside avenue.

2d. Recommending the employment of two horses and carts for hauling gravel, etc., on Riverside avenue instead of one double team now employed.

Double Team.—Manhattan Square.

3d. Recommending that the services of the double-team working on the approaches to Manhattan Square be dispensed with.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Suspensions.—Fourth avenue parks.

4th. Reporting the suspension on 7th instant of the following-named laborers on Fourth avenue parks :

William Griffin, James Ahearn, John Manning, John Harris, Stephen Cacase, Patrick Thompson.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the above-mentioned laborers be restored to duty, and that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to employ them for work on the approaches to Manhattan Square at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, and at Mt. St. Vincent.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

John Reddings, Jr., to drive team.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the name of Edward Kinney be changed to John Reddings, Jr., as driver of double team employed on Riverside 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Audit.

Commissioner WALES for Commissioner Viele, 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, D. P., meat and vegetables....	Zool. Dept		\$306 90
Alliance Chemical Works, copperas....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		57 03
Bradley & Smith, dusters.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$8 25	
	Zool. Dept	8 25	16 50
Baylis, John, forge and bellows.....	Riverside Park, Impt. and Maint.		35 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park		744 75
Benham & Stoutenborough, galvanized pails	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park		15 60
Reith & Briggs, standards.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....		16 72
Borne, Scrymser & Co., oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$14 30	
	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park	2 60	
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	3 25	
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	11 05	31 20
Bouker, John A., trap rock and screen- ings.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		860 00
Bouker, John A., trap rock, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		905 00
Bouker, John A., trap rock, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		905 00
Bouker, John A., trap rock, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		824 50

Burnet & Co., iron railing.....	Maint 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$644 00
Caledonian Tool Works, repairs to plow.	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	20 00
Candee & Kane, brick and cement....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	103 00
Crombie, R. H., maple and spruce....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	291 30
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	723 16
Croft, Wm. F., masonry.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	411 00
Connolly, John E., salt, corn, etc.....	Zool. Dept.....	40 88
Connolly, John E., corn, oats, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	334 30
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	3 78
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	28 80
Heyniger, L. & Co., twine and pails ..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$4 96
	Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of.	80
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	2 40
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	3 75
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Heyniger, L. & Co., pails.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	3 75
Howell, Alex. J., screenings.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	292 00
Joyce, Thomas H., music.....	Music.....	755 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg, Co., pipe, etc....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	4 79
McDonald & Kilduff, flagging, etc....	Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3...	961 80
MacNamara, James, blacksmithing....	Bronx River Bdgs.	29 55
Manchester & Philbrick, cement.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	17 50

Morgan, J. P., treas., expenses Museum		
Natural History.....	Maint Museums..	\$3,093 95
Mott, J. L. Iron Works, setters and plumbing materials.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	321 60
New York Mutnal Gas-light Co., gas....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	42 08
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	25 40
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zool. Dept.....	14 88
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$17 54
	Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of.....	1 63
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	1 63
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	5 20
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		26 00
Parsons, Samuel, Jr., car fares.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	6 70
Pratt Mfg. Co., oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$5 51
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	1 81
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Patterson Bros., files and shovels.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$26 39
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	16 00
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Patterson Bros., steel rakes.....	Riverside Avenue, Impt. of.....	14 40
Pierson & Co., Ulster iron.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies... ..	121 58
Riddle & Co., tin signs.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	9 00
Rowe & Denman, Portland cement.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	75 00
Shady, James H., fish.....	Zool. Dept.....	9 00
Siefert, John, sods.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	100 00

Schoonmaker, S. A. & Co., varnish. . . . Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$7 50
Sullivan Bros., painting, etc. Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	935 00
Wootton, E. H., asphalt pavement. . . . Laying walks, Central Park.	323 84
Young, Charles C., bread and crackers. Zool. Dept.	77 94
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	\$14,648 30

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.	\$2,314 40
Zoological Department	457 85
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.	4,460 75
Harlem River Bridges.	953 06
Laying Walks, Central Park	1,086 79
Riverside Park, Maintenance and Improvement of.	490 54
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance of.	25 46
Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3.	961 80
Maintenance Museums.	3,093 95
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.	16 72
Bronx River Bridges.	29 55
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.	2 43
Music	755 00
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	\$14,648 30

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

(Signed)

E. L. VIELLE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, September 10, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Madison Avenue—Grading of.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, stating that in accordance with the request of this Department he had prepared and presented to the Board of Aldermen a resolution for regulating and grading Madison avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street.

Ordered filed.

Granby, Thos.—Restoration.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that Thomas Granby be restored to duty as laborer on 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

138th street to be put in order.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That in anticipation of the early completion of the Madison Avenue Bridge, the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to report what immediate steps should be taken to put in order for public travel One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Third avenue to the new bridge.

Bridge at 138th street.

On motion, the subject of the repairs to the bridge over the canal at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, was referred to the President to confer with William E. Ryder in relation to the same, and report thereon to this Board.

Mt. St. Vincent—Removal of rock.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to procure bids for removing rock at Mt. St. Vincent and issue an order to the lowest bidder for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

138th and 146th streets—Treatment of.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be requested to present to the Board any suggestion he may deem expedient to elevate and carry the surface of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-sixth streets over the Harlem Railroad track.

Rouke, Matthew, appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Matthew Rouke be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on Riverside Park, and that he be paid five days' time, which time he has been working as a laborer on said Park under an appointment as horse and cart.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Casino, Mineral Spring—Repairs to Buildings.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred the communications from W. H. Radford and C. H. Schultz, licensees, relative to making repairs to the Casino and Mineral Spring buildings, made a verbal report, stating that the painting of the Casino would cost \$1,000, and recommending that the marble mantels be removed, and wooden mantels with open fire-places substituted ; that the roof of the Mineral Spring building be put in order, the interior cleaned and varnished, and the exterior painted.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the subject of repairs to the Casino and Mineral Spring buildings in Central Park be referred to the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Pony service.

Commissioner WALES moved that the subject of the pony service in Central Park be referred to the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Claremont—Repairs to roof, etc.

On motion the Architect was directed to examine and report what work is necessary to be done to put the roof of the building at Claremont in good repair and whether it would be advisable to shingle the easterly side of the building instead of the clap-boarding now in use.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 11.15 o'clock A. M., the Board

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.
“ VIELE,
“ CRIMMINS.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the regular order of business was suspended.

McKay, Gatekeeper—Discharged.

A communication was received from Captain Beaty, reporting the suspension of Gatekeeper Lawrence McKay for intoxication, conduct unbecoming an officer, and violation of rules.

Commissioner VIELE presented a copy of a communication from Emil Estel, as made to the editor of the *Sun* in relation to a statement as published in that paper.

The charges against Gatekeeper Lawrence McKay were read, when Commissioner VIELE moved that Lawrence McKay be dishonorably discharged from the employ 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Lespinasse & Friedman—Completion northern end of Park.

A communication was received from Lespinasse & Friedman in relation to the improvement and completion of the northwest corner of the Central Park.

Laid over.

165th street—Change of grade

Col. Wood appeared before the Board and was heard on behalf of Anna M. Fullgraff and others in relation to the proposed change of grade of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.

A communication was received from the Topographical Engineer in relation to the subject, and stating that, in accordance with the advertisement as published in the *City Record*, he had received but one objection, and that from John E. Barstow, which he inclosed.

The communication from Mr. Barstow was read to the Board, when

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That in pursuance and by virtue of the authority vested in the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, under chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby alter and establish the grades of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Forest and Cauldwell avenues, as follows, viz.: At the eastern curb-line of Cauldwell avenue, seventy-eight feet above the datum plane of high water; at the western and eastern curb-lines of Trinity avenue, eighty-two feet above the datum plane of high water; at the western and eastern curb-lines of Jackson avenue, seventy-three feet above the datum plane of high water; at the western curb-line of Forest avenue, sixty-eight feet above the datum plane of high water; and that William M. Olliffe, President of the Department of Public Parks, be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify and file copies of a map or plan showing said changes in pursuance of the provisions of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Comptroller—Work on contract McGrath and Dunne.

From the Comptroller, acknowledging the receipt of a communication from this Department inclosing a resolution adopted on 4th instant, requesting him to pay Michael McGrath and Thomas Dunne the sum of \$5,000 on account of their contract for constructing retaining wall, steps, etc., around two parks in Twenty-third Ward, and desiring to be informed why the provisions of their contract "that all work shall be fully completed before any payment is made," should be departed from, and stating that the Finance Department had been notified that the work of McGrath & Dunne was not being done in a satisfactory manner.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to the Comptroller, whereupon the communication was ordered filed.

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following ordinance and resolution, adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

Crosswalks—Denman place.

1st. Ordinance to lay crosswalks at the intersections of Denman place with Leggett and Tinton avenues.

McCauley, Rosanna—To flag in front of her premises.

2d. Permitting Rosanna McCauley to flag, curb and gutter in front of her premises, No. 667 East One Hundred and Forty-first street.

Referred to Acting Engineer of Construction.

Transfer.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sums following be and hereby are transferred from the appropriations named, made to the Department of Public Parks, for the years 1881 and 1882, respectively, which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

"Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, 1881"	\$858 92
"Surveys, Maps and Plans in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, 1881"	3,877 30
"Surveys, Maps and Plans in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, 1882"	1,586 34
"Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, 1882"	5,503 32
Total	<u>\$11,825 88</u>

—to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1883, entitled "Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," which is insufficient.

Ordered filed.

McArdle, George—For Inspector.

From John Flanagan, F. J. Twomey and others, recommending the appointment of George McArdle as Inspector on sewer work.

Ordered filed.

Prospect avenue—For improvement of.

From William Wilt, B. G. Allison and others, petitioning for the improvement of Prospect avenue, from Tremont avenue to Samuel street.

Referred to Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Taylor, Matt.—Pavement.

From Matt. Taylor, proposing to furnish and lay Granolithic pavement for the Department.

Ordered filed.

Claremont.—Roof of.

From the Architect, recommending that the entire roof of the building at "Claremont" be recovered with new tin, and that the repairing of the clap-boarding on the easterly side will be necessary, and will not exceed in cost the work of substituting shingling.

Referred to the Treasurer to obtain estimates for repairing the roof of said building in accordance with the recommendation of the Architect.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction :

147th street—Necessity of grading.

1st. Calling attention to the necessity of grading East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from North Third avenue to Willis avenue, and recommending that the Board of Aldermen be requested to pass the necessary ordinance authorizing this Department to proceed with the work.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the necessary ordinance for grading East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from North Third to Willis avenue, be prepared and transmitted to the Board of Aldermen.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

148th street—Regulating, etc.

2d. Presenting plans and specifications for regulating and grading One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, from North Third avenue to St. Ann's avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating and grading One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, from North Third avenue to St. Ann's avenue, this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

155th street—Regulating, etc., work under contract.

3d. Reporting in compliance with an order of the Board directing him to report as to the manner in which the work of grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, from Elton to Courtlandt avenue, is being done.

Ordered filed.

Works in progress.

4th. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Discharge and employment of assistants.

5th. Recommending that William Shingleton, Draughtsman, and Carl Riedl, Computer, be dropped from the rolls, for continued absence ; and that he be authorized to select for appointment, for thirty days, persons to fill these vacancies, with instructions to report the names of such persons to Board for further employment if their services prove satisfactory.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the recommendation of the Topographical Engineer be adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Whittemore, W. F.—Appointed.

6th. Recommending the appointment of W. F. Whittemore, as an assistant, at \$2.50 per day ; he having been employed temporarily, and shown himself competent.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That W. F. Whittemore be and he is hereby appointed an assistant to the Topographical Engineer, at a compensation of \$2.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

144th street—Plans for sewer.

7th. Presenting a plan and specifications for constructing a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from College to North Third avenue, and stating that the cost of the same should not exceed \$1,000.

Referred to the Treasurer to obtain estimates for doing the work.

Moore, Henry—Discharged.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer :

1st. Reporting the suspension of Henry Moore, laborer, for neglect of duty.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, Henry Moore, laborer, was discharged.

Rockmen reduced to laborers.

2d. Recommending that Jno. O'Connell and Jno. Gray, rockmen, be reduced to laborers from 10th instant, and that Henry Wilson, laborer, be promoted to rigger, to date from 10th instant.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the recommendation of M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Inventory.

From the Property Clerk, submitting an inventory of property of the Department for the quarter ending July 12, 1883.

Ordered filed.

Sewers on Riverside avenue.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. In relation to the offensive odors arising from privies belonging to the House of Mercy at Eighty-sixth street and Riverside avenue, and stating that the sewer in said avenue, having been completed above Ninety-first street as far as Ninety-sixth street, the east side of the drive could now be put in proper condition if the contractor would remove his refuse materials, boilers, etc.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to call the attention of the Board of Health to the offensive odors arising from the privies belonging to the House of Mercy, and that part of the Superintendent's communication relating to the restoration of Riverside Drive, where the sewer has been completed, to its proper condition, was referred to Commissioner Viele.

Decker, Mrs.—Leave of absence.

2d. Reporting that he had detailed Rosa Hancock to take the place of Joanna Decker, ladies' maid, who is absent on account of sickness, and stating the desire of Mrs. Decker for a leave of absence until she is able to resume her duties.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

169th street—Plans for filing.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That William M. Olliffe, the President of the Department of Public Parks, be and he is hereby designated and directed to certify and file, as provided by law, the three similar maps or plans entitled "Plan and Profile showing One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, from Tenth avenue to Kingsbridge road, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, as established by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876," dated New York, 9th May, 1883, and signed E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Department 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Executive session.

On motion, at 11 o'clock A. M., the Board went into executive session.

Engineer to examine assistant for appointment.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction be authorized to employ for competitive trial for thirty days such persons as he may require in his corps of Engineers, and submit to the Board for appointment the names of the persons whose services prove satisfactory.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Toner, Michael, } Appointed.
Linsley, Robert, }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael Toner and Robert Linsley and Thomas McMahan be and they are hereby appointed laborers on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Rockmen for work on Riverside Park.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending the employment of a rock foreman, rockmen, and stone masons for work on Riverside Park and retaining wall.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of one rock Foreman, twelve rockmen, and five stone masons be and the same is hereby authorized for work on Riverside Park and retaining wall.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Superintendent of Planting—Office abolished.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the position of Superintendent of Planting be and the same is hereby abolished.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

O'Connor, Thos.—Promoted to parkkeeper.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeeper Thomas O'Connor be and he is hereby promoted to parkkeeper.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Bridge over Canal at 138th street.

The PRESIDENT, to whom it was referred to confer with Wm. E. Ryder, in relation to repairs to the bridge over Mott Haven Canal, at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, made a verbal report, and stated that Mr. Ryder would communicate with the Board on the subject.

Finn, Ellen—To appoint.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Ellen Finn be and she is hereby appointed ladies' maid for duty at East River Park.

Laid over.

Tappen, A. B.—To repair Kingsbridge road.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from A. B. Tappen, in relation to the condition of Kingsbridge road at Fordham, and requesting that the same be repaired without delay.

Referred to the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to report.

Flagging around Park on Fulton avenue.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for furnishing and setting curb, gutter and flagging in front of the Park on Fulton avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, in Twenty-third Ward.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 12 o'clock M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at 10 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.

“ WALES.

“ CRIMMINS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Consumers' Gas Saving Co.—Gas saving.

From the Consumers' Gas Saving Company, inclosing a proposition to save gas and reduce the gas bills in the buildings under the control of this Department.

Referred to the Gas Commission.

Bradley, E. and M.—Streets around Cedar Park.

From Edson and Maria Bradley, relative to the land to be taken by the city for Cedar Park, in the Twenty-third Ward, and asking that action be taken for the opening of the streets bounding the same.

Referred to Topographical Engineer.

Carr and Geraud—Bears for sale.

From John Carr and Simon Geraud, offering two gray Siberian bears for sale.

Referred to the Director of the Menagerie.

Pedestals—Washington and Tigress.

From the Architect, reporting relative to designs for granite pedestals for the Washington statue and statue of the Tigress and Young, with an estimate of the cost of the same.

Laid over.

Temporary suspensions—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Sewer—145th st.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the petition of John Fullerton, Thomas Dugan and others for a sewer in East One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between St. Ann's and Brook avenues, and upon a communication from the Board of Health calling attention to the necessity for a sewer in said block, and recommending that the sewer be constructed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be and he is hereby directed to prepare plans and specifications for constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Names of drivers to appear on pay-rolls.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, submitting a list of the names of cartmen shown upon the rolls, and which are driven by other persons than those as shown, as follows :

Names upon Roll.
Jeremiah Griffin,
Philip Garrett,
Patrick Fox,
Hugh Malone,
Edward Falls,
Chas. F. McGloin,
Patrick Halloran.

Names of Drivers.
Timothy Sweeny,
Frank Abt,
John McGuire,
Michael Quinn,
Michael McKegney,
Joseph Ellis,
Richard Maguire.

Commissioner WALES moved that the above-mentioned persons be discharged from the employ 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That hereafter all trucks and carts employed shall be driven by the owners, whose names shall appear upon the rolls of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Nedley, Frank—Discharged.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, reporting the suspension of Frank Nedley, laborer, for neglect of duty.

On motion Frank Nedley, laborer, was discharged.

Tally-ho coach—For permission to run through park.

From John C. Slorah, desiring permission to run a line of Tally-ho coaches through the Central Park.

On motion said permission was denied, it being inconsistent with the established regulations of the Department.

Superintendent of Parks—Transfer of employees.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that he had stopped work on the approaches at Mt. St. Vincent, in compliance with orders, and stating that the men lately employed on that work will be required on maintenance, and as additional men will be required on the walks in Mt. Morris Park, a number of men may be detailed to that work from Manhattan Square.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the men lately employed at Mt. St. Vincent be retained on in the employ of the Department, and that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to detail such men and carts to such works as their services may be 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bannon, Parkkeeper—Pay of.

Commissioner WALES stated that in his recommendation at the meeting of September 4, 1883, p. 258, to fine Parkkeeper Bannon, his recommendation should have been to have fined Bannon the time lost by him during his suspension, and moved said recommendation at this time.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Atlas, 23d and 24th wards—To purchase.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to purchase for the use of this Department a copy of the

Atlas of each the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards as published by G. W. Bromley & Co., at an expense not exceeding \$40.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Propagating House—Site for.

Commissioner VIELE, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of selecting a site for a propagating house to take the place of the old structure now in use in Central Park, made a verbal report, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the area of ground in the Central Park, lying immediately north of Transverse road No. 4, east of the East drive and west of Fifth avenue, being a triangular tract of about fifteen acres, be and is hereby designated as the location of the plant collection and propagating houses, and that so soon as the requisite funds are placed at the disposition of this Department, said plant and propagating houses and their appurtenances be removed to this point from their present temporary location.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Rigger—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of the rigger as appointed at the last meeting of the Board, be fixed at \$2 50 per day from the date of his appointment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

McCabe, John—Restored.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That John McCabe be and he is hereby restored to duty as laborer on City 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, 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 present the same to the Board for approval :

Beck, Louis D., gravel	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$733 50
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	699 75
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	465 75
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	722 25
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park	771 75
Bolmer, William, painting	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	\$60 00
	Bronx River Bdgs.	60 00
		120 00
Budd D Reynolds, indices	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	75 00

Croft, William F., Estimate No. 3.....	Sewer, 138th St., between Willis and Brook Aves. and branch.....		\$1,646 75
Connolly, John E., oats.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		23 00
Everard, James, broken stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		600 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., harness materials.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		18 82
Howell, A. J., trap rock.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		654 00
Joyce, Thomas H., music.....	Music.....		430 00
Laurelton Rustic Manufacturing Co., repairs to arbor.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		59 50
McAllister, F. E., bird seed.....	Maint. Zool. Dept. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$12 00 8 30	
	Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of.....	17 50	37 80
Metropolis Oil Co., lubricating oil.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		35 70
Mott, J. L. Iron Works, hurdles.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		600 00
Murray, B. C., Estimate No. 4.....	Regulating, etc., Morris Ave., from 138th to 156th St.....		4,658 50
Murray, Bernhard C., Estimate No. 4.	Regulating, etc., 155th St., from Elton to Court- land Ave.....		1,540 00
Murray, B. C., payment on acceptance.	Sewer in 144th St., between Col- lege Ave., and 143d St.....		1,707 51
O'Grady, Jas. W., security for repairs.	Sewers in 145th and 144th Sts., and in 143d St., between Alex- ander and Brook Avenues and branches.....		1,312 94

O'Grady, Jas. W., security for repairs. Sewer in 146th St., between 3d and Brook Aves. and branches...	\$617 88
Pratt Manufacturing Co., oil Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	7 68
Sylvester, Hilton & Co., satteen..... Police.....	29 25
Wallach, H., Sons, blouses..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	302 91
	<hr/> <u>\$17,870 24</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$2,977 73
Zoological Department.....	12 00
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards...	1,388 68
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance.....	699 75
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	771 75
Bronx River Bridges.....	60 00
Music ...	430 00
Police	29 25
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	17 50
Street Improvement Fund... ..	11,483 58
	<hr/> <u>\$17,870 24</u>

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

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, September 26, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Kennedy, J. S.—Bay windows.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and is hereby given to John S. Kennedy to erect a bay window in front of the house he proposes erecting on Fifth avenue near Seventy-second street, and between the residences of Mr. John Sloan and Mr. H. R. Bishop, they consenting to said erection ; said window to be erected in accordance with a drawing this day submitted, and not to project over four feet beyond the house-front line.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Zoological Collection—Site.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Whereas, It is the opinion of this Board that the collection of animals now located in the Central Park, on the line of the Fifth avenue, is now and has been for some years a serious detriment to the comfort of the neighborhood, and that the ground is wholly unsuited for the proper care and growth of a Zoological collection commensurate to the importance of the Metropolis ; and

Whereas, It is very desirable that an effort should now be made to secure its early removal to a place within the Central Park which shall be more suitable and much less objectionable to people residing along the line of the park ;

Resolved, That the area of ground in Central Park, lying immediately north of the large reservoir and south of Transverse road No. 4, east of the West drive, and west of the East drive, be and is hereby designated as a suitable location for the Zoological collection, and that the buildings and appurtenances of said collection be removed to that location from its present temporary location so soon as the necessary arrangements can be perfected.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Annual Estimates.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the Departmental Estimates for the year 1884, as follows :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Departmental Estimate for the Year 1884.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Salaries—To pay the salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, Architects, Superintendent, and all employees of the Department, excepting Mechanics, Gardeners, Laborers, and their Foremen, employed in the work of maintaining the Parks and Places; also excepting the Topographical Engineer and his Assistants in charge of Surveying, Monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer in charge of Public Places, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.	\$45,000 00
Police—Salaries of Captains, Surgeons, Sergeants, Roundsmen, Patrolmen, Gatekeepers, Special Patrolmen and Police Tailors, and for Purchase of Uniforms and Supplies. . . .	150,000 00
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies—For all supplies and for wages of Foremen, Gardeners, Mechanics and Laborers employed on works of maintenance, excepting those employed in the Zoological Department, and including the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory.	275,000 00

Zoological Department—For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, including repairs of buildings used for that purpose.....	\$18,000 00
Maintenance of Museums—For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	30,000 00
Music—Central Park and City Parks.....	12,000 00
Harlem River Bridges — Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	30,000 00
Walks — For laying new and repairing old walks in the Central Park and the City Parks and Places.....	30,000 00
Central Park, Transverse Roads—For grading, curbing and paving Transverse Road No. 3, at Seventy-ninth street, and repairing and maintaining Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.	50,000 00
Riverside Avenue—For the improvement and maintenance of Riverside Avenue	20,000 00
Riverside Park — For the improvement of Riverside Park.....	75,000 00
For Erecting and Improving Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cottages.....	5,000 00
Mount St. Vincent Refreshment House—For completing buildings, sheds and work on grounds at Mount St. Vincent, Central Park.....	15,000 00
Telephonic Service—For erecting and maintaining telephonic service for Department. .	4,000 00

Maintenance—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Maintenance and Government of Public Parks, Places, Streets, Roads and Avenues, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including supplies, salary of Superintendent, and wages of all persons employed on the work.	\$115,000 00
Bronx River Bridges—For the Rebuilding, Repairing and Maintenance of Bridges over the Bronx River, within the city limits	10,000 00
Sewers and Drains—For cleaning and repairing sewers and drains in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	15,000 00
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards — For Surveying, Laying-out and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the northerly end of Manhattan Island, north of the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, including salaries and wages of all persons employed on the work, and for making and completing maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments	30,000 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For making surveys and maps for the opening of streets and avenues for the use of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and for making preliminary surveys and plans not assessable, of projected sewers and drains, including rent of office for engineers; and for making maps for acquiring right of way for building drains	25,000 00

Incumbrances, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Removal of.....	\$1,000 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	5,000 00
Rents—Department of Public Parks—To pay Rents of Offices, Stables and Yards for the use of the Department, under agreements entered into by the Comptroller, by order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.	3,500 00
Skate Building—For the erection of a building on Central Park, for the accommodation of the public during the skating season....	10,000 00
Drainage and Irrigation of the Central Park—For repairing old and laying new drains, improving the condition of the artificial lakes and securing additional water supply at the Central Park.....	25,000 00
Steam Road Roller, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For the purchase of a Steam Road Roller for use in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	6,500 00
Crosswalks at Third, Willis and Morris avenues—For laying crosswalks at Willis and Morris avenues junction with Third avenue.....	2,500 00
Propagating House, Central Park—For the erection of a building for propagating and preservation of shrubs and plants for the use of the Department	50,000 00
Central Park Construction—For the purpose of constructing incomplete portions of Central and City Parks	50,000 00
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	\$1,107,500 00
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Annual Estimates adopted.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing estimate be and the same is hereby adopted as the Departmental Estimate for the year 1884, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the same to each the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner WALES the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at 10 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.

“ CRIMMINS.

Proposal—Opening of.

At the hour of ten o'clock, Mr. Storrs, the representative of the Comptroller of the city, being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller, and of such of the parties making proposals as were present, opened the estimate-box, and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received, in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works, namely :

No. 1. For constructing sewers and appurtenances in Grove street, between Brook avenue and North Third avenue, with connecting sewers in Bergen avenue, between Westchester avenue and Grove street; North Third avenue, between Westchester avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street; One Hundred and Fifty-first street, between North Third and Courtland avenues; One Hundred and Fifty-second street, between North Third and Courtland avenues; One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between North Third and Courtland avenues; One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, between North Third and College avenues; Elton avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-seventh

streets; Courtland avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets.

- No. 2. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Brook and Robbins avenues.
- No. 3. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between North Third and College avenues.
- No. 4. For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalk, four feet wide, and laying crosswalks in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between the easterly curb-line of North Third avenue and the westerly curb-line of St. Ann's avenue.
- No. 5. For building a plate-girder bridge in the southern approach of the Madison Avenue Bridge at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

For Building a Plate-girder Bridge in the Southern Approach of the Madison Avenue Bridge at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street.

Number of Items.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAME OF BIDDER.	
			Post & McCord.	
			1	
			Price.	Amount.
1	All iron work in bridge, complete, per pound.....	106,150	\$0 06½	\$6,899 75
2	Lineal feet railing, including galvanized iron cornice.....	125	....	1,125 00
3	Cubic feet bituminous concrete.....	490	50	245 00
4	Square yards creosoted block pavement, including } inch boards.....	177	5 00	885 00
5	Feet, B. M., creosoted pine beams (per 1,000 feet)....	640	75 00	48 00
6	Feet, B. M., Georgia pine (per 1,000 feet).....	4,300	75 00	322 50
	Painting.....	.....	....	500 00
	Total.....	.....	....	\$10,025 25

Table of Bids for Constructing Sewers and Appurtenances in Grove Street, between Brook Avenue and North Third Avenue, with connecting sewers in Bergen Avenue, between Westchester Avenue and Grove Street; North Third Avenue, between Westchester Avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Street; One Hundred and Fifty-first Street, between North Third and Courtland Avenues; One Hundred and Fifty-second Street, between North Third and Courtland Avenues; One Hundred and Fifty-third Street, between North Third and Courtland Avenues; One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Street, between North Third and College Avenues; Elton Avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Streets; Courtland Avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Streets.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.									
			John McKim & Son.		Thos. H. Casey.		Wm. F. Croft.		B. C. Murray.		Charles Jones.	
			1		2		3		4		5	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Linear feet of brick sewer, egg shaped, 28-in. by 48-in. exclusive of spurs for house connections.	75	\$7 20	\$540 00	\$10 00	\$750 00	\$6 50	\$487 50	\$10 75	\$806 25	\$7 00	\$525 00
2	Linear feet of brick sewer, egg shaped, 24-in. by 36-in. exclusive of spurs for house connections.	240	6 90	1,656 00	7 00	1,680 00	6 00	1,440 00	9 75	2,340 00	6 50	1,560 00
3	Linear feet of brick sewer, egg shaped, 20-in. by 30-in. exclusive of spurs for house connections.	240	6 80	1,632 00	7 00	1,680 00	5 50	1,320 00	9 50	2,280 00	6 00	1,440 00
4	Linear feet of 18-in. pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs for house connections.	920	3 00	2,760 00	7 00	6,440 00	3 65	3,358 00	4 50	4,140 00	5 00	4,600 00
5	Linear feet of 12-in. pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs for house connections.	7,700	1 74	13,398 00	4 50	34,650 00	2 75	21,175 00	3 00	23,100 00	4 00	30,800 00
6	Spurs for house connections.	900	50	450 00	50	450 00	30	270 00	50	450 00	25	225 00
7	Manholes complete	97	69 00	6,693 00	50 00	4,850 00	50 00	4,850 00	52 00	5,044 00	45 00	4,365 00
8	Receiving-basins complete.	18	170 00	3,060 00	200 00	3,600 00	172 00	3,096 00	150 00	2,700 00	150 00	2,700 00
9	Cubic yards of rock to be excavated and removed.	5,000	3 89	19,450 00	2 00	10,000 00	4 25	21,250 00	3 75	18,750 00	05	250 00
1	Feet (B. M.) lumber furnished and laid	10,000	35 00	350 00	10 00	100 00	20 00	200 00	25 00	250 00	01	10
	Cubic yards of concrete in place.	20	5 00	100 00	6 00	120 00	6 00	120 00	4 00	80 00	01	20
	Time tested at the rate of \$4.00 per day.	.....	Days. 400	1,600 00	Days. 450	1,800 00	Days. 206	824 00	Days. 350	1,400 00	Days. 350	1,400 00
	Totals	.....	.....	\$51,689 00	.....	\$66,120 00	.....	\$58,390 50	.....	\$61,340 25	.....	\$47,865 30

able of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street, between Brook and Robbins Avenues.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.													
			J. J. Jones.		Chas. Jones.		Bernard Mahon.		John McKim & Chas. J. McKim.		Thos. H. Casey.		B. C. Murray.		Wm. F. Croft.	
			1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Linear feet of Brick Sewer, egg shaped, 30 in. by 20 in., exclusive of spurs for house connections..	550	\$10 00	\$5,500 00	\$7 50	\$4,125 00	\$5 50	\$3,025 00	\$4 50	\$2,475 00	\$5 00	\$2,750 00	\$9 50	\$5,225 00	\$5 25	\$2,887 50
2	Linear feet of 18-in. pipe Sewer, exclusive of spurs for house connections.	820	6 00	4,920 00	6 50	5,330 00	5 50	4,510 00	2 46	2,017 20	4 00	3,280 00	4 50	3,690 00	3 06	2,509 20
3	Linear feet of 12-in pipe Sewer, exclusive of spurs for house connections.	470	3 00	1,410 00	6 00	2,820 00	5 50	2,585 00	1 73	813 10	2 00	940 00	3 00	1,410 00	2 50	1,175 00
4	6-in. spurs for house connections.	188	75	141 00	50	34 00	40	75 20	40	75 20	40	75 20	50	94 00	50	94 00
5	Manholes complete. . .	19	51 00	969 00	50 00	950 00	40 00	760 00	63 00	1,197 00	48 00	912 00	52 00	985 00	50 00	950 00
6	Receiving-basins complete.	5	150 00	750 00	180 00	900 00	200 00	1,000 00	178 00	890 00	200 00	1,000 00	155 00	775 00	200 00	1,000 00
7	Cubic yards of Rock to be excavated and removed.	1,500	.01	15 00	05	75 00	01	15 00	3 89	5,835 00	5 00	7,500 00	3 70	5,550 00	4 36	6,540 00
8	Feet (B. M.) Lumber furnished and laid. . .	2,000	20 00	40 00	01	02	20 00	40 00	35 00	70 00	01	02	30 00	60 00	20 00	40 00
9	Cubic yards of Concrete in place.	50	4 00	200 00	01	50	2 00	100 00	5 00	250 00	4 00	200 00	3 00	150 00	6 00	300 00
10	Time tested at the rate of \$4 per day.		Days. 38	152 00	Days. 75	300 00	Days. 65	260 00	Days. 100	400 00	Days. 75	700 00	Days. 150	600 00	Days. 100	400 00
	Total.			\$14,097 00		\$14,594 52		\$12,370 20		\$14,022 50		\$17,357 22		\$18,542 00		\$15,895 70

Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street, between North Third Avenue and College Avenue.

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Number of Item.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.											
			James J. Jones.		B. C. Murray.		Robert Hall and Ferd. V. Morrison.		Thos. H. Casey.		Patrick Reilly.		Denis McGrath.	
			1		2		3		4		5		6	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Linear feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs for house connections.....	400	\$2 85	\$1,140 00	\$2 70	\$1,080 00	\$2 75	\$1,100 00	\$3 00	\$1,200 00	\$3 27	\$1,308 00	\$2 25	\$900 00
2	Spurs for house connections, over and above the cost per foot of pipe sewer.....	45	75	38 75	20	9 00	1 00	45 00	75	33 75	10	4 50	4 00	180 00
3	Manholes complete.....	6	52 00	312 00	52 00	312 00	45 00	270 00	49 00	294 00	55 00	330 00	20 00	120 00
4	Feet (B. M.) lumber furnished and laid.....	1,000	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	01	01	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00
5	Cubic yards of concrete in place..	6	01	06	3 00	18 00	5 00	30 00	10 00	60 00	4 50	27 00	3 00	18 00
6	Time tested at the rate of \$4 per day.....	...	Days. 15	60 00	Days. 18	72 00	Days. 20	80 00	Days. 30	120 00	Days. 12	48 00	Days. 30	120 00
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$1,565 81	.....	\$1,501 00	.....	\$1,545 00	.....	\$1,707 76	.....	\$1,727 50	.....	\$1,358 00

Table of Bids for Regulating, Setting Curb and Gutter Stones and Flagging
Forty-sixth Street, between the easterly curb-line of North

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	Dennis McGrath.		Thomas Murray.		Jas. H. Perkins.	
			1		2		3	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Cubic yards of filling.....	800	\$1 50	\$1,200 00	80 95	\$760 00	\$0 47	\$376 00
2	Lineal feet of new curb-stone furnished and set. }	2,470	65	1,605 50	65	1,605 50	59	1,457 30
3	Lineal feet of new curb-stone reset..... }	1,000	04	40 00	20	200 00	10	100 00
4	Lineal feet of new gutter-stone furnished and laid }	2,470	25	617 50	25	617 50	24	592 80
5	Lineal feet of old gutter-stone relaid..... }	1,000	02	20 00	01	10 00	04	40 00
6	Square feet of new flagging furnished and laid. }	10,260	25	565 00	28½	2,924 10	31	3,180 60
7	Square feet of old flagging relaid..... }	3,500	02	70 00	02	70 00	06	210 00
8	Square feet of new bridge-stones for crosswalks furnished and laid..... }	1,260	75	945 00	60	756 00	45	567 00
9	Cubic yards of dry rubble masonry other than retaining walls..... }	45	5 00	225 00	2 50	112 50	4 00	180 00
10	Cubic yards of concrete in place..... }	14	4 00	56 00	2 00	28 00	6 00	84 00
11	1,000 feet, B. M., timber and plank in place..... }	2,000	20 00	40 00	30 00	60 00	35 00	70 00
12	Pounds of vitrified stoneware, either in pipes or other forms in place..... }	2,200	02	44 00	02	44 00	07	154 00
13	Time, tested at the rate of \$3.00 per day..... }	.....	Days 40	120 00	Days 35	105 00	Days 85	255 00
	Totals of bids.....	.....	.....	\$7,548 00	.....	\$7,292 60	.....	\$7,266 70

the Sidewalk four feet wide, and Laying Crosswalks in One Hundred and Third Avenue and the westerly curb-line of St. Ann's Avenue.

NAMES OF BIDDERS.

Patrick Reilly.		Albert E. Moran.		B. C. Murray.		J. D. Moore.		Bernard Mahon.	
4		5		6		7		8	
Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
\$0 64	\$512 00	\$0 30	\$240 00	\$0 40	\$320 00	\$0 50	\$400 00	\$1 00	\$800 00
62	1,531 40	54	1,333 80	65	1,605 50	60	1,482 00	60	1,482 00
06	60 00	06	60 00	12	120 00	09	90 00	09	90 00
15	370 00	14	345 80	25	617 50	23	568 10	14	345 80
03	30 00	02	20 00	04	40 00	02	20 00	08	80 00
26	2,667 60	23½	2,411 10	26	2,667 60	25	2,565 00	24	2,462 40
03	105 00	01½	52 50	04	140 00	02	70 00	03	105 00
65	819 00	47	592 20	52	655 20	43	541 80	60	756 00
4 00	130 00	2 00	90 00	4 25	191 25	8 00	360 00	3 00	135 00
4 00	56 00	7 50	105 00	4 00	56 00	6 00	84 00	2 00	28 00
4 00	8 00	35 00	70 00	22 00	44 00	3½	70 00	14 00	28 00
05	110 00	02	44 00	04	88 00	02	66 00	05	110 00
Days ....	.....	Days 60	180 00	Days 30	90 00	Days 48	144 00	Days 30	90 00
....	\$6,449 50	....	\$5,544 40	....	\$6,635 05	....	\$6,460 90	....	\$6,512 20

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Health.—Sewer in 147th st.

From the Secretary of the Board of Health, transmitting a copy of report in relation to the necessity for a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, between Third and Brook avenues.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Higgins, Gilbert.—Honorable mention.

From W. R. Morgan, commending Parkkeeper Gilbert Higgins for his prompt action in arresting a thief.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Ordered, that honorable mention be made on the minutes of the Department of the meritorious conduct of Parkkeeper Gilbert Higgins, in arresting a thief on the premises of W. R. Morgan, corner Sixty-second street and Central Park, west.

Surface drive across the Central Park.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, presenting a plan and profile for a surface drive from the east to the west drive in Central Park immediately north of Transverse Road, at Ninety-sixth street, with an estimate of the cost of the same.

Ordered filed.

Anglers' tournament.

From Martin B. Brown, desiring that permission be granted the National Rod and Reel Association to erect a platform and hold an anglers' tournament in Central Park on 16th and 17th instant.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted the National Rod and Reel Association to hold an

anglers' tournament on the Harlem Meer in Central Park on October 16 and 17, 1883, under such rules and regulations as the Captain of Police and the Superintendent of Parks may deem necessary.

Sewer—Southern Boulevard.

From the Topographical Engineer, presenting plans and specifications for a sewer in the Southern Boulevard and Lincoln avenue, from Harlem river to Willis avenue, with branches in Lincoln, Alexander and Willis avenues, between Southern Boulevard and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a sewer in the Southern Boulevard and Lincoln avenue, from Harlem river to Willis avenue, with branches, etc., as this day submitted by the Topographical Engineer, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Supt. 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Temporary suspensions.

1st. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Works in progress.

2d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Double teams—Discharged.

3d. Submitting a list of the double teams employed in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, which are driven by persons other than those shown upon the rolls, as follows:

Names upon Rolls.	Names of Drivers.
Chas. Herman,	Philip Herman,
Wm. Mooney,	Peter Donnelly,
Michael Redmond,	John Shannon,
Joseph Berrie,	Patrick McMullen,
Leonard Dietsch,	James Mackey,
Bernard Bowe,	Geo. Leroy,
J. C. Parker,	James Lawler,
Edward McCaffrey,	Daniel Mealy,
James Thompson,	Albert Sinterman,
Peter Weber,	Edward Carroll,
John Corbit,	John Dugan.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the above-mentioned persons be discharged from the employ 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, 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, John, atlases.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	\$40 00
Bayliss, John, picks.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	67 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of.....	816 75
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.....	787 50
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	722 25

Boller, A. P., professional services....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River ..	\$1,070 50
Bouker, John A., screenings.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	280 00
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce timber.....	Harlem R. Bdgs. .	121 74
Crombie, Thos. J., oak stakes.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	65 00
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce timber	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	31 95
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce timber, etc. .	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	19 50
Connolly, John E., straw.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	87 29
Duryea, Jos. W., pine flooring, etc ...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	459 70
Eagan, Michael, Estimate No. 3.	Sewer, 148th St., between Willis, Brook & Court- land Aves.....	1,130 32
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse. .	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	29 35
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse. .	Bronx B. Bridges.	29 35
Lord, D. P., petty expenses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$106 13
	Zool. Dept.....	7 54
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	12 62
	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps	50
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McDonald & Kilduff, curb, etc	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park.....	393 70
McQuade, John, labor and materials...	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	960 00
Mahon, Bernard, constructing basins...	Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc...	165 00
Marquand, Henry G., treas., expenses		
Museum Natural History.....	Maint. Museums..	3,262 48
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	61 65
Morgan, J. P., treas., expenses Museum		
Natural History.....	Maint. Museums..	1,527 25

[Wednesday,

Murry, B. C., use of derrick.....	Bronx R. Bridges.	\$30 00	
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zool. Dept.....	14 88	
Patterson Bros., knives, springs, etc...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	58 05	
Rosevelt, Warren, payment on accept- ance.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	6,396 01	
Seaman, John A., manila rope.....	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	48 52	
Sessions, Palmer, use of derrick.....	Bronx R. Bridges.	60 00	
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....	\$89 99	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	25 60	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	4 45	
			120 04
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	3 18	
			<u>\$18,985 75</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,527 02
Zoological Department.....	22 42
Maintenance Museums.....	4,789 73
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	393 70
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards...	359 62
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	130 60
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	816 75
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	48 85
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance of....	836 02
Harlem River Bridges.....	126 19
Bronx River Bridges.....	119 35
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.....	165 00
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.	90 49
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	8,429 69
Street Improvement Fund.....	1,130 32
	<u>\$18,985 75</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-five dollars and seventy-five cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, October 2, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

McCarthy, M. F.—Suspension.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of M. F. McCarthy, carpenter, for intoxication while in charge of shops.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE said suspension was ordered continued until the next meeting of the Board.

Southwick, E. B.—Inspect trees before planting.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Whereas, A very large number of trees and shrubs in the Park having been destroyed during the past year by insects, and many thousands of trees being now infested with parasites and larvæ the result of oversight and neglect on the part of those specially charged with the care and preservation of the planting, it becomes necessary to take immediate steps to save from further destruction the valuable growth on the Park ; it is therefore

Resolved, That Mr. E. B. Southwick be and is charged with the careful inspection of the plantations on the Park, and of all trees and shrubs to be planted or transplanted, and that the Superintendent be instructed to furnish Mr. Southwick with the necessary force to aid in the prosecution of this work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Sewer—144th st.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred the matter of procuring estimates for constructing a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Third avenue to College avenue, presented the following bids for doing the work :

James J. Jones.....	\$998 50
Lawrence Rock.....	995 00
Michael Casey.....	980 00
Wm. F. Croft.....	947 00
John S. Masterson.....	943 00

Commissioner VIELE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to the lowest bidder for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Reduction of force.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Whereas, The work of the care, preservation and improvement of the Central and City Parks, and of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, has, up to the present time, required such an expenditure of the appropriations for those purposes, that the funds remaining at the disposal of the Department will not warrant the continuation of the forces now employed thereon ;

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks and the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to make such reductions in the numbers of the respective forces under them as will lessen the demands upon said appropriations for the remainder of the year to the amount justified by the unexpended balances thereof ; that the Secretary be directed to acquaint the said Superintendents with the condition of the finances, and that they be directed to base their future calculations upon the forces as so reduced, and to transmit to the Secretary, on or before the 6th instant, lists of the names of the persons whose discharge they may recommend.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Uniforms for employees.

Commissioner VIELE, to whom was referred the subject of uniforms for the employees of the Department, made a verbal report, and presented for the approval of the Board samples of a blouse and hat to be worn by the permanent maintenance force.

Laid over.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 11.50 o'clock A. M., the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday next, 10th instant, at 10 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1883.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE.

“ WALES.

“ CRIMMINS.

Transverse roads paving—C. Guidet.

Mr. Charles Guidet and W. H. Field, Esq., as counsel, appeared before the Board and requested that the appropriation for paving the Transverse roads through the Central Park asked for in the Departmental Estimate for 1884, be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

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

The following communications were received :

Mayor—Civil Service rules.

From the Mayor, transmitting a copy of “Suggested Rules to regulate the Civil Service of the City of Brooklyn,” for the examination of the Commissioners of this Department, with the request that the same be returned with such suggestions as to alterations and additions as may be deemed advisable.

Referred to a committee consisting of Commissioners Wales and Viele.

Leggat Lane—Opening of.

From J. N. Casanova and the Harlem River and Portchester Railroad Company, petitioning for the opening and grading of Leggat Lane, from the Southern Boulevard to Casanova Station.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to examine and report upon.

Camman, H. H.—Grades of 77th and 81st streets.

From H. H. Camman, in relation to altering the grades of Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, to conform to the grade of Eighth avenue.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Goeller, G. C.—Subdivision of blocks, 23d Ward.

From George C. Goeller, in relation to the division of lots Nos. 100 and 301 on the map of Mott Haven.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

McGrath, Patrick—Promoted.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending the promotion of Patrick McGrath, laborer, to stone mason, to date from the 8th instant.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the recommendation of M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Temporary suspensions.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

147th street—Opening of.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction :

1st. Reporting upon the petition of Christian Vorndran, Wm. Doherty and others, for the opening of East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from North Third avenue to St. Ann's avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Topographical Engineer be directed to present to the Board plans for filing East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street from North Third avenue to St. Ann's avenue, as a street of the first class, and that after said plans have been approved and filed as required by law, that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized to commence and prosecute proceedings in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street from Willis avenue to Brook avenue, and that the Commissioners of the Department Public Parks are authorized to sign a petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Central District grades.

2d. Presenting a plan and profile showing proposed established grades in that portion of the Central District bounded by the Southern Boulevard, Marion avenue, Summit street, Briggs avenue, Gambriel street and Bainbridge avenue, in accordance with the petition of Wm. M. Walker, F. D. Miller and others.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

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 chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay out, establish and classify those portions of streets and avenues as shown on a map or plan entitled "Plan and Profiles showing Summit street from Marion avenue to Briggs avenue, Gambril " " " " " Bainbridge avenue, Southern Boulevard from Marion avenue to Bainbridge ave., Marion avenue from Southern Boulevard to Summit street, Carlin " " " " " " " " Briggs " " " " " " " " in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as laid out, established and classified by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, and Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876." " Dated New York, 6th October, 1883," and signed "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks." The same being such as the said Commissioners or a majority of them deem most conducive to the public good, and that the President be and he hereby is designated and directed to have prepared and to certify and to file three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same in pursuance of the provisions of the laws above cited.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Engineer of Construction—Works in progress.

3d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Juliette street—To open.

4th. Reporting upon the petition of Edson and Maria Bradley, in relation to the initiation of proceedings for acquiring title on behalf of the city to those portions of their

property situated at Juliette street and Mott avenue, which will eventually be taken for the opening of Walton avenue, Mott avenue and Juliette street.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to Juliette street, between Mott and Walton avenues, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a street of the first class by this Department, and that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks are authorized to sign a petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Denman Place crosswalks.

5th. Presenting plans and specifications for crosswalks at the intersections of Denman place with Leggett and Tinton avenues, and estimating the cost of doing the work to be less than \$1,000.

Commissioner VIELE moved that said plans and specifications be approved, and referred to the Treasurer to procure estimates for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Willis Avenue grading—Access to premises.

From Wm. Dougherty and Christian Vorndran, requesting that provision be made to enable them to obtain access to their premises on One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, which has been shut off by the grading of Willis avenue.

On motion the matter was referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction, to examine and report what measures can be provided to obviate the difficulty complained of, with an estimate of the cost.

Superintendent of Parks—Reduction of force.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting a list of the persons suspended by him, in order to reduce the maintenance force in compliance with the order of the Board of the 3d inst.

Approved.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Reduction of force.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards reporting a list of the persons suspended by him in order to reduce the force under him in compliance with the order of the Board of the 3d inst.

Approved.

Third Avenue Bridge—Sidewalk.

The Treasurer presented the following estimates for repairing the west sidewalk of the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river.

John Downey.....	\$979 00
Breen & Nason.....	926 00

Commissioner VIELE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to Breen & Nason, for doing the work of repairing the west sidewalk of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, at an expense not to exceed \$926.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following :

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 :

Benham & Stoutenborough, tinware... Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$1 13
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal..... Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	70 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal..... Harlem R. Bdgs.,	52 50
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint. 794 25
Beck, Louis D., gravel..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies	769 50
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint. 832 50
Beck, Louis D., gravel..... Laying walks, City Parks.....	724 50
Bertine, Edwin R., flag..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies	7 00
Brewster & Co., repairs to wagon..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies	83 21
Biggart, Robert, derrick..... Riverside Avenue, Impt and Maint.	70 00
Boynton, E. M., Saw and File Co., handles, etc	Riverside Park, Impt..... \$0 60
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint. 3 00
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Bouton & Smith, wheels, etc..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies	159 20

Bouker, John A., broken stone.....	Maint 23d & 24th Wards	\$640 00
Casey, Thos. H. Estimate No. 1.....	Sewer, Westches- ter Ave. and E. 150th St., bet. Brook & Court- land Aves.....	2,715 16
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	7 06
Crombie, Thos. J., furring and oak....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	70 04
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce timber	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	364 94
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce timber.....	Zoological Dept...	109 70
Groft, W. F., Estimate No. 1.....	Sewer, 149th St, bet. Mill Brook and Courtland Avenues	1,595 30
Coffin, Paul C., cups.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	18 00
Connolly, John E., oats, feed, etc....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	26 80
Connolly, John E., oats, corn, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$322 40
	Zoological Dept..	35 04
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Donaldson, M., cart harness	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	35 00
Eagan, M., payment on acceptance....	Sewer, etc., Alex- ander Ave., bet. 140th and 141st Streets	2,101 97
Eagan, K. & Co., waste	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$6 00
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	6 00
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Fledderman, H. H., oil.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	3 00
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse..	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	29 35
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	30 37

Hickman Hose Coupling Co., splices	Zoological Dept	\$10 84
Howell, A. J., labor, etc	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	56 00
Jones, John, mould	Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of	98 10
Kreischer, B. & Sons, firebrick and clay	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	4 25
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 11	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River	2,468 76
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 16	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River	1,614 20
McLoughlin, James, plumbing	Ladies' Cottages	28 00
McArthur, J. & Co., steel brushes	Fourth Ave. Parks	12 50
Mahon, B., Estimate No. 2	Regulating, etc., Willis Ave., bet. Southern Boule- vard and 3d Ave.	3,000 55
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, brushes	Riverside Park, Impt. of	31 92
Metropolis Oil Co., oil	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$49 35
	Harlem R. Bdgs.	14 70
	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park	7 00
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Mott, J. L., Iron Works, closets	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	62 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stoves, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	23 80
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, ornaments	Fourth Ave. Parks	30 84
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, labor and materials	Harlem R. Bdgs.	590 00
Murray, B. C., security for repairs	Sewer, Washington Ave., bet. 169th and 170th Sts.	175 36
Murray, B. C. security for repairs	Regulating, etc., 153d St. from N. 3d Ave. to 4th Avenue	579 94
Muxlow, J. B., carting	Laying walks, City Parks	20 00

New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas ..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$47 70
Patterson Bros., nails, etc	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	23 55
Patterson Bros., nails and shovels.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	34 25
Pratt Manufacturing Co., oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$31 82
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	2 10
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		33 92
Parker, C. J., mould	Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of.....	262 50
Perkins, James H., payment on accept- ance	Regulating 143d St., bet. Willis and Brook Aves.	3,825 54
Pritchard & Son, sods	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	23 00
Pierson & Co., iron	Harlem R. Bdgs..	16 68
Porter's, Wm., Sons, lanterns.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	7 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	66 50
Rock, Lawrence, building receiving- basins	Entrances Central Park, 8th Ave., 77th & 81st Sts.	219 50
Stark, Caspar, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	15 50
Shady, James H., fish.....	Zoological Dept..	20 70
Swett, Moses, ladders.....	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	11 16
Seaman, John A., rope.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	\$11 78
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	3 51
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Smith, John, mould	Entrances Central Park, 8th Ave., 77th & 81st Sts.	105 00
Sloane, W. & J., linoleum... ..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	31 04

Schoonmaker, S. A. & Co., paints, oil, etc.....	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	\$66 65
Taylor, A. S., newspapers	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	17 33
Walsh, T. & W., labor and materials..	Harlem R. Bdgs..	374 13
Young, C. C., bread	Zoological Dept..	132 30
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,796 16
Zoological Department	308 58
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards ...	1,199 79
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance.....	1,781 07
Riverside Park, Improvement.....	184 94
Harlem River Bridges.....	1,056 11
Laying Walks, City Parks.....	744 50
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	355 60
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	7 00
Ladies' Cottages.....	28 00
Entrances Central Park at Eighth Avenue, Seventy- seventh and Eighty-first Streets.....	324 50
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	43 34
Street Improvement Fund.....	13,993 32
Construction of Bridges over Harlem River.....	4,082 96
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	\$25,906 37

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

(Signed) EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, October 10, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Award of contracts.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts for work for which proposals were opened on the 3d inst., be awarded as follows :

No. 1. For constructing sewers and appurtenances in Grove street, between Brook avenue and North Third avenue, with connecting sewers in Bergen avenue, between Westchester avenue and Grove street; North Third avenue, between Westchester avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street; One Hundred and Fifty-first street, between North Third and Courtland avenues; One Hundred and Fifty-second street, between North Third and Courtland avenues; One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between North Third and Courtland avenues; One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, between North Third and College avenues; Elton avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-seventh streets; Courtland avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets :

To Charles Jones..... \$47,865 30

No. 2. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Brook and Robbins avenues :

To Bernard Mahon \$12,370 20

No. 3. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between North Third and College avenues :

To Dennis McGrath..... \$1,358 00

No. 4. For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalk, four feet wide, and laying crosswalks in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between the easterly curb-line of North Third avenue and the westerly curb-line of St. Ann's avenue :

To A. E. Moran..... \$5,544 40

No. 5. For building a plate-girder bridge in the southern approach of the Madison Avenue Bridge at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street :

To Post & McCord..... \$10,025 25

—they being the lowest bidders for said several works; that the proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that contracts be entered into with the aforementioned parties for doing said work; and that the President of the Department be authorized to sign said contracts for and on behalf 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Inspectors to be appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint Inspectors on the several contracts, as this day awarded, when they are executed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Transfer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer the following sums from the appropriations for which they are not required :

"Bronx River Bridges," 1881	\$309 51
"Bronx River Bridges," 1882	883 19
"Sewers and Drains," 1881	605 72
"Manhattan Square," 1882.....	637 82
"Rents D. P. P.," 1882	314 00

\$2,750 24

(twenty seven hundred and fifty-dollars and twenty-four cents), to the appropriation "Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards" 1883, which is insufficient.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

Transfer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer the following sums from the appropriations for which they are not required :

"Salaries," 1880	\$1,069 60
"Salaries," 1882	4,017 09
"Police," 1880	1,219 44
"Water," 1882	3,000 00
"Music," 1882	200 00
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(ninety-five hundred and six dollars and thirteen cents), to the appropriation "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies," 1883, which is insufficient.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

Third Avenue Bridge lighting.

Commissioner CRIMMINS stated that he had conferred with the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas in relation to the lighting of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river ; that the Superintendent did not recommend the lighting of said bridge by electricity, but that the gas-holder on said bridge could be put in complete order for the sum of \$200,

and when it was repaired the Department of Public Works would erect additional lamps on the Bridge.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to have the gas-holder on the Third Avenue Bridge repaired, at an expense not to exceed \$200.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Building on Battery Park.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the matter of the occupancy of a building in Battery Park by Joseph P. Ryan, be referred to the Treasurer to report at the next meeting.

Hawley, J. C.—Death of.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Whereas, The Board has learned with sorrow of the death on Saturday last, the 6th instant, of Mr. James C. Hawley, who for many years filled the position of Purchasing Clerk of the Department,

Resolved, That the Board deems it fitting at this time to place upon record a testimonial of its appreciation of the uniform trustworthiness and fidelity with which Mr. Hawley fulfilled the duties of the position he was called upon to occupy in the Department, and tender to his family an expression of sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the above to the family of the deceased.

Adopted.

Tribune article.

Commissioner WALES called the attention of the Board to two articles published in the *Tribune* on the 8th instant, stating "that one of the proprietors of the old restaurant at Mount St. Vincent, in Central Park, succeeded before his death in

swindling the city out of \$18,000," and "that the irregularities have been under investigation by the Commissioners of Accounts for months," and giving what purported to be a detailed account of the matter. Commissioner WALES made a statement in relation to the subject, and read from the records of the Department, showing that the matter had been settled on 15th July, 1868, by Mr. Ryan paying the sum of \$1,000 to the then Comptroller of the Park, and that the articles as published contained statements other than the facts.

Nally, Parkkeeper—Charges against.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against Park and Gate keepers, made a verbal report upon the case of Gatekeeper William J. Nally, charged with extortion and conduct unbecoming an officer, and recommended that the charge be dismissed and that Gatekeeper Nally be restored to duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

North Third avenue opening.

A communication was received from Alexander, James and Charles Bathgate, Sarah E. Hunt and other property owners, *not* in favor of the initiation of proceedings at this time to acquire title to North Third avenue, from One Hundred and Seventieth street to Pelham avenue.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to report.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 11.45 A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

Painters—Restoration.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the restoration of four painters for duty at Claremont be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

O'Connell, Michael, } Restoration.
Gaffney, John, }

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael O'Connell, laborer on Riverside avenue, and John Gaffney, laborer on Riverside Park, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

On motion] at 12 o'clock the Executive Session arose and the Board

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE,

“ CRIMMINS.

The minutes of the meetings of 3d and 10th instant were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following ordinances and resolution adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

Regulate, etc., 168th street.

1st. Ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, between Boston road and Union avenue.

Pave Westchester avenue.

2d. Ordinance to pave Westchester avenue, between North Third avenue and Brook avenue.

Gustaveson, E., and others—To regulate 139th street.

3d. Resolution permitting Edward Gustaveson and others to regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, between North Third and Rider avenues.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Bergh, Henry, Jr. —Whipping of ponies.

From Henry Bergh, Jr., in relation to the whipping of ponies and goats in the Central Park.

Referred to the Secretary to reply.

Telegraph poles on 42d street.

From the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, desiring permission to remove their line of poles from the north side of Forty-second street, between Sixth avenue and the Reservoir to the south side of said street.

Ordered filed.

Tappen, A. B.—Roads, 23d and 24th Wards.

From A. B. Tappen, in relation to the repairs required to be made to the streets and roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Ordered filed.

Lawton, C. & N. D.—Line of 143d street.

From C. & N. D. Lawton, in relation to changing the line of One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Willis and Brook avenues.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction :

Sedgwick avenue grading.

1st. Presenting a plan for grading Sedgwick avenue, between Kingsbridge road and Fordham Landing road, in accordance with the permission granted to N. P. Bailey and S. L. M. Barlow on July 11, 1883.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE said plan was approved.

Redivision of lots—Mott Haven.

2d. Relative to the redivision of lots Nos. 101 and 301 on the map of Mott Haven, referred to in a communication from Geo. C. Goeller, and suggesting that Mr. Goeller be recommended to furnish the same information to the Commissioner of Taxes and Assessments for correction on Vol. I, Maps of Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with Mr. Goeller in relation to the same.

Works in progress.

3d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

142d street—Plans for regulating.

4th. Presenting plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-second street, between North Third and Rider avenues.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating and grading, setting curb, gutter and flag stones, and laying crosswalks in East One Hundred and Forty-second street, between North Third and Rider avenues, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Board of Health—Drains in Bound Brook district.

From the Secretary of the Board of Health, transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolutions adopted by said Board in relation to the drainage of lands in the Bound Brook district.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That in compliance with the provisions of chapter 360 of the Laws of 1880, and chapter 430 of the Laws of 1883, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, hereby authorize and direct the Counsel to the Corporation to take immediate and proper proceedings for the acquirement of a right of way over, under or through the lands shown to be required for drains on a certain map filed in this Department by the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, entitled "A map showing the location of drains and the land required for the construction thereof, within the district bounded and described as follows : Beginning at a point at low-water mark on the north shore of Long Island Sound, sixteen thousand feet east of Tenth avenue, and running thence (1) on a straight line to the intersection of the north line of Westchester avenue, and the east line of Prospect avenue ; thence (2) along the east line of Prospect avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street ; thence (3) along One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street to the Boston road ; thence (4) along the Boston road to One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street ; thence (5) along One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to Franklin avenue ; thence (6) along Franklin avenue to Fairmount avenue ; thence (7) along Fairmount avenue to the Southern Boulevard ; thence (8) along the Southern Boulevard to the north side of One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street ; thence (9) on a straight line to a point at low-water mark on the north shore of Long Island Sound, eighteen thousand five hundred feet east of Tenth avenue ; thence (10) along the shore of Long Island Sound to the place of beginning, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, caused to be made by the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, by a resolution passed March 27, 1883, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 360 of the Laws of New York, passed May 22, 1880," signed "Walter de F. Day, M. D., Sanitary Superintendent."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, 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 :

Croft, Wm. F., payment on acceptance..	Sewer, 138th St., between Willis and Brook Aves., branch in Brown Pl., etc.	\$2,502 83
Independent Calcium Light Co., light...	Music — Central and City Parks.	150 00
Murray, B. C., estimate No. 2.....	Regulating, etc., Clifton St, from east curb line St. Ann's Ave. to W. curb line Union Ave.	4,093 18
Murray, B. C., estimate No. 5.....	Regulating, etc., Morris Ave., from 138th St. to 156th St...	3,601 50
Murray, Thos., security for repairs:....	Flagging, etc., 144th St., be- tween Willis and St. Ann's Aves.....	170 92
O'Grady, J. W., security for repairs...	Sewer, etc., 146th St., between Brook and St. Ann's Aves., with branch...	161 68
Thilemann, F., Jr., pavement	Laying Walks— Central Park..	897 40
Westerfield, W., & Son, sprinkler.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	485 00
Wooton, E. H., pavement.....	Laying Walks— City Parks....	2,682 76
		<u>\$14,745 27</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$485 00
Music, Central and City Park.....	150 00
Laying Walks, City Parks.....	2,682 76
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	897 40
Street Improvement Fund.....	10,530 11
	\$14,745 27

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen thousand seven hundred and forty-five dollars and twenty-seven cents.

(Signed)

E. L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, October 17, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Refreshment-house, Battery—Report of Treasurer.

The Treasurer, to whom was referred the subject of the occupancy, by J. Ryan, of a refreshment building on Battery Park, presented a report stating that he had made a complete examination of the matter, and found the premises in an untidy condition ; that there is, in his opinion, no necessity for a refreshment-house on Battery Park, and recommending that Mr. Ryan be notified and directed to remove the building from said park forthwith.

Commissioner VIELE moved that said report be adopted, and that the recommendations contained therein be carried out.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Transverse roads paving—Report of Treasurer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred, for the purpose of conferring with the Counsel to the Corporation, the subject of the claim of Charles Guidet as to his right to pave Transverse roads Nos. 2 and 4, through the Central Park, presented a report stating the facts in the matter, and recommending that the same be placed before the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the powers and duties of this Department.

Commissioner VIELE moved that said report be accepted and the recommendations contained therein adopted, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the same to the Counsel to the Corporation, requesting his opinion as to the powers and duties of the Department in the matter.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Temporary drains, 23d and 24th Wards.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was,

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction and the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to report forthwith to this Board a list of all drains constructed under temporary permits that are now in use in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards that can be discontinued in consequence of sewers having been constructed, and with which the premises should be connected instead of the continued use of these temporary drains.

Destruction of trees in Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the very general destruction of trees and shrubs throughout the Central Park by parasites

be referred to Commissioner Viele, to report thereon at an early a day as possible.

Bridge above Highbridge—Plans to be invited.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Whereas, By the provisions of an act of the Legislature, entitled "An Act relative to the improvement of certain portions of the counties of Westchester and New York, including provisions for communications between said counties, and for improving the navigation of Harlem river and Spuy-ten Duyvil creek," passed April 15, 1871, being chapter 534 of the Laws of that year, it was made the duty of this Board to devise and prepare the plan and location of all bridges, tunnels and other means of transit across or under said river and creek, and this Board was further authorized and empowered to "forthwith commence the building or construction of a suspension bridge north of the bridge known as the High Bridge, but not more than half a mile therefrom ;" and

Whereas, This authority was conferred in recognition of a long-existing and urgent necessity for means of more perfect connection and speedier communication between the districts lying on both shores of the Harlem river, in the locality specified ; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have designated and located at or near One Hundred and Eighty-first street and Tenth avenue a site for such suspension bridge over the Harlem River, whose especial advantages of position are manifest, and the land necessary for the approaches to such bridge at that point has been long since condemned by the city, and paid for by an assessment levied therefor upon the property adjoining, to the amount of \$37,751.78, and the requisite preparatory surveys and soundings for the construction thereof have been completed ; and

Whereas, A large number of prominent citizens have presented a petition to this Board for the immediate completion of the said bridge, as so located ; and

Whereas, The greatly increased development of the areas of highways in the territory on both sides of the Harlem River, at the site designated, has rendered the construction of said bridge practically indispensable as a means of communication between said districts ; therefore

Resolved, That invitations be extended to four bridge engineers to examine the location indicated, and submit to this

Board, within thirty days, plans and estimates for the construction of said bridge.

That the Secretary be directed to send such invitations to such engineers as may be designated.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

O'Brien, Bridget—Removed.

Hawley, Mary A.—Appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Bridget O'Brien be and she is hereby removed from the position of ladies' maid at Madison Square cottage, and that Mary A. Hawley be appointed ladies' maid in her stead.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Executive session.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 11.15 o'clock A. M., the Board went into executive session.

Stone masons appointed for Riverside work.

A communication was received from M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending the employment of additional stone masons for work on the Riverside avenue wall and plaza and steps at Seventy-second street and Riverside avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following .

Resolved, That the employment of ten stone masons for work on Riverside Park and wall be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Adams, Geo. W., { Gatekeepers, resignation.
Bellew, Richard, }

The PRESIDENT presented the resignations of Gatekeepers Geo. W. Adams and Richard Bellew.

Which were accepted.

Holt, Wm.—Appointed as gatekeeper.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Wm. Holt be and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper on the force of the Department *vice* Geo. W. Adams, resigned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Dogherty, Henry H.—To appoint Purchasing Clerk.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Henry H. Dogherty be and he is hereby appointed Purchasing Clerk in the Department.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE said resolution was laid over.

McGraw, John—Appointed blacksmith.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That John McGraw be and he is hereby appointed a blacksmith for duty on Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Murphy, Samuel—Appointed gatekeeper.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Samuel Murphy be and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper on the force of the Department *vice* Lawrence McKay, discharged.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Breen & Nason—Sidewalk of 3d Avenue Bridge.

Commissioner CRIMMINS presented a communication from Breen & Nason stating that their bid for the doing the work of relaying the sidewalk on Third Avenue Bridge, was made upon the basis of using chestnut timbers instead of locust.

Commissioner VIELE moved that an order be issued to Breen & Nason, they using chestnut timber in accordance with their understanding.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, and Olliffe—3.

On motion, at 12 o'clock, the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.
“ VIELE.
“ WALES.
“ CRIMMINS.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended.

Fulton avenue—Grade of.

Commissioner WALES presented a petition from Louis Schneider, William C. Teasdale and others, property owners, opposed to any change in the grade of Fulton avenue in the Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to report.

161st street—Grade of.

Messrs. Frederick Juengling and John T. Hunt appeared before the Board, and were heard in relation to the proposed change of grade of One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

On motion the further consideration of the subject was laid over until the next regular meeting.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

Third Avenue Bridge—Action stricken from the minutes.

The minutes of the present meeting were read, whereupon Commissioner OLLIFFE moved to amend the same by striking

out that part on page 345, authorizing the Treasurer to issue an order to Breen & Nason for repairing the sidewalk of the Third Avenue 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

The minutes as amended were then approved.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS the Architect was directed to prepare and submit to this Board without delay, plans, specification and form of contract for laying plank walks on the Bridge crossing the Harlem river at Third avenue.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following ordinances, adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

147th street—Regulating, etc.

1. Ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, between North Third avenue and Willis avenue.

161st street—Regulating, etc.

2. Ordinance for the improvement of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

165th street—Regulating, etc.

3. Ordinance for the improvement of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.

drainage of the Bungay Creek District, and other parts of the annexed district.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with the Health Department, and appoint the next meeting of this Board as a time for such conference.

Entrance to Central Park—92d street.

From C. S. Goodwin, O. M. Bogart, Jr., D. Jackson and others, petitioning for the construction of an entrance to the Central Park at Eighth avenue and Ninety-second street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the subject be referred to Commissioner Wales, 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Metropolitan Gas Co.—Bill.

From the Metropolitan Gas-light Company, presenting a bill amounting to \$67.95, for gas consumed at Arsenal building during the month of July, 1883.

Referred to Auditing Committee.

Twomey, Mary—Drainage.

From Mrs. Mary Twomey, desiring permission to place a drain-pipe under the sidewalk in front of her premises No. 451 East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street.

Referred to Acting Engineer of Construction to grant such permission if he finds no objection thereto.

Bradley, Edson and Maria—Opening Mott and Walton avenues.

From Edson and Maria Bradley, in relation to the opening of portions of Mott and Walton avenues.

Ordered filed.

Lexow and Haldane—Opening St. Ann's avenue.

From Lexow and Haldane, attorneys, in relation to the opening of a portion St. Ann's avenue.

Referred to the Committee having the subject in charge.

Lucas, John—Donkey service.

From John Lucas, applying for a renewal of his license to hire donkeys in Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Snow, J. J.—Pony service.

From Joseph J. Snow, applying for a renewal of his license for hiring ponies in Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

Beckwith, N. M.—Bicycles on Riverside avenue.

From N. M. Beckwith, requesting that bicycles be allowed to enter upon and pass over the Riverside Drive without restriction as to time.

Bicycles to use Riverside avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That all restrictions as to the time during which the bicycle clubs have the privilege of using Riverside avenue be and are hereby removed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Hours of closing Central Park.

From William Phelps, J. A. Candee and others, residents and tax-payers, desiring that the hour for closing the Central Park during the six months, commencing November 1, be changed from 9 o'clock P. M., to 11 o'clock P. M.

Laid over.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction :

147th street—Sewer.

1st. Reporting upon a communication from the Health Department in relation to the necessity for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from Third to Brook avenue.

Ordered filed.

Leggett avenue—Opening.

2d. Reporting upon the petition of J. N. Casanova and the Harlem River & Portchester Railroad Company, for the opening and grading of Leggett avenue, from Southern Boulevard to Casanova Station, stating that the same would be a general benefit and convenience to the residents of the vicinity, and recommending that the necessary action be taken to acquire title to that portion of Leggett avenue.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with Mr. Casanova advising that he confer with the Counsel to the Corporation, and cede to the city that portion of the land included within the line of Leggett avenue, now belonging to him, in accordance with his offer.

Fuertes, J. H., Church, Walter, S., Crueger, Herman, Hillman, Geo. C.,	}	Appointed.
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3d. Recommending the appointment of Herman Crueger as Draughtsman and Computer, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum, and Geo. C. Hillman as assistant, at \$3 per diem; they having been temporarily employed and proved themselves competent and industrious; J. H. Fuertes, Computer, vice Reid, dropped, at \$2.50 per diem; Walter S. Church, Assistant Engineer, at \$1,500 per annum, and stating that the time during which he was authorized to employ them for trial having expired with October 25th and 27th respectively, he

had, in the absence of a meeting of the Board, retained them in the service of the Department, and asking that his action be approved.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the action of the Topographical Engineer be approved and that Herman Crueger be appointed a Draughtsman and Computer, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum; that Geo. C. Hillman be appointed an assistant, at \$3 per diem; J. H. Fuertes, Computer, \$2.50 per day; Walter S. Church, Assistant Engineer, \$1,500 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

145th street sewer.

4th. Presenting plans and specifications for a sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a sewer in East One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between St. Ann's and Brook avenues, as this day submitted by the Topographical Engineer, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

North Third avenue.—Petition against acquiring title.

5th. Reporting upon the communication from Alexander, James and Charles Bathgate, Sarah E. Hunt and other property owners, not in favor of the initiation of proceedings for acquiring title to North Third avenue, from One Hundred and Seventieth street to Pelham avenue, and recommending that no decision be made in the matter until a majority of the property owners are heard from.

Ordered filed.

77th and 81st streets.—Grade.

6th. Reporting upon a communication from H. H. Camman in relation to the grades of Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, and stating that in his opinion it would be very proper for this Department to join in signing a petition for the alterations of the established grades of said streets, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, being the southern and northern boundaries of Manhattan Square.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the President be authorized to sign said petition on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Vorndran, C.—Access to premises.

7th. Reporting upon the petition of Wm. Dougherty and Christian Vorndran, asking that some provision be made to enable them to obtain access to their premises in One Hundred and Forty-seventh street.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to provide suitable access to the premises of the petitioners.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

141st street.—Regulating.

8th. Presenting plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Forty-first street, between North Third avenue and Rider avenue.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Forty-first street, between North Third avenue and Rider avenue, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Moore, John H.—Suspended.

9th. Reporting the suspension of John H. Moore, Inspector on the regulating and grading of Willis avenue, on account of the completion of the work.

On motion, John H. Moore, Inspector, was discharged.

Works in progress.

10th. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Sewerage District No. 32 A.

11th. Presenting a plan of Sewerage District No. 32 A, for the approval of the Board.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the map or plan for the Sewerage District in the Twenty-third Ward, bounded as follows :

- On the West by Third avenue,
- “ North by East 134th street,
- “ East by Willis and Brook avenues,
- “ South by the Harlem river,

entitled “ Plan of drainage for Sewerage District No. 32A, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York,” dated New York, November 5th, 1883, and signed E. B. VanWinkle, Topographical Engineer D. P. P., be and hereby is approved, and that copies thereof be duly filed according to law in the following offices, namely :

The office of the Common Council, the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, the Health Department, the Department of Public Works, and 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-Fourth Wards.

Temporary suspensions.

First—Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Works in progress.

Second—Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

M. A. Kellogg, Engineer—Suspension of painters.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, reporting the suspension of Wm. McGovern, James Brady, Wm. Flanagan, Edward Woodstock and John Saul, painters, for lack of work.

On motion the action of M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, was approved.

Works on Riverside Park and Drive suspended.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That in consequence of the small amount of money remaining to the credit of the respective appropriations the force employed on the Riverside Park Improvement be forthwith reduced to one foreman, sixteen laborers, two carts, two carpenters and two painters ; and that the force employed on maintenance of Riverside avenue be reduced to one foreman and ten laborers, with the exception of the force on the repairs of the walls, which in the discretion of the Engineer in charge be reduced, as nearly as possible, to one-half the number at present employed.

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

Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, and Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, 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, David P., meat, etc	Harlem R. Bdgs..	\$7 25	
	Zoological Dept..	314 10	
		<hr/>	\$321 35
Beck, Louis D.. gravel	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint..		848 25
Benoit, A. V., drawing paper.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....		28 00

Benoit, A. V., drawing paper.....	Erecting Building at Mt. St. Vin- cent.....	\$2 80	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	2 80	
			<hr/> \$5 60
Brown, M. B., binding.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....		16 00
Bouton & Smith, cloth.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		22 50
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		145 13
Donnelly, John E., oats, corn, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$764 02	
	Zoological Dept..	46 74	
			<hr/> 810 76
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		16 46
Egan, K. & Co., waste.....	Harlem R. Bdgs..		6 00
Egan, Michael, payment on acceptance.	Sewer, 148th St., bet. Mill Brook and Courtland Avenues.....		2,762 24
Goeller, Geo. C., rent.....	Rent, D. P. P....		50 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., fly nets, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		15 38
Harmer, Hays & Co., linen sheets	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....		3 70
Hanly, L. M., cart harness.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		70 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		40 27
Heyniger, L. & Co., brooms, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		88 75
Heyniger, L. & Co., oak pails.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		5 25
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., rawhide lacing....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		7 65
Hopper, Henry, handles.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		9 75

Hitchings & Co., grates.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		\$5 10
Kreischer, B. & Son, fire brick.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		1 20
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 12	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..		2,585 40
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 17.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..		3,397 80
McNamara, James, blacksmithing.....	Bronx R. Bridges.		20 25
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Triangles, 63d and 65th Streets....	\$0 75	
	Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of.....	4 78	
			5 53
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		25 41
McKesson & Robbins, liniment.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		5 00
McArthur J. & Co., steel brooms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		28 00
McAllister, F. E., grass seed.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		12 95
McAllister, F. E., grass seed, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supples	\$75 00	
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	75 00	
	Zoological Dept..	12 00	
			162 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		74 02
Mead, I. V., bush hammers.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		6 00
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		15 75
Mott, J. L., Iron Works The, stove bolts and covers	Riverside Avenue, Impt. of.....		11 70
Murray, B. C., payment on acceptance.	Regulating, etc., 155th St., from Elton to Court- land Avenue...		4,280 43

Murray Thos., payment on acceptance. Regulating, etc., Courtland Ave., from N. 3d Ave. and E. 156th St.		\$4,963 38
Lord, D P., petty expenses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$131 88
	Zoological Dept. . .	62 07
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	12 55
	<hr/>	206 45
The N Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas ..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	51 30
The N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., rent	Rents, D. P. P ...	625 00
The N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., pav- ing cement.....	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park.....	791 40
Newell, D. C. & Sons, shavings.....	Zoological Dept. . .	6 00
O'Brien, M., milk	Zoological Dept. . .	14 40
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	52 50
Patterson Bros., locks and padlocks ...	Zoological Dept. . .	\$3 00
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	9 00
	<hr/>	12 00
Patterson Bros., hatchets and nails....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	13 35
Peerless Manufacturing Co., hose.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	118 15
Piper, Anton, rubble stone	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.	500 00
Pierson & Co., iron.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	7 06
Pierson & Co., iron and steel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$39 57
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	2 42
	Entrances Central Park at 8th Ave., and 77th and 81st Streets....	2 53
	<hr/>	44 52

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Rader, G. W. & Co., vitrified pipe.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	\$120 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, etc.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	\$107 66
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. of.....	40 00
		<hr/> 147 66
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, etc. . . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$199 91
	Zoological Dept. . . .	22 97
		<hr/> 222 88
Reiche, C. & Co., bird food.....	Zoological Dept. . . .	18 00
Reilly, James H , final estimate.....	Ladies' Cottages..	966 00
Rowe & Denman, cement.....	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	26 20
Stackpole & Bro., repairs to inst.	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	42 00
Seaman, John A., manila rope.....	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	26 56
Sweet, Moses, ladders.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	8 00
Schoonmaker, S. A. & Co., paints, etc.	Fourth Ave. Parks, Impt. of.....	188 29
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....	\$95 51
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	33 06
		<hr/> 128 57
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	2 95
Walker, J., charcoal.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	\$3 00
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	6 00
		<hr/> 9 00
Young, G. G., safety valve.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	30 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$25,151 20

SCHEDULE.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,865 27
Zoological Department.....	506 53
Harlem River Bridges.....	13 25
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	470 40
Riverside Park, Improvement and Maintenance.....	1,030 13
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	4 78
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps..	99 21
Rents, Department Public Parks.....	675 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	77 06
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	188 29
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	5,936 15
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards...	545 35
Erecting a Building at Mt. St. Vincent.....	2 80
Bronx River Rridges.....	20 25
Triangles at Sixty-third and Sixty-fifth Streets.....	75
Street Improvement Fund.....	11,956 05
Entrances, Central Park at Eighth Avenue, Seventy- Seventh and Eighty-first Streets.....	2 53
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	791 40
Ladies' Cottages.....	966 00
	—————\$25,151 20

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

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, November 7, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Washington avenue sewer.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and present to this Board for approval, a plan and specification for constructing a sewer in Washington avenue, between Brook avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, in accordance with the general plan of the sewerage district covering that portion of Washington avenue, between Brook avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Estimates—Crosswalks—Railroad avenue.

The TREASURER presented the following estimates for laying crosswalks on Railroad avenue, opposite Tremont depot of New York and Harlem Railroad, and at the southerly intersection of East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street :

P. H. Kirwin.....	per square foot, \$0	68
B. C. Murray.....	“	65

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to B. C. Murray for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Crosswalks—Denman place.

The TREASURER presented the following estimates for laying crosswalks at the intersection of Denman place and Tinton and Leggett avenues :

John S. Masterson	per foot, \$0	97
Wm. Coogan	"	60
B. C. Murray	"	60
Thomas Murray	"	52

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to Thomas Murray for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Dressing central pier—Madison Avenue Bridge.

The TREASURER presented the following estimates for dressing, etc., the coping of the draw of the Madison Avenue Bridge, to fit the iron turn-table :

Kidney & Giblin	\$320	00
Nolan & McGrath	315	00
John McQuade	300	00

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to John McQuade for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Decker, Mrs.—Restored.

Commissioner WALES offered the following ;

Resolved, That Joanna Decker be and she is hereby restored to duty as ladies' maid.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Female attendants—Hours of duty.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the hours for the daily attendance of ladies' maids at the cottages be changed from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., to 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Communication of Council of Reform to Board of Estimate and Apportionment—Reply to.

Commissioner WALES called the attention of the Board to a document as printed in the *City Record*, being a communication from the Executive Committee of the Council of Reform in relation to the estimates of the Department, and presented a statement in relation thereto.

Commissioner VIELE moved that said statement be printed as a document of this Board, and a copy of the same transmitted to each member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

(See Document No. 94.)

Treasurer's statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of the moneys received and deposited by him in the City Treasury, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

JOHN D. CRIMMINS, *Treasurer, in account with Department of Public Parks.*

		DR.		
April 25	To cash on hand.....		\$70 00	
" 31	" received from all sources.....		40 00	
May 31	" " " ".....		1,293 93	
June 30	" " " ".....		1,032 29	
July 31	" " " ".....		1,568 53	
Aug. 31	" " " ".....		2,474 69	
Sept. 30	" " " ".....		510 97	
Oct. 31	" " " ".....		1,866 22	
Nov. 6	" " " ".....		207 58	
				\$9,064 21
		CR.		
May 16	By cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$1,223 93	
June 6	" " " ".....		244 53	
" 13	" " " ".....		853 52	
" 21	" " " ".....		84 24	
" 29	" " " ".....		20 00	
July 18	" " " ".....		1,280 61	
" 26	" " " ".....		50 00	
Aug. 2	" " " ".....		257 92	
" 16	" " " ".....		789 56	
" 29	" " " ".....		1,647 18	
Sept. 6	" " " ".....		111 00	
" 14	" " " ".....		342 43	
Oct. 12	" " " ".....		592 07	
" 17	" " " ".....		671 12	
Nov. 1	" " " ".....		688 52	
" 6	" balance on hand.....		207 58	
				\$9,064 21

Treasurer's accounts—Commissioner Wales to audit.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioner Wales a Committee to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, from April 25, 1883, up to and including November 7, 1883.

Superintendent of Parks—Wheelwright.

From the Superintendent of Parks, requesting the appointment of a wheelwright in place of Dennis Miller, deceased.

Hunt, Thomas—Appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas Hunt be and he is hereby appointed a wheelwright in the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—

Executive Session.

At 11.45 A. M., on motion, the Board went into Executive Session.

Nally, Wm. J.—Pay allowed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeeper Wm. J. Nally be allowed pay for time lost by him while under suspension pending his trial, acted upon by the Board October 10, 1883, and at which time the charges were dismissed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Charges Against Keepers.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against members of the police force of the Department, made a verbal report, and recommended as follows :

Parks, E. L.

1st. That Gatekeeper Edward L. Parks, charged with neglect of duty and violation of rules, be dismissed from the force.

Foley, John.

2d. That Gatekeeper John Foley, charged with absence from roll-call, be dismissed from the force.

Bernhard, Charles.

3d. That Parkkeeper Chas. Bernhard, charged with being off post, be dismissed from the force.

Thompson, Thos. F.

4th. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Park-keeper Thos. F. Thompson be dismissed.

Dougherty, E. J.

5th. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Park-keeper E. J. Dougherty be dismissed.

Slavin, H. L.

6th. That Gatekeeper Hugh L. Slavin, charged with being late at roll-call, be fined one day's pay.

Hillier, Francis.

7th. That Gatekeeper Francis Hillier, charged with absence from roll-call on September 2, 1883, be fined one day's pay.

Armstrong, Thomas.

8th. That Gatekeeper Thos. Armstrong, charged with being late at roll-call, be fined one day's pay.

Dougherty, E. J.

9th. That Parkkeeper Edward J. Dougherty, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one day's pay.

Mahon, Francis.

10th. That Gatekeeper Francis Mahon, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one day's pay.

Hillier, Francis.

11th. That Gatekeeper Francis Hillier, charged with absence from roll-call on 20th ultimo, be fined two day's pay.

Bray, Bernard.

12th. That Parkkeeper Bernard Bray, charged with violation of rules, be fined two days' pay.

McGuire, Thomas.

13th. That Gatekeeper Thomas McGuire, charged with being off post, be fined two days' pay.

Green, Patrick.

14th. That Parkkeeper Patrick Green, charged with being off post, be fined two days' pay.

Willson, John W.

15th. That Gatekeeper Jno. W. Willson, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined two days' pay.

Slavin, H.[L.

16th. That Gatekeeper Hugh L. Slavin, charged with being off post, be fined three days' pay.

Nally, Wm. J.

17th. That Gatekeeper Wm. J. Nally, charged with neglect of duty, be fined three days' pay.

Eagan, Jeremiah.

18th. That Gatekeeper Jeremiah Eagan, charged with sleeping on post and with intoxication, be fined ten days' pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Howard, H. L.—Appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Hubert L. Howard be and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Judson, T. A.—Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Thaddeus A. Judson be and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper on the force of the Department.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Farrell, Henry.—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Henry Farrel be and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Henry H. Doherty and Edward Meehan be appointed as temporary clerks on trial, at a compensation of \$3.50 per day, to serve until December 31st next, and that the Secretary be authorized to appoint a messenger, at a compensation of \$1.00 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

On motion, at 1.30 o'clock, the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

DOCUMENT No. 94.

BOARD

OF THE

Department of Public Parks.

NOVEMBER 7, 1883.

Commissioner WALES called the attention of the Board to a document presented by the Executive Committee of the Council of Reform and presented a statement.

Ordered, That the statement, as presented, be printed in document form and a copy of the same transmitted to each member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

Commissioner WALES called the attention of the Board to the *City Record* of November 2, 1883, which contains a document presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting of October 30, by the Executive Committee of the Council of Reform, which purports to give facts and figures in relation to the estimates of this Department, and expressed the desire that if this Board approve, the Secretary be directed to transmit to his Honor the Mayor, as Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, a communication in substance as follows :

That the Document of 1881, as published in the *City Record*, is full of false statements and misrepresentations, and by its own date has no proper reference to the estimates now before you ; that it is a reissue of an old document which at the time of its presentation to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was shown to be unreliable in its details and unworthy of public confidence ; that the statements therein contained are so lacking in fairness and intelligence that they convict their author either of the grossest ignorance of the subjects he undertakes to discuss, or of a wicked perversion of facts easily ascertainable from the records and operations of the Department. The document in question is so full of statements at variance with truth and fairness that the Commissioners cannot, without exceeding reasonable limits, undertake to notice each and every misrepresentation.

We beg leave, however, to present some extracts from communications addressed to this Board: Under date of December 26, 1882, Mr. Edgar B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, whose high character and long connection with the Department entitles him to the confidence of all just men, took notice of the attack made upon his work by this so-called " Council of Reform " and comments upon it as follows :

"A document has again been presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by an agent of the Council of Reform, among other things reflecting seriously on the conduct of the work with which I am specially charged.

"If this document was simply considered by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment—who are familiar with the character of this and similar attacks—it would seem a waste of time to reply to it, but when it appears masquerading in the public press as a carefully prepared instrument of reform, the case becomes different and constrains me to make a brief counterstatement.

"Most of the allegations made under the heading of 'Surveying, Monumenting, Laying-out, and Mapping, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,' are not only stupid and absurd, but positively false. Similar statements published in regard to private corporations or individuals, would subject the compounder of them to prosecution for libel.

"The most charitable assumption that can be made, is that the ignorance and animus of the writer has rendered him only too ready to be misled by interested parties.

"The first statement is that '\$23,000 are again asked for the same work that was contracted out by the Park Commissioners, under the same specifications that the Department is now working under, and paid for ten years ago on the production of the maps of the work, which are now in use in the office of the Comptroller, and are on file in the office of the Park Department, and have been since that time.'

"This eminently lucid and truthful statement needs one mere trifling correction, to wit :

"Not one cent is asked for the same work that was contracted out and paid for ten years ago."

The second sentence says as follows :

“‘Since the annexation of this district, and after the construction works of the parks had ceased, the force of engineers engaged on construction have been transferred and continued on this work of surveying and mapping out this district.’

“ Another slight correction is again required. One only of my force now, merely an assistant with a salary of about \$3.33 per diem, was engaged on the original construction work of the park. It is also true that this assistant worked outside of the Department for a number of years after being engaged on the construction of the park, and that he is not, nor ever has, to my knowledge, been engaged upon the work of surveying, laying-out and monumenting the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

“ The third statement is that ‘with every new succession of Park Commissioners the Chief Engineer has usually been changed, who on the plea of improving on the work of his predecessor has repeated these surveys.’

“ This again is unqualifiedly false as far as my record is concerned, and I sincerely believe it to be equally so of that of my predecessors.

“ The statement is made that ‘in this manner \$229,000 have been spent on this work since the annexation.’

“ The books of the Department show that, everything included, the amount expended for Surveying, Laying-out and Monumenting, and the making of maps for the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, from the middle of 1874 (when the operations under chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874 commenced) to and including the year 1881, was \$160,726.13.

“ Farther on it is stated that no map of these surveys for the use of the city officers has yet been produced, while in the first sentence quoted above it speaks of maps of the work

made ten years ago now in use in the office of the Comptroller.

"I beg leave to remind you that for the 14,573 acres, with the laying-out and monumenting of which the Department of Public Parks is charged, plans for the laying out of over 13,000 acres are now on file in two of the city offices.

"These plans have been accurately marked on the ground by means of permanent monuments for an acre of at least 6,000 acres.

"Plans for the sewerage system of 1,848 acres have been filed in five different city offices.

"The statement is then made that 'we are assured by engineers of the highest character that \$125,000 would have been an ample allowance for this work under the specifications in force.'

"If this means anything, it is that \$125,000 would have been an ample amount to accomplish the work of making exact, accurate and detailed surveys, and topographical surveys and maps; the maturing plans for a complete laying out of a system of streets and the physical determination of those streets on the ground by means of monuments; the carefully considered establishment of grades for the same streets; the complete preparation of a system of sewerage in harmony with the plan and grades of these streets, and the preparation of a complete set of maps showing the exact dimensions, areas and relative locations of all subdivisions of private property; the exact determination of miles of pier and bulkhead lines; the careful determination of the location of bridges and tunnels over the Harlem and Bronx rivers; the making of thorough searches and investigations, with reports on thousands of questions in connection with the real estate and its improvement for over 14,000 acres of city property.

“The engineers of the *highest character* who made any such assertion that all this could be properly accomplished for \$125,000, were certainly not engineers of the highest intelligence.”

“As to an ‘honest investigation’ of the work referred to, I can simply say that I should be sincerely pleased should such an investigation by disinterested experts of the conduct of the work under my charge be made, and every assistance in my power should be rendered them.”

It is absolutely false to say, as the memorialists do, “that in the year 1877, upon an appropriation of \$140,000, the parks were maintained in a high degree of excellence.” On the contrary it is well known to all who were familiar with the facts that at that time and subsequently the parks were in a state of wretched neglect.

It is but just, however, to the then Commissioners to say that they made repeated statements to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the Department had not funds sufficient to properly maintain the parks.

This unfortunate state of things continued to the end of the year 1880—as will be seen by a report to the Board on the condition of the parks, made by Commissioner Wales in February, 1881—after reviewing at considerable length the various subdivisions of departmental works, the report closes as follows :

“Our maintenance appropriation for this year is not sufficient to enable us to put the Central Park in a condition to meet the demands of an exacting public opinion.

“The neglect of past years cannot be remedied in a single season, but we are bound to do the best we can with the means placed at our disposal.

“I am aware that this is a very thankless business, but the public will understand that these great and valuable pleasure grounds cannot be completed and properly maintained without large expenditures of money.

“Reviewing the situation of the Department, without prejudice, I am of the opinion that it is more thoroughly out of order, and requires more vigorous attention than any other Department of the city government.

“Such, briefly and in mere outline, is the uncomfortable legacy to which we have succeeded. The duties imposed upon us will tax to the utmost our time and attention, and that the public may not in justice hold us responsible for a condition of things which some of us, at least, have had no share in creating, I desire that this statement be entered upon the minutes of the Board.”

To all fair-minded citizens it is a manifest injustice to compare the maintenance of Central Park with the pasturage of St. Louis and other cities, or with well-kept cemeteries, which, in addition to corporate care, receive an enormous amount of attention and expense from the loving-kindness of those who care for and cherish these resting-places of the dead.

In considering the cost of maintenance, it must be borne in mind that the Central Park is the most elaborate and costly piece of landscape engineering of its size in the world. It is subject to an enormous wear and tear, which in a short time would destroy any private pleasure-ground or cemetery. As bearing on the subject of maintenance, we present the following extract from a letter addressed to this Board by the Superintendent of Parks, in December, 1882. He says :

“As no comparison is practical between the matters contrasted in the memorial in question, I have asked the accomplished bookkeeper of the Department to make up the cost of maintaining the turfed surfaces in Central Park, the one common feature of farms, of parks, and of cemeteries, and find

that it amounts to a little over \$20,000, or a little less than an average of \$3 per acre on the amount of cultivated surface allowed by the memorialists."

"It is singular that the memorialists have unhappily left out of the calculation the cost and labor expended upon the great improvements which have been made in the parks, especially in Central Park, since the autumn of 1881. They assume that in the metropolis of the United States, the citizens who drive, ride, and walk, are willing that their parks should be in the condition of Prospect Park, in Brooklyn, of Fairmount Common in Philadelphia, and of others named as standards of excellence. The protests of the whole community against the state of things of the past, shows a better appreciation of the efforts of the designers of the parks and of the present management. Perhaps the progress made in the last year has been so quiet and so gradual as not to be noticeable by the Council; but the change, nevertheless, has been great. The gardeners and their attendants have cleared away over 4,000 cart-loads of dead-wood, rubbish, and prunings. The same work continues in the same manner as it was commenced; over 3,500 loads of compost and manures have been hauled upon the meadows and lawns; above 200 acres of meadows and lawns were seeded last spring, and over 150 tons of prime hay harvested in the summer; more than 12,000 plants have been planted in the circles and flower-beds, and new gravel has been laid on five miles of the drives; 148,852 square feet of new walk have been laid, and 56,000 square feet resurfaced."

"In the mechanical department, besides the renovating of rolling-stock and the making of new implements, the rotten floors of bridges have been relaid for the safety of pedestrians, iron bridges which had not been painted before for thirteen years, and the ornamental iron of which was almost eaten away with rust, have been cleaned and painted, as have also the railings of the small parks of the city. The urinals have been cleaned and painted with two coats; the boat-houses

and all the park cottages have been repaired and painted ; all the park seats and stationary benches and the music stand in the Mall have been repaired and painted ; the fence around Mount Morris Park has been painted and restored ; drains have been relaid and basins have been built. This work, which had been neglected for years, has been done in addition to the regular work of maintenance, and done, too, with seventy-five less men than were employed before."

It is not claimed that the administration of the affairs of this Department is by any means perfect. The Commissioners have set up for themselves no superlative standard of official righteousness—their meetings are open to the public ; their acts are public acts ; they have nothing which they wish to conceal from public scrutiny. Moreover, they claim no immunity from just and wholesome criticism, and would welcome any honest and sincere endeavor of any citizen, or body of citizens, to correct abuses, or to introduce any and all reforms in the administration of the trusts imposed upon them. Now, so far as the present Commissioners are aware, neither the agent of the Council of Reform, nor any member of its executive committee has applied to the Department for any information about its affairs. It must be conceded by all just men that reforms in municipal government cannot succeed by such methods as have been adopted by this so-called Council of Reform ; in fact the Council admits in the opening paragraph of their document "that it has had its attention turned for several years * * * to the *misleading* sources of information" which is no doubt true, otherwise it would be difficult to account for their conduct in this respect. It is charitable to suppose that the Council has been too much misled.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1883.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, }
November, 1883. }

MR. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—Please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held on Wednesday next, at ten o'clock A. M., for the purpose of receiving and opening proposals for works in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

Yours, etc.,

S. H. WALES, } *Commissioners*
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner OLLIFFE, President.

“ VIELE,
“ WALES,
“ CRIMMINS.

Proposals.

At the hour of ten o'clock, Mr. Storrs, the representative of the Comptroller of the City being present and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as were present, opened the estimate-box, and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertise-

ments duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works, namely :

No. 1. For regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and also setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide, and laying crosswalks therein, from St. Ann's to College avenue.

No. 2. For paving with trap-blocks, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from North Third avenue to Alexander avenue.

No. 3. For paving with trap-block pavement, the roadway of Lincoln avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to North Third avenue.

No. 4. For laying crosswalks in Willis avenue, between the Southern Boulevard and North Third avenue.

No. 5. For laying crosswalks in Morris avenue, between North Third avenue and Railroad avenue.

Table of Bids for Regulating and Grading One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, and also Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, Flagging the Sidewalk four feet wide, and Laying Crosswalks therein, from St. Ann's to College Avenue.

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Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.							
			B. C. Murray.		Wm. A. Cumming.		Dennis W. Moran.		Bernard Mahon.	
			1		2		3		4	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Cubic yards of excavation of any and all kinds.....	7,500	\$0 01	\$75 00	\$0 39	\$2,925 00	\$0 15	\$1,125 00	\$0 25	\$1,875 00
2	Cubic yards of filling.....	13,000	59	7,670 00	59	7,670 00	50	6,500 00	42	5,460 00
3	Linear feet of new curb-stone furnished and set.....	3,900	65	2,535 00	64	2,496 00	58	2,262 00	65	2,535 00
4	Linear feet of old curb-stone reset.....	2,400	08	192 00	06	144 00	10	240 00	09	216 00
5	Linear feet of new gutter-stone furnished and laid.....	3,900	25	975 00	22	858 00	18	702 00	17	663 00
6	Linear feet of old gutter-stone relaid.....	2,400	02	48 00	05	120 00	02	48 00	01	24 00
7	Square feet of new flagging furnished and laid.....	13,000	26	3,280 00	29	3,770 00	23	2,990 00	25	3,250 00
8	Square feet of old flagging relaid.....	12,000	02	240 00	04	480 00	02	240 00	05	600 00
9	Square feet of new bridge-stone for crosswalks furnished and laid.....	2,430	46	1,117 80	49	1,190 70	43	1,044 90	48	1,166 40
10	Cubic yards of dry rubble masonry, other than retaining walls.....	30	2 50	75 00	3 00	90 00	3 00	90 00	2 50	75 00
11	M. feet, B. M., timber and plank in place.....	1,000	25 00	25 00	29 00	29 00	25 00	25 00	20 00	20 00
12	Pounds of vitrified stoneware, either in pipes or other forms, in place.....	2,500	03	75 00	03	75 00	02	50 00	02	50 00
	Time to be tested at \$3.00 per day.....		Days. 120	360 00	Days. 150	450 00	Days. 75	225 00	Days. 60	180 00
	Total.....		....	\$16,767 80	....	\$20,297 70	....	\$15,541 90	....	\$16,114 40

Table of Bids for Paving, with Trap-blocks, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street, from North Third Avenue to Alexander Avenue.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.							
			P. H. Fitzgerald.		Denis McGrath.		George F. Doak.		Wm. A. Cumming.	
			1		2		3		4	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Square yards of new trap-block pavement, exclusive of the space occupied by the gutter-stones.....	2,800	\$1 73	\$4,844 00	\$1 80	\$5,040 00	\$2 21	\$6,188 00	\$2 17	6,076 00
2	Time for completion to be tested at the rate of \$3.50 per day.....	...	Days. 20	70 00	Days. 20	70 00	Days. 20	70 00	Days. 20	70 00
	Total.....	....	....	\$4,914 00	....	\$5,110 00	....	\$6,258 00	....	\$6,146 00

Table of Bids for Paving, with Trap-block Pavement, the Roadway of Lincoln Avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to North Third Avenue.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAME OF BIDDERS.					
			Denis McGrath.		George F. Doak.		William A. Cumming.	
			1		2		3	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Square yards of trap-block pavement, exclusive of the space occupied by the gutter-stones.....	8,520	\$1 93	\$16,443 60	\$2 09	\$17,806 80	\$1 95	\$16,614 00
2	Time for completion to be tested at the rate of \$3.50 per day.....	.....	Days. 40	140 00	Days. 60	210 00	Days. 37	129 50
	Total.....	.....	.....	\$16,583 60	.....	\$18,016 80	.....	\$16,743 50

Table of Bids for Laying Crosswalks in Willis Avenue, between the Southern Boulevard and North Third Avenue.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.									
			Thomas Murray.		Bernard Mahon.		Thos. Dunne & Wm. Coogan.		Dennis W. Moran.		Wm. A. Cumming.	
			1		2		3		4		5	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Square feet of new bridge-stone for crosswalks furnished and laid.....	8,248	\$0 47	\$3,876 56	\$0 48	\$3,959 04	\$0 49	\$4,041 52	\$0 43	\$3,546 64	\$0 52	\$4,288 96
2	Time for completion, \$3 per day.	.....	Days. 19	57 00	Days. 10	30 00	Days. 30	90 00	Days. 18	54 00	Days. 57	171 00
	Total.....	.....	.....	\$3,933 56	.....	\$3,989 04	.....	\$4,131 52	...	\$3,600 64	.....	\$4,459 96

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.							
			Pat'k Harding.		B. C. Murray.		Denis McGrath.		J. D. Moore.	
			6		7		8		9	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Square feet of new bridge-stone for crosswalks furnished and laid.....	8,248	\$0 49	\$4,041 52	\$0 49	\$4,041 52	\$0 49	\$4,041 52	\$0 58	\$4,783 84
2	Time for completion, \$3 per day.	.....	Days. 14	42 00	Days. 40	120 00	Days. 25	75 00	Days. 18	54 00
	Total.....	.....	....	\$4,083 52	....	\$4,161 52	....	\$4,116 52	....	\$4,837 48

Table of Bids for Laying Crosswalks in Morris Avenue, between North Third Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.									
			Thomas Murray.		Jos. A. Devlin.		Denis McGrath.		B. C. Murray.		J. D. Moore.	
			1		2		3		4		5	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Square feet of new bridge-stone for crosswalks furnished and laid.....	8,325	\$0 49	\$4,079 25	\$0 55	\$4,578 75	\$0 49½	\$4,120 87	\$0 47	\$3,912 75	\$0 58	\$4,828 50
2	Time for completion, \$3 per day.	.....	Days. 20	60 00	Days. 45	135 00	Days. 35	105 00	Days. 29	87 00	Days. 18	54 00
	Total.....	.....	....	\$4,139 25	....	\$4,713 75	....	\$4,225 87	....	\$3,999 75	....	\$4,882 50

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.							
			Dennis W. Moran.		Wm. A. Cumming.		Pat'k Harding.		Thos. Dunne & Wm. Coogan.	
			6		7		8		9	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Square feet of new bridge-stone } for crosswalks furnished and } laid.....	8,325	\$0 42	\$3,496 50	\$0 52	\$4,329 00	\$0 47	\$3,913 75	\$0 49	\$4,079 25
2	Time for completion, \$3 per day.	.....	Days. 15	45 00	Days. 57	171 00	Days. 10	30 00	Days. 30	90 00
	Total.....	.....	....	\$3,541 50	....	\$4,500 00	....	\$3,942 75	....	\$4,169 25

On motion the regular order of business was suspended.

Wales, S. H.—Elected President.

Crimmins, J. D.—Elected Treasurer.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner Salem H. Wales be and is hereby elected President of this Board until the first day of February, 1884, and that Commissioner John D. Crimmins be and is hereby elected Treasurer of this Board until the first day of February, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN appointed Commissioner Crimmins a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

Olliffe, Commissioner—Remarks.

In welcoming the President to the Chair Commissioner OLLIFFE made the following remarks :

In congratulating the Board upon the re-organization as perfected to-day and welcoming my successor, it appears to me a fitting time to express my great satisfaction with the harmony and good-will that have characterized our deliberations during my occupancy of the Presidency.

During the past six months, the portion of the year when the operations of the Department are the most active, the works have been pressed forward with great vigor. It has been my desire, and I have never faltered in my belief that my colleagues shared in that desire, to secure the most efficient and economical administration.

The records of the Department show that the works of regulating, grading, flagging, and paving of streets and constructing sewers in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,

have been greater than in any previous six months since annexation. The work on the Madison Avenue Bridge evinces satisfactory signs of an early completion. The parks speak for themselves, and bear testimony to the faithfulness with which they have been maintained. The Riverside Drive and Park have during the past half year experienced a transformation worthy the commendation of all.

The employees have been faithful and painstaking, and to those in directory positions the greatest credit should be given. In a word, I desire to congratulate the Board upon its present condition.

Personally, my aim during the incumbency of this position has been to assume as few of its powers as a conscientious discharge of its duties would admit. My desire is that harmony and efficiency should continue.

For your forbearance with my rulings in your deliberations and for each and every consideration you may have accorded me, I thank you.

Olliffe, Commissioner—Vote of thanks.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Commissioner William M. Olliffe for his fair and impartial conduct during his occupancy of the office of President of this Department, and that the remarks, as made by him, be inserted at length upon the minutes.

Evacuation Day.
{ Shaler, General.
{ Cochrane, “

Generals Cochrane and Shaler appeared before the Board and were heard in relation to the proposed celebration of the centennial anniversary of the evacuation of New York City by the British, and desiring permission to mass the troops on a portion of Battery Park on 26th instant, and to erect reviewing stands at designated points on the line of march.

A communication was received from John Austin Stevens, Secretary of the Committee on the Celebration asking that permission be granted for the erection of temporary review

stands at Worth monument, in Madison Square, and Lincoln monument, in Union Square, on the 26th instant.

On motion, the whole subject was referred to Commissioner Viele, with power.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Mayor—Civil Service Commission.

From the Mayor, requesting the Commissioners of this Department to attend a meeting with one or more of the Civil Service Commissioners on 15th instant.

Referred to the President.

Central Bridge Works—McComb's Dam Bridge.

From the Central Bridge Works, asking an extension of time to complete their contract for repairing the McComb's Dam Bridge.

Ordered filed.

165th street—Grade of.

From Robert Johnston, Eleanor J. Porter and others, property owners, in relation to the damage claimed to have been done their property by the change of the grade of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Telegraph poles on 42d street.

From the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, desiring permission to place telegraph poles on the park side of Forty-second street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

Laid over.

Jones, Charles—Morningside bays.

From Charles Jones, in relation to the commencement of work on his contract for constructing bays and entrances to Morningside Park.

Ordered filed.

O'Brien, Bridget—For appointment.

From Bridget O'Brien, applying for reappointment as ladies' maid.

Ordered filed.

Rogers, Oscar H.—Resignation.

From Oscar H. Rogers, resigning his position as Assistant to the Topographical Engineer.

Accepted.

Topographical Engineer.

Roberts, G. S. }
Mapes, C. A. } Appointed.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting the names of G. S. Roberts and C. A. Mapes for appointment as Assistant Engineers, at salary of \$1,500 per annum each, they having been temporarily employed and shown themselves competent and industrious.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that G. S. Roberts and C. A. Mapes be appointed Assistant Engineers, for duty under the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, until December 31, 1883, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Riker, O. H.—Swings.

From Oscar H. Riker, applying for permission to operate the swings in Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Sewer—Washington avenue.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the instructions given to the Acting Engineer of Construction, at the last meeting of the Board, to prepare plans, etc., for a sewer in Washington avenue, between Brook avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, be amended by inserting One Hundred and Sixty-ninth in lieu of One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables. Zoological Dept.	\$581 75
Bradley, E., mould. Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of.	529 90
Bayliss, John, tool for forge Riverside Avenue, Impt.	7 50
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal. Harlem R. Bdgs..	105 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal. Laying walks, City Parks	22 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	70 00
Carr, John F., shingles. Riverside Park, Impt. of.	311 00
Candee & Kane, brick. Riverside Park, Impt. of.	142 50
Candee & Kane, cement. Labor, Maint. and Supplies	54 00
Crombie, Thos. J., pine Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	10 95
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber. Riverside Park, Impt. of.	20 10
Coffin, Paul C., sand paper, etc. Riverside Park, Impt. of.	19 40

Connolly, John E., hay.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	\$20 86
Duryee, Jos. W., lumber.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	205 98
Fox, George & Son, water arch.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	55 00
Ghetti, Antonio, monuments.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc. (1882).	300 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	45 22
Heyniger, L. & Co., sundries	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	18 00
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials....	Riverside Park, Impt. of	19 12
Lefferts, Marshall & Co., wire.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	17 35
McArthur, J. & Co., wire brushes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	15 00
McGrath, Dennis, Belgian stone.....	Sewers & Drains.	90 00
McAllister, F. E., hinge harrow.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	16 48
McLaughlan, R., mould.....	Fourth Ave. Parks.	163 10
Mott, J. L. Iron Works The, stove...	Riverside Avenue, Impt and Maint.	9 50
Mott, J. L. Iron Works The, drinking fountain	Triangles at 63d and 65th Streets.	132 00
Mott, J. L. Iron Works The, iron, etc.	Zoological Dept...	21 25
Murray, B. C., security for repairs....	Crosswalks, Lin- coln Ave., from S. Boulevard to 137th St.....	74 48
Masterson, John S., labor and materials.	Triangles 63d and 65th Streets....	350 00
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	64 80

O'Driscoll, Florence, building drains...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		\$350 00
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		22 50
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$90 71	
	Zoological Dept..	26 25	
	Laying walks, City Parks.....	10 83	
	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park.....	10 50	
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	3 93	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	2 63	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	5 85	
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	65	
	Entrances Central Park at 8th Ave., 77th and 81st Streets....	65	
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Patterson Brothers, screws, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		53 65
Patterson & Brothers, nails, etc.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	\$7 50	
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	1 50	
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Pratt Manufacturing Co., astral oil....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$21 45	
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	2 39	
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	95	
		<hr/>	24 79
Pierson & Co., iron.....	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.		29 15

Perkins, Jas. H., labor and materials . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	\$25 00
	Reflagging, etc., 3d Ave. and inter- sections (1882)..	15 00
		<hr/> \$40 00
Perkins, James H., payment on accept- ance	Regulating, etc., Alexander Ave., from Southern Boulevard to North 3d Ave. . .	21,697 36
Rader, Geo. W. & Co., vitrified pipe . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	201 60
Robetzeck, G. & Bros., coal	Surveys, Maps and Plans	22 00
Rowe & Denman, cement	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	72 50
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, etc. . . .	Riverside Park, Impt. of	87 70
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, etc. . . .	Fourth Ave. Parks.	87 50
Simpsons, Wm., estate of rent	Rents, D. P. P. . .	120 00
Sloane, W. & J., linoleum	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	99 10
Schoonmaker, S. A. & Co., putty, etc. .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	16 20
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps	\$118 92
	Surveys, Maps and Plans	27 56
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Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River . .	5 08
White, Chas. W., lumber	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	287 98
Young, Chas. C., bread	Zoological Dept . .	59 15
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Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$900 48
Zoological Department.	688 40
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance.....	102 60
Riverside Park, Improvement of	840 68
Harlem River Bridges.....	430 32
Manhattan Square, Improvement of	529 90
Triangles at Sixty-third and Sixty-fifth Streets	482 00
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards ...	333 94
Laying Walks, City Parks.....	32 88
Entrances Central Park at Eighth Avenue, Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first Streets.....	65
Surveying, Laying-out, etc. (1882).....	300 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	21,771 84
Sewers and Drains.....	90 00
Rents, Department Public Parks.....	120 00
Fourth Avenue Parks.....	250 60
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	10 50
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps..	118 92
Construction of Bridges.....	5 08
Re-flagging Third Avenue and Intersections.....	15 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	52 19
	\$27,075 93

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-seven thousand and seventy-five dollars and ninety-three cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, November 14, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

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Keystone Bridge Co., estimate No. 3.. Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	\$16,495 15
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	\$16.495 15
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Amounting to the sum of sixteen thousand four hundred and ninety-five dollars and fifteen cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, November 7, 1883.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve it, 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

Murray, B. C., repairs to pavement....Special Fund for Repaving.	\$50 00
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	\$50 00
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Amounting to the sum of fifty dollars.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, November 14, 1883.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve it, 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 affirma-

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Evacuation Day.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor has issued an address to the citizens of this city reminding them that the celebration of the centennial of Evacuation Day will be duly and fittingly observed on Monday, the 26th instant, and recommending that business be suspended on that day, and that all public offices and places of business be closed in order that all the people of the City of New York may participate in the celebration of this hundredth anniversary of the culminating event of the Revolution ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all works of maintenance in this Department be suspended on the 26th instant, other than those actually necessary for the preservation of the property of the Department ; that every facility be extended to the Committee having the celebration in charge in order to enable them to carry out their programme ; that the Captain of Police be directed to place his entire force on duty on that day and make such disposition of them as will best protect the parks on the line of march, and that the flags of the Department be hoisted at sunrise of both the 25th and 26th instant.

Maps, Parks—Annexed District.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had requested the Topographical Engineer to furnish Mr. Luther R. Marsh, President of the Commission for Locating Additional Parks, with a set of maps of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and portion of Twelfth Ward, and asked that his action be approved.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the President was approved.

Commissioner WALES called up the following resolution, which was laid over at a meeting held September 4, 1883, and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That in order to secure an intelligent and judicious expenditure of the appropriations made to this Department, that hereafter no Engineer, Superintendent or Architect will be allowed to prosecute any special work of the Department until he shall have been officially notified by the Secretary that such work is to proceed, either by order of the Board or by order of a Commissioner duly empowered by the Board to direct such work.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon the subject was laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Employees to attend meetings.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks, the Topographical Engineer, the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be and they are hereby directed to attend at this office at all meetings of this Board.

Police Regulations.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the President to revise the Police Regulations now in use by the force of the Department and report thereon to the Board.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners Viele and Olliffe as such committee.

Auditing Committee—Commissioner Olliffe appointed a member.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioner Olliffe as a member of the Auditing Committee.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 11.25 o'clock, A. M., the Board went into executive session.

Painters, }
Carpenters, } Claremont.

From M. A Kellogg, Engineer, stating that but one painter is required for work at Claremont and recommending that

one painter at present employed at Claremont be suspended and that a carpenter be appointed instead.

Approved.

Carpenters employed.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the employment of three carpenters be authorized for work at Claremont.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Masons transferred.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the Engineer be directed to transfer two masons for duty on Riverside avenue wall.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Offices—Referred to Commissioner Crimmins.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the subject of leasing offices for the use of this Department was referred to Commissioner Crimmins to report.

Alcorn, E. P., appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Edward P. Alcorn be and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper on the force 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Cunningham, C. S. and Brady, Peter, promoted.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Chas. S. Cunningham and Peter Brady, Gatekeepers, be and they are hereby promoted to Park-keepers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Skilled Laborers abolished.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That in view of the low condition of funds, the grade of skilled laborers, as authorized by a resolution adopted June 20, 1883, be and the same is hereby abolished, and that such skilled laborers be and they are hereby reduced to the grade of laborers.

Transfer.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to represent to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the request for a transfer, amounting to \$9,506.13, as asked for by a resolution of this Department, of October 10, 1883, is one worthy the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as the amount asked for is intended to be used in the care and preservation of the lawns of the parks and other works requiring attention this autumn, and respectfully and urgently request that the transfer be made.

On motion, at 12.05 o'clock P.M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES, President.

“ VIELE.
“ CRIMMINS.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.

Museum of Natural History—Use of Arsenal—Removal of cases.

Mr. Morris K. Jesup, President of the American Museum of Natural History, appeared before the Board and presented a communication requesting permission to use the second story of the Arsenal building to prepare economic specimens for exhibition, and desiring authority to transfer the cases now in the upper story of the Arsenal to the new Museum building.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the second story of the Arsenal is hereby set aside for the exclusive use of the Museum of Natural History for the purposes they require it so long as they deem it necessary.

On further motion, the request to remove the cases was granted.

Bolivar—Statue of.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Phillips, Consul of Venezuela, had called upon him and stated that the President of

Venezuela desired to present to the City of New York, for erection on the Central Park, an equestrian statue of Gen. Simon Bolivar.

Mr. Phillips appeared before the Board, and was heard in relation to the same.

On motion, the subject was referred to the President to carry out the necessary preliminary arrangements and report back to the Board.

Art Museum—Further issue of stock.

Mr. John Taylor Johnson, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, appeared before the Board and presented the following extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, held on the 13th of November, 1883 :

“ On reading the minutes of the Executive Committee, and on motion from Mr. Robert Gordon, the following resolutions, as recommended by the Executive Committee, were approved and adopted :

“ Resolved, 1st. That the pressing necessities of the Museum demand an immediate extension of accommodations and that the present building being in an incomplete state is wholly inadequate to the needs of the institution.

“ 2d. That the building should be at once advanced toward completion on a plan or plans which shall be approved by this Museum.

“ 3d. That the President, Secretary and Treasurer be appointed a special committee, with powers, and are hereby authorized to make formal request to the Park Department for the application of the funds provided in the Act of April 5, 1871, for the erection and completion of a building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.”

A true extract from the minutes.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19, 1883.

(Signed) L. P. DI CESNOLA, [SEAL]
Secretary.

Together with a statement showing:

Total amount of stock issued	\$498,000 00
\$291,000, at five per cent	14,550 00
207,000, at six per cent	12,420 00
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	\$26,970 00
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Interest authorized.....	\$35,000 00
" issued.....	26,970 00
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Interest to be issued.....	\$8,030 00
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If issued at three per cent.....	\$275,000 00
If issued at four per cent.....	200,000 00

Corporation Counsel for opinion as to Art Museum law.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the subject as this day be presented in the foregoing extract from the minutes and financial statement of the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, together with a copy of both, be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, with the request that he furnish this Department with his opinion as to its powers and duties in the matter.

Giles, W. O.—Opening of Bailey avenue.

Mr. Wm. Ogden Giles appeared before the Board and presented a petition of property owners for the initiation of proceedings for the opening of Bailey avenue to its northern terminus at Van Cortlandt avenue, and the street which connects Sedgwick avenue with Bailey avenue.

Laid over.

161st Street.—Grade of

Hunt, J. T., }
Bartlett, Abner, }

Mr. Jno. T. Hunt appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to establishing the grade of One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

A communication was received from Abner Bartlett, representing J. J. Astor, desiring that action be taken to establish the grade of One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

On motion, the subject was referred back to the Topographical Engineer for further examination, and report.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Randall, S. S.—Improvements, 23d Ward.

Mr. S. S. Randall, from the Local Improvement Association of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to the enclosing of small parks in the Twenty-third Ward, the opening of Delmonico Place and other subjects.

Mr. Randall was requested to reduce his desires to writing, and submit them to the Board for consideration.

The following communications were received :

Lind avenue—Regulating, etc.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance, adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor, to regulate and grade Lind avenue, from Wolf street to Devoe street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Mayor—Invitation for Evacuation Day.

From the Mayor, extending an invitation of the Committee on the Celebration of Evacuation Day to be present at the ceremonies to be observed on the 26th instant.

Accepted.

Commissioner Public Works—Grades north of Inwood.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to establishing the grades of streets and roads in the portion of the Twelfth Ward which lies north of Inwood street.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer :

Anderton, R. L., and others—Opening Third avenue.

From Ralph L. Anderton, Mrs. E. Dubois and others, property owners opposed to the initiation, at this time, of proceedings to open North Third avenue from One Hundred and Seventieth street to Pelham avenue.

Ordered filed.

American Rapid Telegraph Co.—Alteration of line.

From the American Rapid Telegraph Co., desiring permission to change its line of telegraph poles through One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from College avenue to Morris avenue, thence along Morris avenue to junction of present line of poles, the change necessary on account of the closing of College avenue.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report.

Hall, Isaac's Son.—Bath at Battery.

From Isaac Hall's Son, applying for permission to moor his bath at the Battery during the season of 1884.

Laid over.

Phyfe, J. D.—Fence at 58th and 59th Sts

From J. D. Phyfe, desiring permission to erect a fence 8 feet high on the sidewalk fronting the plaza between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, to remain during the construction of the proposed building to be located at that point.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins with power.

Plans for planking Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Architect, submitting plans and specifications for relaying the sidewalks of the Third avenue Bridge over Harlem river.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for relaying the sidewalks of the Third avenue bridge over Harlem river, as this day submitted by the Architect, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Godwin, Joseph H.—Laying out and improving street.

From Joseph H. Godwin, presenting a plan showing a street as laid out by this Department running through his property and the property of Fordham Morris, to which title has not yet been acquired by the city, and stating the willingness of himself and Mr. Morris to cede the land required for the opening of said street to the City, provided permission be given them to regulate, lay out and plant the same as shown by the plan submitted by him.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposition of Joseph H. Godwin and Fordham Morris, as this day received, meets with the approval of this Board, and that the permission as desired by them be granted, to take effect when they have ceded to the city the property within the lines of the street they desire to improve, under the direction 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

143d street—Regulating, etc.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction :

1st. Presenting plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

147th street—Regulating, etc.

2d. Presenting plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, between North Third and Willis avenues.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, between North Third and Willis avenues, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Works in progress.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent of Parks—Suspensions Riverside avenue.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting a list of persons suspended to reduce the force employed on Riverside avenue, as directed by the Board.

Approved.

Contracts awarded.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts for work for which proposals were opened on the 14th instant, be awarded as follows :

- No. 1. For regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and also setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide, and laying crosswalks therein from St. Ann's to College avenue.
To Dennis W. Moran..... \$15,541 90
- No. 2. For paving with trap-blocks, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from North Third avenue to Alexander avenue.
To P. H. Fitzgerald..... \$4,914 00
- No. 3. For paving with trap-block pavement, the roadway of Lincoln avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to North Third avenue.
To Dennis McGrath..... \$16,583 60
- No. 4. For laying crosswalks in Willis avenue, between the Southern Boulevard and North Third avenue.
To Dennis W. Moran..... \$3,600 64
- No. 5. For laying crosswalks in Morris avenue, between North Third avenue and Railroad avenue.
To Dennis W. Moran..... \$3,541 50

—they being the lowest bidders for said several works ; that the proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties ; when so approved that contracts be entered into with the aforementioned parties for doing said several works, and that the President be authorized to sign said contracts and appoint Inspectors on the said several contracts.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Driscoll, Parkkeeper—Arrest of Chas. Klotz.

From Parkkeeper James Driscoll, submitting a statement in relation to the arrest by him of Charles Klotz, on 18th instant, for fast driving in Central Park, and his subsequent discharge by Justice Power.

On motion, the subject was referred to the President to take such action in the matter as he may deem necessary.

Kingsbridge—Grading of streets, etc.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board for approval, plans for establishing the grades of the adopted streets, roads, avenues, etc., at Kingsbridge included between Ackerman street and Broadway.

Triangle—Boulevard and 66th street.

Commissioner VIELE presented a plan for the improvement of the triangle at the Boulevard, Ninth avenue and Sixty-sixth street, and offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan, as this day presented for the improvement of triangle at the Boulevard, Ninth avenue and Sixty-sixth street, be approved, and the work authorized 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Exchange of ducks and lambs.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Director of the Menagerie is authorized to make such exchanges of the surplus ducks and lambs in the collection for new or interesting specimens as he may be able to do advantageously.

Referred to the President.

Audit—Metropolitan Gas-light Co.'s bill.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred a bill of the Metropolitan Gas-light Company, amounting to \$67.95, for gas consumed at the Arsenal Building during the month of July, 1883, made a verbal report, recommending that the bill be paid, and moved that the same be transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Treasurer—Accounts audited

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the matter of examining and auditing the accounts of the Treasurer to November 7, 1883, made a verbal report, stating that he had examined the same and found them correct.

Accepted.

Quarterly Report.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of the transactions of the Department for the quarter ending September 30, 1883, which was approved, and ordered signed and transmitted to the Mayor.

Work to be prosecuted upon official notification.

Commissioner WALES called up the following resolution, which was laid over at the last meeting of the Board, and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That in order to secure an intelligent and judicious expenditure of the appropriations made to this Department, that hereafter no engineer, superintendent or architect will be allowed to prosecute any special work of the Department until he shall have been officially notified by the Secretary that such work is to proceed, either by order of the Board, or by order of a Commissioner duly empowered by the Board to direct such 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bridge above High Bridge.

The PRESIDENT called attention to a preamble and resolution on page 342 of the minutes, directing that four bridge engineers be invited to submit plans and estimates for a bridge over Harlem river above High Bridge, and stated that he had examined into the matter and found that no provision had been made for the compensation of the engineer authorized to furnish plans ; that the law provides for the construction of a suspension bridge not more than a half mile above the High Bridge ; and that from the information he had received, the construction of a suspension bridge at that point is not advisable.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, the Counsel to the Corporation was requested to furnish this Department with his opinion as to whether under the provisions of section 3, chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, it is compulsory that the bridge to be constructed over the Harlem river, not more than a half mile above the High Bridge, shall be a suspension bridge, or whether the Commissioners are vested with discretion in the matter in case they deem another class of bridge more desirable.

Obelisk, Granolithic pavement.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Granolithic pavement be laid around the Obelisk in Central Park, in accordance with specifications, at a price not to exceed thirty cents per square foot.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Executive session.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 11.50 the Board went into executive session.

Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks.

Employment of double team.

1st. Stating that the services of a double team are required for work on Riverside avenue.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to employ a double team for work on Riverside 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Blaster—Employment of.

2d. Recommending the employment of a person competent to do the blasting required at Mount St. Vincent in Central Park.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of a blaster for work at Mount St. Vincent be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Suspensions.

3d. Reporting the suspension of the following persons for want of work.

Cornelius Noonan, laborer.
Thomas Kelly, "
James Merry, "
Philip Miller, gardener.
Patrick Ryan, "
Jas. E. Ruth, laborer.
James Farrell, "
Patrick Mackey, skilled laborer.
Wm. Meighan, gardener.
M. L. Burns, "
Edward Crowley, laborer.
Michael Cummins, "
Henry Armstrong, "
Moses Phillips, "
Peter Collins, "
John Murphy, horse and cart.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the name of Thomas Kelly was excepted from said list, and he was ordered restored to duty.

On motion, the action of Superintendent of Parks, excepting the name of Mr. Kelly, was approved.

Laborers doing duty as Watchmen.

4th. Reporting a list of the laborers doing duty as Watchmen that are paid out of the maintenance appropriation.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the laborers now doing duty as watchmen be transferred to the control of the Captain of Police, and paid out of the appropriation for Police Salaries at their present rate of pay as laborers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Lincoln Frank—Employment.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, stating that he had employed Lincoln Frank as a

Chainman for thirty days, and recommending that his appointment be continued for another thirty days.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction be authorized to continue the appointment of Lincoln Frank as Chainman for an additional thirty days.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Riverside Park and Wall—
Masons—Employment of.
Discharge of two from Engineer Corps. }

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending that two masons be transferred from the Riverside avenue wall to work at Claremont, and stating that the services of two persons employed on the Engineer Corps can be dispensed with.

Commissioner VIELE moved that M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be authorized to transfer two masons from Riverside avenue wall to work at Claremont, and to report for discharge the names of two persons from the Engineer Corps under his charge.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Phalen, Peter—Appointed Painter.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Peter Phalen be and he is hereby restored to duty as Painter at Claremont.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Stripp, Wm.—Appointed laborer.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Wm. Stripp be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on Central Park for duty at the Propagating houses.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Fahs, Mrs. Anna M.—To remove fence.

Commissioner OLLIFFE called the attention of the Board to the fact that the fence belonging to Mrs. Anna M. Fahs still remains standing within the lines of the Park on the west side of Fulton avenue, north of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, Twenty-third Ward.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, the Secretary was directed to notify Mrs. Anna M. Fahs to remove, within thirty days from date of notice, the fence belonging to her and now standing on the city property as included within the lines of the public park located on the westerly side of Fulton avenue, north of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Zoological Collection—Site of.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That in view of the apathy shown by the owners of property most interested in the matter in failing to second the wishes of this Board to remove the Zoological Collection from the present disadvantageous locality, the resolution referring to this subject is hereby rescinded.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4

Keepers—Charges against.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against Park and Gatekeepers. made a verbal report, and recommended as follows :

1st. That the charge against Gatekeeper George Walker, of absence from roll-call, be dismissed.

2d. That Gatekeeper Hubert L. Howard, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one day's pay.

3d. That Parkkeeper James P. Larkins, charged with violation of rules, be fined one day's pay.

4th. That Parkkeeper Bernard Bray, charged with absence from roll-call, be find one day's pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 12.15 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES, President.
“ VIELE.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended.

Board of Health—Drainage.

General Shaler and Dr. Johnson from the Health Department, appeared before the Board and were heard in relation to the matter of drainage of the annexed district.

The President appointed Commissioners Viele and Olliffe a committee to confer with the Board of Health in relation to the same.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Comptroller—Madison Avenue Bridge contract.

From the Comptroller, in relation to the failure of the Keystone Bridge Company to complete the work under their contract, for constructing the superstructure of the Madison Avenue Bridge within the time specified in their contract.

Keystone Bridge Co.—Expiration of contract.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate with the Keystone Bridge Company, and inform them that under the terms of their contract for constructing the superstructure of the Madison Avenue Bridge, the time as therein fixed for the completion of their work has expired, and that all the penalties under said agreement will be fully enforced, until the completion of their work.

Post & McCord, Central Bridge Work—Limit of time in contracts.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to notify the Central Bridge Works of Buffalo, contractors for the fixed spans for the McComb's Dam Bridge, and Post & McCord, contractors for the Plate girder bridge over One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street in the southern approach to the Madison Avenue Bridge, that there is no evidence that the work under their contracts is being prosecuted with energy sufficient to warrant the belief that in either case it will be completed within the dates specified, and that they be further notified that this Department will, in case of failure to complete either or both of said works within the time allowed, fully enforce all the terms, covenants and penalties as provided in said contracts.

Sewer in 139th street.

From Wm. T. Onderdonk, Silas Mason and others, property owners, petitioning for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, between the easterly terminus of the present sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street and Brook avenue.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Woodall, D. L. and others—Condition of Railroad avenue.

From D. L. Woodall, H. F. Fischer and others, requesting that Railroad avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-first and One Hundred and Seventy-third streets, be put in proper condition and that the gutters and culverts be cleaned.

Referred to the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Fahs, Mrs. Anna M.—Removal of fence.

From Mrs. Anna M. Fahs, desiring an extension of time in which to remove the fence belonging to her and standing within the lines of a public park on the westerly side of Fulton avenue north of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street.

Laid over.

Braun, August—To hire skates.

From August Braun applying for the privilege of hiring skates and chairs at the Central Park lake during the coming skating season; and

Peck & Snyder—To hire skates.

Peck & Snyder applying for the same privileges.

Referred to the President.

Zingsem, R. R.—For appointment.

From R. R. Zingsem, applying for employment as civil engineer or landscape gardener.

Ordered filed.

Property Clerk—Inventory.

From the Property Clerk, submitting an inventory of the property of the Department for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1883.

Referred to the President.

Bridge above High Bridge—Corporation Counsel's opinion.

From the Counsel to the Corporation submitting an opinion respecting the powers and duties of this Department in the matter of constructing a bridge across the Harlem river not more than half a mile above High Bridge as provided by sec. 3, chap. 534 of the Laws of 1871.

Plans for bridge.

Commissioner WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That in view of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, four engineers be selected to prepare and submit plans for the erection of a bridge across the Harlem river not more than one-half a mile above the High Bridge as in their judgment is most suitable for erection at that point, and that the sum of \$1,000 be awarded and paid to each of the

said engineers upon their presenting plans, specifications and estimates for the erection of said bridge.

Laid over.

Tiffany, C. L.—To acquire land for triangle.

From Charles L. Tiffany, petitioning this Department to cause the initiation of proper proceedings to acquire title on behalf of the City to a strip or gore of land lying west of Central avenue in the Twenty-fourth Ward, heretofore designated as a public park by this Department.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring title wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to all that certain gore or strip of land lying to the west of Central avenue, and more particularly described as follows, viz. : Beginning at the northerly point of the Stebbins farm, where the centre line of the road leading from McComb's Dam to Fordham intersects the southerly boundary line of the widow Wolfe's farm ; thence running northerly eighty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes east, one hundred and twenty-nine feet six inches to the northerly side of Jerome avenue ; thence running along said avenue, south thirty-five degrees forty-five minutes west, six hundred and ninety-five feet ; thence north fifty-six degrees twenty-six minutes west, to the centre line of the old road leading from McComb's Dam to Fordham ; thence along the centre line of said road north twenty-seven degrees nineteen minutes east, two hundred and eighty-eight feet ; thence north twenty-eight degrees, nineteen minutes east, three hundred and forty-one feet to the point or place of beginning, containing ninety one-hundredths acre of land, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a public park by this Department, and that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks are authorized to sign a petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction.

165th street change of grade.

1st. Reporting upon communications from Robert Johnson, Eleanor J. Porter and others, relative to the damage to their property on One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, caused by the change in the established grade of said street.

Ordered filed.

Lawton, C. & N. D.—Line of 143d street.

2d. Reporting upon the petition of C. & N. D. Lawton, relative to changes of line on the northern side of One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Willis and Brook avenues.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the same.

161st street change of grade.

3d. Reporting upon the subject of establishing the grade of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and recommending that the grade of said street, from North Third avenue to Morris avenue, and from Mott to Cromwell avenue, and from Morris avenue to Mott avenue, as shown on a profile submitted by him, be adopted.

From Abner Bartlett, representing the interest of J. J. Astor, desiring that he be given a hearing in relation to the grades of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, before the matter is finally settled by the Department.

On motion, the subject was laid over.

Mason work to continue.

4th. Desiring authority to continue mason work on contracts for setting curb, gutter and flagging, etc., when, in his judgment, the weather will permit.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the Acting Engineer of Construction be authorized to allow the work on masonry to proceed when, in his judgment, the weather will permit.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

138th street—Plans for surface of.

5th. Reporting in relation to carrying the surface of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-fourth streets over the Harlem railroad.

Laid over.

Temporary drains, 23d and 24th Wards.

6th. Reporting a list of drains, constructed under temporary permits, that are now in use in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, but which can be discontinued in consequence of sewers having been constructed, with which the premises may be connected.

Referred to the Committee appointed to confer with the Health Department respecting the drainage of the annexed district.

Rapid Telegraph Co.—Line of poles.

7th. Reporting upon the application of the American Rapid Telegraph Company for permission to change its line of poles through One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to College avenue to Morris avenue, thence along Morris avenue to the junction of the present line at about One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, and from One Hundred and Thirty-

seventh street along Lincoln avenue and Third avenue to Morris avenue at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, on account of the closing of College avenue, and stating that he could see no objection to such change other than a general one against the erection of poles in the public streets.

Referred to Commissioner Olliffe, with power.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Bradley & Smith, duster.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$5 70
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Const. Bridges over Harlem River...	2 75
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	841 50
Blinn, C., mould.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	495 60
Bouton & Smith, shafts.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	6 00
Boller, A P., commissions.....	Const. Bridges over Harlem River...	824 76
Cagney, David, mould.....	Fourth Av. Parks.	258 00
Croft, Wm. F., Estimate No. 2.....	Sewer 149th St., betw. Millbrook and Courtland Aves., etc.....	1,576 98
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber	Entrances Central Park, 8th Ave., 77th and 81st Sts.....	\$24 00
	Labor Maint. and Supplies.....	41 68
		<hr/> 65 68
Connolly, John E., corn, oats, etc.....	Labor Maint. and Supplies.....	\$76 60
	Zoological Dept...	44 00
		<hr/> 120 60

Colgate & Co., soap.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$4 25
Harrison, M., tinning.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	10 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assess. Maps....	1 27
Kelsey, F. W., shrubs, etc.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	86 50
McAllister, F. E., lawn rakes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	25 50
McKesson & Robbins, sponges and salve.....	Labor, Maint. and Subplies.....	13 25
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	7 50
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, register, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	83 05
Murray, Thos., security for repairs....	Flagging St. Ann's Ave. east side, from 138th St. to Southern Boule- vard.....	57 44
Murray, Thos., security for repairs....	Crosswalks Alex- ander Ave., from 133d to 138th St.	102 40
Murray, B. C., Estimate No. 6.....	Regulating, etc., Morris Ave., from 138th to 156th St.	3,941 00
The Nason Mfg. Co., radiators, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1882)..	48 00
The N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., pay- ing cement.....	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park.....	82 28
Newell, D. C. & Sons, shavings.....	Zoological Dept....	6 00
Nolan & McGrath, granite base.....	Triangles, 63d and 65th Sts.....	39 75
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept....	14 88
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	123 00
Pratt Mfg. Co., oil.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	8 13
Perkins, Jas. H., payment on accept....	Regulating, etc., Lincoln Av., from N. curb-line So. Boulevard to E. curb-line N. 3d Ave.....	2,568 36

Phelan, J., mould.....	Riverside Av., Imp. and Maint.....	\$482 60
Robitzek, G. & Bro., coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	89 50
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Zoological Dept...	16 86
Smith, John, mould.....	Fourth Ave. Parks	105 00
Schoonmaker, S. A. & Co., strainers, etc.	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	1 90
Willson & Adams, lumber.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	181 82
Wooton, E. H., pavement.....	Laying Walks Cen- tral Park.....	7,816 51
		<u>\$20,064 27</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$396 53
Zoological Department	81 74
Maintenance Museum.....	1,454 90
Entrances Central Park at Eighth Avenue, Seventy- seventh and Eighty-first Streets.....	24 00
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	7,898 79
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	1,423 60
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps..	1 27
Construction of Bridges over Harlem River.....	827 51
Triangles at Sixty-third and Sixty-fifth Streets.....	39 75
Fourth Avenue Parks.....	363 00
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	1 90
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards ...	279 45
Riverside Avenue Improvement and Maintenance.....	432 60
Street Improvement Fund.....	8,246 13
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	48 00
	<u>\$20,064 27</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty thousand and sixty-four dollars and twenty-seven cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, November 21, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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

American District Telegraph Co., services	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$20 52
Bertine, Edwin R., awning	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	6 00
Boyle, John, bunting	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	2 50
Brooks, T. & Co.'s Successors, posts, etc	Riverside Park, Impt. of	31 50
Baumawn Brothers, mat.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	2 75
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Entrances Central Park bet. 8th Ave., 77th and 81st Streets	798 75
Casey, Thos. H., Estimate No. 1	Sewer, etc., N. 3d Ave. and Boston Rd., bet. Brook Ave., and 167th Street and Branch	2,941 58
Canda & Kane, Portland Cement	Riverside Ave., Impt. and Maint. \$35 10 Riverside Park, Impt. of	32 40
		67 50
Duryea, Jos. W., spruce boards	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$98 98
	Laying Walks, Central Park	36 00
		134 98

Ehrenich Bros., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$10 00
Ferris, Edwin, & Co., salt.....	Zoological Dept. . .		3 00
Gibson, Wm., oak planks.....	Harlem R. Bdgs. . .		46 05
Herrmann, L., bedding.....	Zoological Dept. . .		9 00
Hanly, L. M., harness.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		70 00
Holbrook Brothers, glass.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		13 05
Howard & Moore, wire frames.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		3 50
Hurst & Treanor, labor and materials. .	Erecting Railing, etc., at Obelisk, Central Park. . .		283 00
Jones, Chas., Estimate No. 1.....	Sewer, Grove St., bet. Brook and N. 3d Aves. and Connecting Sewers.....		1,810 21
Kellogg, M. A., security for repairs. . .	Setting Curb, etc., W. S. of St. Ann's Ave., bet. 138th and 141st Sts.....		38 98
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		53 94
Linde, Chas. F., & Co., brooms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$20 63	
	Zoological Dept. . .	1 25	
	Harlem R. Bdgs. . .	62	
			22 50
Mahon, Bernard, security for repairs. . .	Reflagging, etc., intersections 3d Ave., from Har- lem R. Bdgs. to to 147th St. . . .		246 60
Masterson, John S., payment on accept- ance.	Sewer, 144th St., bet. 3d Ave. and College Ave. . . .		884 14
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 13.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River. . .		1,357 44

McDonald & Killduff, basin heads, etc. . Riverside Ave., Impt. and Maint.			\$77 00
Metropolitan Telegraph & Telephone Co., rents, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.			325 10
Mutual District Messenger Co., services. Labor, Maint. and Supplies			150 62
O'Grady, Jas. W., security for repairs. . Sewer, 139th St., bet. Alexander and Willis Aves., etc			278 38
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, sink, etc. . Labor, Maint. and Supplies			86 80
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe. Labor, Maint. and Supplies			51 00
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal. Riverside Park, Impt. of.	\$6 50		
	Zoological Dept. . .	11 00	
			17 50
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal. Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$26 25		
	Zoological Dept. . .	15 75	
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.	5 25	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans	5 25	
			52 50
Pratt Manufacturing Co., astral oil. . . . Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$5 07		
	Zoological Dept. . .	71	
	Harlem R. Bdgs. . .	2 09	
			7 87
Pietch, Walter F., post, etc. Erecting Railing, etc., at Obelisk.			7 50
Reiche, Chas., & Bros., bird food. . . . Zoological Dept. . .			3 00
Seaman, John A., rope. Riverside Park, Impt. of.			26 52
Seaman, John A., oars. Harlem R. Bdgs. . .			1 25
Towt, Louis W., hitching chains Labor, Maint. and Supplies			3 50
			<u>\$10,688 53</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$937 16
Zoological Department.....	43 71
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	114 95
Entrances Central Park at Eighth Avenue, Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first Streets.....	798 75
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	36 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	6,199 89
Harlem River Bridges.....	50 28
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance.....	112 10
Erecting Railing at Obelisk Central Park.....	1,033 00
Construction of Bridges over Harlem River.....	1,357 44
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	5 25
	\$10,688 53

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand six hundred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty-three cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, December 5, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on, separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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:

Murray, B. C., repairs to pavement.....	Special fund—Repaving	\$22 00	
Murray, Thomas, repairs to pavement.....	Special fund—Repaving	16 00	
		\$38 00	

Amounting to the sum of thirty-eight dollars.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, November 21, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

147th street—Filing of map.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans, as this day presented by the Topographical Engineer under instructions of this Board, October 10, 1883, for laying out and classifying as a first class street, East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from North Third avenue to St. Ann's avenue, be approved and ordered filed, and that the President be authorized to sign and file the same according to law.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Morich, Chas.—Grade of 161st street.

Mr. Chas. Morich appeared before the Board advocating a modification of the grade of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, so as to lower the grade at the Harlem railroad.

On motion, the subject was referred to the Topographical Engineer to report upon.

Land for park above High Bridge.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Topographical Engineer be directed to examine and report to this Board, without delay, as to the practicability of this Department initiating proceedings for acquiring title to the lands north of the High Bridge and on

the abrupt slope running from the Tenth avenue to the water-line of the Harlem river, for the use and purposes of a public park.

Laid over.

Casino—Repairs to roof.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the repairs to the roof of the Casino in Central Park be referred to the Treasurer, with power to confer with the licensee of the Casino, and make such arrangements as he may deem necessary for the repairs.

Assessment lists.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named assessment lists for "Sewer and appurtenances on One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Alexander and Willis avenues, with branches on Willis and Alexander avenues, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Fortieth streets ;" "Laying crosswalks at the intersection of East One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Melrose avenue ;" "Fencing vacant lots on the south side of East One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, commencing 250 feet westerly from Courtland avenue and extending westerly 100 feet ;" "Fencing vacant lots on the northern side of East One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, commencing 450 feet west of Elton avenue and running westerly 100 feet," and "Sewer and appurtenances on One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between College and Third avenues," and also the statements of the amounts and costs of the works therein mentioned be approved and signed by the Commissioners of the Department, and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 11.30 A. M. the Board went into Executive Session.

Entrance and walk at 81st street.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, in relation to the construction of walks in connection with the entrances to the park at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets and Eighth avenue, and the suspension of the work on the same without his knowledge, and asking instruction in the matter.

On motion, M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, was directed to submit a map illustrating the subject referred to.

Aistle, J. P.; Duffy, P.—Discharge.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, reporting, by order of the Board, the names of J. P. Aistle, rodman, and P. Duffy, skilled laborer, as the least efficient persons employed on the engineer corps under his charge.

Commissioner VIELE moved that J. P. Aistle and P. Duffy be and they are hereby discharged from the employment of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Extra Time—Bart. Doyle, Mich. Carroll.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, in relation to extra time made by Barth. Doyle and Michael Carroll, laborers, of sixteen hours each, while employed on the dumps at Seventy-second and Seventy-ninth streets.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Barth. Doyle and Michael Carroll, laborers, be allowed pay for extra time of sixteen hours each, and that M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be authorized to allow such over-time to be made when he may deem necessary.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Superintendent of Parks—Reduction of force.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Recommending a reduction of the force employed on Manhattan Square by the suspension of Jacob Reidenbach, Michael Haney, and Cornelius Regan, laborers, and that Thos. Dawes, gardener, be reduced to laborer until such time as he can be employed to better advantage as gardener.

On motion, the Superintendent of Parks was authorized to reduce the force on Manhattan Square, in accordance with his recommendation.

2d. In relation to the reduction of the working force, necessary in order to keep within the maintenance appropriation.

Ordered filed.

Morton, Edward, discharged.

3d. Reporting the suspension of Edward Morton, laborer, for indecent exposure.

On motion, Edward Morton, laborer, was discharged.

Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards—Reduction of force.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the suspension of two foremen, two masons, two rockmen, twenty laborers, and four double teams, in order to keep within the maintenance appropriation.

On motion, the reduction recommended by the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

McGrath, James, }
Abt, John, } Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE moved that James McGrath be appointed a laborer on Riverside Park, and that John Abt be appointed a laborer on Mt. Morris 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards—Work in progress.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Sigel, Rudolph—Change of title.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending that the designation of Rudolph Sigel be changed from "Axeman" to "Rodman."

Laid over.

Police to be rotated monthly.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That hereafter the Captain of Police shall rotate the sergeants, roundsmen, park and gatekeepers, upon the different posts in the Central Park and upon the different city parks, at least once in each month, until the further order 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following :

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.

H. H. Doherty, petty expenses.....	Labor Maint. and Supplies.....	\$81 96
	Zoological Dept..	8 05
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	10 51
	Surveying, laying out, etc., Tax and Assessment Map.....	25
		<hr/> \$100 77 <hr/>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$81 96
Zoological Department.....	8 05
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	10 51
Surveying, Laying out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.	25
	<hr/> \$100 77 <hr/>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred dollars and seventy-seven cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, December 5, 1883.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the President moved that the Board do now approve it 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Charges—Parkkeepers.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against park and gate keepers, made a verbal report and recommended as follows :

Griffin, William.

1st. That Gatekeeper Wm. Griffin, charged with being off post on September 17 and November 13, 1883, be discharged from the force.

Hillier, Francis.

2d. That Gatekeeper Francis Hillier, charged with sleeping on his post, be fined five days' pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Powers, John, appointed gatekeeper.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That John Powers be and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Flynn, John, appointed gatekeeper.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That John Flynn be and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper on the force 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Rathbun, Carrie, appointed ladies' maid.

Resolved, That Carrie Rathbun be and she is hereby appointed ladies' maid in charge of the ladies' cottage at Mt. Morris Park, *vice* Mrs. Catens.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 12.20 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKEE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1883.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES, President.

“ VIELE.
“ CRIMMINS.
“ OLLIFFE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Museum of Art Fund—Corporation Counsel's opinion.

An opinion from the Counsel to the Corporation was received and ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows, and a copy of the same transmitted to the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, December 5, 1883.

E. P. BARKER, Esq.,

Secretary of the Department of Public Parks :

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication under date of November 22, 1883, requesting my opinion as to the powers and duties of the Department of Public Parks in the matter of a request preferred to them by the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the application of the funds provided in chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, for the erection and completion of a building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

In 1871, by section 2 of chapter 290 of the the Laws of that year, the Commissioners of Parks were authorized to construct, erect and maintain a suitable fireproof building for the purpose of establishing and maintaining therein a Museum and Gallery of Art, at an aggregate cost not exceeding a sum, of which the annual interest, at the rate of interest at which the fund or stock should be issued, is \$35,000 ; and it was further made the duty of the Comptroller to create and issue such stock to an amount not exceeding the limitation above specified.

By chapter 583 of the Laws of 1871, section 4, however, it was provided that no bonds or stocks of the City and County of New York, except those authorized to be issued by the direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and revenue bonds should thereafter be issued, except by the concurrence and authority of all the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Under the provisions of chapter 290 there was issued \$498,000 of stock, the interest on which, as appears by the papers submitted to me, amounted to \$26,970. It is claimed by the Trustees of the Museum that the Comptroller is authorized to issue additional stock, bearing interest not to exceed \$8,030, and that the Department of Parks may make requisition for the proceeds of such stock and apply the same to the completion or enlargement of the present Museum.

At what period the fireproof building referred to in chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, was erected, I am not informed, but by chapter 385 of the Laws of 1878, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks were authorized to equip and furnish the building *now erected* upon the portion of Central Park * * * * * east of the old receiving reservoir "and bounded, etc.," under the provisions of section 2 of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, in a suitable manner, etc. I infer from this that the building had been erected prior to the passage of the Act of 1878.

By chapter 375 of the Laws of 1881, provision was made for the enlargement of the building erected under the provisions of the Act of 1871. By its terms the Commissioners of Public Parks, with the concurrence of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, were authorized to enlarge the building under plans to be prepared by the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and approved by the Commissioners of Public Parks. The plans might include any alteration of the present building made necessary by the enlargement, or found by experience to be desirable. To provide funds for this enlargement the Board of Estimate and Apportionment were authorized to include in the tax levy of 1882 such an amount, not exceeding \$60,000, as should be certified by the Commissioners of Public Parks upon the application of the Trustees of the Museum, to be necessary for the enlargement and alteration of the building, and the equipment of the same.

It is a well settled principle of law that where a later statute, not purporting to amend a former one upon the same subject, covers the whole subject, the former statute will be held to be repealed by necessary implication, although the latter statute contains no repealing clause.

(Heckman v. Pinckney, 81, N. Y., 211.)

When, by the application of the funds already raised under the Act of 1871, a fireproof building of the character contemplated was erected and put in such a condition as to allow of its occupation by the Museum, the only object to be accomplished by a continued issue of stock would seem to be an enlargement of the existing structure. As the act of 1881 is concerned with the subject of an enlargement of the existing building, and provides for the necessary expense of such enlargement, it would seem to cover the whole subject with which the unexecuted provisions, above cited from the earlier statute, are concerned, and therefore, to work their repeal.

That the Act of 1881 operated to repeal the unexecuted provisions of section 2 of the Act of 1871, seems to have been the view taken of this question by the Legislature, which passed the Consolidation Act (chapter 410 of 1882); the provisions of section 1 of chapter 375 of the Laws of 1881, are embodied in section 698 of that act, while section 2 of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871 has been entirely omitted.

It is my opinion that irrespective of the Act of 1881, the Comptroller is not authorized to issue the bonds provided for by chapter 290 of Laws of 1871, without first obtaining the sanction of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; that the scheme provided for by the Act of 1881, superseded the earlier one of 1871, and that any enlargement of the present structure can only be made with the concurrence of the same Board, in the manner provided in section 698 of the

Consolidated Act. Whenever the Board of Estimate concurs in any plan for such enlargement, it may of course, provide the necessary funds in the same manner as it now provides for other city charges.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
GEORGE P. ANDREWS,
Counsel to Corporation.

The following communications were received :

Counsel to the Corporation—Claim Charles Jones, Brook avenue sewer.

From the Counsel to the Corporation enclosing a copy of a letter from Bagley & Thain, proposing the settlement of the pending action of Charles Jones and another against the Mayor in the matter of the Brook avenue sewer.

Referred to the Secretary to furnish the Counsel to the Corporation with information relative thereto.

Morris, H. L.—Sewer Walton avenue.

From Henry Lewis Morris in relation to the construction of a sewer in Walton avenue north of One Hundred and Fiftieth street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Keystone Bridge Co.—Madison Avenue Bridge.

From the Keystone Bridge Company in relation to the delay in the progress of the work on their contract for erecting the superstructure of the Madison Avenue Bridge, in consequence of the masonry not being sufficiently advanced to receive their work, and notifying the Board that they will make a claim for damages.

Laid over.

Central Bridge Works—McComb's Dam Bridge.

From the Central Bridge Works in relation to the progress of the work on their contract for repairing the McComb's Dam Bridge.

Laid over.

Black, John—Claremont.

From John Black applying for a license for the occupancy of the premises known as "Claremont," on Riverside Park.

Ordered filed.

Dick, J. C.—Boats.

From J. Clarence Dick applying for a license for the conduct of the boat service at the Central Park lake, heretofore conducted by his father, the late Thomas S. Dick.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That a license be granted to J. Clarence Dick to conduct the boat service on the lake at the Central Park for the term of one year, upon the same conditions as the service has been hitherto performed by the late Thomas S. Dick.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Haight, S. S.—Leave of absence.

From S. S. Haight, Assistant Engineer, asking for leave of absence for 20th and 21st instant.

Ordered filed.

Engineer on Topographical Work—Cease with 31st instant.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Whereas, The appropriations for the surveying, laying out, etc., and for surveys, maps, and plans of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, are reduced fifty per cent. in the provisional estimate ; therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Topographical Engineer be directed to notify all the employees engaged under him that this Board will not be responsible for the payment of their salaries after the 31st instant, and that he be directed to submit to this Board forthwith a list of all the employees under him with their positions and salaries.

Adopted.

Moran, A. E.—Assignment of contract.

From James Kearney submitting for the approval of this Department an assignment of contract for regulating, grading,

etc., One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, from North Third to St. Ann's avenue, by Albert E. Moran to Dennis W. Moran.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the President be authorized to consent and approve of said assignment on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

Arsenal Building—condition of second floor.

1st. In relation to the untidy and dangerous condition of the second floor of the Arsenal Building, now in use by the Trustees of the American Museum of National History.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with the Trustees of the American Museum of National History in relation to the same.

Clem, Mary—reappointed.

2d. Recommending that Mary Clem, Ladies' Maid, whose appointment expires on 1st. proximo, be retained in the service of this Department.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Mary Clem be and she is hereby continued in the service of this Department as Ladies' Maid in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Kellogg, M. A.—Engineer.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer :

Pay for extra time of laborers.

1st. Recommending that pay be allowed for overtime made by the following persons, laborers, while employed on dumps at Seventy-second and Seventy-ninth streets and Riverside Park :

Barth. Doyle, thirty-two hours.

Michael Carroll, forty-four hours.

Commissioner VIELE moved that pay be allowed for overtime as follows :

Barth. Doyle, thirty-two hours.

Michael Carroll, forty-four hours.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Plan of entrance at 81st street and 8th avenue.

2. Submitting a map showing the entrance to the park at Eighty-first street and Eighth avenue, with the walks in connection therewith, referred to in his communication to the Board at its last meeting.

Laid over.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Work in progress.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Van Winkle, E. B.—To relieve from duty on Construction, Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That E. B. Van Winkle be relieved from further duty as Acting Engineer of Construction and be directed to devote his entire energies to his duties of Topographical Engineer in the work of the completion of the surveying and laying out and preparation of tax maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, works which are charged to have been unnecessarily delayed resulting in the cause of much complaint.

Laid over.

Central Bridge Works.

The communication received from the Central Bridge Works and laid over, was called up and considered, and, on motion, was

Ordered filed.

Keystone Bridge Company.

The communication received from the Keystone Bridge Company in relation to the work on their contract for constructing the superstructure of the Madison Avenue Bridge was called up.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon the further consideration of the subject was laid over and a copy of the communication from the Keystone Bridge Company, was ordered transmitted to the Comptroller.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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.

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables. Zoological Dept...	\$292 55
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Entrances Central
	Park at 8th
	Ave., 77th and
	81st Streets....
	889 25
Bryan, Joseph C., safety valves.....	Harlem R. Bdgs.
	2 37

Canda & Kane, Portland cement	Entrances Central Park at 8th Ave., 77th and 81st Streets	\$65 75	
	Railing around Obelisk	27 00	
	Transverse Roads, Nos. 1 and 3	13 50	
		<hr/>	\$106 25
Cahill, John, rubble stone	Bronx River Bdgs.		412 50
Coffin, Paul C., services and sand paper .	Riverside Park, Impt. of		4 80
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber	Riverside Park, Impt. of		762 09
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce timber	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards		102 60
Draper, Daniel, sundries	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		25 04
Ehrenreich Bros., coal	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$14 29	
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	9 75	
	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	1 63	
	Riverside Park, Impt. of	83	
		<hr/>	26 00
Flagler, Forsyth & Bradley, spikes	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards		18 30
Golden & Norton, blasting	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		950 00
Harrison, M., repairs to roof	Zoological Dept		134 80
Harmer, Hays & Co., clipper	Labor Maint. and Supplies		1 75
The Harlem Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		45 45
Halsey, Geo. W., oats, feed etc.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards		36 37
Haiduven, Jos., flag for manhole	Sewers & Drains, Cleaning, etc.		27 00
Keystone Bridge Co., Estimate No. 4	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River		28,053 07

Lawrence, J. M., lanterns, etc.....	Sewers & Drains, Cleaning, etc...	\$13 50
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 18	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	2,649 15
McGrath, Dennis, Estimate, final	Sewer, etc., 145th St., bet. N. 3d Ave. and College Avenue.....	1,186 84
McAllister, F. E., repairs to arbor	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	150 00
McGrath, M., & T. Dunn, final estimate.	Parks, 23d & 24th Wards, intersec- tion of N. 3d Ave. and Boston Ave. & Franklin & Fulton Aves.	3,680 93
Mahoney, R. J., relaying sidewalk	Laying Walks, City Parks	180 00
Mott Iron Works, The J. L., wheels, etc.	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	378 86
Mott Iron Works, The J. L., walk boxes.	Riverside Avenue, Impt and Maint.	54 00
Mott Iron Works, The J. L., pipe, etc.	Zoological Dept...	\$4 45
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	56 70
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		61 15
Murray, B. C., security for repairs.....	Crosswalks 153d St. at intersec. of each Ave., bet. N. 3d Ave. and Railroad Ave...	50 93
Murray, B. C., security for repairs.....	Crosswalks, north, east and west intersections of Southern Boule- vard and Lin- coln Avenue ...	40 58
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., The, gas..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	64 80
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., The, paving cement, etc	Laying Walks, City Parks	872 63
Pietch, Walker F., drilling.....	Railing around Obelisk.....	55 00

Pioneer Iron Works, repairs to mixer. Entrances Central Park at 8th Ave., 77th & 81st Sts.	\$20 46
Reynolds, C. T. & Co., copper bronze. Riverside Park, Impt. of.	3 00
Shrady, Jos. H., fish. Zoological Dept. ...	19 80
Schoonmaker, S. A. & Co., glue, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	22 50
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.	\$1,330 53
Zoological Department.	451 60
Riverside Park, Improvement of.	769 72
Harlem River Bridges.	290 98
Entrances Central Park at Eighth Avenue, Seventy- seventh and Eighty-first Streets.	925 46
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance.	55 63
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. ...	157 27
Railing, etc., around Obelisk.	82 00
Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3.	13 50
Street Improvements.	1,308 35
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.	40 50
Bronx River Bridges.	412 50
Laying Walks, City Parks.	1,052 63
Parks at Intersections Third Avenue and Boston Avenue, and Franklin and Fulton Avenues.	3,680 93
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.	30,702 22
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-one thousand two hundred and seventy-three dollars and eighty-two cents.

(Signed)

EBBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, December 19, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on, separately the President moved that the Board do now ap-

prove them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

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 :

Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	\$52 50
Beith & Briggs, spur finder	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1882...	150 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Entrances 8th Ave., 77th and 81st Streets....	\$543 00
	Laying Walks, City Parks	271 50
		814 50
Canda & Kane, Portland cement	Riverside Avenue, Impt. and Maint.	\$99 90
	Riverside Park, Impt. of	35 10
		135 00
Connolly, John E., hay	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	21 69
Connolly, John E., corn, oats, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$81 50
		44 65
		126 50
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber	Zoological Dept...	74 98
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	71 52
Cook & Radley, wire railing	4th Ave. Parks...	696 24

Ehrenreich Bros., coal	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$65 00	
	Zoological Dept..	45 00	
	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....	5 00	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....	9 26	
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.	10 00	
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			\$134 26
Fitzsimmons, bird seed	Zoological Dept..		9 00
Heckscher, Jr., Richard, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		29 40
Holbrook Brothers, glass.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		9 12
McLoughlin, James, plumbing.....	Ladies' Cottages..		38 00
Metropolitan Oil Co., oil	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		36 40
Miller, N. Hubbard, blouse.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		7 00
Mott, J. L. Iron Works, labor and ma- terial.....	Harlem Riv. Bdgs.		57 25
Murray, H. H., coke.....	Laying Walks, City Parks		7 00
N. Y. Coal-Tar Chemical Co., paving cement	Entrances Central Park, 8th Ave., 77th & 81st Sts.		259 74
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of.....		39 03
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept..		14 40
Patterson Brothers, ventilators.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		14 00
Reynolds, C. T. & Co., brushes.....	Sewers & Drains, Cleaning, etc...		1 50
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food.....	Zoological Dept..		6 00
Skidmore's Sons, Jeremiah, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		33 00
Sloane, W. & J., linoleum	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		33 76
Young, Chas. C., bread	Zoological Dept..		66 43
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			<u>\$2,937 87</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$300 06
Zoological Department.....	260 46
Harlem River Bridges.....	191 27
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards...	96 69
Entrances Central Park at Eighth Avenue, Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets.....	802 74
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	88 25
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance, etc...	99 00
Sewers and Drains.....	76 50
Surveying, Laying out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps...	9 26
Laying Walks, City Parks.....	278 50
Ladies' Cottages.....	38 00
Fourth Avenue Parks.....	696 24
	\$2,937 87

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

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, December 19, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately the President moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

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 :

Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 3..Regulating, etc.,
Clifton St., from
E. curb-line St.
Ann's Ave. to W.
curb-line Union
Avenue.....

\$3,072 72

Murray, Bernard C., payment on acc't. Crosswalks across Railroad Ave., Tremont Depot and at S. inter- section of 176th Street.....	\$176 54
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RECAPITULATION.

Street Improvements.....	\$3,249 26
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-two hundred and forty-nine dollars and twenty-six cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, December 19, 1883.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately the President moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

138th street—Grade of, and depression of railroad track.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That with a view to the importance of an alteration in the grade of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Third avenue to the Madison Avenue Bridge approach, so that it should cross the Harlem Railroad tracks at an elevation of sufficient height for a bridge, and to make a more uniform and easy grade, a communication be addressed to the President of the Harlem Railroad, stating that it is the judgment of this Commission, that the tracks should be depressed to as great an extent as practicable, so that the proposed improvement to the said One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, will be accomplished at the least cost and injury to property adjacent; and that the said President be advised

that it will be agreeable to this Commission, or a committee, to confer with the directors of said company in regard thereto, at the earliest day possible.

Laid over.

Bridge above High Bridge—Employment of Engineers.

Commissioner WALES called up a resolution offered by him and laid over at a meeting held on 5th instant (page 213 of the Minutes), and moved its amendment and adoption as follows :

Resolved, That in view of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, four engineers be selected to prepare and submit plans for the erection of a bridge across the Harlem river not more than one-half a mile above the High Bridge as in their judgment is most suitable for erection at that point, and that the sum of \$1,000 be awarded and paid to each of the said engineers upon their presenting plans, specifications and estimates for the erection of said bridge, and that the \$1,000 paid the successful Engineer shall be on account of the compensation to be paid him for his services in preparing plans and supervising the construction of said bridge.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Wilson J. C.—Grounds for athletic sports.

From John C. Wilson in relation to the necessity that exists for a ground for ball playing, and other athletic sports in this city and suggesting the proposed park in the vicinity of High Bridge as a suitable place for the same.

Whereupon Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Olmstead F. L.— to examine grounds for parks.

Resolved, That Frederick Law Olmstead be and he is hereby requested to examine the territory and the maps and plans for the laying out of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and report thereon, in writing, his views and

opinions as to the necessities of the proper locations of park area to be provided for in the laying out of this district with the view that immediate steps may be taken by this Department, under the powers now conferred upon it by law, for the acquiring of such lands for park purposes.

Laid over.

Lucas, John—Donkey service.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That a license be granted to John Lucas to conduct the donkey service on the Central Park for one year, upon his entering into an agreement to conduct the service under such rules and regulations as the Department may prescribe.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Swings in Central Park.

The Treasurer, to whom was referred the application of R. H. Van Riper, for permission to operate the swings in Central Park, presented a report recommending that said application be denied.

On motion said report was received and laid over until such time as the ownership of the swings is determined.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners Viele and Olliffe a committee to examine and report upon the whole subject of the swings.

Ryan, J. P.—Lease on Battery.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That a license be granted to J. P. Ryan to sell refreshments on the Battery Park for one year from date, he to pay a license fee of five per cent. of his gross receipts, and

at the expiration of such license the building used by him on said Park shall become the property of this Department.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved as an amendment that said license be granted for two years instead of one year.

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

Aye—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Noes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Gecks, Peter.—To suspend.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Peter Gecks be and he is hereby discharged as Inspector on regulating and grading contract for One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, he having absented himself on December 12th, while the work was in progress and flag-stone being laid without due notice to the Department office, or to the Engineer-in-Charge.

Debate was had thereon, when, on motion, of Commissioner VIELE, the whole subject was referred to the President with power, and to report his final conclusions to the Board.

Shed on Eighty-sixth street.—To be removed.

On motion, of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be instructed to remove the remains of a shed now standing on the line of Eighty sixth street and East River Park.

Giles, W. O.—Opening Bailey avenue and Giles street.

Mr. Wm. Ogden Giles appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to the opening of Bailey avenue and Giles street.

On motion the subject was referred to the Topographical Engineer to report upon.

Fahs, Mrs. A. M.—Removal of fence.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS it was :

Resolved, That the time given Mrs. Anna M. Fahs in which to remove a fence belonging to her and now standing within the lines of a public park, on the west side of Fulton avenue, north of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, be extended for ninety days.

Superintendent Gardner—Coal.

A communication from Wm. L. Fischer, Superintendent, Gardener, asking that coal be provided by the Department for heating the "House on the Hill," in Central Park, a portion of which is occupied by him, was received and referred to the Treasurer.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, at 12 o'clock, the Board adjourned to meet on Monday 31st instant, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of receiving and opening proposals and the transaction of other business.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1883.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES, President.

“ VIELE.
“ CRIMMINS.
“ OLLIFFE.

Proposals.

At the hour of ten o'clock, Mr. Storrs, the representative of the Comptroller, being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller and of such of the persons making proposals as were present, opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the following works, namely :

- No. 1. For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalk four feet wide, and laying cross-walks in One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, from the easterly curb-line of North Third avenue to the westerly curb-line of St. Ann's avenue.
- No. 2. For constructing sewers and appurtenances in Lincoln avenue, between the Harlem river and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street; and in the Southern Boulevard, between Lincoln avenue and Willis avenue; and in Alexander and Willis avenues, between the Southern Boulevard and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.
- No. 3. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Brook avenue and St. Ann's avenue.
- No. 4. For paving with trap-blocks, Courtland avenue, from North Third avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.
- No. 5. For laying sleepers and flooring over the east and west sidewalks of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river.

Table of Bids for Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, Flagging the Sidewalk four feet wide, and Laying Crosswalks in One Hundred and Forty-eighth Street, from North Third to St. Ann's Avenue.

CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
		THOMAS MURRAY.		DENNIS W. MORAN.		BERNARD MAHON.		WILLIAM E. DEAN.		B. C. MURRAY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Cubic yards of filling	12,000	\$0 74	\$8,880 00	\$0 30	\$3,600 00	\$0 53	\$6,360 00	\$0 38	\$4,560 00	\$0 53	\$6,960 00
Linear feet of new curb-stone furnished } and set.....	2,900	64	1,856 00	63	1,827 00	57	1,653 00	75	2,175 00	63	1,827 00
Linear feet of old curb-stone reset.	25	05	1 25	10	2 50	01	25	10	2 50	08	2 00
Linear feet of new gutter-stone furnished } and laid.....	2,900	22	638 00	20	580 00	18	522 00	19	551 00	20	580 00
Linear feet of old gutter-stone relaid.....	25	01	25	02	50	01	25	05	1 25	02	50
Square feet of new flagging furnished } and laid.....	12,000	25	3,000 00	24	2,880 00	25	3,000 00	24	2,880 00	25	3,000 00
Square feet of old flagging relaid.....	100	01	1 00	02	2 00	01	1 00	05	5 00	02	2 00
Square feet of new bridge-stone for } crosswalks furnished and laid.....	1,200	49	588 00	46	552 00	45	540 00	1 00	1,200 00	46	552 00
Cubic yards of dry rubble masonry, } other than retaining walls.....	30	4 00	120 00	2 35	70 50	3 60	90 00	4 00	120 00	2 50	75 00
Cubic yards of concrete in place.....	8	3 00	24 00	3 00	24 00	3 00	24 00	5 00	40 00	3 50	28 00
M. feet, B. M., timber and plank in place	1,000	25 00	25 00	01	01	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	20 00	20 00
Pounds of vitrified stoneware, either in } pipes or other forms, in place.....	1,500	03	45 00	01	15 00	03	45 00	05	75 00	03	45 00
Time for completion, at \$3.00 per day....	Days. 100	300 00	Days. 150	450 00	Days. 50	150 00	Days. 150	450 00	Days. 115	345 00
Total	\$15,478 50	\$10,003 51	\$12,410 50	\$12,084 75	\$12,836 50

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Table of Bids for constructing Sewers and Appurtenances in Lincoln Avenue, between the Harlem River and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street, and in the Southern Boulevard between Lincoln Avenue and Willis Avenue, and in Alexander Avenue and Willis Avenue between the Southern Boulevard and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street.

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CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
		WM. E. DEAN.		CHARLES JONES.		B. C. MURRAY.		GEO. M. CUSHING.		WM. F. CROFT.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Linear feet of brick sewer, egg shaped, 50' x 62", including rubble masonry, cradle, and exclusive of spurs.	500	\$5 60	\$2,800 00	\$10 00	\$5,000 00	\$15 00	\$7,500 00	\$12 00	6,000 00	\$8 00	\$4,000 00
Linear feet of 15" pipe sewer, including concrete foundation and cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.	640	2 10	1,344 00	2 50	1,600 00	10 00	6,400 00	2 60	1,664 00	4 09	2,617 60
Linear feet of 12" pipe sewer, including concrete foundation and cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.	2,050	1 85	3,792 50	2 15	4,407 50	5 50	11,275 80	2 50	5,125 00	3 00	6,150 00
Spurs for house connections.	200	65	130 00	0 75	150 00	0 50	100 00	20	40 00	40	80 00
Manholes complete.	41	45 00	1,845 00	40 00	1,640 00	50 00	2,050 00	90 00	3,690 00	55 00	2,255 00
Receiving basins complete.	2	300 00	600 00	150 00	300 00	150 00	300 00	150 00	300 00	150 00	300 00
Old receiving basins rebuilt and complete.	4	125 00	500 00	125 00	500 00	110 00	440 00	100 00	400 00	100 00	400 00
Cubic yards of rock to be excavated and removed.	280	3 00	840 00	2 90	812 00	3 00	840 00	4 50	1,260 00	4 00	1,120 00
Linear feet (below caps) of piles driven and cut off.	7,000	22	1,540 00	30	2,100 00	38	2,660 00	27	1,890 00	25	1,750 00
Feet (B. M.), lumber furnished and laid.	32,000	24 00	768 00	30 00	960 00	22 00	704 00	35 00	1,120 00	35 50	1,138 00
Cubic yards of rubble masonry in mortar, exclusive of cradles for brick sewer.	60	6 00	360 00	6 00	360 00	5 00	300 00	18 00	1,080 00	12 00	720 00
Cubic yards of concrete in place, exclusive of cradles for pipe sewers.	20	8 00	160 00	3 00	60 00	9 00	180 00	5 00	100 00	9 00	180 00
Time of completion, \$4 per day.	.....	Days. 90	360 00	Days. 100	400 00	Days. 300	1,200 00	Days. 100	400 00	Days. 100	400 00
Total.	.....	.....	\$15,089 50	.....	\$18,289 50	.....	\$33,949 00	.....	\$23,069 00	.....	\$21,108 80

Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Brook and St. Ann's Avenues.

CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
		B. C. MURRAY.		WILLIAM E. DEAN.		M. P. H. CASEY.		BERNARD MAHON.		WILLIAM F. CROFT.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Linear feet 15-inch pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs for house connections	540	\$3 50	\$1,890 00	\$2 10	\$1,184 00	\$3 50	\$1,890 00	\$2 80	\$1,512 00	\$3 00	\$1,620 00
Spurs for house connections	72	1 50	108 00	65	46 80	50	36 00	40	28 80	40	28 80
Manholes complete	6	50 00	300 00	45 00	270 00	55 00	330 00	50 00	300 00	45 00	270 00
Cubic yards of rock excavated and removed	450	3 00	1,350 00	3 00	1,350 00	3 90	1,755 00	4 00	1,800 00	4 00	1,800 00
Feet (B. M.) lumber furnished and laid ..	1,000	20 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	01	01	25 00	25 00	10 00	10 00
Time for completion, \$4 per day .....	.....	Days. 45	180 00	Days. 60	240 00	Days. 50	200 00	Days. 50	200 00	Days. 60	240 00
Total .....	.....	.....	\$3,848 00	.....	\$3,065 80	.....	\$4,211 01	.....	\$3,865 80	.....	\$3,968 80

CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	6		7		8		9	
		THOMAS MURRAY.		JOSEPH MOORE.		VINCENT CLARK.		PATRICK McDONALD.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Linear feet 15-inch pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs for house connections	540	\$2 80	\$1,512 00	\$4 00	\$2,160 00	\$2 85	\$1,539 00	\$2 65	\$1,431 00
Spurs for house connections	72	2 00	144 00	5 00	360 00	1 05	75 60	75	54 00
Manholes complete	6	57 00	342 00	70 00	420 00	50 00	300 00	57 00	342 00
Cubic yards of rock excavated and removed	450	3 75	1,687 50	4 00	1,800 00	3 90	1,755 00	3 25	1,463 50
Feet (B. M.) lumber furnished and laid ..	1,000	22 00	22 00	25 00	25 00	1 00	1 00	17 50	17 50
Time for completion, at \$4 per day .....	.....	Days. 75	300 00	Days. 100	400 00	Days. 85	340 00	Days. 75	300 00
Total .....	.....	.....	\$4,007 50	.....	\$5,165 00	.....	\$4,010 60	.....	\$3,607 00

Table of Bids for Paving, with Trap-block, Courtland Avenue, from North Third Avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Street.

CLASS OF WORK.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4	
		THOMAS GEARTY.		WM. A. CUMMING.		P. H. FITZGERALD.		GEORGE F. DOAK.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Square yards of new trap-block pavement, exclusive of the space occupied by the gutter.....	8,310	\$3 85	\$23,683 50	\$2 22	\$18,448 20	\$2 09	\$17,367 79	\$2 07	\$17,201 70
Time for completion at \$3.50 per day.....	...	Days. 70	245 00	Days. 37	129 50	Days. 60	210 00	Days. 35	122 50
Total.....	.....	.....	\$23,928 50	.....	\$18,577 70	.....	\$17,577 79	.....	\$17,324 20

Table of bids for laying sleepers and flooring over the east and west sidewalks of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river :

1. Breen & Nason.....	\$2,800 00
2. Joseph Moore.....	5,000 00
3. George Ryan and Edward Cody.....	1,439 00
4. Wm. F. Croft.....	1,760 00
5. James Brady.....	1,540 00
6. Mahony Brothers.....	2,035 00

Council of Political Reform—Departmental Estimates.

The PRESIDENT called the attention of the Board to a communication presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on 29th inst., by the Council of Political Reform and submitted a communication in reply to the same.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS said communication was ordered to be signed by all of the Commissioners of this Department, and transmitted to the Mayor as Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, December 31, 1883. }

Hon. FRANKLIN EDSON, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—The attention of the Commissioners of this Department has been called to a document signed by "Edward A. Morrison, Chairman," which was presented to your Board on Saturday last and which purports to furnish facts, figures, and reasons why an appropriation should not be made for surveying and monumenting the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

This communication has been examined by the Topographical Engineer in charge of that work, who replies, "it is filled with misrepresentations and perversions."

It is the opinion of this Board that the communication above referred to is unworthy the notice of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as forming a basis for any conclusion by the Board as to the advisability of the appropriation in question.

We remain, very respectfully yours,

(Signed)

SALEM H. WALES,
JOHN D. CRIMMINS,
EGBERT L. VIELE,
W. M. OLLIFFE,

Commissioners Department Public Parks.

The President submitted for the consideration of the Board, a communication which he had prepared, directed to the

Mayor, in relation to the misstatements made by the Council of Reform in relation to the annual estimates of this Department.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS said communication was approved, ordered sent to the Mayor, and entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, December 31, 1883. }

Hon. FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

SIR—For two years past the preliminary estimates of this Department, as submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, have been persistently assailed before that Board and through the columns of the press by the Council of Reform, which is represented chiefly by a person known as Henry N. Beers. Many of the statements of this Council of Reform have been shown to be grossly inaccurate and misleading; yet, notwithstanding this, the Council insist upon the correctness of their statements, known here to be false, and seem not to be willing to verify them from the records of the Department, though frequently invited to do so.

By such instrumentalities the Department of Public Parks has been subjected to much annoyance as well as public scandal, and to an extent, in the opinion of this Board, wholly unjustified by the facts.

The Commissioners find themselves much embarrassed from year to year in attempting to correct these false and misleading statements.

Therefore, with a view to the definitive determination of this matter in the interests of truth and justice, they have authorized me to transmit a respectful request that your Honor will select three disinterested citizens to examine into the statements and insinuations made against the character and conduct of this Department.

I am sir, very respectfully yours,

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,
Prest., D. P. P.

Lane, George W.—Death of.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, and ordered entered at length upon the minutes :

Whereas. This Board has learned with sincere sorrow of the death of the Hon. Geo. W. Lane, so long and so honorably identified with the City of New York as a public-spirited citizen, a merchant of high integrity and an official without reproach.

Resolved, That the warmest sympathy of this Board be tendered to the family of the deceased in their affliction, and as a mark of respect and esteem the members of this Board will attend the funeral in a body and the flags of the Department be displayed at half-mast on the day of the funeral.

Doherty, H. H.,
Meehan, Edward, } Salaries fixed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of Henry H. Doherty and Edward Meehan, as clerks in the Departmental Office, be continued, and their pay fixed at \$1,200 per annum each.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Marsh, Dr. E. T. T.—Salary fixed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of E. T. T. Marsh, Police Surgeon, be fixed at \$1,500 per annum, to date from and after January 1, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Contract planking Harlem bridge.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of George Ryan and Edward Cody, this day received, for laying sleepers and flooring over the sidewalks of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, amounting to \$1,439, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid ; that the same be transmitted to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign a contract on behalf of this Department for doing the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

The following communications were received :

149th street regulating, etc.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor, for regulating, grading, etc., East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between North Third avenue and Morris avenue.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Civil Service Regulations.

From the Mayor, transmitting a proclamation relative to the Civil Service of the City of New York. Which was ordered at length upon the minutes as follows, and placed on file :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, December 19, 1883. }

To the Commissioners of Public Parks :

GENTLEMEN—Whereas, by section eight of chapter 354 of the Laws of 1883, “the Mayor of each City in this State having a population of fifty thousand or over, as shown by the last census, is authorized to prescribe such regulations for the admission of persons into the Civil Service of such city as may best promote the efficiency thereof, and ascertain the fitness of candidates in respect to character, knowledge and ability, for the branch of the service into which they seek to enter.

Now, therefore, I do hereby prescribe the accompanying regulations for the admission of persons into the Civil Service of the City of New York, to take effect on the first day of January, 1884.

[SEAL.]

Witness my hand and official seal,

(Signed)

FRANKLIN EDSON, *Mayor*.

Comptroller—Keystone Bridge Co.

From the Comptroller, in relation to the contract of the Keystone Bridge Co., for erecting the superstructure of the Madison Avenue Bridge and payments on account thereof.

Ordered filed.

Transfer.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the following resolution adopted by said Board :

Resolved, That the sum of seven thousand six hundred and twenty-nine dollars (\$7,629), be and is hereby transferred from the following appropriations to the Department of Public Parks for 1883, which are in excess of the amounts required for the objects and purposes thereof, viz. :

“Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places”—

Salaries.....	\$5,000 00
Police.....	2,000 00
Music—Central Park and City Parks.....	315 00
Rents—Department of Public Parks.....	314 00
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	\$7,629 00
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—to the appropriation “Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Labor, Maintenance and Supplies,” 1883, which is insufficient.

Ordered filed.

Link, Theodore—Zoological Gardens.

From Theodore Link, respecting the proposed erection of permanent structures for the Zoological Department in Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Hall, George—For promotion.

From George Hall, applying for promotion from Gatekeeper to Parkkeeper.

Ordered filed.

City of Yonkers—To copy maps.

From W. H. Doty, Clerk of the City of Yonkers, transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution adopted by the Common Council of said city in relation to making copies of maps on file in this Department.

Referred to the President.

Brook avenue Sewer—Assessment lists.

From the Acting-Engineer of Construction, submitting assessment lists and maps, in duplicate, for the Brook avenue

sewer, extending from tide-water at the Bronx Kills to One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named assessment list for "sewer and appurtenances in Brook avenue, from a point in tide-water to a point in One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York," and also the statements of the amount and cost of the work therein mentioned, be approved and signed by the Commissioners of the Department, and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Inspectors—Suspension.

From the Acting-Engineer of Construction, recommending the suspension of Inspectors when necessary on account of the weather during the winter, and in accordance with the terms of the several contracts.

On motion, the recommendation of the Acting-Engineer of Construction was approved.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Suspension.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

On motion, at 10.30 A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1884.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES, President.

“ VIELE,
“ CRIMMINS,
“ OLLIFFE.

The minutes of the meeting of the 19th December last were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Beethoven Maennerchor.

From J. M. Ohmeis, President of Beethoven Maennerchor, desiring permission to erect a monument of Beethoven on the Central Park.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with the President of the Beethoven Maennerchor, in relation to the same.

Haven, John—Fort Washington Park.

From John Haven, in relation to the proposed park at Fort Washington, and requesting that action be taken for the restoration of said park and in relation to the width of a portion of Fort Washington Depot road.

Referred to the President.

Topographical Engineer—List of force under him.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting, in accordance with an order of the Board, a list of all the employees on the force under him, with their positions and salaries.

Laid over.

Topographical Engineer—Work in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting-Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Metropolitan Telephone Co.—Lease.

The PRESIDENT presented an agreement, submitted by the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, for execution by this Department, for telephone service for one year from January 1, 1884.

Laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, 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:

Blinn, Christian, mould	Manhatt'n Square, Impt. of (1883).	\$241 20
Brooks, T. & Co. (Successors), labor. . .	Riverside Park, Impt of (1883)..	124 80
Bryan, Joseph C., brass plug.	Triangles, 63d and 65th Sts. (1883).	3 25
The Composite Iron Works Co., labor. .	Triangles, 63d and 65th Sts. (1883).	125 00
Crombie, Thos. J., pine lumber.	Riverside Park, Impt. of (1883).	120 78
Connolly, John E., oats, etc	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards (1883)...	23 58
Crimmins, John D., personal expenses.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	150 00
Ghetti, Antonio, monuments.	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps (1882)....	291 00

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Geoghegan, Andrew, manure.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	\$124 00
Holihan & Co., rubber stamp	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	4 00
Murray, Thos., payment on acceptance.	Laying Crosswalks at Denman Pl., at or near inter- sect'n with Leg- gett and Tinton Avenues.....	425 96
Mahon, Bernard, payment on accept- ance	Regulating, etc., Willis Ave., bet. Boulevard and N. 3d Avenue..	12,777 48
McCabe, F., mould	Manhattan Square, Impt. of (1883).	101 75
The Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	65 11
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, grates....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	3 50
Murray, Thomas, security for repairs..	Flagging Side- walks, 151st St., from Courtland to Morris Ave..	90 02
Newell, D. C. & Sons, ground shavings.	Labor Maint. and Supplies (1883).	2 50
Olliffe, Wm. M., personal expenses....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	145 83
Wales, Salem H., personal expenses...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	111 67
Ward, Cornelius, mould.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. (1883).	315 70
Viele, Egbert L., personal expenses....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	150 00
Van Tassell & Kearney, Horse.....	Police Supplies (1883).....	200 00
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		\$15,597 13

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Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,072 31
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	342 95
Riverside Park, Improvement of.....	245 58
Triangles at Sixty-third and Sixty-fifth Streets.....	128 25
Police—Supplies.....	200 00
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	23 58
Surveying, Laying out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc. (1882).....	291 00
Street Improvements.....	13,293 46
	\$15,597 13

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred and ninety-seven dollars and thirteen cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 2, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Contracts awarded.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts for work for which proposals were opened on 31st ultimo be awarded, as follows :

No. 1. For constructing sewers and appurtenances in Lincoln avenue, between the Harlem river and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street ; and in the Southern Boulevard, between Lincoln avenue and Willis avenue ; and in Alexander and Willis avenues, between the Southern Boulevard and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.

To Wm. E. Dean..... \$15,039 50

No. 2. For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalk four feet wide, and laying crosswalks

in One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, from the easterly curb-line of North Third avenue to the westerly curb-line of St. Ann's avenue.

To Dennis W. Moran \$10,003 51

No. 3. For paving with trap-blocks Courtland avenue, from North Third avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

To George F. Doak..... \$17,324 20

No. 4. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Brook avenue and St. Ann's avenue.

To Wm. E. Dean..... \$3,065 80

—they being the lowest bidders for said several works ; that the proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties ; when so approved, that contracts be entered into with the aforementioned parties for doing said several works, and that the President be authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of this Department, and appoint Inspectors on 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Harlem Bridge, at Third avenue.

Commissioner OLLIFFE presented a report in relation to the operation of the draw, etc., of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, and making several recommendations and suggestions as to its management.

Which was received and referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS at 10.50 o'clock, the Board went into Executive Session.

Discipline of working force.

On motion, the subject of the discipline of the working force of the Department was referred to the President to report to the Board in relation to the same.

Laborers—Employment authorized.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following ;

Resolved, That in case of an emergency requiring the services of additional men on the working force, and upon a requisition from the Superintendent of Parks, the employment of twenty-four laborers, be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

McGuire, Thomas H., promoted.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeeper Thomas H. McGuire be and he is hereby promoted to Parkkeeper.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Traveling expenses.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That hereafter no expenses for car-fare or traveling be allowed to the employees of this Department, except in such special cases where the head of the work or the office under which the person is directly employed shall direct and certify to the necessity and authorization of such specific item or items of expenditure, and then in no

case where such employee is going direct to and from his work for the day.

Commissioner VIELE, 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 :

H. H. Doherty, petty expenses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).....	\$99 26	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards (1883)...	10 76	
	Zoological Dept. (1883).....	21 40	
			\$131 42
			\$131 42

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Labor, Maintenance and Supplies (1883).....	\$99 26
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards (1883).....	10 76
Zoological Department (1883).....	21 40
	\$131 42
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred and thirty-one dollars and forty-two cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 2, 1884.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve it 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Horses to be sold at auction.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That Commissioner Olliffe be and he is hereby authorized to select not less than four or more than eight of the oldest horses, from the Department stables, and dispose of them at public auction.

On motion, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKEB,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1884.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES, President.

“ VIELE,
“ CRIMMINS,
“ OLLIFFE.

Bailey avenue—Opening.

H. D. Purroy, Esq., attorney for the estate of Miss Shrady, appeared before the Board and asked that he be granted a hearing before any final action is taken in the matter of opening Bailey avenue.

Mr. W. O. Giles appeared before the Board in relation to the same subject.

On motion of Commissioner WALES the consideration of the application for the opening of said avenue, was made the special order for the next regular meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen.

From the clerk of the Board of Aldermen transmitting copies of the following ordinances and resolutions, adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

136th street—Regulating, etc.

1. Ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, between North Third avenue and Broadway.

137th street—Regulating, etc.

2. Ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, from North Third avenue to Brook avenue.

143d street—Paving.

3. Ordinance to pave East One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Alexander and Brook avenues.

140th street—Regulating.

4. Ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., East One Hundred and Fortieth street, between North Third avenue and Brook avenue.

Westchester avenue—Regulating.

5. Ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., Westchester avenue, between Prospect avenue and Southern Boulevard.

Mill Brook sewer.

6. Resolution of inquiry, relating to the Mill Brook sewer.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Comptroller for information.

From the Comptroller, desiring to be furnished with an estimate of the amount of money that will be required for the completion of the construction of the Madison Avenue Bridge, during the present year.

Referred to the Secretary to obtain such information.

Estimates and appropriations.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the Final Estimate as appropriated for

this Department for 1884, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Salaries—To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, Architects, Superintendent, and all employees of the Department, excepting Mechanics, Gardeners, Laborers, and their Foremen, employed in the work of maintaining the Parks and Places; also excepting the Topographical Engineer and his Assistants in charge of Surveying, Monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer in Charge of Public Places, Roads, Avenues, and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

President	\$5,000 00	
Superintendent, Engineers, Architects, Clerks, etc.	30,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$35,000 00
Police—Salaries of Captains, Surgeons, Sergeants, Roundsmen, Patrolmen, Gatekeepers, Special Patrolmen, and Police Tailors, and for the Purchase of Uniforms and Supplies..		125,000 00
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies—For all supplies and for wages of Foremen, Gardeners, Mechanics, and Laborers employed on works of maintenance, excepting those employed in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, and including the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory		250,000 00
Zoological Department—For the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, including repairs of buildings used for that purpose		18,000 00
Maintenance of Museums—For the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art...		30,000 00
Music—Central Park and City Parks		10,000 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements, and Maintenance.		25,000 00
Walks—Central Park and the City Parks and Places—For laying new and repairing old walks in the Central Park and the City Parks and Places		22,500 00

Central Park, Transverse Roads—For grading, curbing, and paving Transverse Road No. 2, at Seventy-ninth street, and repairing and maintaining Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.....	\$40,000 00
Riverside Avenue—For the improvement and maintenance of Riverside Avenue.....	15,000 00
Riverside Park—For the improvement of Riverside Park.....	50,000 00
For erecting and improving ladies' and gentlemen's cottages....	5,000 00
Mount St. Vincent Refreshment House—For completing buildings, sheds, and work on grounds at Mount St. Vincent, Central Park.....	15,000 00
Telephonic Service—For erecting and maintaining telephonic service for Department.....	4,000 00
Maintenance—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards:	
Maintenance and Government of Public Parks, Places, Streets, Roads, and Avenues, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including supplies, salary of Superintendent, and wages, of all persons employed on the work.....	115,000 00
Bronx river Bridges—For the Rebuilding, Repairing, and Maintenance of Bridges over the Bronx River, within the city limits.....	10,000 00
Sewers and Drains—For cleaning and repairing sewers and drains in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	10,000 00
Surveying, Laying out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For Surveying, Laying out, and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the northerly end of Manhattan Island, north of the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, including salaries and wages of all persons employed on the work, and for making and completing maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the uses of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	20,000 00
Incumbrances, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Removal of.....	1,000 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	5,000 00
Surveys, Maps, and Plans, in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For making surveys and Maps for the opening of streets and avenues for the use of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and for making preliminary surveys and plans not assessable, of projected sewers and drains, including rent of office for engineers; and for making maps for acquiring right of way for building drains.....	12,000 00

Rents—Department of Public Parks—To pay Rents of Offices, Stables, and Yards for the use of the Department, under agreements entered into by the Comptroller, by order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.....	\$3,500 00
Skate Building—For the erection of a building on Central Park, for the accommodation of the public during the skating season	10,000 00
Drainage and irrigation of the Central Park—For repairing old and laying new drains, improving the condition of the artificial lakes, and securing additional water supply at the Central Park	20,000 00
Steam Road Roller, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For the purchase of a steam road roller for use in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	6,300 00
Crosswalks at Third, Willis and Morris avenues—For laying crosswalks at Willis and Morris avenues, junction with Third avenue	2,500 00
Central Park Construction—For the purpose of constructing incomplete portions of Central Park.....	10,000 00
	\$869,800 00

Morningside Park—Plans for.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting to be furnished with a plan showing the location and dimensions of the proposed entrances to Morningside Park in order to facilitate the grading, etc., of Morningside avenue, East, and

From the Architect in relation to the same subject.

On motion, the Architect was directed to proceed with the preparation of drawings for the entrances and steps on the easterly side of Morningside Park.

Cypress avenue—Sewer.

From George C. Glacius, John Hoyle, and others, property-owners, asking permission to construct at their own expense, a sewer in Cypress avenue to connect with the sewer in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

162d street—Opening of.

From Charles L. Georgi, F. D. Althouse, and others, property-owners, petitioning for the opening of One Hundred and Sixty-second street, from Elton avenue to North Third avenue.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Arsenal—Partition in second floor.

From Morris K. Jesup, President American Museum of Natural History, relative to the erection of a partition in the second floor of the Arsenal building and asking that the same be erected at the expense of this Department.

From the Superintendent of Parks in relation to the same subject, and estimating the cost at \$160.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with the work of erecting a partition on the second floor of the Arsenal at an expense not to exceed \$160.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Demcker, Robert—For employment.

From George Ehret, Jacob Ruppert, and others recommending Robert Demcker for employment as landscape gardener.

Ordered filed.

Haight, S. S.—For leave of absence.

From S. S. Haight, Assistant Engineer, asking for leave of absence for 16th and 17th instant.

Referred to the President, with power.

Assembly—For information.

From the Clerk of the Assembly, transmitting a copy of a resolution asking information respecting the cost of improving the small park at Five Points.

Referred to the President, with power.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Works in progress.

1st. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Temporary suspensions.

2d. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Suspensions—Steam Engineers.

3d. Reporting the suspension of Steam Engineers Sharkey and O'Hare, on account of the severe weather.

Approved.

Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

Propeller bill—For closing Third Avenue bridge.

1st. Inclosing a bill amounting to \$30, for the use of steam propeller "Joseph Curtis" at Third avenue Bridge and Harlem river.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Works requiring early attention.

2d. Reporting in relation to the works requiring early attention.

Laid over.

Glen Span Bridge.

3d. Reporting in relation to the stability of the Glen Span bridge in the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Bates, Wm.—For restoration.

4th. Recommending the restoration of William Bates for duty as cottage laborer on Central Park.

Laid over.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction :

Sewer—139th street.

1st. Reporting upon the petition of Wm. T. Onderdonk, Silas Mason, and others, for a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, from the easterly terminus of the present sewer to Brook avenue, and stating that there is a decided need for a sewer in that portion of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans and specifications for the constructing of a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street from the terminus of the present sewer in said street to Brook avenue, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Sewer—Walton avenue.

2. Reporting upon a communication from Henry Lewis Morris, requesting that action be taken for the construction of a sewer in Walton avenue, for which a petition had been presented to this Department, and recommending that a sewer be constructed in said avenue, from One Hundred and Fiftieth street to a point five hundred feet north therefrom.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans and specifications for a sewer in

Walton avenue, from One Hundred and Fiftieth street, to a point five hundred feet north therefrom, and submit them to the Board for approval.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Temporary Employments.

3. Stating that his authority to employ Lincoln Frank, C. P. Blanchard, and Thos. J. Lucey, Chainmen ; and Herman Koch as Assistant, having expired, he had retained their services until the pleasure of the Board was known, and asking that his action be approved and that the above-mentioned persons be continued in the employ of this Department for thirty days.

Commissioner WALES moved that the action of the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction in retaining the services of Lincoln Frank, C. P. Blanchard, and Thomas J. Lucey, Chainmen, and Herman Koch, Assistant, be approved, and that their employment be continued thirty days.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bailey Avenue—Opening.

4. Reporting upon the petition of William A. Giles for the opening of Bailey avenue and the cross streets branching therefrom and passing southeasterly through his property.

Laid over.

Tremont Avenue—Grade.

5. Submitting a profile showing the grades proposed to be established for Tremont avenue for its entire length.

Laid over.

Works in progress.

6. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.
Ordered filed.

Audit—

Commissioner VIELE, 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 :

Aguirre, A. A., services.....	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps (1883)....	\$56 98
Conklin, W. A., medicines.....	Zoological Department (1883)....	17 45
Croft, Wm. F., Estimate No. 3.....	Sewer, 149th St., bet. Millbrook and Courtland Aves.....	1,468 98
Curley, J., & Brother, tapes.....	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc. (1883).	49 44
Dahlman, Isaac H., horses.....	Labor, Maint, and Supplies (1883).	990 00
Ferris, Edward & Co., salt.....	Harlem Riv. Bdgs., (1883).....	1 40
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint, and Supplies (1883).	40 27
Healey, Williams & Co., sleigh.....	Labor, Maint, and Supplies (1883).	90 00
Jones, Chas., Estimate No. 2.....	Sewer, Grove St., bet. Brook and N. 3d Aves. with Connecting Sewers.....	1,148 00

Kettle, Dow S., meat.....	Zoological Department (1883)....	\$203 77
Littaur Brothers, gloves.....	Police (1883).....	150 00
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 19.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	1,449 55
McNab & Harlin M'fg. Co., gas burners.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	2 77
McDonald, Chas., clipping.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	7 00
The Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	88 20
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	7 51
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, furnace..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	74 00
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, scorcher stove.....	Riverside Park Impt. of (1883).	9 50
Murray, B. C., payment on acceptance..	Reg'l, etc., Morris Ave. from 138th St. to 156th St.	15,321 26
Nesbit's Sons, John, brick, cement, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	55 75
Nesbit's Sons, John, brick and cement..	Riverside Park, Impt. of (1883).	44 05
Nesbit's Sons, John, cement and brick..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	\$71 00
	Triangles, 63d and 65th Sts.....	28 50
		<hr/> 99 50
The N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883)..	77 85
Nolan & McGrath, circular base.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of (1883).	187 00
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Department (1883)....	14 88
O'Grady, Jas. W., security for repairs.	Regulating, etc., 142d St., from Willis to Brook avenue.....	242 82
Pratt Mfg. Co., astral oil,.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	16 13
Reynolds, C. T., gilder's whiting, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	5 07
Patterson Bros., nails.....	Labor, Maint. and Subplies (1883).	8 70

Pierson & Co., iron.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).	\$14 78
Pridgeon, W. P., bread.....	Zoological Depart- ment (1883) ...	66 60
Rowland, Thos. F., gas-holder.....	Harlem R. Bdgs. (1883).....	200 00
Steers Brothers, moulding.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of (1883).	193 59
Steers Brothers, hemlock timber.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards (1883)...	40 90
Steers Brothers, spruce planks.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883)..	56 00
Scott, D., fish.....	Zoological Depart- ment (1883).....	17 05
Tully, Thomas, mould.....	Entrances Central Park at 8th Ave., 77th and 81st Sts. (1883).....	260 16
Tully, Thomas, mould.....	Fourth Ave. Parks (1883).....	18 90
		<u>\$22,795 81</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, (1883).....	\$1,605 03
Zoological Department, (1883).....	319 75
Harlem River Bridges, (1883).....	\$201 40
Surveying, Laying out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc., (1883).....	106 42
Triangles at Sixty-third and Sixty-fifth Streets, (1883)...	28 50
Police—Uniforms, (1883).....	150 00
Construction of Bridges over Harlem River, (1883).....	1,449 55
Riverside Park, Improvement of, (1883).....	434 14
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, (1883).....	40 90
Entrances Central Park at Eighth Avenue, Seventy- seventh and Eighty-first Streets.....	260 16
Fourth Avenue Parks.....	18 90
Street Improvements.....	18,181 06
	<u>\$22,795 81</u>

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

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 15, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on, separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Third Avenue Bridge—Report.

The Treasurer, to whom was referred the report of Commissioner Olliffe, respecting the management of the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river, presented a report in relation to the same, making suggestions and recommendations for its future management by increasing the force of employees and providing with life-saving appliances.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the said report be accepted and the recommendations contained therein adopted, and ordered carried out 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Offices.

The Treasurer, to whom was referred the subject of leasing offices for the use of this Department presented a report stating that he had given the matter due consideration and would recommend that, for the present, a lease of the premises now occupied be entered into for the year 1884.

Sinking Fund Commissioners to lease offices.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City be requested to present to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a state-

ment that the Department of Public Parks request a continuation of the lease of the premises at 36 Union Square, now occupied by them, for the term of one year from the first day of January, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Treasurer purchase safe.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a safe in which to keep valuable maps and papers belonging to the Department.

Storage of maps and plans.

Debate was had thereon, when, on motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the subject of providing means for the safe-keeping of maps, etc., on file in this Department, was referred to the President.

Island above Inwood—Plan of.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The Commissioner of Public Works, having requested of this Department to file the maps of the laying out of the north end of Manhattan Island above Inwood; therefore,

Resolved, That the Topographical Engineer be directed to submit to this Board, at its next regular meeting, the plan already prepared for the laying out of the above-mentioned district, together with suggestions as to what modifications may be necessary by reason of the plan of the United States Government to cut a canal across a portion of said district.

Fence on Eighth avenue.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Architect be directed to prepare and submit to this Board a design for an iron railing to be placed

on the foundation of the enclosing wall of the Central Park, on the east side of Eighth avenue, between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets.

Bronx River Bridges—Approaches.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be directed to examine the approaches to the Bronx River Bridge, now unfinished, and report estimate of cost of completing the same, together with details of the work to be done on each bridge.

Riverside avenue, 86th and 81st streets—Plan for.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Topographical Engineer present to this Board at its next regular meeting, all plans and suggestions on file in his office for completing Riverside avenue, between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-eighth streets.

Entrances 77th and 81st streets.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be and he is hereby directed to prepare plans and specifications and form of contract for completing the entrances to the Central Park at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets at Eighth avenue, that proposals may be invited for doing said work by contract at a public letting ; said work to be paid for out of the moneys provided by chapter 324 of the Laws of 1881.

Riverside Park—Plans for.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That no new work for the further improvement on the Riverside Park be prosecuted under the appropriation of 1884, until a plan be prepared and adopted by this Board for the completion of either the whole or a part of said park, and that the sum of \$1,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the preparation of such plan, and that the matter be referred to Commissioner _____, with power.

Laid over.

Legislative bills.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to procure for the use of this Department, files of legislative bills, at an expense not exceeding \$50.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Conservatory Lake.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be directed to forthwith make and present to this Board plans for the construction of a water-tight basin and wall with a walk adjoining Conservatory Lake, and conforming to the present general outlines of the lake ; providing in such places for the utilization, as far as possible, of the granite and other stone blocks now in the abandoned foundations of the Conservatory adjoining the lake ; such basin to be capable of easy drainage at convenient times for the purpose of cleaning.

Mt. St. Vincent—Rock work.

A communication was received from M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, giving an estimate of the quantity of rock to be excavated at Mount St. Vincent, and reporting in relation to the condition of the pool at One Hundred and First street, the lake above the Bow bridge and the pond at Fifty-ninth street.

Pond, 59th street—To drain.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to drain the water from the pond at Fifty-ninth street, in Central Park, without delay, and report to the Board as to its condition and the nature of the sediment.

Works to be prosecuted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had received from the heads of the various works of the Department suggestions in rela-

tion to the works necessary to be prosecuted during the present year.

Ladies' Cottage—Site for.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter of the selection of a site for the erection of a ladies' cottage in Central Park, was referred to the President.

Rapid Telegraph Company.

Commissioner OLLIFFE, to whom was referred the matter of an application of the American Rapid Telegraph Company for permission to change its line of poles through One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to College avenue, to Morris avenue; thence along Morris avenue to the junction of the present line at One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, and from One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street along Lincoln avenue and Third avenue to Morris avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, on account of the closing of College avenue, made a verbal report, recommending that the application be granted.

Which was adopted.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 11.25 o'clock A. M. the Board went into Executive Session.

Horse to be sold.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that Commissioner Olliffe be authorized to sell at public auction an old horse now in the Department stable in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Engineer—Duties of.

Commissioner WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, be hereafter charged with the duty of the topographical work in the

Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the improvement of Riverside and Morningside Parks, at a salary of \$4,000 per annum ; that M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be charged with the conduct and control of all the works of construction and maintenance in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at a salary of \$3,500 per annum ; that Louis A. Resse be charged with the duty of superintending the maintenance work in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, under the direction of Engineer Kellogg, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

Laid over.

Superintending Gardener—Sunday pay.

From the Superintendent of Parks, inclosing a communication from the Superintending Gardener, asking to be allowed pay for Sundays.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Wm. L. Fisher, Superintending Gardener, be allowed pay for each day in the week, when he is on duty, including Sunday.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Hillier, Edward—Discharge.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Edward Hillier, laborer in the shops, be dismissed, and that P. F. Garvey be and is hereby appointed in his stead.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Park and Gatekeepers' Charges.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against members of the Police of the Department, made a verbal report and recommended as follows :

1. That the charge against Gatekeeper George P. Fall with being off post, be dismissed with a caution.

2. That the charges with being absent from roll-call and violation of rules against Gatekeeper George Walker, be dismissed with a caution.

3. That the charge of violation of rules against Gatekeeper George Hall, be dismissed with a caution.

4. That Gatekeeper Peter F. Hines, charged with neglect of duty, be fined two days' pay.

5. That Gatekeeper James Sterling, charged with neglect of duty, be fined one day's pay.

6. That Parkkeeper John Mernagh, charged with neglect of duty, be fined one day's pay.

7. That Parkkeeper Matthew Horan, charged with neglect of duty, be fined one day's pay.

8. That Parkkeeper Thomas Bell, charged with neglect of duty, be fined one day's pay.

9. That Parkkeeper Patrick Green, charged with violation of rules, be fined one day's pay.

10. That Gatekeeper Francis Mahon, charged with not properly patrolling, be fined two days' pay.

11. That the charge of being off post and violation of rules, against Parkkeeper William Monahan, be dismissed.

12. That Gatekeeper Dennis M. Daly, charged with being off post and intoxicated, be discharged from the force.

13. That the charge of absence from roll-call, against Gatekeeper Patrick White, be dismissed.

14. That the charge of being off post, against Parkkeeper Peter J. Brady, be dismissed.

15. That the charges of inefficiency and neglect of duty, against Parkkeeper Michael J. Duane, be dismissed.

16. That the charge of absence from roll-call, against Parkkeeper Thos. F. Thompson, be dismissed.

17. That Gatekeeper Wm. Holt, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined one day's pay.

18. That Gatekeeper Bernard R. Connally, charged with absence from roll-call, be fined two days' pay.

19. That the charge of inefficiency and neglect of duty, against Parkkeeper Robert Miller, be dismissed.

20. That the charge against Gatekeeper Thos. J. McCarthy, of being off post, be dismissed, with a caution.

21. That Gatekeeper Wm. J. Nally, charged with absence from roll-call and neglect of duty, be fined four days' pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Mount St. Vincent—Rockwork.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be directed to transfer Foreman Russell and his gang of rockmen from where now employed to work at Mount St. Vincent on Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Hall, Francis—Restored.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Francis Hall be and he is hereby restored to duty as rustic worker.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Planting City Parks.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the Superintending Gardener was directed to report what planting, if any, will be required to be done on the City Parks.

Parker, A. D.—Salary of.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of A. D. Parker, Stenographer, be fixed at \$1,500 per annum from this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

On motion, of Commissioner OLLIFFE, at 12 o'clock, the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1884.

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SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.
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The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, }
Jan'y 29, 1884, }

Mr. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—Please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held on Thursday next at 10 o'clock A. M., for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions and such miscellaneous business as may be presented.

Yours, etc.,

S. H. WALES,
President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner WALES, President.

“ VIELE.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ OLLIFFE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read; and approved.

The following communications were received :

Comptroller—Record town of Morrisania.

From the Comptroller in relation to the request made by him that the minute books of the Trustees of the Town of Morrisania be transmitted to remain of record in the Finance Department, and submitting a copy of an opinion from the Counsel to the Corporation relative to the matter.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit to the Finance Department all such books, documents and papers of the late town of Morrisania in the possession of this Department as are not in any way concerned with the opening, laying out, or constructing boulevards, avenues, streets, and sewers, etc.

Comptroller—Petition of J. H. Godwin and others for land grant.

From the Comptroller asking for information for the use of the Sinking Fund Commission in the matter of a petition of Joseph H. Godwin and John H. Morris, for a grant of land lying in Sherman's creek in the Twelfth Ward.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Riverdale Ave.—Opening.

From the Clerk of Street Openings relative to the confirmation by the Supreme Court, on the 18th inst., of the report of the Commissioners in the matter of opening Riverdale avenue, from Broadway to Bailey avenue.

Ordered filed.

Kearney, P., for position Foreman of Painters.

From P. Kearney, applying for employment as foreman of painters; and

From Thos. Chirney and Alex. Gaw, recommending P. Kearney for the appointment to the position sought for by him.

Ordered filed.

Guion, B. R.—for day absent.

From B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, asking to be allowed pay for the 8th ultimo, on which day he was absent from duty to attend the funeral of his mother.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that pay be allowed B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, for 8th ultimo.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Money order—Meteorological Department.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, asking that a money order for \$25 be issued for the purchase of sundry small articles required for use in the Observatory.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for \$25 for the purchase of sundry small articles for use in the Meteorological Observatory.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Meteorological Department—Report.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, submitting an approximate estimate for printing 250 copies of the Annual Report of the Observatory, and 250 copies of monthly tables during 1884, and recommending that an order be authorized for printing them for distribution to home and foreign observatories.

On motion, said recommendation was approved.

Meany, Philip—Employment.

From Philip Meany, applying for employment as harness maker.

Ordered filed.

Beethoven monument.

From J. M. Ohmeis, president Beethoven Maennerchor, inviting inspection of the model of the Beethoven monument proposed to be erected in the Central Park.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the President of the National Academy of Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to examine the model of the Beethoven monument, and report as to its merits as a work of art.

162d street—Opening of.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the petition of Chas. L. George, F. D. Althouse, and other property owners, for the opening of One Hundred and Sixty-second street from Elton avenue to North Third Avenue, and recommending that the proceeding already initiated for opening said street between Elton and Brook avenues be discontinued, and that a proceeding for opening One Hundred and Sixty-second street from Elton avenue to North Third avenue be initiated instead.

Laid over.

Millbrook sewer through Webster ave.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting in relation to the progress of the plans for the extension of the Millbrook sewer through Webster avenue, in response to a resolution of the Board of Aldermen calling for information on that subject.

Ordered filed.

149th street sewer—Glacius, G. C.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the petition of G. C. Glacius and others for permission to construct a sewer in Cypress avenue to connect with the new sewer in East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, and stating that he could see no objection to granting such permission, provided the work be done as stipulated by this Department.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That George C. Glacius, Roxanna Glacius, John Hoyle and others be and they are hereby authorized to construct at their own expense a sewer in Cypress avenue to connect with the new sewer in East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, and to be done in accordance with plans, specifications and form of an agreement, to be prepared by the Acting Engineer of Construction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Temporary suspensions.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

McGrath, Martin, } restorations.
Costello, John, }

The PRESIDENT stated that, with the concurrence of Commissioner CRIMMINS, he had restored to duty Martin McGrath and John Costello, blacksmiths, the Superintendent of Parks having stated that their services were much required.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the action of the President 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Skating—Sunday nights.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the experiment of keeping

the lake open for skating on Sunday evening was not a success, as there were comparatively few skaters remaining on the ice after six o'clock.

On motion, it was ordered that the Captain of the Park Police be notified that skating will be discontinued on Sunday evenings, and the Superintendent be notified not to light the lamps.

Steam road roller.
Steam engine, Third Avenue Bridge. }
Telephone service.

The PRESIDENT announced that he had transmitted to the Board of Aldermen, for adoption, resolutions authorizing this Department to purchase at private sale a steam road roller, for use in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, a steam engine and boiler for the Third Avenue Bridge, and to make a contract, without public letting, for a system of telephone service.

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Estimate of cost.

In accordance with the order of the Board, the Secretary presented the following data concerning the amount of money required for the completion of the Madison Avenue Bridge, as requested by the Comptroller, the same being furnished by Engineers Van Winkle and Boller :

Iron Superstructure.

Amount of contract with Keystone Bridge Co.	\$159,389 40
Paid, on account.	65,958 26
	\$93,431 14
Engineers' commissions.	4,074 21

Masonry.

To pay 30 per cent., heretofore retained	39,701 63
To complete filling.	5,500 00
To complete masonry.	16,600 00

Plate Girder at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

Contract.....	\$10,025 25
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	\$169,332 23
Ornamental lamps on bridge and approaches...	2,000 00
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	<u>\$171,332 23</u>

The Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the same to the Comptroller.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is necessary for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem river at Madison avenue, and that the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks certify, and it hereby does certify, that said sum of one hundred thousand dollars is necessary for such improvement. And be it further

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is respectfully required to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem river at Madison avenue, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, and chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

A. A. Aguirre, lettering maps.	Surveying, Laying Out, etc., Taxes and Assessment Maps, 1883.	\$52 90
Brady, James, Estimate No. 1	Erecting building at Mt. St. Vin- cent, 1883.	5,353 20
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal	Harlem R. Bdgs., 1883.	26 25
Benhams & Stoutenborough, iron pail. .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883. .	1 00
Bryan, Joseph C., plumbing materials.	Zoological Depart- ment, 1883.	1 75
Bouton & Smith, axles.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883. .	5 63
Canda & Kane, cement.	Riverside Park, Imp. of, 1883. . .	40 50
Central Bridge Co., estimate No. 1. . . .	Harlem R. Bdgs., 1883.	15,120 00
Connolly, John E., hay	Zoological Depart- ment, 1883.	67 75
Ehrenreich Bros., coal.	Labor Maint. and Supplies, 1883. .	29 40
Ehrenrich Bros., coal	Riverside Park, Imp. of, 1883. . .	4 90
Fischer, Geo. & Bro., bronze railing. . .	Erecting railing at Obelisk, 1883. . .	993 88
Heckscher, Richard Jr., coal.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883. .	53 90
McKesson & Robbins, sponges.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883. .	6 50
McKim, John & Son, mould	Triangles at 63d & 64th sts., 1883	90 00
Marquand, H. G., Treasurer, expenses	Museum of Art.	Maint. Mus., 1883
Mitchell, Vance & Co., drop light, etc.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1883. . .	11 50
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, Ulster iron.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883. .	6 09
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Mus-	Museum Natural History.	Maint. Mus., 1883
Murray, P., blacksmithing.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1883. . .	345 51

Nesbit's, John, Sons, cement, etc	Sewers and drains, 1883	\$16 20
Pope & Klie, vegetables, etc	Zoological Depart, 1883	57 60
Richter, G. F., speaking-tube, etc	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	13 75
Robitzek, G. & Bro., coal	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1883. . .	67 50
Seaman, John A., marline	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	10 98
Steers Brothers, white pine	Riverside Park, Imp. of, 1883..	55 90
Taylor, A. J., newspapers	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	14 46
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Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	1883,	\$136 71
Zoological Department	"	127 10
Harlem River Bridges	"	15,146 25
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assess't Maps.	"	52 90
Erecting Building at Mount St. Vincent	"	5,353 20
Riverside Park, Improvement of	"	101 30
Triangles at Sixty-third and Sixty-fifth Streets.	"	90 00
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.	"	16 20
Maintenance, Museums.	"	1,817 96
Erecting Railing at Obelisk	"	993 88
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	"	424 51
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-four thousand two hundred and sixty-five dollars and one cent.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 31, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

Boller, A. P., commissions.....	Const. Bridges over Harlem River...	\$629 48
Colgate & Co., soap.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$24 64
	Zoological Dept....	2 76
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	1 18
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		28 58
Connelly, John E., corn and oats.....	Zoological Dept....	32 60
Devoe, F. W., & Co., paints, etc.....	Riverside Park Impt. of.....	17 70
Ester, Wm., & Co., buffalo robe.....	Police.....	20 00
Ehrenreich & Co., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	196 00
Harrison, M., labor and mat'ls.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	35 00
Keystone Bridge Co., estimate No. 5..	Const. Bridges over Harlem River..	24,536 52
Linde, Chas. F., brooms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	45 00
McAllister, F. E., repairs to arbor.....	Labor Maint. and Supplies.....	215 60
Metropolis Oil Co., kerosene.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	14 94
The J.L.Mott Iron W'ks, scorchers,etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	42 85
Perkins, James H., estimate No. 1....	Regulating, etc., 165th St., from east curb-line, Boston Road to west curb- line, Union Av....	1,601 18
Seaman, John A., rope.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	17 46
Seaman, John A., waste.....	Harlem R. Bdgs..	5 25
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		<u>\$27,438 16</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$591 49
Zoological Department.....	35 36
Harlem River Bridges.....	6 43
Riverside Park.....	17 70
Police.....	20 00
Construction of Bridges over Harlem River.....	25,166 00
Street Improvements.....	1,601 18
	\$27,438 16

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixteen cents.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 31, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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—Commissioner Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submitted the same to the Board for approval.

Golden & Norton, blasting.....	Erecting building	
	at Mt. St. Vin-	
	cent, 1883.....	\$500 00
		\$500 00

Amounting to the sum of five hundred dollars.

(Signed.)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 16, 1883.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve it,

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred a bill amounting to \$30, for use of propeller Joseph Curtis, in closing the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge, over Harlem river, presented a report recommending that the same be paid.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that said report be accepted, and that the bill therein mentioned be approved and ordered sent 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Treasurer, authority to purchase.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That to more clearly define the powers and duties of the Treasurer to make all purchases of supplies and materials, unless otherwise specifically ordered by the Board, all requisitions for materials and supplies shall be made and signed by the several ranking employees, and transmitted to the Secretary, who shall report to the President the condition of the appropriations against which such materials and supplies are to be charged, and upon the approval of such requisitions by the President, the Treasurer be authorized to make the purchases and issue written orders, duly signed by him for the same. When the purchases are made by a specific order of the Board, the Secretary shall certify the same on the order issued by the Treasurer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Planting on City Parks.

From the Superintending Gardener, in accordance with an order of the Board directing him to report what planting will be required on the City Parks.

On motion said report was referred back to the Superintending Gardener to report the number and species of trees, etc., required for planting on each City Park, and to examine nurseries and report the nurseries and the prices at which he can procure such trees as may be desirable for planting.

Third Avenue sewer outlet.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction reporting upon a complaint of Bryan Lawrence in relation to the outlet of the Third avenue sewer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to make plans for the construction of the necessary sewers to remedy the evil complained of by Mr. Lawrence and submit them to the Board for approval :

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Gerard Avenue—file plans.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

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 chapter 436, of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay out,

establish and classify, a certain street or avenue, of the width, extent, direction, grade and class shown on a map or plan entitled, " Plan and Profile showing Gerard avenue, from East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street to Jerome avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, of the City of New York," dated, New York, January 21, 1884, and signed E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks, the same being such as the said Commissioners or a majority of them deem most conducive to the public good ; and that the President be hereby designated and directed to certify and file the said plan and profile, and the similar copies of the same in accordance with the provisions of the law above cited.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Park on Harlem river above 155th street.

Commissioner WALES called up the following resolution laid over at a meeting held December 5, 1883.

Resolved, That the Topographical Engineer be directed to examine and report to this Board, without delay, as to the practicability of this Department initiating proceedings for acquiring title to the lands north of the High Bridge and on the abrupt slope running from the Tenth avenue to the water-line of the Harlem river, for the use and purposes of a public park.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words " High Bridge " and inserting in lieu thereof " the north line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street."

Commissioner WALES accepted said amendment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Quarterly Report.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of the transactions of the Department for the quarter ending December 31, 1883, which was approved and ordered signed and transmitted to his Honor the Mayor.

Russel, Charles H., death of.

The PRESIDENT announced to the Board the death of Charles H. Russell, ex-Commissioner of the Central Park, whereupon, on motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the following was ordered entered at length upon the minutes :

The Board of Commissioners governing the Department of Public Parks, moved by the sad intelligence of the death of Charles H. Russell, one of the original Commissioners of the Central Park, occurring on the 20th instant, desire to place upon its records a testimonial of their appreciation of the valuable public services rendered by him during his thirteen years of intimate association with the development and construction of the Central Park. That he died at a ripe age leaving behind him an honorable name, an enduring legacy in the record of a useful and well-spent life, marked by ability, fidelity and integrity.

Viele, E. L., elected President.
Olliffe, W. M., elected Treasurer.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner Egbert L. Viele be and he is hereby elected President of this Board, to serve from the 1st day of February prox. until April 30, 1884, and that Commissioner William M. Olliffe be elected Treasurer to serve from February 1, prox., to April 30, 1884.

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 Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Viele—1.

Wales, S. H., vote of thanks.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Commissioner Salem H. Wales for his fair and impartial conduct during his occupancy of the office of President of this Department.

Executive Session.

On motion, at eleven o'clock A. M., the Board went into executive session.

Automatic gas-lamps to be removed.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to remove forthwith the lamp-posts placed and left on the Central Park by the Automatic Gas-lamp Company.

Foremen—Increase of pay.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the subject of the application of the foremen employed on the works of maintenance for an increase of compensation, was laid over.

Murphy, Jas., Inspector, charges against.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the subject of certain charges preferred by Thos. H. Casey, contractor, against James Murphy, Inspector, was referred to Commissioner OLLIFFE to examine and report.

Fiske, J. W.—Bill of.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had examined into all the facts connected with a bill of J. W. Fiske, amounting to \$290 for settees furnished to the Department, and recommended that the Auditing Committee report said bill to the Board for favorable action.

Commissioner VIELE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following :

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 :

Fiske, J. W., settees	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	\$290 00
		\$290 00
		\$290 00

Amounting to the sum of two hundred and ninety dollars.

(Signed)

EGBERT L. VIELE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 31, 1883.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve it, 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

McShane, James—Restored.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That James McShane be and he is hereby restored to the rank and pay of Gardener in the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Harlem Bridge—Increase of force.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the appointment of one engineer, three firemen and four bridge-tenders be authorized for duty at the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river, in accordance

with the action of the Board of January 16, 1884 (p. 483 of the minutes).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Campbell, Edward—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Edward Campbell be temporarily appointed a blacksmith for duty on Central Park during the absence and until the return to duty of Wm. Doyle, blacksmith, reported by the Superintendent as being absent on account of sickness.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bureau, reorganization.

Commissioner WALES gave notice that at a future meeting he would present for the consideration of the Board a plan for the reorganization of the Department, and with the view of increasing the efficiency of the employees by more clearly defining their duties and responsibilities he would recommend the return to the organization of the Department under the bureau system as formerly in operation.

Riverside Park, plan for.

Commissioner OLLIFFE called up the resolution offered by him at the last meeting, p. 485 of the minutes, and perfected the same by inserting therein the name of Commissioner Wales, as follows :

Resolved, That no new work for the further improvement of the Riverside Park be prosecuted under the appropriation of 1884, until a plan be prepared and adopted by this Board for the completion of either the whole or a part of said park, and that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the preparation of such plan, and that the matter be referred to Commissioner Wales with power.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved to lay said resolution on the table.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele and Crimmins—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales and Olliffe—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, as offered by Commissioner Olliffe, 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 Wales, and Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Viele, and Crimmins—2.

Harlem Railroad—Elevation of track.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up the following resolution, which was laid over at a meeting of the Board, held December 19, 1883, and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That with a view to the importance of an alteration in the grade of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Third avenue to the Madison Avenue bridge approach, so that it should cross the Harlem railroad tracks at an elevation of sufficient height for a bridge, and to make a more uniform and easy grade, a communication be addressed to the President of the Harlem railroad, stating that it is the judgment of this Commission, that the tracks should be depressed to as great an extent as practicable, so that the proposed improvement to the said One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street

will be accomplished at the least cost and injury to property adjacent; and that the said President be advised that it will be agreeable to this Commission, or a committee, to confer with the directors of said company in regard thereto, at the earliest day possible.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved to amend said resolution by including therein the crossing at the western terminus of the McComb's Dam bridge, and all other crossings of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, through the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On motion, the whole subject was referred to Commissioners Crimmins and Olliffe.

On motion, at 12.10 o'clock the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1884.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner VIELE, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ OLLIFFE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners Wales and Crimmins Auditing Committee.

The following communications were received.

Morris avenue—To eliminate from plan.

From Wm. Cauldwell, S. R. Filley, E. B. Fellows and others, petitioning this Department to give its assent to the passage of a bill by the Legislature to alter a map made and filed by this Department, showing portions of Morris avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, and enclosing a copy of proposed bill to be presented to the Legislature.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to report upon.

Mott avenue—Width of.

Commissioner OLLIFFE called the attention of the Board to a petition to the Legislature signed by Jordan L. Mott, Henry Lewis Morris, John S. King and others, property owners, that this Department be authorized to alter and amend a certain map showing streets and avenues in the Twenty-third Ward, by changing the width of Mott avenue and the location of its westerly line.

Phyfe, J. D.—To extend building on plaza.

From J. D. Phyfe and James Campbell, requesting permission to extend a portion of the building now being erected on the plaza between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, beyond the house-line as shown on plans submitted by them.

Ordered filed.

Sureties—Proposals of W. E. Dean.

From the Comptroller relative to the proposition of Wm. E. Dean, to substitute, with the consent of this Department, the name of Abraham Steers in lieu of Charles Jones, as a surety on his proposal for constructing sewers in Lincoln avenue, Southern Boulevard, etc.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department is hereby given to the substitution of the name of Abraham Steers, in lieu of that of Charles Jones, as a surety on the proposal of Wm. E. Dean, for constructing sewers in Lincoln avenue, Southern Boulevard, etc.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Town of Morrisania—Minutes, etc.

From the Comptroller, acknowledging the receipt of minutes, and documents of the town of Morrisania, prior to annexation, sent by this Department to remain of record in the Finance Department.

Ordered filed.

Coogan, J. J.—Park above 155th street.

From James J. Coogan, in behalf of the estate of Mrs. Lynch, asking that action be taken in the matter of the lands proposed to be taken for a public park north of One

Hundred and Fifty fifth street and east of Edgecomb avenue.
Ordered filed.

Ghetti, L. G.—For increase of pay.

From Leon G. Ghetti, Messenger, asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Parkkeepers and others for increase of pay.

From the Sergeants, Park and Gate keepers of the Department, asking for an increase of pay.

Referred to the President to report.

Conservatory Lake—Plan for.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, submitting a plan and estimate of cost for constructing a water-tight basin and a wall, with a walk adjoining Conservatory Lake, in the Central Park, in accordance with an order of the Board.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan as this day presented, by M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, for the improvement of the Conservatory Lake, on the Central Park, be and the same is hereby approved, it being in the opinion of this Board, an improvement desirable, not only as an ornamental feature of the Park, but one destined to improve its sanitary condition and remove a menace to the health of the surrounding neighborhood. That the prosecution of the work as provided for in this plan should be proceeded with at as early a day as funds are placed at the disposal of the Department and made available for the same.

Laid over.

Topographical Engineer.—Work in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Webster Avenue sewer.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for constructing a sewer in Webster avenue, from the terminus of the existing Brook avenue

sewer, at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street to One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, with an approximate estimate of the cost.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans for constructing a sewer in Webster avenue, from the termination of the existing Brook avenue sewer, at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street to One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe 3.

Superintendent of Parks—Works to be done in coming season.

From the Superintendent of Parks and the Superintending Gardener, reporting in relation to the works and planting most necessary to be done in the various parks during the coming season.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins to report.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Work in progress.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Casey, T. H.—Assignments of contracts.

From Thomas H. Casey, submitting, for the approval of this Department, two assignments made by him to Michael Casey, of contracts for constructing sewers in North Third avenue,

and in Westchester avenue and One Hundred and Fiftieth street.

Laid over.

Bailey avenue—Opening of.

The PRESIDENT called up the special order of this meeting relative to the opening of Bailey avenue.

Mr. Wm. O. Giles appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to the matter.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offering the following:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he hereby is authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York for the purpose of acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to that part of Bailey avenue commencing at Boston avenue and running northerly to an intersection with Van Cortlandt avenue, as the same has heretofore been laid out and designated as a second class street or road by this Department; and that the Commissioners of this Department be authorized to sign a petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Boller, A. P.—Compensation.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

Resolved, That the compensation of Mr. A. P. Boller, Engineer, for furnishing the plans and superintending the work of repairing the fixed spans on McComb's Dam Bridge be five per cent. on the amount of the contract for 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Audit.

Commissioner OLLIFFE, from the Auditing Committee presented the 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 :

Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	\$2 75
Boller, A. P., commissions.....	Harlem R. Bdgs. Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	756 00
Goeller, Geo. C., rent.....	Rents, D. P. P., 1883.....	\$33 34
	Rents, 1884.....	16 66
		<hr/> 50 00
McQuade, John, Estimate, No. 20.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	1,234 27
McQuade, John, Estimate, No. 14.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	1,117 03
Mahon, Bernard, Estimate No. 1.....	Sewer 149th Street bet. Brook and Robbins Aves...	3,033 87
Morgan, J. P., Treasurer Museum of Natural History.....	Maint Museums.	1,573 25
The N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., rent.	Rents, D. P. P. (1883).....	\$416 67
	Rents, D. P. P. (1884).....	208 33
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RECAPITULATION.

Harlem River Bridges.....	\$756 00
Rents, D. P. P. (1883).....	450 01
Rents, D. P. P.....	224 99
Maintenance Museums.....	1,573 25
Construction Bridges over Harlem river.....	2,354 05
Street Improvements.....	3,033 87
	<hr/> \$8,392 17

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-three hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventeen cents.

(Signed)

W. M. OLLIFFE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 6, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

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 :

Aguirre, A. A., lettering maps.....	Surveying, Laying-out, etc. Tax and Assessment Maps 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$34 28
Marquand, H. G., Treasurer, salaries, etc., Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums.....	1,671 74
		<u>\$1,706 02</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment maps..	\$34 28
Maintenance Museums.....	1,671 74
	<u>\$1,706 02</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventeen hundred and six dollars and two cents.

(Signed)

W. M. OLLIFFE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 6, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

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 :

Doherty, H. H., petty expenses January.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$61 57	
	Zoological Department	5 77	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	11 04	
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			\$78 38
Doherty, H. H., petty expenses Dec. 1883.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies (1883).		8 79
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			\$87 17
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor Maintenance and Supplies	\$61 57	
Zoological Department	5 77	
Maintenance 23d & 24th Wards	11 04	
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies (1883).	8 79	
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		\$87 17
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-seven dollars and seven cents.

(Signed)

W. M. OLLIFFE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 6, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Bronx river bridges approaches.

From M. A. Kellogg, engineer, reporting in relation to the unfinished approaches to the Bronx river bridges, with an estimate of the cost of completing the same.

Referred to the President to report upon.

Assessment List—Crosswalks, 158th street.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named assessment list for "Crosswalks in East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and at the intersections of Melrose, Courtland, College and Railroad avenues," and also the statement of the amount and cost of the work therein mentioned be approved and signed by the Commissioners of the Department and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up the communication from the Comptroller, received at the last meeting, desiring information relative to an application made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by Joseph H. Godwin and John H. Morris, for a grant of land under the waters of Sherman's Creek.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the Secretary be directed to reply to the communication of the Comptroller that, inasmuch as the plans for the laying out of the city above Dyckman street, on the Harlem river, do not show any provision for streets, avenues or other public improvements through or over the lands under the waters of Sherman's creek, as indicated in pink on the map accompanying, and as referred to in the petition of Joseph H. Goodwin and John H. Morris, it is the opinion of the Department of Public Parks that, if in granting the request of Messrs. Godwin and Morris a restriction is made and contained whereby if at any

future time the City of New York, or the authorities authorized by law so to do, should see fit and deem it proper to open a street or streets or avenue, or make other public improvements through or over the lands as mentioned and referred to, that nothing contained in the granting of said permission could be construed so as to in any way affect or prove prejudicial to the right of the city to lay out such street, streets or avenue, or make other public improvements, that there are no objections to the making of the grant as asked for.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins and Olliffe—3.

Building Mount St. Vincent—trim with hard wood.

Commissioner CRIMMINS presented a communication from the Architect, giving an estimate of the cost of trimming the doors, sashes, etc., of the first story of the new refreshment building at Mount St. Vincent with hardwood.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Architect be directed to prepare specifications for trimming with hardwood the rooms in the new building at Mount St. Vincent and submit the same to the Board, together with estimates of the cost.

Sub-station at Mount St. Vincent.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the portion of the basement under the ladies' parlor of the new building at Mount St. Vincent, on the easterly side, be set apart and fitted up for a police sub-station.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Firemen—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Firemen on the Third Avenue Bridge be fixed at \$2.25 per day, that they be required, in every case before appointment, to pass an examination, and receive a certificate from the Police Department as to their competency to care for the engine in the absence of the Engineer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Eighth avenue flagging.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the flagging on the Eighth avenue sidewalk of the Central Park, be relaid in two courses in the centre of the walk, from Seventy-second to Ninety-sixth street.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Mt. Morris Square—fence.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the fence around Mount Morris square be placed on the area line of the street and painted, and that the bank formed by the difference in height of the park and the sidewalk be sloped and seeded down.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Oliffe—3.

Planting on 8th avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the holes necessary for two rows of trees on the sidewalk of Eighth avenue from Seventy-second to Ninety-sixth streets, be dug and mould furnished for the same under the direction of the Superintendent; the work to be done and the mould furnished by contract, and that the Treasurer be authorized to obtain estimates for 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

East River Park—fence.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the fence around the East River Park be removed to the area line of the street and painted, and that the bank formed by the difference in surface of the park and sidewalk be sloped and seeded down.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Plazas Fifth and Eighth avenues, 59th street, to be improved.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Engineer Kellogg cause the necessary levels to be taken, and maps made showing the present condition of the open spaces at the Fifth and Eighth avenue entrances to the Central Park, with a view to determine upon some plan to keep these areas dry and firm, and report such plan to this Board for its action thereon.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Planting on Eighth avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That two rows of elm trees be planted on the Eighth avenue, from Seventy-second street to Ninety-sixth street, being the extension of the two rows already planted between Fifty-ninth and Seventy-second streets.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Sewer to connect Central Park at 88th street.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Engineer Kellogg is hereby directed to furnish this Board with plans and specifications for a sewer and drain to connect the drainage of the Central Park in the vicinity of West Eighty-eighth street with the sewer in that street.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Sale of old material.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner Olliffe be and he is hereby authorized to sell at public auction all old and useless materials, etc., the property of the Department ; the same to be disposed of at the time of the sale of horses.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Bath at Battery.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That a license be granted W. A. Hall to moor a bath at the Battery for one year upon the same terms and conditions as heretofore granted his father, Isaac Hall, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Mr. Hall 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Executive session.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 11.20 o'clock, A. M., the Board went into executive session.

Double team at Mount St. Vincent.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending the employment of an additional team for work at Mount St. Vincent.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a double team for work at Mount St. Vincent, on Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Increase of pay of employees under Engineer Kellogg.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending an increase of compensation for persons employed in the corps under his charge.

Laid over.

McGuire, Michael—Restored.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael McGuire be and he is hereby restored to duty as a laborer on Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

McVeety, James—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That James McVeety be and he is hereby appointed as laborer on Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Reeves, Frank,
McGonigle, Henry, } Appointed Gatekeepers.
Harrigan, Cornelius, }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Frank Reeves, Henry McGonigle and Cornelius Harrigan be and they are hereby appointed Gatekeepers on the force 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioner Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Hutchinson, Harry T.,
 Donohoe, Wm. H.,
 Kirby John H., } Appointed Gatekeepers.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Harry T. Hutchinson be and he is hereby appointed a Gatekeeper, *vice* Richard Bellew, resigned October 17, 1883, and that Wm. H. Donohoe and John H. Kirby be and they are hereby appointed Gatekeepers on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Higgins, Joseph—Appointed Gatekeeper.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Joseph Higgins be and he is hereby appointed a Gatekeeper on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Mahon, Francis, {
 Lyons, John, } Promoted to Parkkeepers.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeepers Francis Mahon and John Lyons be and they are hereby promoted to Parkkeepers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Duggan, Wm. —Promoted to Parkkeeper.

Resolved, That Gatekeeper William Duggan be and he is hereby promoted to Parkkeeper.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Buckley, Michael—Promoted to Parkkeeper.

Resolved, That Gatekeeper Michael H. Buckley be and he is hereby promoted to Parkkeeper.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

On motion, at 12.20 o'clock A. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1884.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner VIELE, President.

“ WALES,

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.

West Side Improvement Association.

A committee from the Citizens' West Side Improvement Association appeared before the Board and presented a petition of property-owners and residents asking that a route of the carriage service in Central Park be established from Seventy-second street and Fifth avenue to Seventy-second street and Eighth avenue, and that the walks within the westerly limits of the park be improved and lighted.

Laid over.

Walsh, Wm.—Flying Boat.

William Walsh appeared and presented an application for permission to erect and operate an “aerial flying boat machine” in Central Park.

Laid over.

Delmonico Place—width of.

Alderman Fullgraff appeared and presented a petition signed by Wm. H. Carpenter, James Duthie and other property-owners and residents on the line of Delmonico place, for the assent of this Department to the passage of an act by

the Legislature, to change the width of Delmonico place to fifty feet.

Laid over.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received.

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

Steam road-roller.

1. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Steam road-roller and the establishment of a telephonic service by this Department without contract.

Treasurer to purchase Steam road-roller.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to purchase an "Aveling & Porter" steam road-roller, at an expense not to exceed \$6,300.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Third Avenue Bridge—Steam engine.

2d. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a steam engine and boiler for the Third avenue bridge, and the establishment of a telephonic service for the use of the Department.

Telephonic service.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the subject of establishing a system of telephonic service be referred to Commissioner

Wales with power, and that the consideration of the purchase of the engine for the Third avenue bridge be deferred.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Comptroller and Central Bridge work voucher.

From the Comptroller, returning a voucher in favor of the Central Bridge Works for payment on account of their contract for repairing McComb's Dam Bridge and one in favor of A. P. Boller, Engineer, for services, and calling attention to the provisions in the contract respecting the time for completing the work, and providing for the payment therefor.

Ordered filed.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Issue of bonds.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the following resolution adopted by said Board :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to issue, from to time, as may be required, and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding three per centum per annum, "Stock of the City of New York," to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing a bridge over the Harlem river at Madison avenue, as authorized by section 3, chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and section 16, chapter 329, Laws of 1874, and in full of requisition of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, dated January 31, 1884.

Ordered filed.

First aid to injured.

From John B. Pine, Secretary of the Society for Instruction in First Aid to the Injured relative to a plan for instructing the Park Policemen in giving such aid.

Referred to the President with power.

Farrell, Thomas—Claim of.

From Thomas Farrell, presenting a claim for \$189.40 for service rendered the Department in 1876-7 as laborer.

Ordered filed.

Isaac, Isidor—Goat carriages—Carrousel.

From Isidor Isaac, applying for a renewal of his licenses for carrousel and goat carriage service in Central Park.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That licenses be granted Isidor Isaac for operating the "carrousel" and goat carriage service in the Central Park for three years each, upon the same terms and conditions as the licenses heretofore granted him ; and that the President be authorized to execute agreements with Mr. Isaac for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Superintending Gardener—Planting City Parks.

From the Superintending Gardener, reporting in relation to the planting required to be done on the City Parks, with a list of trees and plants proposed to be placed on the respective parks.

Laid over.

Mount St. Vincent—Trimming with hardwood.

From the Architect, submitting specifications for trimming with hardwood the rooms in the new building at Mount St. Vincent, with an estimate of the cost.

Laid over.

Phillips, Henry—Float, Third Avenue Bridge.

From Henry Phillips, applying for permission to moor floats and let boats at the Third Avenue Bridge, over Harlem river.

Referred to the Treasurer with power.

Illig, Wm. C., for increase of pay.

From Wm. C. Illig, Assistant to the Topographical Engineer, asking for increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Laying out above Inwood.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction :

1. Submitting a map of the street system for the north end of Manhattan Island, above Inwood, showing those streets adopted and filed since 1874.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That at the next regular meeting of this Board all persons interested in the plans for laying out the district on Manhattan Island, above One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, be requested to appear and make known their views in regard to the same before final action of this Board ; and that a public advertisement be inserted in the *City Record*.

Riverside Drive—for completion.

2. Reporting in relation to the completion of the Riverside Drive, near Eighty-sixth street, and from the Comptroller in relation to plans for improving Riverside Drive, between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-eighth streets ; prepared by Mr. Leopold Eidlitz, Architect, and stating that they will be sent to this Department, as requested, as soon as they can be found.

On motion, the subject was referred to Commissioner Wales.

Morris avenue—Eliminating from plan.

3. Reporting upon the petition of Caroline A. Lyon, for the assent of this Department to the passage of an act by the Legislature to strike Morris avenue from One Hundred and Sixty-second street to Overlook avenue, and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street from Winfield Place to Sheridan avenue, from the maps filed by the Department.

Laid over.

Works in progress.

4. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge. Ordered filed.

159th street plan for regulating, etc.

5. Presenting plans and specifications for regulating and grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from North Third avenue to Railroad avenue, east, with an estimate of the cost.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating and grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from North Third avenue to Railroad avenue, east, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Park above 155th street.

6. Reporting as to the practicability of this Department initiating proceedings for acquiring title to the land north of the northerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street on the abrupt slope running from Tenth avenue to the water-line of the Harlem river for the use and purposes of a public park.

Power to acquire title to lands for parks.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a bill for presentation to the Legislature authorizing the Department of Public Parks to initiate proceedings for acquiring title for lands for park purposes on Manhattan Island north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and that the President be requested to present the same to the Mayor's counsellors for approval.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Works in progress.

1. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Temporary suspension.

2. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Conservatory Lake—Cost of improving.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, reporting an estimate of the cost of improving the drainage of the old site of Conservatory at Seventy-fourth street, between the Conservatory lake and Fifth avenue.

Laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner WALES, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Bullinger, E. W., subscriptions to " Monitor Guide "	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$6 00
Canda & Kane, plaster of paris.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	1 35
Crombie, Thomas J., spruce and pine.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	320 00
Connolly, John E., oats, straw, etc	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.	53 79
Denning, E. J. & Co., crash, etc	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	17 67
Ester, William & Co., buffalo robe.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	20 00
Flagler, Forsyth & Bradley, sundries.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	35 73
Goldey, W. H., handled axes.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	10 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas, January.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	39 82

Hoole Manufacturing Co., badges	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$30 00
Hodgman & Co., rubber horse covers	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	13 50
Metropolis Oil Co., kerosene and tallow	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$7 11
	Zoological Dept.	1 16
	Harlem R. Bdgs.	9 93
	Riverside Park.	1 45
	Riverside Avenue.	58
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Moffat, David & Co., harness repairs.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	20 23 3 87
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas, January	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	81 90
Newell, D. C. & Sons, shavings.	Zoological Dept.	6 00
Nesbitt's Sons, John, brick	Entrances Central Park at 8th Ave., 77th & 81st Sts.	8 50
Runyon & Hallett, horse nails, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	66 83
Vorslansky, S. P., walk cleaners.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	16 00
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		\$751 19

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$669 78
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.	53 79
Zoological Department	7 16
Harlem River Bridges	9 93
Riverside Park	1 45
Riverside Avenue	58
Entrances Eighth Avenue. Seventy-seventh and Eighty- first streets	8 50
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	\$751 19

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seven hundred and fifty-one dollars and nineteen cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 20, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

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 :

Coogan, William, monuments.....	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc., 1883.....	\$322 80
Connolly, John E., oats, corn, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	349 55
Guilfoyle, Keran J., repairs.....	Riverside Park, Impt. of, 1883..	100 00
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., rent.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	25 50
Murray, P., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1883...	30 50
Patterson Brothers, spading forks....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	24 00
Ryan, George, and Edward Cody, final estimate	Harlem R. Bdgs., 1883	1,439 00
		<u>\$2,291 35</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1883.....	\$399 05
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc., 1883.....	322 80
Riverside Park, Improvement of, 1883.....	100 00
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, 1883.	30 50
Harlem River Bridges, 1883.....	1,439 00
	<u>\$2,291 35</u>

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

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 20, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Entrance to Central Park—8th avenue and 92d street.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the petition of C. S. Goodwin, O. M. Bogart and others, for the construction of an entrance to Central Park, at Eighth avenue and Ninety-second street, made a verbal report, and presented a plan for such entrance with an estimate of the cost of doing the work, which had been prepared by M. A. Kellogg, Engineer.

Laid over.

Fort Washington Point.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred a communication from John Haven, requesting that action be taken to restore to the map the lands at Fort Washington Point for park purposes, made a verbal report and presented a communication from the Topographical Engineer in relation to the subject, together with a plan of the proposed park and its surroundings.

Which was received and ordered on file.

Claremont—Cost of completing.

Commissioner WALES presented a communication from the Architect, giving an estimate of the cost of completing the building known as "Claremont," on Riverside Park.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the Treasurer was authorized to procure estimates for completing the work of

repairs to "Claremont," in accordance with the communication of the Architect, and submit them to the Board.

Water—additional supply.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of obtaining an additional supply of water for the Central Park, made a verbal report in relation to the same, and presented a communication from Wm. D. Andrews & Bro., proposing to make tests to ascertain if a sufficient quantity of water can be obtained on the Park.

Commissioner Wales offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated to defray the expense of making tests upon the Central Park to ascertain if an adequate supply of water can be obtained for the lakes of the park, and that the Treasurer be authorized to make a contract for the above purpose with Wm. D. Andrews & Bro., of this city, proprietors of the patent gang-well system, the work to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Beethoven Monument.

The Secretary presented communications from the Presidents of the National Academy of Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, reporting favorably upon the model of the Beethoven Monument as a work of Art.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the whole subject of the proposed erection upon the Central Park of the Beethoven Monument was referred to the President to make the necessary arrangements and report to the Board for adoption a site for the erection of said monument.

Insects in parks—Report on.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the subject of the injury to the trees of the parks from the ravages of insect parasites, presented a report in relation to the same, together with a report of E. B. Southwick, an entomologist in the employ of the Department, which were received and ordered printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 95.)

Executive Session.

On motion, at 12 o'clock, the Board went into Executive Session.

Parks in 23d and 24th Wards.

Mr. Luther R. Marsh, President of the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of chapter 253 of the Laws of 1883, to select and locate lands for public parks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and in the vicinity thereof, appeared before the Board in relation to the subject.

Stone, C. H., } Appointed.
Fanning, D. }

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Charles H. Stone and David Fanning be and they hereby are appointed Gatekeepers on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Connolly, B. R., } Promoted.
Howard, H. L. }

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeepers Bernard R. Connolly and Hubert L. Howard be and they are hereby promoted to Parkkeepers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Taylor, J. V. } Promoted.
Reid, W. J. }

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeepers John V. Taylor and W. J. Reid be and they are hereby promoted to Parkkeepers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Alcorn, E. P. } Promoted.
M'Guire, Francis J. }

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeepers Edward P. Alcorn and Francis J. McGuire be and they are hereby promoted to Parkkeepers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

McBride, Patrick, } Promoted.
Dunn, Michael, }
McGrath, Patrick, }

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending that Patrick McBride be promoted from rockman to blaster, and that Michael Dunn and Patrick McGrath be promoted from laborers to rockmen, all to take effect on 25th inst.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the recommendntion of M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, be adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Kanski, H. S.—Resignation.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, enclosing the resignation of Henry S. Kanski.

Accepted.

Smith, J. B.—Appointed,

Commissioner WALES, offered the following :

Resolved, That James B. Smith be and he is hereby appointed a skilled laborer, at \$2 per day, for duty under Engineer Kellogg *vice* H. S. Kanski, resigned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Claremont, Mount St. Vincent, work at.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, in relation to the construction of a wall at Mount St. Vincent, in Central Park, and a chimney at "Claremont," on Riverside Park.

Referred to the President to report.

Topographical Engineer, continuation of employees.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, requesting that authority be given him to continue the employment of Thomas J. Lucey, C. P. Blanchard, and Lincoln Frank, Chainmen, and Herman Koch, Assistant, for thirty days.

Commissioner WALES moved that the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, be authorized to continue the employment of T. J. Lucey, C. P. Blanchard, Lincoln Frank, and Herman Koch, for thirty days.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

McCoy, Jas., appointed.

From the Superintendent of Parks recommending the employment of two cottage laborers for duty at the gentlemen's cottages in the Ramble in Central Park.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That James McCoy be and he is hereby appointed a cottage laborer for duty at one of the cottages in the Ramble.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Rooney, Thomas—Appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas Rooney be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Owens, Andrew—Appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Andrew Owens be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector at \$4 per day, and assigned to duty on the construction of the bays and wall on Morningside Park, under the direction of the Architect.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Board of Aldermen—Depressing of tracks, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution, requesting this Department to confer with the railroad companies whose tracks pass through the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to depressing their tracks at all crossings and with a view to some equitable adjustment, between said companies and the city, as to the expense that would be incurred by such depression of tracks.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Friday, 22d inst., at 11 o'clock A. M.

Park and Gate keepers—Charges against.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against Park and Gate keepers, made a verbal report and recommended as follows :

Holt, Wm.

1st. That the charge of being late at roll call against Gate-keeper William Holt, be dismissed.

O'Shaughnessy, John.

2d. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Park-keeper John O'Shaughnessy be dismissed.

Russell, John

3d. That the charge of being off post against Parkkeeper John Russell be dismissed.

Walker, George.

4th. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Gate-keeper Geo. Walker be dismissed with a reprimand.

Flynn, John.

5th. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Gatekeeper John Flynn be dismissed with a reprimand.

Farrell, Henry.

6th. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Gatekeeper Henry Farrell be dismissed with a reprimand.

Hillier, Frank.

7th. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Gatekeeper Francis Hillier be dismissed with a reprimand.

Green, Patrick.

8th. That Parkkeeper Patrick Green, charged with being off post, be fined two days' pay.

Judson, T. A.

9th. That Gatekeeper Thaddeus A. Judson, charged with being late at roll-call, be fined one day's pay.

Thompson, T. F.

10th. That Parkkeeper Thos. F. Thompson, charged with being off post, be fined one day's pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Sheehan, T. J.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas J. Sheehan be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Stein, Henry.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Henry Stein be and he is hereby restored to duty as laborer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Olliffe—3.

On motion, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

DOCUMENT No. 95.



BOARD

OF THE

Department of Public Parks.

FEBRUARY 20, 1884.



The **PRESIDENT**, to whom was referred the subject of the injury to the trees of the Parks from the ravages of insect parasites, presented a report in relation to the same, together with a report of **E. B. Southwick**, an entomologist in the employ of the Department. Which were received and

Ordered printed as a document of the Board.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

REPORT ON THE INJURY TO THE TREES OF THE PARKS BY INSECTS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 NEW YORK, February 20, 1884. }

The President, to whom was referred the subject of the injury to the trees of the parks from the ravages of insect parasites, submits herewith the report of Mr. E. B. Southwick, a skilled entomologist in the employ of the Department, who has devoted himself assiduously, in addition to other important duties, to the extermination of these insects. A force of men was, by direction of the Board, especially selected by the Superintendent to assist Mr. Southwick. They have been diligently at work during the past summer and autumn, and will continue the work during the present season.

The very general ravages of insect life all over the country during the past year extended to all the parks under the control of this Department. As soon as this wide-spread disaster manifested itself by the destruction of the foliage of the park trees, energetic measures were resorted to, with the results as shown in the very able report of Mr. Southwick, who, it will be seen, has extended his investigations to the entire growth of the park, resulting in the discovery that several thousand trees had been destroyed, or partially destroyed by parasites that have been at work for a considerable period of time, while the specialists not now employed who were charged with the care of these trees seem to have been totally ignorant, or grossly negligent of their duties.

The employment of a competent and faithful entomologist and botanist will, it is believed, result in the prevention of any further destruction of the park growth from this cause. A greater care should be exercised in selecting the nurseries from which trees are purchased. Some of these have been supplied from old and neglected nurseries in the neighborhood of the city, that have fallen into decay, and it is probable that from this source many of these infected trees and shrubs have been obtained.

EGBERT L. VIELE,
President.

To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit the following report on the Noxious Insects of the Central and City Parks and the work accomplished under my direction since the 13th of August, 1883.

The lateness of the season at which the work was commenced prevented the preservation of the foliage of many of the trees, as the insects had been at work already the whole spring and summer, yet much injury was checked by even this late interference and a very general destruction of the insects still at work was accomplished.

Although individual insects are small and inconsiderable, many of them microscopical, the great number of species and the still greater number of individuals, fully make up for their want of corporeal magnitude.

The disastrous results of their workings make it necessary that those in charge of valuable collections of trees and shrubs should understand their peculiar characteristics as clearly as possible.

The number of species is so large and their fecundity so enormous, that whole sections of country are often devastated by their ravages.

The past season has been remarkable in this respect. The destruction of birds and insectivorous animals has aided largely in the increase of insect life.

In European countries entomology and its relation to vegetable life is thought to be of as much importance as the study of the plants themselves.

To understand the relation that insects bear to each other and to the plants upon which they prey, it is necessary to become thoroughly acquainted with their habits and manner of working, and more especially where years of tree growth, and the beauty of our great parks are taken into consideration.

The insects in the Central Park were found to be *very numerous*, and except for entomological collections seem never until now to have received any special attention, as the condition of the trees testify.

The web-spinners were particularly abundant, lining the drives and walks with their unsightly webs, and in positions less exposed often nearly covering the trees. As many as nine families having been taken from a single tree.

The birch, cherry and walnut trees suffering most from their ravages.

The *Orgyia leucostigma* were very abundant in the lower sections of the park, and the trees, after having been nearly defoliated by them, were covered on both trunk and branch with their cocoons; in many cases, at the base of the limbs, a mass was found, of a dozen or more layers in thickness, which held the moisture and caused a rotten spot in the tree.

The *Datanas* were very abundant; five pounds of solid caterpillars were taken from a single tree, and nearly fifteen pounds were taken from three small walnut trees near One Hundredth street and Eighth avenue.

The Bag-worm is also very abundant and difficult to manage, and like the *Orgyia* are single, and must be dealt with individually. They have been increasing until now they are able to defoliate a large number of trees, and must be destroyed to prevent them from extending their feeding-ground and distributing themselves over a larger surface. A great variety of trees suffer from this insect.

Ash trees have been destroyed in great numbers by the scale insect *Mytilaspis pomorum* (*Bouché*), which sometimes

cover the entire tree. These have undoubtedly been brought from the nursery, and were on the young trees when transplanted.

It would be as wise a policy to introduce into a herd of "thoroughbred cattle," one or two infected with a contagious disease, as a sure means of extermination, as to introduce into a plantation of valuable trees, any trees or plants infected with disease or covered with parasites.

A thorough inspection of every tree and shrub should be made before being planted, to ascertain its condition in this respect.

The Willows are very badly affected by the scale insect *Mytilaspis pomorum* (Bouché); a great number of them are already dead, many dying and others struggling for existence.

Whole clumps are found with but a few shoots on the outside still alive, the interior ones completely covered with insects and dead. The Poplars are also being destroyed by the same specie of scale as infest the ash and the willow, almost covering the entire tree. Many trees are already dead and others are dying.

The Oaks, besides the numerous insects that feed upon their foliage, have scale insects also preying upon them and in many cases lower branches are already dead and those next above weakened and dying, thus giving the tree an *unhealthy, sickly* appearance. The scale insect most abundant on the oaks is *Asterodiaspis quercicola* (Bouché).

The pines in great numbers are being destroyed by a scale insect, *Chionaspis pinifoliae* (Fitch), and a woolly plant-louse, *Chermes pinicorticis* (Fitch), the branches and in many cases the trunks of the pines being literally covered with them. This insect, to an ordinary observer, has the appearance of white mould or patches of cotton on the branches and trunks of the trees.

These insects are also brought from the nursery, and under no circumstances should a tree thus affected be planted, unless properly treated and given a fair start.

Another very destructive insect preys upon the pines, the white pine *Aphis*, *Lachnus strobi* (Fitch).

The *Ailanthus* also have their enemy, and many small trees were nearly defoliated by the caterpillars of *Samia cynthia* (Linn.), introduced some years ago from China.

The *Euonymus* species are being destroyed in great numbers by a scale insect, *Chionaspis euonymi* (Comstock).

The lilac, lindera, sumac and apple are all more or less affected by scale insects. The list accompanying this report will show the different species of insects taken from or found working upon the different trees and plants.

A great number of evergreens are having their leaves eaten, their cones mined and their terminal buds destroyed.

The leaves also support a great variety of plant-lice, who live upon their sap, thus weakening the tree and giving it an unhealthy appearance.

A great variety of galls are found on the different species of trees, also leaf-rollers and leaf-mines in great variety and abundance.

The *Celtis* trees are in some situations literally covered with galls and deformed branches. The elms, besides having the numerous caterpillars and destructive leaf-beetle, *Galeruca californiensis* (Linn.), are being destroyed by a scale insect and a woolly aphid, which forms an excrescence on the tree caused by the irritation of these insects.

The Horse-chestnut is also suffering from a scale insect besides the bag-worm and *orgyia*.

Innumerable number of beetles are at work on the different species of trees, the *Cyllene picta* (Drury) being one of the most prominent; many locust trees are already destroyed by their larva.

In dealing with this large, varied, and destructive element the first step was to destroy those in active operation on the different trees and shrubs, going over the whole park four

times, destroying, as far as was possible, all those at work on the foliage.

After having subjected them to a thorough cleaning, the trees were again gone over, and all cocoons having eggs thereon were removed, leaving, as far as was possible, those having parasites in them until the last thorough cleaning. Nearly thirteen (13) bushels of these cocoons and eggs have been taken from the trees, and the amount of cocoons included that have already been removed would seem were it known incredible.

At the present time nearly all the trees have been cleaned of cocoons as far as could be reached by the implements, consisting of different sizes of scrapers on long or short poles, and steel brooms and brushes, as the work at hand might require. All the cocoons and eggs were carefully gathered in a basket and taken to the engine room in the Arsenal and there burned in the furnace.

All the trees on the Drive, from Fifty-ninth street to the Mall, have been cleaned to their very tips ; every cocoon has been removed as far as was possible. Nearly one-half of the elms on the Mall have been thoroughly cleaned, and as the work is continued *every one* will be put in the best condition. This particular work is very slow and tedious, as the men have to themselves go out on the limbs, and with the implements remove the cocoons, and as is the case with the large trees on the Mall, it is almost impossible to thoroughly clean one in less than two hours.

No work has ever been done in the parks of more importance than this branch of the care of trees. The number of trees and shrubs affected by the scale insect and woolly plant-louse alone by count was three thousand and thirty-five (3,035) ; a large number of these trees having died have been removed.

The list accompanying this report is of the different species of insects, taken from or found working upon the

trees and shrubs in the Central and City Parks, with their scientific names and the plants upon which they feed.

The number of species being three hundred and nineteen (319), representing countless myriads of individuals.

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List of noxious insects taken from and found working upon the trees and plants in the Central and City Parks :

1. *Vanessa antiopa* (Linn.).
The caterpillars feeding on the elm and willow.
2. *Grapta interrogationis* (Fab.).
The caterpillars feeding on the elm and linden chiefly.
3. *Hyphantria textor* (Harris).
The caterpillars feeding on the cherry, elm, walnut and birch and spinning unsightly webs upon their branches.
4. *Hyphantria cunea* (Drury).
The caterpillars, according to Mr. Saunders, will feed upon *Chenopodium album*.
5. *Grapta comma* (Harris).
The caterpillars feeding on the foliage of the elm.
6. *Grapta progne* (Cramer).
The caterpillars feeding on the foliage of the elm.
7. *Papilio asterios* (Cramer).
The caterpillars feeding on the carrot, parsnip, etc.
8. *Papilio philenor* (Fab.).
The caterpillars feeding upon the different species of *Aristolochia*, particularly *A. siphon*.

9. *Papilio turnus* (Linn.).
The caterpillar feeding on the foliage of the poplar, cherry and hawthorn.
10. *Dryocampa stigma* (Hübner).
The caterpillars feeding on the oak, chiefly *Quercus palustris*.
11. *Dryocampa rubicunda* (Fab.).
The caterpillars feed chiefly on the oak.
12. *Dryocampa senatoria* (Hübner).
The caterpillars feeding on different species of oak.
13. *Dryocampa pellucida* (Hübner).
The caterpillars feeding on the different species of oak.
14. *Halesidota caryæ* (Harris).
Larva feeding on the tender leaves of the hickory ; also found on the oak.
15. *Halesidota maculata* (Harris).
Larva feeding on the oak.
16. *Halesidota tessellaris* (Smith).
Larva feeding on the leaves of the oak, linden and hazel.
17. *Clisiocampa americana* (Harris).
The caterpillars feeding on the foliage of the elm, apple and cherry.
18. *Clisiocampa sylvatica* (Harris).
The caterpillars feeding on the oak, birch and cherry.
19. *Telea polyphemus* (Hübner).
The larva feeding on the oaks and maples.
20. *Actias luna* (Linn.).
The larva feeding on the walnut and hickory.
21. *Hiperchiria io* (Fab.). The io moth.
The caterpillars feeding on the oak, maple, poplar and cherry.

22. *Orgyia leucostigma* (Sm. & Abb.).
The caterpillars feeding on a great variety of trees.
23. *Citheronia regalis* (Hübner).
Feeding on the hickory.
24. *Datana ministra* (Drury).
The caterpillars living in large families on the walnut and oak.
25. *Datana perspicua* (Gr. & Rob.).
The caterpillars feeding on the sumac.
26. *Datana contracta* (Walker).
The caterpillars feeding on the oaks and walnuts.
27. *Datana angusii* (Grote & Robinson).
The caterpillars feeding on the oaks and walnuts.
28. *Datana integerrima* (Grote & Robinson).
The caterpillars feeding on the oak.
29. *Datana juglandis* (South. & Beutt.). (New species).
The caterpillars feeding on the oaks and walnuts.
30. *Datana gaylussacia* (Southwick). (New species.)
The caterpillars feeding on the huckleberry.
31. *Datana caryæ* (Beuttenmüller). (New species.)
The caterpillars feeding on the hickory.
32. *Platysamia cecropia* (Linn.).
The larva found chiefly on the maple.
33. *Eacles imperialis* (Hübner).
The larva feeding on a great variety of trees, as the sycamore, alder, willow, pine, tamarack and spruce ; also exhibiting a great variety of colors from light green to almost black.
34. *Argynnis atlantis* (Edw.).
Larva found on violet species.
35. *Argynnis aphrodite* (Fab.).
Larva feeds on the wild violet species.

36. *Argynnis diana* (Cram.).
Larva found on wild violet species.
37. *Argynnis myrena* (Cram.).
Larva found on the wild violet.
38. *Pieris rapæ* (Linn.).
Larva feeding on the cabbage and mustard.
39. *Eugonia subsignaria* (Hubner).
Larva feeding on the foliage of the elm, poplar and linden.
40. *Eudropia pectinaria* (Guenée).
Larva feeding on the oak.
41. *Ceratomia quadricornis* (Harris).
Larva feeding on the elm.
42. *Smerinthus juglandis* (Sm. & Abb.).
Larva feeding on the foliage of the walnut.
43. *Eudamus tityrus* (Fabr.).
Larva feeding on the leaves of the locust.
44. *Coelodasys unicornis* (Sm. & Abb.).
Larva feeding on the cherry and hazel.
45. *Smerinthus excaecatus* (Harris).
Larva feeding on wild cherry and willow.
46. *Daremma undulosa*.
Larva feeding on the foliage of the ash.
47. *Darapsa myron* (Cram.).
Larva feeding on the grape chiefly.
48. *Darapsa choerilis* (Cram.).
Larva feeding on the grape and sweet gum.
49. *Philampelus achemon* (Drury).
Larva feeds on the grape.
50. *Philampelus satellita* (Linn.).
Larva feeds on the grape and ampelopsis.
51. *Pyrrharctia isabella* (Smith).
Larva feeds on clover and plantain.

52. *Leucarctia acraea* (Smith).
Larva feeds on weeds and grasses.
53. *Arctia decorata*.
Larva feeding on the huckleberry.
54. *Sesia thisbe* (Fab.).
Larva feeds on the thorn.
55. *Alypia octomaculata* (Fab.).
Larva feeds on the grape.
56. *Thyreus abottii* (Smith).
Larva feeds on the grape and ampelopsis.
57. *Limenitis disippus* (Godt).
Larva feeds on the poplar and willow.
58. *Limenitis ursula* (Fabr.).
Larva feeds on the willow, oak and cherry.
59. *Danais archippus* (Fabr.).
Larva feeds on asclepias species.
60. *Colias philodice* (Godt).
Larva feeds on clover chiefly.
61. *Spilosoma virginica* (Fab.).
Larva feeds on a great variety of plants, including the grape.
62. *Hadena arctica* (Boisd.).
Larva feeding on the roots of different grasses.
63. *Leucania unipuncta* (Haworth).
Larva feeding on a variety of plants, including grasses.
64. *Agrotis, C. nigrum* (Linn.).
Larva feeding on the roots and stems of grasses.
65. *Plusia precautionis* (Guen.).
Larva feeds on the holyhock and thistle.
66. *Acronycta oblinita* (Abb.).
Larva feeding on polyganum species.
67. *Catocala neogama?* (Abb & Sm.).
Larva feeds on the foliage of several species of trees.

68. *Catocala amatrrix?* (Hüb.).
Larva feeds on several species of trees.
69. *Catocala cara?* (Gue).
Larva on several species of trees. The larva of the catocalas partake somewhat of the colors of the substance upon which they feed.
70. *Anisopteryx venata* (Peck).
Larva feeding on a variety of plants; also very destructive to the elm.
71. *Apatela americana* (Harris).
Larva feeding on the maple, chestnut and poplar.
72. *Apatela* species.
73. *Ceramica picta* (Harris).
Larva feeds on dock and polyganum.
74. *Melitæa phaeton* (Drury).
Larva feeds on chelone and clover species.
75. *Hybernia tiliaria* (Harris).
Larva feeding on the linden chiefly.
76. *Empretia stimulea* (Clem.).
Larva feeds on the oak and apple.
77. *Sphinx drupiferum* (Sm. & Abb.).
Larva feeds on the elm and ash.
78. *Callosamia promethea* (Drury).
Larva feeds on the cherry, ash and liriodendron.
79. *Procris americana* (Harris).
Larva feeds on the maple.
80. *Acronycta populi* (Riley).
Larva feeds on the poplar.
81. *Samia cynthia* (Linn.).
Larva feeding on the foliage of the ailanthus.
82. *Phobetrum pithecius* (Sm. & Abb.).
Larva feeds on the oak, plum and cherry.

83. *Limacodes scapha* (Harris).
Larva feeds on the hickory and willow.
84. *Oedemasia concinna* (Sm. & Abb.).
Larva feeds on the apple and thorn.
85. *Gastropacha americana* (Harris).
Larva feeds on the oak, cherry, maple and apple.
86. *Tolype velleda* (Stoll).
Larva feeding on the elm and apple.
87. *Xyleutes robiniaë* (Harris).
Larva boring in the locust.
88. *Melitaea tharos* (Boisd.).
Larva feeds on grasses.
89. *Tortrix rileyana* (Grote).
Larva feeds on the walnut, drawing the leaves together in which it pupates.
90. *Lithocolletis castaneaella* (Chamb.).
Larva forming a blotch-like mine on upper surface of the leaves of the chestnut.
91. *Lithocolletis aceriella* (Clem.).
Larva forming a blotch-like mine on the upper surface of the leaves of the maple.
92. *Lithocolletis lucetiella* (Clem.).
Larva forming tentiform mines on the under surface of the leaves of the linden.
93. *Lithocolletis clemensella* (Chamb.).
Larva forming a tentiform mine on the under surface of the leaves of the maple.
94. *Lithocolletis hymadryadella* (Clem.).
Larva forming a white blotch-like mine on the upper surface of the leaves of the white oak.
95. *Lithocolletis fitchella* (Clem.).
Larva forming a tent-like mine on the under surface of the leaves of the oak.

96. *Lithocolletis bifasciella* (Chamb.).
Larva mining the upper surface of the leaves of the oak.
97. *Lithocolletis ulmella* (Chamb.).
Larva mining the upper surface of the leaves of the elm.
98. *Lithocolletis salicifoliella* (Chamb.).
Larva forming tentiform mines in the upper surface of the leaves of the willow.
99. *Gracilaria salicifoliella* (Cham.).
Larva forming a blotch-like mine in the upper surface of the leaves of the willow.
100. *Depressaria robiniella* (Pack.).
Larva feeding on the foliage of the locust.
101. *Parectopa robiniella* (Fitch).
Larva forming a blotch-like mine on the upper surface of the leaves of the locust.
102. *Incurvaria acerifoliella* (Fitch).
Cutting round holes in the leaf of the maple and consuming the pulp.
103. *Cacoccia rosaceana* (Harris).
A leaf-roller working on the apple and thorn.
104. *Phycis indigenella* (Zeller).
A leaf-crumpler, working on the apple and thorn.
105. *Phoxopterus nuberculana* (Clem.).
A leaf-sower working on crataegus.
106. *Pempelia Hammondi* (Riley).
A leaf-skeletonizer working on the pyrus family.
107. *Ephippophora caryana* (Fitch).
Larva mining the shucks of the nuts of the hickory.
108. *Coleophora malivorella* (Riley).
A case-bearer feeding on the apple and cherry.

109. *Aspidisca splendoriferella* (Clem.).
Cutting round holes in the leaf of the quince. A leaf-miner.
110. *Galechia coryliella* (Cham.).
Larva mining the catkins of the hazel.
111. *Argyrolepia quercifoliana* (Fitch).
A leaf-roller working on oak sp.
112. *Nepticula anguinella*.
Larva mining the upper surface of leaves of oak sp.
113. *Machimia tentoriferella* (Clem.).
Larva forming a small web and devouring the leaves of *Quercus palustris*.
114. *Galechia robiniaefoliella* (Cham.).
Larva living between two leaves of the locust, which it spins together, feeding on the inner surface.
115. *Ornix prunivorella* (Cham.).
Larva forming a tentiform mine on under surface of the leaves of the wild cherry.
116. *Retinia comstockiana* (Fernald).
Larva boring into the twigs of the pine, causing the sap to exude.
117. *Retinia frustrana* (Scudder).
Larva spinning a web around the terminal bud and mining the branch of the pine.
118. Pine tube builder.
Larva cutting off the needle of the pine and spinning together a tube of the remaining stumps in which it pupates.
119. *Allorhina nitida* (Linn.).
Feeding on fruit.
120. *Pasalus cornutus*.
Larva living in decaying wood.
121. *Pelidnota punctata* (Linn.).
Feeding on the foliage of the grape.

122. *Osmoderma scabra* (Beauv.).
Larva living in decaying wood.
- 122 $\frac{1}{2}$. *Cyllene picta* (Drury).
Larva boring in the locust and hickory.
123. *Saperda tridentata* (Oliv.).
The larva boring into the elm.
124. *Tomicus liminaris* (Harris).
Larva boring the bark of the elm.
125. *Chrysobothris femorata* (Fab.).
Larva boring into the oak and apple.
126. *Cotalpa lanigera* (Linn.).
Living on the elm and poplar.
127. *Saperda calcarata* (Say.).
Larva boring into the poplar.
128. *Euryomia inda* (Linn.).
Feeding on fruit.
129. *Elateridæ* species.
Found in decaying cherry wood.
130. *Elateridæ* sp.
Found on *asclepias cornuti*.
131. *Elateridæ* sp.
Found in decaying oak wood.
132. *Anomala varians* (Fabr.).
Feeding on the grape and sumac.
133. *Lachnosterna fusca* (Fröhl).
Larva living on the roots of different grasses.
134. *Lachnosterna tristis* (Fabr.).
Larva living on the roots of grasses.
135. *Phymatodes variabilis* (Fabr.).
Larva boring in the trunk of the white oak.
136. *Clytus* species.
Found on several plants.

137. *Clytus* sp.
Found on *Lappa officinalis*.
138. *Clytus speciosus* (Say.).
Larva living in the trunk of the maple.
139. *Saperda tridentata* (Oliv.).
Larva boring into the elm.
140. *Lixus concavus* (Say.).
Larva probably living in umbelliferous plants.
141. *Xylotrechus colonus* (Fab.).
Larva probably living in the maple.
142. *Chrysomela* 10. *lineata*.
Larva feeds on *solanum* sp.
143. *Psenocerus supernotatus* (Say.).
Larva boring in the stem of the currant.
144. *Phylophaga georgicana*.
Feeding on the foliage of trees.
145. Buprestid sp.
Found on pine trunks.
146. *Goes debilis* (Leconte).
Larva living in the oak.
147. *Prionis laticollis* (Drury).
Larva living in the decaying wood of poplar sp.
148. *Saperda candida* (Fab.).
The larva boring into the apple and thorn.
149. *Lucanus dama* (Thumb).
Larva living in the decaying trunks of willow and oak.
150. *Alaus oculatus* (Linn.).
Larva living in decaying stumps and trunks of oak and poplar.
151. *Osmoderma* sp.
Larva living in decaying wood.

152. *Dicerca divaricata* (Say).
Larva boring into the beech, peach and cherry.
153. *Desmocerus palliatus* (Fab.).
Larva bores into the stem of the elder.
154. *Prionis* species.
Larva living in decaying wood probably.
155. *Balaninus nasiceus* (Day).
Larva living in the nuts of the hickory.
156. *Balaninus rectus* (Say).
Larva living in acorns.
157. *Balaninus caryotypes* (Boh.).
Larva living in the fruit of the chestnut.
158. *Graptodera chalybea* (Illig).
Larva feeding on the leaves of the grape, and the beetles on the buds.
159. *Macroductylus subspinosus* (Fabr.).
Devouring the blossoms of fruit trees and the rose.
160. *Conotrachelus nenuphar* (Herbst.).
Larva living in the fruit of the plum.
161. *Elaphidion villosum* (Fab.).
Larva living in the limbs of the oak.
162. *Chrysobothris dentipes* (Germar).
Larva boring into the oak found in *quercus rubra*.
163. *Lytta vittata* (Fabr.).
Larva probably feeds on the roots of plants?
164. *Lytta cinerea* (Fab.).
Larva feeds on roots of plants?
165. *Lytta marginata* (Fabr.).
Beetle found on solanum species.
166. *Galeruca californiensis* (Linn.).
Larva very destructive to the foliage of the elm.
167. *Chrysomela scalaris* (Le Coute).
The larva found on the willow, linden and elm.

168. *Chrysomela multipunctata*.—
Larva found chiefly on the willow.
169. *Hispa suturalis* (Harris).
Larva feeding on the leaves of the locust.
170. *Hispa rosea* (Weber).
Larva feeds on the leaves of the apple and shad bush.
171. *Hispa* species, prob. *quadrata* (Fab.).
On the linden.
172. *Cassida aurichalcea* (Fab.).
Larva found on *convolvulus* and *solanum* sp.
173. *Diabrotica vittata* (Fabr.).
Lives on *cucumis* species.
174. *Diabrotica 12-punctata* (Oliv.).
Lives on *cucumis* species and dahlia.
175. *Oncideres cingulatus* (Say.).
Girdling the young shoots of *carya* sp.
176. *Craponius inaequalis* (Say.).
Larva living in the fruit of the grape.
177. *Agrilus ruficollis* (Fabr.).
Larva living in the canes of raspberry and blackberry.
178. *Phyllophaga hirticula* (Say.).
Feeding on the leaves of the grape.
179. *Oberea bimaculata* (Oliv.).
Larva living in the canes of the raspberry.
180. *Cynips q.-centricola* (O. S.).
On *quercus palustris*.
181. *Cynips q.-ficus* (Fitch).
On twigs of *quercus alba*.
182. *Cynips q.-verrucarum* (O. S.).
On leaves of *quercus alba*.
183. *Cynips q.-ventricosa* (Bassett).
On *quercus tinctoria*.

184. *Cynips q.-erinacea*.
On leaves of *quercus alba*.
185. *Cynips q.-flocci* (Walsh).
On twigs of *quercus alba*.
186. *Cynips q.-futilis* (O. S.).
On *quercus tinctoria*.
187. *Cynips q.-globulus* (Fitch).
On *quercus alba*.
188. *Cynips q.-tuber* (Fitch).
On or near the ends of white oak twigs.
189. *Cynips q.-arbos* (Fitch).
On *quercus alba*.
190. *Cynips q.-batatas* (Fitch).
On twigs of *quercus alba*.
191. *Cynips q.-petiolicola* (Bass).
On *quercus tinctoria*.
192. *Cynips oneratus* (Harris).
On *quercus alba*.
193. *Andricus clavula* (Bassett).
On terminal buds of *quercus alba*.
194. *Andricus seminator* (Harris).
On *quercus alba*.
195. *Andricus species*.
On *quercus alba*.
196. *Andricus cornigera* (O. S.).
On *quercus palustris*.
197. *Rhodites radicum* (O. S.).
At root of *rosa carolina*.
198. *Rhodites dichlocerus* (Harris).
On *rosa carolina*.
199. *Rhodites bicolor* (Harris).
On *rosa lucida*.

200. *Rhodites farinosa* (Basset).
On *rosa lucida*.
201. *Rhodites* sp.
On *rosa carolina*.
202. *Glyphina ulmicola* (Fitch).
Cockscomb gall on the elm leaf.
203. *Pemphigus populicaulis* (Fitch).
On leaves of poplar sp.
204. *Pemphigus vagabondus* (Walsh).
On twigs of the cottonwood.
205. *Pemphigus rhois* (Fitch).
Forming large galls on *rhus glabra*.
206. *Pemphigus ulmi-fusus* (Walsh).
Forming spindle-shaped galls on elm leaf.
207. *Pemphigus populi-globuli* (Fitch).
Forming round galls on poplar sp.
208. *Pemphigus* sp. on *populus candicans*.
209. *Pemphigus populi-venea* (Fitch).
Forming galls on the veins of the leaves of *populus*
sp.
210. *Pemphigus* sp. on *populus balsamifera*.
211. *Pemphigus fraxinifolii* (Riley).
On the leaves of the ash.
212. *Pemphigus* sp. on *populus*.
213. *Pemphigus populi transversus* (Riley).
Forming galls on *populus* sp.
214. *Pemphigus specis* on *ulmus fulva*.
215. *Cecidomyia salicis-brassicoides* (Walsh).
On twigs of *salix* sp.
216. *Cecidomyia* sp. on *salix fragilis*.
217. *Cecidomyia* species.
On *fraxinus americana*.

218. *Cecidomyia* sp. on *salix alba*.
219. *Cecidomyia sanguinolenta* (O. S.).
On leaf of *carya alba*.
220. *Cecidomyia gleditschiae* (O. S.).
On Honey locust.
221. *Cecidomyia* species.
On *Crataegus*.
222. *Cecidomyia* sp.
On *Salix caprea*.
223. *Cecidomyia-eruca* (O. S.).
On leaf of *quercus rubra*.
224. *Cecidomyia* species.
On nuts of *carya alba*.
225. *Cecidomyia pillulae* (O. S.).
On leaf of *quercus alba*.
226. *Cecidomyia* species.
On terminal twigs *Cornus Florida*.
227. *Cecidomyia holotrica* (O. S.). Var. 1.
On leaf of *carya alba*.
228. *Cecidomyia holotrica* (O. S.). Var. 2.
On leaf of *carya alba*.
229. *Cecidomyia tubicola* (O. S.).
On leaf of *carya alba*.
230. *Cecidomyia reniformis*. —
On *Vaccinium corymbosum*.
231. *Cecidomyia strobilina* (O. S.).
Hop-like galls on the willow.
232. *Cecidomyia ridgidae*. —
On twigs of willow species.
233. *Diastrophus potentillae* (Bassett).
On *potentilla canadensis*.
234. *Trypeta solidaginis*.
On *solidago* sp.

235. *Phytoptus-acerus-verracula* (Riley).
On leaves of *acer rubrum*.
236. *Phytoptus* species.
On *prunus serotina*.
237. *Phytoptus* species.
On *ulmus americana*.
238. *Lasioptera vitis* (O. S.).
Forming galls on the petiole and tendril of the grapevine.
239. *Blastophysa gemma* (Riley).
Bud galls on *celtis occidentalis*.
240. *Pachypsylla celtidis-mamma* (Riley).
Buck-shot galls on leaves of *celtis occidentalis*.
241. *Neuroterus vesicula* (Bassett).
On *quercus alba*.
242. *Diastrophus neblousus* (O. S.)
Forming oblong galls on canes of blackberry.
243. *Vitis tomatos* (Riley).
Forming succulent galls on the stems of the grape.
244. *Hormaphis spinosus* (Shimmer).
Forming galls on the witch hazel.
245. *Phylloxera depressa* (Shimmer).
On leaf of *carya alba*.
246. *Phylloxera caryæ-venæ* (Fitch).
On leaves of *carya alba*.
247. *Phylloxera caryæ foliæ* (Fitch).
On leaves of *carya porcina*.
248. *Phylloxera caryæ-caulis* (Fitch).
On petiole of leaves of *caryæ* species.
249. *Phylloxera vitifoliæ* (Fitch).
On leaves of the grape.
250. *Phylloxera caryæ-semen* (Walsh).
Seed-like galls on leaves of *carya* species.

251. *Phylloxera rileyi* (Licht).
On leaves of quercus species.
252. *Phylloxera caryæ-venal* (Fitch).
On leaves of carya alba.
253. *Phylloxera caryæ-globuli* (Walsh).
On leaves of carya alba.
254. *Phylloxera depressa* (Shimmer).
On leaves of carya alba.
255. *Diplosis resinicola* (O. S.).
Larva living in the pitch, exuding from wounds in
the bark of pinus strobus.
256. *Adelges abieticolens* (Thomas).
Larva living in the terminal shoots of the Spruce,
causing cone-like swellings.
257. *Aphis mali* (Fab.).
Living on the tender twigs of the apple.
258. *Aphis malifoliæ* (Fitch).
Living on the leaves of the apple.
259. *Aphis pruni* (Koch).
Living on the Plum.
260. *Aphis virburni* (Fab.).
Living on the Snow-ball, virburnum.
261. *Aphis vernoniæ* (Thos.).
Living on Vernonia noveboracensis.
262. *Aphis cephalanthi* (Thos.).
Living on Cephalanthus occidentalis.
263. *Aphis impatientis* (Thos.).
Living on Impatiens sp.
264. *Aphis symphoricarpi* (Thos.).
Living on Symphoricarpus racemosus.
265. *Aphis sambuci* (Linn.).
Living on Sambucus canadensis.

266. *Aphis cornifoliae* (Fitch).
Living on the leaves of *Cornus* sp.
267. *Aphis crataegifoliae* (Fitch).
Living on the leaves of *Crataegus* sp.
268. *Aphis populifoliae* (Fitch).
Living on the leaves of the Poplar.
269. *Aphis* sp.
Living on Dock.
270. *Aphis* species.
Living on *Lappa officinalis*.
271. *Siphonophora acerifoliae* (Thos.).
Living on the tender shoots of *Acer dasycarpum*.
272. *Siphonophora ambrosiae* (Thos.).
Living on *Ambrosia* sp.
273. *Siphonophora viticola* (Thos.).
Living on the tender shoots of the grape vine.
274. *Siphonophora polygoni* (Walk.).
Living on *Polygonum* sp.
275. *Siphonophora salicicola* (Thos.).
Living on the tender shoots of *Willow* sp.
276. *Myzus cerasi* (Fab.).
Living on the tender leaves and shoots of the Cherry.
277. *Rhapalosiphum berberidis* (Kalt).
Living on the leaves of *Berberis vulgaris*.
278. *Siphocaryne pastinacæ* (Linn.).
Living on the wild parsnip.
279. *Lachnus caryæ* (Harris).
Living on the tender twigs and leaves of *carya* sp.
280. *Lacnus laricifex* (Fitch).
Living on the Tamarack.
281. *Lachnus abietis* (Fitch).
Living on the Spruce.

282. *Lachnus strobi* (Fitch).
Living on the Pine.
283. *Lachnus alnifoliae* (Fitch).
Living on *Alnus* sp., chiefly on *Alnus incana*.
284. *Lachnus quercifolia* (Fitch).
Living on the leaves of the White oak.
285. *Schizoneura lanigera* (Hauson).
Woolly aphid on the Apple, or apple blight.
286. *Schizoneura querci* (Thos.).
Woolly aphid on the Oak, or oak blight.
287. *Schizoneura tessellata* (Fitch).
Woolly aphid on the *Alnus* sp.
288. *Schizoneura ulmi* (Linn.).
Woolly aphid of the Elm.
289. *Chermes pinicorticis* (Fitch).
On *Pinus strobus*.
290. *Chionaspis pinifoliae* (Fitch).
Living on the needles of the pine.
291. *Lecanium persicæ* (or near it, according to Riley).
Living on *Lindera beuzoin*.
292. *Mytilaspis pomorum* (Bouche).
Living on the Ash, Willow, Poplar, Apple, Tamarisk,
etc.
293. *Asterodiaspis quercicola* (Bouche).
On *Quercus* species.
294. *Chionaspis euonymi* (Comstock).
On *Euonymus atropurpureus*.
295. *Aspidiotus* species (prob. new, Riley).
Living on *Catalpa* species.
296. *Aspidiotus* species (prob. new).
On *Quercus palustris*.
297. *Aspidiotis juglandis* (Fitch).
On *Juglans cinerea*.

298. *Aspidiotus?* species.
On *Rhus glabra*
299. *Aspidiotus?* species.
On Horse-chestnut.
300. *Aspidiotus?* species.
On *Acer dasycarpum*.
301. *Aspidiotus cerasi* (Fitch).
On Choke-cherry, chiefly.
302. *Oecanthus niveus* (Serville).
A small cricket ovipositing in the branches of the
Elm, Maple, Willow and Alder.
303. *Diapheromera femorata* (Say.).
Devouring the leaves of the Hickory.
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305. *Erythroneura vitis* (Harris).
Living on the Grape vine.
306. *Tingis cydoniæ* (Fitch).
Living on the Quince leaves.
307. *Tingis juglandis* (Fitch).
Living on the leaves of *Juglans cinerea*.
308. *Tingis hyalina* (Packard).
Living on the leaves of the Willow.
309. *Tingis* species.
Living on the leaves of *Platanus occidentalis*.
310. *Cicada tibicen* (Linn.).
Wounding the limbs of Oak and Cherry trees and
depositing its eggs therein.
311. *Aphrophora parallella* (Say.).
A spittle insect living on the Pine.
312. *Aphrophora 4 notata* (Say.).
A spittle insect living on the Apple and Quince.
313. *Aphrophora* species.
A spittle insect on the leaves of *Carya alba*.

314. *Pulvinaria innumerabilis* (Rathvon).
Living on the Grape and Virginia creeper.
315. *Lecanium acericola* (Walsh and Riley).
Living on *Acer dasycarpum*.
316. *Cimbex americana* (Leach).
Larva feeding on the Willow.
317. *Cimbex ulmi*.—
Larva feeding on the foliage of the Elm.
318. *Cimbex* (?) species.
Living on *Betula alba*.
319. *Tremex columba* (Linn.).
Larva boring into the Oak, Hickory and Maple.
- Total number of species three hundred and nineteen (319).

In connection with the foregoing list of plant and tree parasites, it is not out of place to refer to the fact that many of these parasites have enemies of their own, which in no small measure counteract their destructive influence.

The following are some of the most prominent parasitic upon other insects, including predaceous beetles, which devour large numbers of destructive insects.

1. *Colosoma calidum* (Fab.).
The Beetle and Larva devouring the Larvæ of *Leucania unipuncta*, *Clisiocampa americana*, *Anisopteryx vernata*, *Crambus vulgivagellus*, *Clisiocampa sylvatica*.
2. *Colosoma scrutator* (Fab.)
Devouring Larvæ of *Anisopteryx vernata* and *Clisiocampa sylvatica*.
3. *Cicindella vulgaris* (Say.).
Larva devouring a great variety of insects.
4. *Lebia grandis*.
Devouring a great variety of insects.

5. *Brachinus fumans* (Say.).
Devouring other insects.
6. *Telephorus bilineatus* (Say.).
Devouring a great variety of insects.
7. *Necrobia violans*.
Devouring a great variety of insects.
8. *Harpalus colignosus* (Say.).
Devouring a great variety of insects.
9. *Harpalus pensylvanicus* (De Geer.).
Both Larva and Beetle feeding on a variety of insects, including Larvæ of Curculionidae.
10. *Staphylinus* species.
Devouring great numbers of *Anthomyia brassicae* Larvæ.
11. *Carabus* species.
Feeding on a variety of insects, including *Crambus vulgivagellus*.
12. *Chilochorus bivulnerus* (Muls.).
Devouring great quantities of scale insects, including *Lecanium acericola*, *Mytilaspis pomorum* and *Chionaspis furfurus*.
13. *Coccinella bipunctata* (Lin.).
Devouring *Aphis mali*, and great variety of plant-lice.
14. *Coccinella novemnotata* (Herbst.).
Feeding on a variety of plant-lice, including *Aphis mali*.
15. *Cycloneda sanguinea* (Lin.).
Devouring a great variety of plant-lice including *Aphis mali*.
16. *Coccinella venusta* (Mels.).
Devouring plant-lice, including *Aphis mali*.

17. *Hippodamia* 13. *punctata* (Herbst.).
Devouring plant-lice in great variety.
18. *Chauliognathus pensylvanicus* (Lee).
Larvæ destroying curculionidar sp.
19. *Pimpla inquisitor* (Say.).
Parasitic on Larva of *Clisiocampa americana*.
20. *Pimpla conquisitor* (Say.).
Parasitic on *Clisiocampa americana* and *Argyrolepia quercifoliæ*.
21. *Pimpla atrata* (Fab.).
Parasitic on larvæ, including *Tremex columba*.
22. *Pimpla lunator* (Fab.).
Parasitic on wood-boring larvæ, including *Tremex columba*.
23. *Pimpla annulipes* (Br.).
Parasitic on *Carpocapsa pomonella*.
24. *Pimpla pedalis* (Cresson).
Parasitic on Larvæ of *Clisiocampa americana* and *C. sylvatica*.
25. *Macrocentrus delicatus* (Cresson).
Parasitic on *Carpocapsa pomonella*.
26. *Ichneumon* specie.
Parasitic on *Cacoecia rosaceana*.
27. *Porizon conotracheli* (Riley).
Parasitic on *Curculio* Larvæ, especially *Conotrachelus nenuphar*.
28. *Tiphia inornata* (Say.).
Parasitic on Larva of *Lachnosterna fusca*.
29. *Trioxys ceraspis* (Fitch).
Parasitic on *Myzus cerasi*.
30. *Ichneumon* species.
Parasitic on *Darapsa myron* larva.

31. *Ophion macrurum* (Lin.).
Parasitic on Larvæ of *Platysamia cecropia* and
Hyperchiria io and *Telea polyphemus*.
32. *Ophion bilineatus* (Say).
Parasitic on *Spilosoma virginica*.
33. *Ophion* species.
Parasitic on *Nephelodes violans*.
34. *Bracon charus* (Riley).
Parasitic on Larva of *Chrysobothris femorata*.
35. *Cryptus grallator* (Say).
Parasitic on Larva of *Chrysobothris femorata*.
36. *Chalcis mytilaspis* (Le Baron).
Parasitic on *Mytilaspis pomorum*.
37. *Chalcis mariæ* (Riley).
Parasitic on several sp. of insects.
38. Chalcid species.
Parasitic on *Coleophora malivorella*.
39. *Eucyrtus bucculatrix* (Howard).
Parasitic on *Bucculatrix pomifoliella*.
40. *Cirrospilus flavicinctus* (Riley).
Parasitic on *Bucculatrix pomifoliella*.
41. *Cryptus mundus* (Prov.).
Parasitic on *Crambus vulgivagellus*.
42. *Perilampus violaceus* (Dalm.).
Parasitic on *Crambus vulgivagellus*.
43. *Lampronota frigida* (Cresson).
Parasitic on *Crambus vulgivagellus*.
44. *Cryptus grallator* (Say).
Parasitic on *Chrysobothris femorata*.
45. *Aphelinus mali*. —
Parasitic on *Schizoneura lanigera*.
46. *Ichneumon laetus* (Bruell).
Parasitic on *Clisiocampa americana*.

47. *Nemoræa leucaniæ* (Kirkp.).
Parasitic on *Clisiocampa sylvatica* and *Crambus vagabondus*.
48. *Pteromalus puparum*.—
Parasitic on Larvæ of *Pieris rapæ*.
49. *Cryptus extrematus* (Cresson).
Parasitic on *Platysamia cecropia* Larva.
50. *Gaurax anchora* (Loew.).
Parasitic on Larva of *Platysamia cecropia*.
51. *Microdus carinoides* (Cresson).
Parasitic on *Eccopsis malana*.
52. *Eumenes fraternus* (Say.).
Collecting larva of *Anisopteryx vernata* and storing them in her cells for young.
53. *Trichogramma minuta* (Riley).
Parasitic upon Eggs of *Disippus* Butterfly.
54. *Sigalphus curculionis* (Fitch).
Parasitic on *Conotrachelus nenuphar*.
55. *Diplosis grassator* (Fyles).
Parasitic on *Phylloxera vastatrix*.
56. *Pipiza radicum* (Riley).
Parasitic on *Schizoneura lanigera*.
57. *Tachina phycitæ* (Le Baron).
Parasitic on *Phycis indigenella*.
58. *Thrips phylloxeræ* (Riley).
Parasitic on *Phylloxera vastatrix*.
59. *Tyroglyphus phylloxeræ* (P. and R.).
Parasitic on *Phylloxera vastatrix*.
60. *Hoplophora arctata* (Riley).
Parasitic on *Phylloxera vastatrix*.
61. *Nothrus ovivorus* (Packard).
Parasitic on *Anisopteryx vernata*.

62. *Campyloneura vitripennis* (Say.).

Devouring large numbers of the leaf Hopper
Erythroneura vitis.

63. *Podisus spinosus* (Dallas).

Devouring large quantities of the Larvæ of *Hyphantria textor*.

EDMUND B. SOUTHWICK.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1884.

ADJOURNED MEETING—11 A. M.

No Commissioners present.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1884.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner VIELE, President.

“ WALES,
“ CRIMMINS,
“ OLLIFFE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Plan of Island above 155th street.

The PRESIDENT stated that in accordance with a notice inserted in the *City Record* the Board had set this day to hear the views of the property owners interested in plans for laying out the north end of Manhattan Island, above One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street. No person appearing, to express their views,

On motion, the further consideration of the subject was laid over.

Local Improvement Association—23d Ward.

Mr. S. S. Randall, Secretary of the Local Improvement Association of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, appeared before the Board and presented a preamble and resolutions approving of the site designated by the Commissioners appointed for locating parks, for the laying out of “Crotona Park,” in Twenty-third Ward.

Ordered filed.

Sewer in Fulton avenue.

Alderman Fullgraff appeared before the Board and presented a petition signed by C. Moretz, H. C. Lach and other property owners, asking for the construction of a sewer in Fulton avenue between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction, to prepare plans and specifications for the same.

156th street—grading.

Alderman Fullgraff called the attention of the Board to the necessity for the prosecution of the work of grading East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, and planting trees along the Southern Boulevard, and other works of improvement in the annexed district.

Public park—Morrissania Cemetery.

Petitions were received from James L. Parshall, Charles H. Watson, G. W. Ditchell, and others, property owners, asking for the laying out of a public park on the site of a block of ground bounded by St. Ann's avenue, German place, and Rae and Carr streets, formerly known as Morrissania Cemetery, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to Commissioners Wales and Viele.

The following communications were received :

Assembly—Cost of completing Parks.

From the Clerk of the Assembly, transmitting a copy of a resolution, requesting this Department to report the estimated cost of completing Central, Mt. Morris, Riverside, Morningside and East River Parks and Tompkins Square.

Referred to the President, with power.

Munson, S. T.—For restoration.

From Samuel T. Munson, asking to be reinstated as a gate-keeper on the force of the Department.

Ordered filed.

Superintending Gardener—Trees for planting.

From the Superintending Gardener, reporting in relation to the purchase of trees for planting on the city parks below Fifty-ninth street.

Planting city parks.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the work of planting on the city parks below Fifty-ninth street, be proceeded with in accordance with the recommendations contained in the reports of the Superintending Gardener as received at the last meeting, supplemented by the report received this day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Property Clerk—Inventory.

From the Property Clerk, submitting an inventory of the property of the Department under date of January 1, 1884.

Ordered filed.

Cahill, D. B.—For employment.

From D. Byron Cahill, applying for employment as Civil Engineer and Surveyor, or draughtsman.

Ordered filed.

Bartlett, Abner—Grades 23d Ward.

From Abner Bartlett, on behalf J. J. Astor, in relation to establishing the grades in that portion of the Twenty-third Ward north of the Port Morris & Spuyten Duyvil Railroad, and east of the centre of Cromwell's Creek.

Referred to the President.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction :

147th St.—Grading, etc.

1st. Stating that the cost of the work of grading, etc., One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, between North Third and Willis avenues, would not exceed \$700, in consequence of improvements made by the property-owners, thereby decreasing the amount of work to be done by this Department, and recommending that the same be done under a Treasurer's order.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby requested to procure estimates for doing the necessary work of regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging sidewalk in One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, between North Third avenue and Willis avenue, and submit the same to this Board for action.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

156th St.—Regulating, etc.

2d. Submitting plans and specifications for regulating and grading, etc., East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from North Third avenue to Railroad avenue, east.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from North Third avenue to Railroad avenue, east, as this day presented by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed, and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Works in progress.

3d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Depression of railroad tracks, 23d and 24th Wards.

4th. From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon a preamble and resolution received from the Board of Aldermen, in relation to the depression beneath the street levels of the railroad tracks in all portions of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the construction of bridges at street crossings.

Referred to the Committee having the subject in charge.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Temporary suspensions.

1st. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Works in progress.

2d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Kellogg, M. A., Engineer.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer :

1st. Reporting in relation to providing for a circulation of the water in the southwest arm of the pond at Fifty-ninth street, by the use of a pumping engine, with an estimate of the cost.

Laid over.

“ Plaza,” “ Circle ” improvements.

2d. Reporting in relation to the proposed changes in the grades of the Plaza at Fifty-ninth street, Fifth avenue, and the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to confer with the railroad companies whose tracks cross the Circle at Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street and the Plaza at Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and arrange with them for their placing their tracks on the proper grades.

Resolved, That the President be authorized to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and arrange with him in reference to the making of the necessary repairs to Fifth avenue and the Plaza at Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street.

Resolved, That the repairs to the roadway of the Circle and the Plaza, as recommended in the report of Engineer Kellogg of this date be proceeded with under his direction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner WALES, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Arnold, David P., meat, January	Zoological Dept.	\$245 70
American Supply Co., iron can.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	12 00
Aguirre, A. A., lettering maps.	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, 23d and 24th Wards.	28 90
Connolly, John E., straw.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	25 45
Crombie, Thomas J., white pine.	Riverside Park, Impt of	200 95
Delano, George & Co., sperm candles.	Sewers & Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.	8 60

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Devoe, F. W. & Co., brushes.....	Zoological Dept...	\$1 50
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	1 40
Harmer, Hayes & Co., sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$38 63
	Police	1 80
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McKenny, J. H. & Co., caps.....	Police	4 00
Marquand, H. G., Treas., salaries, etc., Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums..	1,671 74
The Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	143 09
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Mu- seum Natural History.....	Maint. Museums..	1,573 25
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept...	14 88
Pierson & Co., iron.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	66 89
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Pridgeon, W. P., bread.....	Zoological Dept...	69 75
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., neatsfoot oil...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	2 35
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food.....	Zoological Dept...	6 00
Stark, Caspar, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	6 00
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Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$289 81
Zoological Department.....	337 83
Police	5 80
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.	28 90
Maintenance Museums	3,244 99
Riverside Park.....	200 95
Sewers and Drains, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	3 60
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	6 00
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-one hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty-eight cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, March 5, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

Denning, E. J. & Co., sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	\$8 30	
	Police Uniforms, 1883	11 10	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1883.....	15 00	
			\$34 40
Hecksher, Richard, Jr., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	\$110 25	
	Zool. Dept., 1883..	41 65	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1883.....	8 57	
	Riverside Park, 1883	8 58	
			169 05
Herbert, H. L. & Co., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	\$18 11	
	Erecting Building at Mt. St. Vin- cent, 1883.....	1 44	
	Riverside Avenue, Maint. and Imp., 1883	57	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., 1883	2 88	
			23 00
The Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	Sewers & Drains, 1883		29 35

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Robbins, George B., labor and materials. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1883...		\$15 00
Estate of Wm. Simpson, dec'd, rent . . . Rents, D. P. P., 1883	\$80 00	
	Rents, D. P. P., 1884	40 00
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Starke, Caspar, harness repairs	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1883...	22 70
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		<u>\$413 50</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1883	\$136 66
Polic Uniforms, 1883	11 10
Zoological Department, 1883	41 65
Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1883	8 57
Riverside Park, Improvement of, 1883	8 58
Harlem River Bridges, 1883	2 88
Erecting Building at Mount St. Vincent, 1883	1 44
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc, 1883	29 35
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance, 1883 ..	57
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, 1883	52 70
Rents, Department Public Parks, 1883	80 00
Rents, Department Public Parks, 1884	40 00
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	<u>\$413 50</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, March 5, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

Croft, Wm F., payment on acceptance. Sewers, etc., 149th Street, between Mill Brook and Courtland Aves., with branches..	\$2,428 08
Casey, Thos. H., Estimate No 2.....Sewer, N. 3d Ave. and Boston Rd., bet. Brook Ave. and 67th St., with branches..	1,213 80
Jones, Charles, Estimate No. 3.....Sewer, etc., Grove St., bet. Brook and N. 3d Aves., with connecting sewers.....	1,309 72
	<u>\$4,951 60</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Street Improvements..... \$4,951 60

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-nine hundred and fifty-one dollars and sixty cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, March 5, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

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 :

Doherty, H. H., petty expenses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$81 58	
	Zoological Dept.	6 60	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	9 66	
			<u>\$97 84</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$81 58	
Zoological Department.....	6 60	
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	9 66	
		<u>\$97 84</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-seven dollars and eighty-four cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, March 5, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Maps to be filed at Arsenal.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That, with a view to the care and preservation of all the maps now on file in the offices at 36 Union Square, relating to the surveying, laying out, establishing grades, etc., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, the same shall be transmitted to the Topographical Engineer, and be by him deposited in the vaults at the Arsenal building on the Central Park for safe keeping, and that all maps relating to this territory to be hereafter filed shall, after receiving the necessary official certification, be transmitted to the said Topographical Engineer, to be likewise deposited for safe keeping.

Music.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That arrangements be made with Theodore Thomas' Orchestra and C. A. Cappa's Seventh Regiment Band to furnish music on the Central Park on the 4th of July, and Saturdays of each week, and on the Battery Park on Friday evenings of each week; and on such other parks as may be hereafter decided upon. The band on the Central and other parks to consist of the same number of men, and a leader, paid for at the same price, not exceeding that of last year for each concert, and that the Secretary is hereby authorized to make arrangements with said parties accordingly, as well as to provide lights, seats, etc., as may be necessary, and as heretofore provided.

Laid over.

Maples to be purchased.

From the Superintending Gardener, reporting in relation to sugar maple trees offered for sale by John Harold of Tenafly, N. J., and recommending that a sufficient number be purchased for planting on the sidewalk along Fifty-ninth street from Fifth to Eighth avenue, in place of the elm trees now standing, which would be more suitable for replanting on Eighth avenue above Seventy-second street.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase the sugar maple trees offered for sale by John Harold, the purchase of the same being recommended by the Superintending Gardener, for planting along Fifty-ninth street, between Fifth and Eighth avenues.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Beethoven Monument.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the subject of the Beethoven monument, and the selection of a site for its erec-

tion on the Central Park, made a verbal report stating that he had selected, as such site, a point on the east side of the Mall, opposite the music stand.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the site selected by the President for the erection of the Beethoven monument was approved.

Commissioner WALES moved the whole subject of the erection of the Beethoven monument on the Central Park, and the ceremony of its presentation, be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Police Accommodations at Arsenal.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the upper floor of the Arsenal Building be fitted up for the offices of administration, and the police removed to the first floor, out of the basement, the arrangements to be under the direction of the President.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Southwick, E. B., to appoint, Entomologist.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Mr. E. B. Southwick be charged with the examination and care of the trees and plants of the several parks, to secure their protection from the ravages of insects, and be designated as the Botanist and Entomologist of the Department of Parks.

Laid over.

North Meadow to be opened.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to roll and prepare the North Meadows as a common, and that May parties be allowed to use the same upon their receiving the proper permits.

Carriage Service—Commissioner Crimmins to report.

On motion, Commissioner Crimmins was authorized to confer with the licensé of the Central Park carriage service in relation to the fare to be charged for carrying passengers from the southern boundary of the park to the North Meadow, also in relation to a complaint made by the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, of the insufficiency of the carriage service at that point.

Bridges over Harlem river.

The PRESIDENT made a verbal report in relation to the bridges over the Harlem river, stating that Engineer Van Winkle had stated to him that the Madison Avenue Bridge would be opened to public travel by the 1st day of May, next; that the work of repairing the trestles of the McComb's Dam Bridge had been completed, and recommending that attention be given to the repairs of the approaches, and further stating that he would present, at the next meeting of the Board, a plan for improving the same.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 12 o'clock the Board went into Executive Session.

Wales, S. H., Treasurer, *pro tem*.

Commissioner OLLIFFE stated his intention of being absent from the city for several weeks ensuing, and recommended the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner Salem H. Wales be and he is hereby elected Treasurer *pro tem*. to act during the temporary absence of the Treasurer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins, Olliffe—3.

Smith, C. H. }
Southwick, E. B. } Salary fixed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Clinton H. Smith, assistant to the Secretary, be fixed at \$1,500 per annum; and that the pay of E. B. Southwick, skilled laborer, be fixed at \$4 per day, both to date from this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Cleveland, Perkins—restored.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Perkins Cleveland be and is hereby restored to the position and duties of a skilled laborer under the direction of the Superintendent of 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Heyer, Adolph, }
Craven, J. V., } Promoted.
Leslie, J. S., }

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Adolph Heyer and James V. Craven be promoted to the rank of skilled laborer at \$2.50 per day, and that James S. Leslie, laborer, be promoted to the rank of

messenger at \$2 per day; all for duty in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Supt. of Parks—Report on works.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting in relation to the maintenance works of the Department, and recommending the purchase of horses in place of the old horses to be sold at public auction, and an increase of the force of painters, carpenters and laborers, etc.

Horses—Treasurer to purchase.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase from time to time, upon requisitions to be made by the Superintendents and approved by the President, and as they may be required for work in the Department, horses not to exceed ten in number.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Employment of Carpenters, Painters, Laborers.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of four carpenters, four painters, be hereby authorized, and that the further employment of thirty-two laborers be and the same is hereby authorized for duty when the Superintendent of Parks may require their services.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Manhattan Square—Force discharged.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the foreman and force employed on Manhattan Square be discharged, and that the care of said square be placed under the charge of the Foreman of the Second Division of the Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Gravel—Commissioner Crimmins to report.

On motion, the subject of gravel for use by the Department during the present season, was referred to Commissioner Crimmins to report.

Park and Gatekeepers—Dismissal.

Commissioner VIELE, to whom was referred the subject of the physical, mental and moral condition of the Police force of the Department, made a verbal report and recommended the adoption of the following :

Whereas, The Surgeon of the Police force of the Department, has reported upon the physical condition of the force, which shows that the following-named keepers are not competent to perform police duty by reason of their physical disability, therefore be it

Resolved, That Thomas Ulings, John Russell, John McGonigle, Edward Burns, James Sterling, Hugh Reilly, James P. Larkins and William F. Carroll be dropped from the force of the Department, to take effect April 1, 1884 ; and that the subject of endeavoring to procure light employment for such persons as are unable to perform duty as keepers in the Department, be referred to the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Logan, George—Time allowed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That George Logan, carpenter, be and he is hereby allowed pay for time lost by him while absent to attend court as a witness for the city.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Fall, Geo. P., } Promoted.
Hall, Geo., }

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeepers George P. Fall and Geo. Hall be and they are hereby promoted to Parkkeepers, to take effect April 1, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Wallace, Thos., } Promoted.
Smith, S. J., }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeepers Thomas Wallace and Samuel J. Smith be and they are hereby promoted to Parkkeepers, to take effect April 1, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Feiler, J. E.,
Whalen, Daniel, } Promoted.
Hillier, Frank, }

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeepers John E. Feiler, Daniel Whalen and Frank Hillier be and they are hereby promoted to Parkkeepers, to take effect April 1, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeeper Patrick White be and he is hereby promoted to Parkkeeper, to take effect April 1, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Bagley, James E.—Appointed Gatekeeper.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That James E. Bagley be and he is hereby appointed a Gatekeeper on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Crimmins, Commissioner—Discharged from consideration of report of Superintendent of Parks.

On motion, Commissioner Crimmins was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Superintendent of Parks and the Superintending Gardener relative to the works and planting necessary to be done on the various city parks, referred to him at a meeting held on 6th ultimo, and the subject was referred to the President to report upon.

Drainage at Conservatory pond.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the recommendation of Engineer Kellogg respecting the drainage of the area in Central Park between the Conservatory Lake and the west side of Fifth avenue, be approved, and that he be directed to proceed with the work in accordance therewith.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Murphy, Inspector—Charges against.

On motion, Commissioner Olliffe was discharged from the further consideration of the subject of charges preferred against Inspector Murphy by Thos. H. Casey, contractor.

Worthen, N. E., Bill of to be paid.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That W. E. Worthen be paid the sum of \$50, for services rendered the Department, in making an examination of the Third Avenue Bridge.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Engine, Third Avenue Bridge.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That Commissioner Crimmins be requested to procure estimates for furnishing an engine and boiler complete for the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river, and submit them to the Board.

Mount St. Vincent—Rock excavation.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Architect in relation to the work of rock excavation done at Mount St. Vincent, on Central Park, a copy of which was ordered transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Bronx River Bridges—Approaches.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had examined the work being done on the approaches to the bridges over the Bronx river, and that the same was progressing satisfactorily.

McComb's Dam Bridge—Repairs to.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Superintendent of Parks in relation to the machinery of the draw of McComb's Dam bridge, and recommending that the same be repaired.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, relative to repairs necessary to be made to the machinery of the draw of the McComb's Dam draw-bridge be approved, and that the work be ordered proceeded with in accordance therewith.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins, Olliffe—4.

Contractors to commence work.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That all contract work in the Twenty-Third and Twenty-fourth Wards be ordered to proceed on and after March 20th, next.

On motion, at 2:15 o'clock P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1884.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner VIELE, President.

“ WALES.

“ CRIMMINS.

The Mayor having requested the President to meet the Board of Street Opening at 11 o'clock A. M., on motion of Commissioner WALES, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, 20th instant, at 10 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1884.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner VIELE, President.

“ WALES.

“ CRIMMINS.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.

Marvin, J. R.—Morris Ave.

Mr. James R. Marvin appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to striking a portion of Morris avenue from the map filed by the Department showing the same.

Randall, S. S.—3d avenue opening.

Mr. S. S. Randall, on behalf of the Local Improvement Association of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, appeared and was heard in relation to the widening of North Third avenue.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Board of Health—Sewerage.

From the Secretary of the Board of Health, transmitting a copy of a report relative to the sanitary condition of Rider,

College and Morris avenues, and the necessity for the construction of sewers therein.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Brook avenue sewer—Assessment list.

From the Secretary of the Board of Assessors, transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution returning assessment list and maps for the sewer in Brook avenue, in Twenty-third Ward, and stating that a satisfactory assessment cannot be made until the remaining sections of the sewer are built.

Ordered filed.

Francis' life saving car.

From the Inspector of United States Life Saving Stations, stating the desire of Mr. Joseph Francis, the inventor of the Francis Life Saving Car, loaned by this Department for display in the International Fisheries Exhibition at London, and to be shortly returned, that the car be transferred for permanent exhibition in the National Museum at Washington.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The Inspector of the U. S. Life Saving Stations has represented to this Department that Joseph Francis, the inventor and donator of "The Francis Life Saving Car," is desirous that said car be placed and kept on exhibition in the National Museum at Washington, and requesting that the wishes of Mr. Francis may receive the favorable consideration of this Department; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the consent of this Board be and is hereby given to the placing and exhibiting of the Francis Life Saving Car in the National Museum at Washington.

Courtland avenue sewer.

From Wm. Wolfrath, Fred. Dillemath, and others, applying for the construction of a sewer in Courtland avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-fourth and One Hundred and Sixty-second streets.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Art Museum—Annual Report.

From the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, transmitting a copy of their Fourteenth Annual Report.

Ordered filed.

Bolivar—Statue of.

From the Presidents of the National Academy of Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, reporting upon the equestrian statue of Gen. Bolivar, proposed to be erected in the Central Park, respecting its merits as a work of art; and

From A. M. Sotelda, Venezuelan Minister, in relation to the same.

Laid over.

Music—Propositions for.

Propositions were received from the following persons for furnishing music for concerts in the Central Park during the coming season :

H. B. Dodworth, C. A. Cappa, Seventh Regiment Band, William Bayne, Sixty-ninth Regiment, and Thomas H. Joyce.

Ordered filed.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Report of Engineer.

From A. P. Boller, recommending George Tyson for appointment, to operate the draw of the Madison Avenue Bridge when ready for use.

Ordered filed.

Coffin, C. E. B.—For Employment.

From Chas. E. B. Coffin, applying for appointment as Foreman.

Ordered filed.

Blanchard, C. P.—For Appointment.

From C. P. Blanchard, Temporary Chainman, applying for a permanent appointment and an increase of salary.

Ordered filed.

North Third Avenue—For Opening.

From Jefferson M. Levy, Clara Fairchild, W. F. Shaffer and others, petitioning for the opening of North Third avenue (old Fordham avenue), from One Hundred and Seventieth street to Fordham depot.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Morris avenue sewer.

From F. J. Otten, Matthew Sullivan and others, applying for the construction of a sewer in Morris avenue, from Lincoln avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Sterling, James—Parkkeeper.

From Matthew Riley, John H. Sherwood W. H. Wilkins, and others, recommending that James Sterling be retained in the service of the Department as Parkkeeper.

Ordered filed.

Kyle, Wm.—Boats, Harlem Meer.

From William Kyle, applying for a renewal of his license for hiring boats on the Harlem Meer in Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Fagan, John—For employment.

From John Fagan, applying for employment as blacksmith.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Works in progress.

1. Reporting upon works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Temporary suspensions.

2. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams in stormy weather.

Approved.

Acting Engineer of Construction.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction :

Washington avenue sewer.

1. Submitting plans and specifications for a sewer in Washington avenue, between Brook avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a sewer in Washington avenue, between Brook avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Grades—Robbins, Prospect and Westchester avenues.

2. Submitting plans showing the grades proposed to be established in the district bounded by Robbins, Prospect, and Westchester avenues, and One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That under section 671, chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the grades as shown on the map or plan herewith submitted, entitled "Profiles of avenues and streets south of Westchester avenue, bounded by Robbins avenue on the west by One Hundred and Forty-ninth street on the south,

and by Prospect avenue on the east," dated, 18th March, 1884, and signed E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P., are approved, and that the Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board for filing the three similar copies of said map or plan required by the provisions of the law.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Work in progress.

3. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Fulton avenue—Sewer.

4. In relation to an order of the Board directing him to prepare plans for a sewer in Fulton avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets, and stating that, in order to provide an outlet for such sewer, a sewer must first be built in One Hundred and Seventieth street, from Third to Fulton avenue.

Referred back to the Acting Engineer of Construction to confer with the property-owners interested in relation to the same.

Kellogg, M. A., Engineer.

Paving Transverse Road No. 2.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, submitting a plan and profile for regulating, grading, curbing and paving Transverse Road No. 2, through Central Park, from Fifth to Eighth avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Engineer Kellogg be directed to prepare specifications and form of contract for regulating, grading, curbing and building such basins as may be necessary in

Transverse road No. 2 and that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Engineer Kellogg be directed to prepare specifications for paving with trap block, Transverse Road No. 2, and submit the same to 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Sewer, Eighth avenue and 88th street.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, submitting a plan and profile for a sewer and appurtenances across Eighth avenue, and in the Central Park at Eighty-eighth street, with an estimate of the amount of work to be done.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan and profile for a sewer across Eighth avenue and in the Central Park at Eighty-eighth street, this day submitted by Engineer Kellogg, be approved, and that he be directed to prepare specifications and form of contract for the same, and that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Floats, Harlem Bridge—Wm. O'Brien.

From William O'Brien, applying for permission to moor floats and let boats at the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river.

Referred to Commissioner Olliffe.

Tremont avenue—Grade of.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up a profile showing the grades proposed to be established for Tremont avenue, which was laid over at a meeting held January 16, 1884, and offered the following :

Resolved, That, under section 671, chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the grades as shown on the map or plan herewith submitted, entitled, "Profile of Tremont avenue, from Aqueduct avenue to Boston road," dated New York, January 15, 1884, and signed E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P., are approved, and that the Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board for filing the three similar copies of said map or plan required by the provisions of the law.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Howell, A. J.—For return of bill.

Commissioner WALES presented the following communications :

1st. From Alex. J. Howell, requesting that a bill presented by him for Telford stone, delivered to the Department in 1880-1, be returned to him with the order attached.

Ordered filed.

Starin, John H.—Damage to tug.

2d. From John H. Starin, relative to injury to tugboat James A. Langton, received at Third avenue bridge, and enclosing affidavits and bill for repairs.

Referred to the President.

Elevated R. R.—Station at Battery.

3d. Petition of David Dows, E. A. Kent, J. M. Fiske, and others, for permission for the New York Elevated Railroad Company to extend southerly the platforms of the railway station at Battery place.

Laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner WALES, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Aguirre, A. A., lettering maps	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.		\$66 63
Baumann Bros., shades	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..		10 00
Manhattan District Telegraph Co., services	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..		8 13
Rader, G. W. & Co., smoke pipe	Riverside Avenue, Imp. and Maint., 1883	\$30 00	
	Riverside Park, Impt., 1883.	10 00	
			40 00
Vail, William, tapping	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..		6 00
			<u>\$130 75</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1883.....	\$24 13	
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, 1883.....	66 62	
Riverside Avenue, Improvement and Maintenance, 1883..	30 00	
Riverside Park, Improvement of, 1883.....	10 00	
		\$130 75

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

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, March 19, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

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 Supply Co., plumbing mate- rials.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$95 08	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	5 00	
			\$100 08
Brewster & Co., repairs to wagon.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		5 50
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Harlem R. Bdgs..		52 50
Bixby, S. M. & Co., blacking.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		4 80
Bromo Chemical Co., bromo chloratum.Zoological Dept..			72 00
Bryan, Joseph C., solder.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		6 25
Coffin, Paul C., dust pans.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$0 88	
	Zoological Dept..	44	
			1 32

Connolly, John E., corn, oats, etc....	Zoological Dept...	\$74 40
Connolly, John E., oats, corn, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	382 22
Ehrenreich Bros., coal	Riverside Park...	4 90
Ehrenreich Bros., coal	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	147 00
Fairbanks & Co., repairs to scales....	Zoological Dept...	14 00
Harmer, Hayes & Co., grease and blanket.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	19 25
Hall's, Wm. Sons, door.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	6 00
The Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	Mt. St. Vincent, Refreshment House	29 35
Heckscher, Richard, Jr., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	75 50
Heckscher, Richard, Jr., coal.....	Zoological Dept...	9 80
Heyniger, L. & Co., matches and pails	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$0 95
	Zoological Dept..	10
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	15
	Sewers and Drains.	9 00
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		10 20
Holbrook Bros., glass	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	21 00
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials....	Mt. St. Vincent, Refreshment House	19 68
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials ...	Riverside Park...	27 20
Linde, Chas. F. & Co., brooms.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	3 75
Lovell, F. H. & Co., globe chimneys...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	8 45
McAllister, F. E., bird food	Zoological Dept...	12 00
McAllister, F. E., mower parts, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	277 93
McKesson & Robbins, sponges and chamois.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	39 00
Metropolis Oil Co., oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$35 20
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	18 70
	Riverside Avenue.	3 30
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		57 20

The J. L. Mott Iron Works, iron grates, etc	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$18 35
Moffat, David & Co., harness leather.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	8 00
Pratt Manufacturing Co., oil	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	8 18
Pierson & Co., iron	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	25 33
Pierson & Co., steel	Bronx R. Bridges.	67 32
Porter's Sons, Wm., chimneys	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	2 50
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., oils, paints, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	128 91
Ryan & Cody, labor and materials....	Harlem R. Bdgs..	755 55
Smith, Clifford E., varnish	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	31 35
Seymour, W. N. & Co., nails, etc....	Riverside Park...	10 26
Scott, D., fish	Zoological Dept...	17 05
Scoville Manufacturing Co., buttons...	Police	3 75
Watkins, Jas. Y. & Co., tin measures..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	2 48
White, Chas. W., lumber	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	130 95
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		\$2,691 21

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$1,341 93
Zoological Department	199 79
Riverside Park	42 36
Harlem River Bridges	831 90
Mount St. Vincent, Refreshment House.....	49 08
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	142 83
Sewers and Drains	9 00
Riverside Avenue	3 30
Police	3 75
Bronx River Bridges	67 32
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\$2,691 21	

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

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, March 19, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Stuyvesant Square—Basin.

Commissioner CRIMMINS presented a plan for changing the basin of the fountain in Stuyvesant Square in order to widen the walk surrounding it, and moved that the same be approved, and that the Treasurer be requested to procure estimates for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Roller skating.

On motion, the subject of roller skating in Central Park was referred to the President to report.

Assessment lists.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named assessment lists for laying crosswalks in Alexander avenue, at One Hundred and Thirty-third, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth streets ; receiving basin and sewer connection at the north-eastern corner of Alexander avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street ; sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, between Brook avenue and

Mill brook, and between Mill brook and Courtland avenue, with branches in North Third avenue between One Hundred and Forty-seventh and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets, and in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets; sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, with branch in St. Ann's avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets; and sewer and appurtenances in Washington avenue, between East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and East One Hundred and Seventieth streets; and also the statements of the amounts and costs of the works therein mentioned, be approved and signed by the Commissioners of the Department, and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

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

Ayes—Commissioners VIELE, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Broken Stone—23d and 24th Wards.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to prepare specifications for furnishing broken stone and screenings required for use in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in order that proposals for supplying the same may be advertised for.

12th Avenue, line of.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the President be authorized to confer with the proper authorities in relation to establishing a more suitable line for the Twelfth avenue and the exterior bulkhead line from Seventy-second street to One Hundred and Thirtieth street.

Elephant, purchase of.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That a respectful application be made to the Board of Aldermen for the passage of a resolution authorizing

this Department to purchase an elephant for the collection at the Central Park, in such manner as may be deemed most desirable.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Crimmins—2.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

M. P. H. Casey—Assignment of contract.

M. P. H. Casey appeared before the Board and made explanation relative to the assignment of contracts for constructing sewers in North Third avenue and in Westchester avenue and One Hundred and Fiftieth street.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation as to the powers and duties of the Department in the matter.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 11:30 A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of additional laborers and horses and carts.

Riverside Ave.—Employment of men.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of twelve laborers and two horses and carts be authorized for work on Riyerside avenue.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Restorations.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas Kelly, James Murphy and Patrick Burns, laborers, and Michael Doyle, double team, be and they are hereby restored to duty under the Superintendent of 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Employment of men.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of four laborers and one horse and cart be authorized for duty under the Superintendent of Parks, and that eight rockmen be employed for duty under Foreman Phelan on Riverside Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Foremen for investigation.

From the Foremen of the Department, asking that a rumor, that they extort money from men under them, be investigated.

Referred to the President to report.

Burke, Joseph—Charges.

From Joseph Burke, in relation to charges preferred by him against Keyron Holland, lately employed as foreman in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Ordered filed.

McComb's Dam Bridge.

From A. P. Boller, in relation to the completion of the work of repairing McComb's Dam Bridge under contract with the Central Bridge Works, and recommending that the penalty for the non-completion of the work within the specified time, be remitted, in consideration of the severity of the weather.

Penalties remitted.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That in view of the many disadvantages under which the Central Bridge Works were compelled to work during the performance of their contract on the McComb's Dam Bridge, causing them to exceed the time stipulated in the contract for the completion of the same, and the delay having caused neither expense or inconvenience to the city or public, without interruption to travel, that the penalties as provided for over time, be and they are hereby remitted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Audit.

Commissioner WALES, 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 :

Boller, A. P., commissions.....	Harlem R. Bdgs.,	\$1,302 54
Central Bridge Works, labor and		
materials.....	Harlem R. Bdgs.,	
	1883.....	26,050 82
		<u>\$27,353 36</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-seven thousand three hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirty-six cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, March 19, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Keepers—Discharge suspended.

Commissioner Crimmins moved that the enforcement of the resolution of the Board adopted at the last meeting dismissing certain members of the force of keepers on the grounds of physical disabilities, to take effect April 1, 1884, be extended to take effect July 1, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Music.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That arrangements be made with the Seventh Regiment Band to furnish music on the Central Park on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons of each week and on the afternoon of Fourth of July, and with the Sixty-ninth Regiment Band to furnish music on the Battery on Tuesday and Friday evenings of each week during the coming season; and that the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to make all arrangements necessary with said parties, as well as to provide lights, seats and programmes as heretofore provided.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Scott, Joseph—License.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That a license be granted Joseph Scott to let "novelty carriages" in Central Park for one year, upon the conditions that he pay a license fee of five per cent.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Smith, Peter—Employment of.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Peter Smith be and he is hereby appointed a skilled laborer at \$2.50 per day, to index papers, documents, etc., in the vault at the Arsenal building, for sixty days, under the direction of the President.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Telephonic service.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of establishing a telephonic service for the use of the Department, presented a proposal from the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the same be accepted and that an agreement be entered into with said company.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Egan, Jeremiah—Transferred.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Jeremiah Eagan, Gatekeeper, be and he is hereby transferred for duty as Parkkeeper.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Keepers—Charges against.

Commissioner WALES to whom was referred the subject of investigating charges preferred against Park and Gate Keepers made a verbal report and recommended as follows :

Coughlin, William,
Delaney, Owen,
Larkin, James P.,
Farrell, Henry.

1st. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Parkkeepers William Coughlin, Owen Delaney and James P. Larkins, and the charge of absence without leave against Gatekeeper Henry Farrell be dismissed.

Taylor, J. V.

2d. That Gatekeeper John V. Taylor, charged with being off post, be reprimanded.

Slaven, H. L.

3d. That the charge of being off post against Gatekeeper Hugh L. Slavin, be dismissed with a severe reprimand and caution that hereafter if he violates a rule he will be severely punished.

Mahon, Francis.

4th. That the charge of absence from roll-call against Parkkeeper Francis Mahon be dismissed with a caution against a repetition of the offense.

Ryan, James.

5th. That Gatekeeper James Ryan, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and violation of rules, be fined five days' pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

On motion, at 12:40 o'clock P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1884.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner VIELE, President.

“ WALES.

“ CRIMMINS.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.

Mt. Hope District—Opening of streets.

Mr. McRea and a committee of residents of Mt. Hope, appeared before the Board and presented a petition signed by Thos. O. Woolf, D. A. McLeod, and other residents and property owners in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the opening and grading of Warren and Walnut streets, from Railroad avenue to Central avenue

Which was referred to the Topographical Engineer to report upon.

Casey, F. H.—Assignment of contracts.

Mr. McMahon appeared before the Board and was heard relative to the proposed assignment of contracts by Thomas H. Casey to Michael Casey, asking that the consent of the Department be given to the same.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit copies of said contracts to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Cromwell's creek sewer.

Mr. William C. Walker appeared and presented a petition signed by Isaac H. Walker, John Corner, L. G. Morris and

others, property owners, for the construction of a trunk sewer in Central avenue, from Croton avenue to Cromwell's creek, and in Endrow Place to Cromwell avenue, thence to One Hundred and Sixty-first street, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Which was referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Bridle paths—Central Park.

Alderman O'Connor and Messrs. Burrows, Hollister, Whitney, and others, appeared and presented a petition from the Gentlemen's Riding Club for the extension and improvement of the bridle paths in Central Park.

On motion, the subject of arbors over the bridle paths was referred to the President with power, and the petition was ordered filed.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

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

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor.

Roller skating.

1st. Resolutions requesting this Department to allow roller skating, etc., in the parks below Fifty-ninth street.

Ordered filed.

140th street grading.

2d. Amending a resolution approved by the Mayor, Oct. 27, 1881, permitting Herman Stursberg and others to regulate, grade, etc., a portion of One Hundred and Fortieth street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Howell A. J., bill of.

From W. W. McDougall, asking, by direction of A. J. Howell, that the order upon which broken stone was furnished the Department in 1880-1, be delivered to him.

Referred to the Secretary to reply.

Knickerbocker Gas Co.

From the Knickerbocker Gas-light Company, asking permission to lay a gas service pipe to the new building at Mount St. Vincent, in Central Park.

On motion, said permission was granted.

Neuchatel Asphalte Co.

From the Neuchatel Asphalte Company, requesting that an opportunity be given them to bid on any rock asphalte work that may be required by the Department.

Ordered filed.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction:

Port Morris District Map.

1st. Submitting a revised plan, on a large scale, for laying out the Port Morris District, together with the plan as originally presented to the Board.

Laid over.

Park above 155th street.

Submitting a plan for laying out the north end of the Twelfth Ward above One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and laying out a public park.

Commissioner WALES offered the following:

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 410 of the Laws of 1882, they do hereby lay out, establish, classify and discontinue the streets, roads and avenues and public squares or places within that portion of the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York lying north of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, shown on a map or plan, entitled "Plan of streets,

roads and avenues and public parks or places in the 'North End' of the Twelfth Ward," dated "New York, 31st March, 1884," and signed "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," of the width, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues and public squares or places, as designated on said map, the same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good; and that the President be hereby authorized and directed to certify and file three similar maps or plans in accordance with the requirements of the act above cited; and that the Counsel to the Corporation is authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the public square or place bounded by One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, the Edgecomb road, Tenth avenue, Fort George avenue, Eleventh avenue, Dykman street, River street, and Eighth avenue, immediately upon the filing of said maps or plans, and that the Commissioners of this department be authorized to sign a petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Parks in Twenty-fourth Ward.

3d. Submitting a plan showing proposed parks in Twenty-fourth Ward included between Broadway, Middlebrook, Parkway, Linnæus street, Emmet and Douglas avenues.

Laid over.

Highbridge District.

4th. Submitting a plan for laying out the Highbridge district drawn on a large scale, together with the original plan.

Laid over.

Works in progress.

5th. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

North Third avenue—Opening of.

6th. Reporting upon the communication from J. M. Levy, W. F. Shaffer and others, relative to acquiring title to the continuation of North Third avenue in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he hereby is authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to that part of North Third avenue commencing at the Twenty-third Ward line and running northerly to Pelham avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by this Department, and that the Commissioners of this Department be authorized to sign a petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Walton avenue sewer.

7th. Submitting a plan and specifications for a sewer in Walton avenue from One Hundred and Fiftieth street to a point five hundred feet northerly therefrom.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a sewer in Walton avenue, from One Hundred and Fiftieth street to a point five hundred feet northerly therefrom, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Rider avenue sewer.

8th. Reporting upon a communication from the Board of Health, relative to the sanitary condition of Rider, College and Morris avenues, and the necessity for the construction of sewers therein.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to communicate with the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of the opening of Rider avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-fifth and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth streets, and respectfully request them to use every effort to complete their work at the earliest possible day, the opening of the street being necessary for sanitary purposes.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That in order to prosecute as rapidly the work preliminary to the construction of a sewer in Rider avenue, the Acting Engineer of Construction is hereby directed to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of a sewer in this avenue so soon as it is legally opened.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

McComb's Dam Bridge—Approaches.

9th. Submitting a plan for arranging approaches to the southern end of the McComb's Dam bridge.

Referred to Commissioners Wales and Crimmins.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Temporary, Suspension 23d and 24th Wards.

1st. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Works in progress.

2d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WALES, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the 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 :

Aguirre, A. A , services	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.....		\$30 25
Doherty, H. H., petty expenses	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$104 21	
	Zoological Dept...	6 40	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	11 85	
			122 46
Heckscher, Richard, Jr., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$122 50	
	Zoological Dept..	74 95	
	Riverside Park...	14 70	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans	19 60	
			231 75
Jones, Chas., Estimate No. 4.....	Sewers, Grove St., bet. Brook and North 3d Aves., with connecting sewers.....		2,280 21
Stackpole & Bros., repairs to instrument	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.....		13 50
			<u>\$2,677 17</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$226 71
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....	42 75
Zoological Department.....	81 35
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	11 85
Riverside Park.....	14 70
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	19 60
Street Improvements.....	2,280 21
	\$2,677 17

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

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, April 2, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

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., services. Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1883..	\$18 25
Barry, Warren C., charcoal..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	5 00
Brandis, F. E., repairs to transit..... Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....	42 00
Baumann Bros., mats..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	18 00

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Benoit, A. V., drawing paper, etc.....	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.....		\$49 38
Bien, Julius & Co., maps.....	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, 1883.....		65 00
Browning, King & Co., clothing.....	Police		786 25
Bromley, G. W. & Co., atlas.....	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, 1883.....		15 00
Brown, Martin B., binding list.....	Cross-walks, Alexander Avenue, 133d, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th and 138th Streets, etc.....		5 00
The Central Gas-light Co., labor.....	Sewer, 144th St., from Brook to Courtland Ave., etc.....		23 00
Connolly, John E., hay, corn and oats.	Zoological Dept.		448 41
Harmer, Hayes & Co., curry combs, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$24 51	
	Zoological Dept.	20	
		<hr/>	24 71
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		40 27
Heckscher, Richard Jr., coal,.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		78 40
The Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	Bronx R. Bridges.		26 50
Howard & Morse, galvanized iron.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		52 25
Howard & Morse, brass sieve.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....		60
Linde, Chas. T. & Co., brooms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$41 25	
	Zoological Dept.	1 88	
	Harlem R. Bdgs.	1 87	
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McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., plumbing materials.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$4 93
	Zoological Dept. . .	1 08
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		\$6 00
MacNamara, James, blacksmithing. . .	Bronx R. Bdgs . . .	13 15
The Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas. . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	94 28
Mitchell, A. H. & Bro., hay.	Zoological Dept. . .	191 95
Marquand, H. G., Treas., expenses Museum of Art.	Maint. Museums. .	1,676 74
The N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas. . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	67 50
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose. . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	90 00
Pierson & Co., iron.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	14 56
Pridgeon, W. P., bread.	Zoological Dept. . .	64 50
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., gasoline and vermillion	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	14 75
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., feather dusters.	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.	3 50
Seymour, W. N. & Co., sundries.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	161 24
Smith, Clifford E., axles	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	15 10
The A. E. Smith's Son's Pottery Co., flower pots.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	245 00
Scott, D., fish.	Zoological Dept. . .	15 95
Watkins, James Y. & Son, tin measure.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	2 50
White, Chas. W., white wood.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	76 00
White, Chas. W., yellow pine	Zoological Dept. . .	27 00
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		\$4,522 74
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Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1883.....	\$18 25
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies....	993 28
Zoological Department.....	803 22
Maintenance Museums.....	1,676 74
Harlem River Bridges.....	1 87
Surveying, Laying-out etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, 1883.....	80 00
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps..	94 88
Police.....	786 25
Bronx River Bridges.....	39 65
Sewers and Drains.....	60
Street Improvements.....	28 00
	\$4,522 74

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-five hundred and twenty-two dollars and seventy-four cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, April 2, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Paradise Park—Mission place.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby respectfully requested to provide for the use of this Department the sum of one thousand dollars, to be devoted to the improvement of the park in Mission place, as authorized by the recent act of the Legislature.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 12 o'clock, the Board went into Executive Session.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Elevated railroad—Battery place.

Commissioner WALES called up the petition of David Dows, E. A. Kent and others for permission for the New York Elevated Railroad Company to extend the platform of the railway station at Battery place, and stated that the present condition of the platforms had been represented to him as being dangerous to life ; and moved that the whole subject be referred to the President, with power, it being understood that no further erection on the Park will be made.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Kellogg, M. A., Engineer—Restorations.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending the restoration of two masons, the employment of two double-teams, and inclosing the resignation of F. E. Towle, Jr., Acting Axeman.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the appointment of James McGovern, Skilled Laborer ; the restoration of William Keenan and John Hickey, Masons, and the employment of two double teams for work

under Engineer, to date from March 28, 1884, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Boilers in Arsenal.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the necessity for renewing the boiler at the Arsenal building and recommending an increase of the working forces.

On motion, the subject of procuring a new boiler for the Arsenal building was referred to the Treasurer to report.

Appointments.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of :
 20 laborers for work on City Parks.
 16 laborers for work on Central Park.
 24 laborers for work on Tar Walks.
 2 masons.
 4 carpenters.
 4 painters.

—be and the same is hereby authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Gravel—Treasurer to purchase.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase from Louis D. Beck such quantity of Roa Hook gravel, specially prepared for tar walks, as may be from time to time required.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Kennedy, Patrick—Transferred.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Kennedy be transferred from laborer to Bridge Tender on the Third avenue bridge at \$2 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Tyson, George—Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That George Tyson be and he is hereby appointed a Foreman for duty under the Superintendent of 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

McDonald, Wm.—Title.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Wm. McDonald be hereafter designated as "Foreman of Stables."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Rockmen—Restorations.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas Sutliff, rockman, and Michael Duffy, John McKenna, James McNally and John Phillips, laborers on the Parks, and Peter Ryan, laborer in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Topographical Engineer—Employment of Assistants.

From the Topographical Engineer, asking authority to continue the temporary employment of C. P. Blanchard, T. J. Lucey and Lincoln Frank, Chainmen, and Herman Koch, Assistant.

Commissioner WALES moved that the employment of C. P. Blanchard, T. J. Lucey, Lincoln Frank and Herman Koch be continued until July 1, 1884.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Hardwood in Mount St. Vincent.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the subject of substituting hardwood in the finish of the rooms in the new building at Mount St. Vincent be referred to the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Kellogg, M. A.—Employment of men, transfer of rockmen.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending the employment of six stone masons, eight rockmen and four laborers for work on Riverside avenue wall and steps, one foreman and eight laborers for work on drainage, and the transfer of the following men from Foreman McGovern's gang to Foreman Russell's gang, to commence from April 7, 1884: Thomas Connors, Michael Mahoney, John Redman, John Burns, Michael Harrington, Sylvester Ryan, John Donovan and David Whalen to be promoted to Rockmen, Peter Devine, Michael Moran, Frank Malone, Matthew Cain, Pierce Hickey, James Gleason, James Penchion, John Brady, John Corbitt, John Kelly, James Geoghahan, Bernard Brady, John Considine, John E. Hallagan, and John Stone, as laborers, and Peter Herron, double team.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the appointments, transfers and promotions, recommended by Engineer Kellogg, be authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

McInerney, Matthew, Frawley, James, Heilferty, David,	}	Appointed Gatekeepers.
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Commissioner VIELE offered the following:

Resolved, That Matthew McInerney, James Frawley and David Heilferty, be and they are hereby appointed Gatekeepers on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Holt, William, Gatekeeper—Transferred.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeeper, William Holt, be and he is hereby transferred for duty as Parkkeeper.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Minutes—Index.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have prepared a complete analytic index of the minutes of the Board for the fiscal year, from May 1, 1883, to April 30, 1884, at an expense not exceeding \$75.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Ruth, James—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That James Ruth be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on Central Park, *vice* John Kelly, resigned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Fountain basin—City Hall.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to fill in the old fountain basin near the brown stone courthouse in City Hall Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Paradise Park—Plans for.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect be and he is hereby directed to prepare a plan for the improvement of Paradise Park, and submit the same to 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Bridge above High Bridge—Bonds to be issued.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars is necessary for the preliminary surveys and plans for the construction of a bridge north of the bridge over Harlem river known as High Bridge, but not more than half a mile therefrom ; and that the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks certify, and it hereby does certify, that the sum of five thousand dollars is necessary for such improvement ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is respectfully required to issue bonds to the amount of five thousand dollars for the preliminary surveys and plans of a bridge over Harlem river north of the bridge known as High Bridge, and not more than a mile therefrom, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 534, Laws of 1871 ; chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 410, Laws of 1882.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Bridges above High Bridge—Plans.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Secretary was directed to insert a notice in the *City Record* that the plans received this day for a bridge over the Harlem river, above the High Bridge, will be open to the inspection of the public at the Departmental office, No. 36 Union Square.

Demarest, Abram, discharged.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the services of Abram Demarest be and they are hereby dispensed with from this date, and that the President be authorized to select a suitable person for appointment as Foreman of Carpenters.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

On motion, at 1.30 o'clock P. M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1884.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner VIELE, President.
“ WALES,
“ CRIMMINS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bridle Paths.

Alderman O'Connor appeared before the Board and presented petitions signed by G. L. Peabody, Geo. P. Andrews, Chas. W. Dickel, H. L. Herbert, and others, for the extension and improvement of bridle paths in Central Park.

Commissioner WALES called the attention of the Board to the necessity of action to prevent equestrians riding at a dangerous rate of speed.

Fullgraff, Alderman.—Work in annexed district.

Alderman Fullgraff appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to the following works :

1st. Calling attention to the slow progress being made in the execution of the work on the contracts for regulating and grading One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, and for sewer in North Third avenue and Boston road, also, to the necessity for opening One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, all of which was referred to Acting Engineer of Construction for his attention.

Sewer in 170th street.

2d. Presenting a petition, signed by W. Bronson, Michael Casey and others, for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Seventieth street, from Fulton avenue to Franklin avenue, which was also referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Warren and Walnut streets.—Improvement of.

3d. The necessity for the opening and improvement of Warren and Walnut streets, from Railroad avenue to Central avenue.

A committee of property owners also appeared and were heard in relation to the same.

A communication was received from the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the petition of Thomas O. Woolf, D. A. McLeod and others, for the opening and working of said streets, and recommending that the same be improved as country roads.

On motion the matter was referred to the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, to carry out the recommendation of the Topographical Engineer.

Third Avenue Bridge—Engine for.

Mr. W. E. Worthen, Civil Engineer, appeared before the Board and was heard in explanation of plans and specifications prepared and submitted by him for back gearing for working the machinery of the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that said plans and specifications be approved and referred to the Treasurer to procure estimates for doing the work in accordance therewith, and submit them to 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

The following communications were received:

Mill brook drains.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to the confirmation by the Supreme Court on March 1, 1884, of the report of the Commissioners for acquiring land for Mill brook drains, and stating that appeals had been taken by property owners, and that, until the final determination of the matter, this Department cannot enter upon the lands for the purpose of building drains.

Ordered filed.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.—Closing.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, stating the intention of the trustees to close the Museum Building from April 15 to May 6, in order to prepare for their Ninth Semi-Annual Exhibition.

Ordered filed.

165th street sewer.

From James R. Marvin, T. Wilkens and others, petitioning for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Boston avenue and Delmonico place.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

150th street.—Improvement of.

From Geo. M. Huss, J. H. Cornell and others, petitioning for the improvement of East One Hundred and Fiftieth street, between Mott avenue and River avenue.

Referred to the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

American Rapid Telegraph Company.

From the American Rapid Telegraph Company, asking permission to erect a line of poles along One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, from Railroad avenue to Third avenue.

Referred to the President with power.

Peck & Snyder—Lawn Tennis.

From Peck & Snyder, asking permission to introduce Lawn Tennis in the Central Park.

Referred to the President to report.

Masons—Increase of Wages.

From the Masons employed by the Department, asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Railing Central Park, 77th and 81st streets.

From the Architect, submitting designs for a railing to be placed on the westerly foundation wall of Central Park, between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, with an approximate estimate of the cost.

Approved and referred to the Treasurer to obtain estimates for doing the work, and submit them to the Board.

Rosen, Hans—For Employment.

From Hans Rosen, applying for employment in the Department.

Ordered filed.

Hoeke, J. G. —Resignation.

From Julius G. Hoeke, resigning his position as Assistant Engineer.

Accepted.

Schaefer, J. H.—For increase of pay.

From J. H. Schaefer, asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Receiving-basin—3d avenue and 138th street.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction :

1st. Relative to the necessity for removing the receiving-basin at the northwest corner of North Third avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, on account of the grading of Morris avenue, and recommending the construction of a new basin at Lincoln avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

On motion the Treasurer was requested to obtain estimates for doing the work, and submit them to the Board.

Crosswalks—Morris and Willis avenues.

2d. Submitting plans and specifications for laying crosswalks and repaving, etc., at the intersections of North Third avenue with Morris and Willis avenues.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for laying crosswalks and repaving, etc., at the intersections of North Third avenue with Morris and Willis avenues, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved, as to form by the Counsel to Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Cromwell's creek—Sewer.

4th. Reporting upon the petition of Isaac H. Walker, John Corner and others, for the construction of a trunk sewer in Jerome avenue, from Croton avenue to Cromwell's creek.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of said report to the petitioners.

Morris avenue—Sewer.

5th. Reporting upon the petition of F. J. Otten, Matthew Sullivan and others, for the construction of a sewer in Morris avenue, from Lincoln avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, and stating that no sewer can be constructed in said avenue until the opening and sewerage of Rider avenue and Railroad avenue, East, upon which a sewer in Morris avenue would be dependent for an outlet.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with the petitioners in the matter.

Topographical Engineer.—Works in progress.

6th. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Cottages in Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks in relation to the necessity for additional cottages in the vicinity of the Arsenal and Boat-house in Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

Railing Park on Fulton avenue.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

1st. Recommending that an iron railing be erected along the southern boundary of the park on Fulton avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets, in place of the old board fence now standing.

Referred to the Architect to prepare a design for an iron railing to be placed along the southern boundary of said park.

Temporary suspension—23d and 24th Wards.

2d. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Water-closets—Tompkins Square.

From the Architect, submitting a plan showing the water closets and urinals proposed to be built in the basement of the cottage on Tompkins Square, with an estimate of the cost.

On motion, said plan was approved and referred to the Treasurer to obtain estimates for doing the work.

Riverside Park and avenue.
Employment of men.—Sewer, etc.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, recommending the employment of two gangs of men, with foremen, and horses and carts, in order to resume certain works on Riverside avenue and park, and submitting a plan for widening to fifty feet that portion of the old Riverside avenue, north of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, and its continuation north and west around Claremont to One Hundred and Twentieth street, with a branch to Claremont, together with a plan for the construction of a sewer for draining that portion of Riverside Park.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of two foremen, forty laborers, and twelve horses and carts be authorized for work on Riverside Park and Drive, under the Engineer ; that the plans submitted by him for widening and extending the drive around Claremont, and for the construction of a sewer to drain the upper portion of the park, be approved, and that he be directed to prepare form of contract and specifications for doing the work, and submit them to the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Mount St. Vincent—Obliterated from plan.

From Mother M. Jerome, on behalf of the Sisters of Charity at Mount St. Vincent, asking that the name of "Mount St. Vincent," as applied to a locality in Central Park, be stricken

from the park map, there being several other places of that name, causing much confusion in the delivery of mail matter, etc.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the use of the name of "Mount St. Vincent" was ordered discontinued in the Department and obliterated from the Central Park map.

Audit.

Commissioner WALES, 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:

Mitchell, A. H. & Bro., corn, oats, etc.. Zoological Dept..	\$41 70	
Mitchell, A. H. & Bro., corn, oats, etc.. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	396 91	
		\$438 61

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$396 91	
Zoological Department.	41 70	
		\$438 61

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixty-one cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, April 16, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

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, J., atlases.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$30 00
Arnold, David P., meat.....	Zoological Dept..	227 50
Aguirre, A. A., lettering maps.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps.....	11 17
Brady, James, labor, materials, etc....	Building at Mt. St. Vincent, 1883..	9,368 10
Baumann Bros., shades.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	7 50
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Harlem R. Bdgs..	52 50
Bertine, Edwin R., flag.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	9 60
Benoit, A. V., leveling rod, books, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	19 15
Benoit, A. V., paints.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.....	\$7 82
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	7 82
		<hr/> 15 64
Brown, Martin B., binding maps.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	12 00
Brown, Martin B., binding dictionary..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	3 50
Connolly, John E., hay, oats, corn, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	405 99
Coffin, Paul C., coat hooks.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1882..	6 60
Dahlman, Isaac H., horses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	810 00
Dodd, Mead & Co., subscriptions to periodicals.....	Zoological Dept..	26 50
Duyckinck, W. C., hand tool.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	12 00
Fayerweather & Ladew, belting.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	12 50
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$2 75
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	1 80
		<hr/> 4 55

Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$37 35
Hayes, Edwin A., life buoys, etc.....	Harlem R. Bdgs .	10 20
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse..	Mount St. Vincent Refreshment House.....	58 70
Heckscher, Richard Jr., coal,.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$122 50
	Zoological Dept...	78 29
	Riverside Avenue.	14 70
	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.....	19 60
		<hr/> 235 09
Keystone Bridge Co., Estimate No. 6..	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	29,513 82
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 21	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River...	1,056 72
McArthur, J. & Co., steel brushes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	64 16
Metropolis Oil Co., oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$15 90
	Zoological Dept...	1 50
	Riverside Avenue.	75
	Riverside Park...	75
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	4 50
		<hr/> 23 40
The Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	80 55
Mitchell, A. H. & Bro., hay.....	Zoological Dept...	201 36
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Museum Natural History.....	Maint. Museums..	1,573 25
Murray, P., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	48 65
Murray, J. J., M. D., veterinary ser- vices	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	18 00
Mutual District Telegraph Co., services.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	15 92
The N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	70 20
Newell, D. C., & Sons, shavings.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	2 50
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept..	13 92
Pratt, James T. & Co., steel rods, etc..	Surveys, Maps and Plans	15 00

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Patterson Bros., nails, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$104 87
Pope & Klie, vegetables, etc.....	Zoological Dept. . .	78 00
Reiche, Charles & Bro., bird food.....	Zoological Dept. . .	12 00
Robitzek, G. & Bro., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	10 50
Steers Brothers, stakes.....	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc.	10 00
Smith, Clifford E., shafts.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	8 50
Wiegand, Chas., stone boats.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	28 32
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,792 52
Zoological Department.....	639 07
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	124 97
Surveying, Laying-out etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, etc	48 59
Building at Mount St. Vincent, 1883.....	9,368 10
Riverside Avenue.....	15 45
Mount St. Vincent Refreshment House.....	58 70
Riverside Park.....	75
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	30 32
Harlem River Bridges.....	69 00
Maintenance Museums.....	1,573 25
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1882.....	6 60
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1881.....	15 92
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	30,582 54
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	\$44,325 78
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-four thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars and seventy-eight cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, April 16, 1884.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Port Morris District Map.

Commissioner WALES, from the Special Committee, consisting of Commissioners Wales and Viele, to whom was referred the consideration of the plans for the laying out, etc., the Port Morris and the Highbridge Districts, made a verbal report, and presented a plan for the laying out of the Port Morris District, and recommended the adoption of the same.

Debate was had thereon, when Commissioner WALES offered the following :

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 410 of the Laws of 1882, they do hereby lay out, establish, classify and discontinue the streets, roads and avenues and public squares or places within that portion of the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, bounded by the west line of St. Ann's avenue and the same produced southerly to the Harlem river, East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, the Port Morris Branch Railroad, St. Joseph street, Bungay street, Long Island Sound and the Harlem or Bronx Kills, as shown on a map or plan entitled, "Plan of streets, roads and avenues and public parks or places in the 'Port Morris District' of the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York," dated, "New York, 31st March 1884," and signed, "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," of the width, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues, and public squares or places are designated on said map; and in addition, that the area bounded by St. Ann's avenue, One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, the Port Morris Branch Railroad, Trinity avenue and St. Mary's street, and that bounded by the Port Morris Branch Railroad, Trinity avenue and St. Joseph street, be designated thereon as public parks or places, the same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good; and that the President be hereby authorized and directed to certify and file three simi-

lar maps or plans in accordance with the requirements of the act above cited.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Dodge, Wm. E.—Location of Statue.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Whereas, By resolution of this Board adopted April 25, 1883, space in the park situate at the intersection of Broadway with Sixth avenue and Thirty-second street, was set apart for the installation of the proposed statue of the late William E. Dodge, and

Whereas, The committee having the matter in charge have requested that the park situate at the intersection of Broadway with Sixth avenue and Thirty-fifth street, be designated as the site for the erection of said statue, therefore

Resolved, That whenever the design for the proposed bronze statue shall have been approved and the finished work accepted in accordance with the by-laws governing this Department, space in the park situate at the intersection of Broadway with Sixth avenue and Thirty-fifth street, be and the same is hereby set apart as a site for said statue, in lieu of the site heretofore designated, subject to such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

High Service Water—In Refreshment Building.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is respectfully requested to introduce water from the high-pressure service into the house of refreshment now being erected on the Central Park.

Fire Signal Box - Refreshment Building.

On motion of Commissioner VIELE, it was

Resolved, That the Fire Department be respectfully requested to place in the new refreshment building, now in the course of erection on Central Park, a special house fire-signal box the same being a city building.

Bridge above High Bridge.

Commissioner CRIMMINS gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he would call up the subject of the consideration of the plans for a bridge over the Harlem river above High Bridge.

Signs to be erected showing approach to bridge.

On motion, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to erect signs indicating the lines of the approaches to the proposed bridge to be constructed over Harlem river above High Bridge.

Plans for improving Spuyten Duyvil creek.

Commissioner VIELE called up the plans for establishing bulkhead lines and showing proposed basins along the Spuyten Duyvil creek and Harlem river laid over at the last meeting.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon the further consideration of the subject was deferred until the next meeting, and, on motion of Commissioner WALES, the Secretary was directed to invite General Newton to appear before the Board at that time and examine the plans for the proposed improvement of the Spuyten Duyvil creek and Harlem river.

Contract for broken stone.

In accordance with an order of the Board at the last meeting the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards submitted a form of contract and specifications for furnishing broken stone for use in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, which was referred back to the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for amendment and correction.

Paving Transverse Road No. 2.

In accordance with an order of the Board, M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, presented a form of contract and specifications for paving with trap block Transverse Road No. 2, through Central Park.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the specifications and form of contract for paving with trap block Transverse Road No. 2, as this day submitted by Engineer Kellogg, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing the work; and that attention of the Council of Municipal Reform be called to the fact that they may be enabled to submit a proposal for doing the work in accordance with their expressed desire.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Assessment lists.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named assessment lists for “flagging the sidewalk a space four feet wide, and setting curb and gutter stones, and laying cross walk on the south-erly side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Court-landt to Morris avenue;” “regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, and also setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging the sidewalks four feet wide therein, from Third avenue to Alexander avenue;” and “regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and also setting curb and gutter stones and flagging the sidewalks, from Third avenue to Alexander avenue;” and also the statements of the amounts and costs of the work therein mentioned, be approved and signed by the Commissioners of the Department, and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Heating of refreshment building.

On motion, the subject of heating the new refreshment building now being erected on Central Park, was referred to Commissioner Wales to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 12 o'clock, m., the Board went into Executive Session.

Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

Carpenters—Employment of.

1st. Recommending the employment of additional carpenters.

Commissioner WALES moved that the employment of four carpenters be authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Police duty on Sundays.

2d. Relative to the necessity for extra police duty in the Central Park on Sundays.

Referred to the President.

Bannon, John—Discharged

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, reporting the suspension of John Bannon, rockman, for inefficiency.

Commissioner WALES moved that John Bannon, rockman, be discharged.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Brady John, } Promoted.
 Corbett, John, }
 O'Brien, Patrick—Pay of.

From M. A. Kellogg, engineer, recommending the promotion of John Brady and John Corbett from laborers to rockmen, to date from April 21, 1884, and that Patrick O'Brien, Mason, in charge of masons working on wall at One Hundred and Fifteenth street and Riverside avenue, be paid full time, when work is suspended on account of the weather, while he is Acting Foreman in charge of such work.

Commissioner WALES moved that the promotions, and pay of O'Brien, as recommended by Engineer Kellogg, be approved and authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Ingram, T. B.—Dropped.
 Smith, Peter—Appointed.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas B. Ingram, Clerk in Meteorological Observatory, be dropped from the rolls on account of ill health, and that Peter Smith be appointed in his place at a salary of \$1,000 per annum, after his having passed the required Civil Service Examination.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Munckwitz, Julius, Jr., pay of.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Julius Munckwitz, Jr., Skilled Laborer under the Architect, be fixed at \$3.50 per day, to date from this date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Laborers appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed :

Barth. Murphy, laborer on Central Park.

Bartley Hart, laborer on Central Park.

John Harney, laborer on drainage.

Frank Morgan, laborer on Central Park.

Edward Reilly, laborer on Central Park.

Gallagher, laborer on city parks.

Edward Mulry, laborer on city 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Bates, Wm., dropped.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, Wm. Bates, laborer, was dropped from the rolls.

Clark, J. J., appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That James J. Clark be and he is hereby appointed a Gatekeeper on the force of the 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

O'Donohue, F., appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

Resolved, That Fred. O'Donohue be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on the Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Riverside Drive—Sprinkling.

Commissioner VIELE moved that the subject of sprinkling Riverside avenue during the coming summer, be referred to Commissioner Wales 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Swings.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that subject of the swings in Central Park 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 of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

Gravel—Report on.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred for consideration and report, as to the most suitable gravel for use on the park roads, presented a written report, giving his experience as well as that of the Engineer and Superintendent of Parks in relation to the use of gravel, and recommending that the Treasurer be authorized to make arrangements with the owner of the Roa Hook Gravel-bed at Peekskill, or with the representative of the owner of said gravel-bed for furnishing a supply of gravel to the Department for use during the present season.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

On motion of Commissioner WALES said report was ordered printed as a document of this Board.

(See Document No. 96.)

Asphalt walk, triangle, 65th street and Boulevard.

Commissioner VIELE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue an order for completing the asphalt walk around the triangle at Sixty-fifth street and the Boulevard.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Viele, Wales, Crimmins—3.

On motion, at 1 o'clock P. M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

DOCUMENT No. 96.



BOARD

OF THE

Department of Public Parks.

APRIL 16, 1884.



Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of gravel for use by the Department, presented a written report.

Ordered, That the report on the subject of gravel this day presented be printed as a document of the Board.

E. P. BARKER,

Secretary.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the subject of gravel for use by the Department during the present season, reports in relation thereto, as follows :

In considering this subject, I have asked for and received the views of the Superintendent of Parks, and Mr. Kellogg, Engineer of Construction. Those views, the expression of their knowledge and experience of gravel for the construction and maintenance of roads, agree with my own conclusions.

Without referring to their communications, I feel qualified, from my own experience and observation of public and private works of similar character, to express an opinion, and advise as to how the interests of the Department may be best subserved in the future in the matter in question.

During the early part of the year 1883, while making an examination into this subject, there were submitted to my inspection several samples of gravel, upon which I made tests satisfactory to myself—gravel of the same color, and what would appear of the same quality, as that used with approved results in the construction of roads on the park, from the first to the present time. It has been only when this gravel was temporarily discarded, and other qualities made use of, that the condition of the drives and walks of the park has deteriorated so as to cause dissatisfaction on the part of the public.

Arguments have been repeatedly made that there is no material difference between this gravel, located at the well-known Roa Hook gravel bed, on the Hudson river, and that found on the opposite side of the river. The experience of

this Department, and of others who have purchased gravel from both beds, and had full opportunity of comparison, is sufficient to entirely dispose of these arguments. The mere fact of proximity furnishes no ground for supposing that the qualities of the two gravels are the same or at all comparable. There is as much difference between them as between the clay banks along the same river, used for brick, and which are separated by no greater distance. The clay from which the Haverstraw brick is made produces an article that has for many years commanded a market price \$1 a thousand in excess of the value of the products of other clay beds in the immediate neighborhood. Similar comparisons may be made in the case of lime rock and cement rock. The intervention of a short distance will frequently produce two greatly different grades of material.

I have made frequent examinations of Roa Hook gravel and observed its durability, and would add to its former recommendations my opinion that there is probably no gravel in this country that would compare with it for road purposes. I have taken particular occasion to notice the drives of parks in other cities of this country, and to obtain the opinions of persons connected with those parks, and from such observation and opinions it is clear to me that, unless that portion of the Prospect Park Drive be excepted, which is laid with Roa Hook gravel and which is easily distinguishable from the remainder of the drive by its superior condition, there are no gravel roads in those parks which approach the excellence of the roads in the Central Park.

It is true that the first cost of the Roa Hook gravel is higher than estimated for the competing gravel from the west bank of the Hudson. . But this difference is small in amount, and is, moreover, produced by the very causes which make the Roa Hook gravel peculiarly excellent for the purposes of this Department. It arises from the special preparation to which the gravel is subjected, and which is necessary to confer upon it the qualities indispensable for use upon the

drives of the Park. The estimate received last year for gravel from the west bank of the Hudson was \$1.90 per cubic yard, while the price paid for the Roa Hook gravel, procured in limited quantities, was \$2.25. The gravel from the west bank was to be single screened only—a treatment for use which I cannot recommend under any consideration—and, moreover, its waste, after showers of rain, would probably decrease its value for road purposes ten per cent. The Roa Hook gravel, on the contrary, receives two screenings, which produces a gravel of almost clear pebbles. The whole apparent saving which would be effected by the selection of the gravel from the west bank would probably not exceed \$2,000, at present prices, and this difference would be far more than counterbalanced by the incessant inconvenience to the public, and the destruction to highly varnished carriages, which would result from the use of gravel containing any clayey substance. Illustrations of this objection may be noticed in the gravel used by the Department of Public Works in the maintenance of the Fifth avenue, adjoining the Park.

Another salient advantage of the Roa Hook gravel is observable in its adaptation to the economical and permanent repair of the roads of the Park. A gravel not possessed of the adhesive qualities of the Roa Hook, in addition to its power of resistance to rapid crushing, would have to be spread upon worn spots in deep and expensive layers, whereas the adhesiveness of the Roa Hook renders it possible to repair such places by the spreading of a thin sheet of gravel. An analogous instance may be noticed in the preferableness of Portland cement over the common Rosendale cement for distribution in thinner layers over an extended surface. The worn spots in the drives are now covered to the depth of a few inches with the Roa Hook gravel, which acquires in a short time the compactness and consistency of a single, unseparated mass.

In addition to all other arguments in favor of the Roa Hook gravel, it is to be remembered that it would be extremely

unwise on the part of the Commissioners to institute experiments with any new gravel, on roads so much traveled as those under their jurisdiction.

I have accordingly no hesitation in recommending that the Treasurer be authorized to make arrangements with the owner of Roa Hook gravel bed at Peekskill, or with representatives of the owner, for furnishing a supply of gravel to the Department for use during the present season.

Dated April 16, 1884.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,
Commissioner.