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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—10 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

“ BORDEN.

**Proposals.**

At the hour of ten o'clock Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with an advertisement duly published in the *City Record* for the following works :

*Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in 164th Street, between Washington and Brook Avenues.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4	
		B. C. MURRAY.		MICHAEL CASEY.		JOHN KEARNEY.		WM. J. O'GRADY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Lineal feet of 12" pipe sewer, including concrete cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections	444	\$6 00	\$2,664 00	\$2 50	\$1,110 00	\$3 00	\$1,332 00	\$2 20	\$976 80
2. Spurs for house connections .....	62	1 00	62 00	75	46 50	27	16 74	60	37 20
3. Manholes complete .....	5	60 00	300 00	50 00	250 00	35 00	175 00	55 00	275 00
4. Cubic yards of concrete in place exclusive of cradle for pipe sewer .....	5	5 00	25 00	5 00	25 00	5 00	25 00	5 00	25 00
5. Feet (B. M.) of lumber furnished and laid .....	3,000	40 00	120 00	25 00	75 00	30 00	90 00	25 00	75 00
6. Time for completion, at \$4 per day .....	....	Days. 30	120 00	Days. 15	60 00	Days. 25	100 00	Days. 20	80 00
Totals .....	....	.....	\$3,291 00	.....	\$1,566 50	.....	\$1,738 74	.....	\$1,469 00

Security, \$800.



May 5, 1886.]

*Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in 165th Street, from Washington to North 3d Avenue, with a Branch in North 3d Avenue, between 165th and 164th Streets.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3	
		MICHAEL CASEY.		WM. J. O'GRADY.		JOHN KEARNEY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Lineal feet of brick sewer, egg shaped, 28" by 36", including rubble masonry cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections	440	\$5 00	\$2,200 00	\$5 40	\$2,376 00	\$5 15	\$2,266 00
2. Lineal feet of 12" pipe sewer, including concrete foundation and cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.	420	2 50	1,050 00	2 80	1,176 00	3 00	1,260 00
3. Spurs for house connections	110	75	82 50	50	55 00	35	38 50
4. Manholes complete	10	50 00	500 00	55 00	550 00	37 00	370 00
5. Receiving-basin complete	1	200 00	200 00	140 00	140 00	150 00	150 00
6. Cubic yards of rock to be excavated and removed	50	4 00	200 00	4 50	225 00	3 00	150 00
7. Feet (B. M.) of lumber furnished and laid	2,000	25 00	50 00	25 00	50 00	30 00	60 00
8. Cubic yards of concrete in place, exclusive of cradle for pipe sewers	10	4 00	40 00	6 00	60 00	4 90	49 00
9. Time for completion, at \$4 per day		Days. 40	160 00	Days. 50	200 00	Days. 45	180 00
<b>Totals</b>		....	\$4,482 50	....	\$4,832 00	....	\$4,523 50

Security, \$2,000.

*Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in 166th Street, between Washington and North 3d Avenues.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4	
		MICHAEL CASEY.		WM. J. O'GRADY.		B. C. MURRAY.		JOHN KEARNEY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Lineal feet of 12" pipe sewer, including concrete, and exclusive of spurs for house connections .....	370	\$2 50	\$925 00	\$2 30	\$851 00	\$3 50	\$1,295 00	\$3 10	\$1,147 00
2. Spurs for house connections .....	45	1 00	45 00	75	33 75	1 00	45 00	30	13 50
3. Manholes complete .....	5	50 00	250 00	55 00	275 00	60 00	300 00	40 00	200 00
4. Receiving-basin complete.....	1	200 00	200 00	140 00	140 00	160 00	160 00	165 00	165 00
5. Cubic yards of rock excavated and removed .....	100	3 00	300 00	3 00	300 00	4 85	485 00	3 90	390 00
6. Feet (B. M.) of lumber furnished and laid .....	1,000	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	40 00	40 00	30 00	30 00
7. Time for completion, at \$4 per day.....	.....	Days. 25	100 00	Days. 40	160 00	Days. 40	160 00	Days. 25	100 00
Totals .....	.....	.....	\$1,845 00	.....	\$1,784 75	.....	\$2,485 00	.....	\$2,045 50

Security, \$800.

May 5, 1886.]

*Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in 169th Street, between North 3d Avenue and Franklin Avenue, with a Branch in Fulton Avenue, between 169th and 168th Streets.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4	
		MICHAEL CASEY.		JOHN KEARNEY.		B. C. MURRAY.		W. J. O'GRADY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Lineal feet of 15" pipe sewer, including concrete cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections...	490	\$2 50	\$1,225 00	\$3 15	\$1,543 50	\$3 95	\$1,985 50	\$2 30	\$1,127 00
2. Lineal feet of 12" pipe sewer, including concrete cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections...	770	2 30	1,771 00	3 00	2,310 00	3 25	2,502 50	2 10	1,617 00
3. Spurs for house connections.....	140	75	105 00	27	37 80	1 00	140 00	75	105 00
4. Manholes complete.....	15	50 00	750 00	37 00	555 00	59 00	885 00	55 00	825 00
5. Receiving-basins complete.....	4	200 00	800 00	155 00	620 00	160 00	640 00	140 00	560 00
6. Cubic yards of rock excavated and removed.....	800	3 00	2,400 00	4 00	3,200 00	4 00	3,200 00	3 80	2,640 00
7. Feet (B. M.) of lumber furnished and laid.....	4,000	20 00	80 00	27 00	108 00	40 00	160 00	25 00	100 00
8. Cubic yards of rubble masonry in mortar.....	25	2 00	50 00	4 80	120 00	4 50	112 50	5 00	125 00
9. Time for completion, at \$4 per day.....	.....	Days. 100	400 00	Days. 45	180 00	Days. 90	360 00	Days. 100	400 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$7,581 00	.....	\$8,674 30	.....	9,985 50	.....	\$7,499 00

Security, \$4,000.

*Table of Bids for Regulating and Grading Westchester Avenue, between the easterly curb-line of Prospect Avenue and the westerly curb-line of the Southern Boulevard.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1	
		BERNARD MAHON.	
		Price.	Amount.
1. Cubic yards of earth excavation .....	9,000	\$0 30	\$2,700 00
2. Cubic yards of rock excavation .....	7,400	1 20	8,880 00
3. Cubic yards of filling .....	37,000	48	17,760 00
4. Cubic yards of rubble masonry in mortar .....	100	4 50	450 00
5. Cubic yards of dry rubble masonry, other than in retaining walls .....	50	3 00	150 00
6. Cubic yards of brick masonry .....	15	15 00	225 00
7. Time for completion, at \$3 per day .....	.....	Days. 175	525 00
Totals .....	.....	.....	\$30,690 00

Security, \$14,000.

Table of Bids for Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb-stones, Paving the Gutters three feet wide with Trap-blocks on each side of the Roadway, Flagging the Sidewalks four feet wide, and Laying Crosswalks in the Boston Road, between the easterly curb-line of North 3d Avenue and the northerly curb-line of Jefferson Street.

May 5, 1886.]

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4	
		BERNARD MAHON.		B. C. MURRAY.		D. W. MORAN.		THOS. H. CASEY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Cubic yards of earth excavation .....	7,800	\$0 30	\$2,190 00	\$0 39	\$2,847 00	\$0 35	\$2,555 00	\$0 40	\$2,920 00
2. Cubic yards of rock excavation .....	900	1 00	900 00	1 40	1,260 00	1 50	1,350 00	2 00	1,800 00
3. Cubic yards of filling .....	3,900	40	1,560 00	25	975 00	25	975 00	50	1,950 00
4. Lineal feet of new curb-stone furnished and set .....	2,600	50	1,300 00	50	1,300 00	57	1,482 00	50	1,300 00
5. Lineal feet of old curb-stone reset .....	5,000	9	450 00	10	500 00	9	450 00	10	500 00
6. Square feet of new flagging furnished and laid .....	13,800	20	2,760 00	25	3,450 00	22	3,036 00	30	4,140 00
7. Square feet of old flagging relaid .....	14,000	2	280 00	2	280 00	2	280 00	10	1,400 00
8. Square feet of new bridge stones for crosswalks furnished and laid .....	9,300	40	3,720 00	60	5,580 00	48	4,464 00	70	6,510 00
9. Square yards of new trap-block pavements in gutters three feet wide .....	2,400	1 70	4,080 00	2 10	5,040 00	2 20	5,520 00	3 00	7,200 00
10. Receiving-basins to be taken down and rebuilt complete .....	7	170 00	1,190 00	50 00	350 00	75 00	525 00	200 00	1,400 00
11. Lineal feet of 12" pipe culverts .....	40	2 50	100 00	1 50	60 00	2 00	80 00	2 00	80 00
12. Time of completion, at \$3 per day .....	.....	Days 125	375 00	Days 140	420 00	Days 100	300 00	Days 300	900 00
<b>Totals</b> .....	.....	.....	\$18,905 00	.....	\$22,062 00	.....	\$21,017 00	.....	\$30,100 00

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Security, \$9,000.

*Table of Bids for Regulating and Grading the Boston Road, between the northerly curb-line of Jefferson Street and the southerly curb-line of Locust Avenue.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3	
		THOMAS H. CASEY.		* BERNARD MAHON.		B. C. MURRAY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Cubic yards of filling.....	40,000	\$0 50	\$20,000 00	\$0 40	\$16,000 00	\$0 45	\$18,000 00
2. Cubic yards of earth excavation.....	19,000	50	9,500 00	30	5,700 00	10	1,900 00
3. Cubic yards of rock excavation.....	14,000	2 00	28,000 00	1 20	16,800 00	1 20	16,800 00
4. Cubic yards of dry rubble masonry other than in retaining-walls.....	230	2 00	460 00	3 00	690 00	3 50	805 00
5. Time for completion, at \$3 per day.....	.....	Days. 500	1,500 00	Days. 175	525 00	Days. 250	750 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$59,460 00	.....	\$39,715 00	.....	\$38,255 00

\* Surety's agreement not dated.

Security, \$16,000.

*Table of Bids for Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, and Flagging the Sidewalks four feet wide in East 140th Street, between the Easterly Curb-line of North 3d Avenue and the Westerly Curb-line of Willis Avenue.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
		PAT. REILLY.		* B. MAHON.		D. W. MORAN.		J. D. MOORE.		B. C. MURRAY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Cubic yards of excavation of any and all kinds	300	\$0 20	\$60 00	\$0 30	\$90 00	\$0 15	\$45 00	\$0 40	\$120 00	\$0 25	\$75 00
2. Cubic yards of filling.....	300	20	60 00	20	60 00	10	30 00	10	30 00	35	105 00
3. Lineal feet of new curb-stone furnished and set .....	500	70	350 00	50	250 00	57	285 00	52	260 00	60	300 00
4. Lineal feet of old curb-stone reset.....	1,150	10	115 00	09	108 50	09	108 50	11	126 50	12	138 00
5. Lineal feet of new gutter-stone furnished and laid.....	500	22	110 00	20	100 00	20	100 00	25	125 00	20	100 00
6. Lineal feet of old gutter-stone relaid.....	1,250	05	62 50	01	12 50	02	25 00	04	50 00	01	12 50
7. Square feet of new flagging furnished and laid.....	2,600	29	754 00	20	520 00	22	572 00	21½	559 00	21	546 00
8. Square feet of old flagging relaid.....	4,500	04	180 00	02	90 00	01½	67 50	03	135 00	02	90 00
9. Time of completion, at \$3 per day.....	.....	Days. 20	80 00	Days. 15	45 00	Days. 18	54 00	Days. 15	45 00	Days. 28	84 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$1,751 50	.....	\$1,271 00	.....	\$1,232 00	.....	\$1,450 50	.....	\$1,450 50

\* Surety's agreement not dated.

Security, \$800.

*Table of Bids for Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb-stones and Flagging the Sidewalks in 164th Street, from Boston Avenue to Trinity Avenue (or Delmonico Place).*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4	
		D. W. MORAN.		* B. MAHON.		W. J. O'GRADY.		B. C. MURRAY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Cubic yards of earth excavation .....	2,650	\$0 35	\$927 50	\$0 40	\$1,060 00	\$0 23	\$609 50	\$0 45	\$1,192 50
2. Cubic yards of rock excavation .....	2,500	1 75	4,375 00	1 00	2,500 00	1 20	3,000 00	1 40	3,500 00
3. Cubic yards of filling .....	900	35	315 00	40	360 00	15	135 00	10	90 00
4. Lineal feet of new curb-stone furnished and set .....	1,300	57	741 00	50	650 00	52	676 00	56	728 00
5. Lineal feet of old curb-stone reset .....	10	10	1 00	10	1 00	10	1 00	12	1 20
6. Square feet of new flagging furnished and laid .....	4,980	22	1,095 60	20	996 00	20	996 00	22	1,095 60
7. Square feet of old flagging relaid .....	250	2	5 00	3	7 50	2	5 00	3	7 50
8. Time for completion, at \$3 per day .....		Days. 100	300 00	Days. 60	180 00	Days. 90	270 00	Days. 60	180 00
Totals .....		...	\$7,760 10	....	\$5,754 50	....	\$5,692 50	....	\$6,794 80

\* Surety's agreement not dated.

Security, \$3,000.



*Table of Bids for Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, Flagging the Sidewalks four feet wide, and Laying Cross-walks in East 168th Street, between the easterly curb-line of the Boston Road, and the westerly curb-line of Union Avenue.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
		* B. MAHON.		B. C. MURRAY.		PK. REILLY.		D. W. MORAN.		J. D. MOORE.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Cubic yards of earth excavation.....	450	\$0 20	\$90 00	\$0 60	\$270 00	\$0 22	\$99 00	\$0 25	\$112 50	\$0 30	\$135 00
2. Cubic yards of rock excavation.....	300	1 00	300 00	1 50	450 00	2 25	675 00	1 25	375 00	3 20	960 00
3. Cubic yards of filling.....	1,100	45	495 00	50	550 00	22	242 00	40	440 00	15	165 00
4. Lineal feet of new curb-stones furnished and set.....	1,630	53	863 90	60	978 00	82	1,336 60	58	945 40	55	896 50
5. Lineal feet of new gutter-stones furnished and laid.....	1,630	20	326 00	16	260 80	20	326 00	20	326 00	40	652 00
6. Square feet of new flagging furnished and laid	6,050	20	1,210 00	30	1,815 00	32	1,986 00	22	1,331 00	25	1,512 50
7. Square feet of new bridge-stones for cross-walks furnished and laid.....	935	42	392 70	50	467 50	65	607 75	47	439 45	48	448 80
8. Time for completion at \$3. per day.....	.....	Days. 30	90 00	Days. 50	150 00	Days. 40	120 00	Days. 50	150 00	Days. 60	180 00
Totals .....	.....	.....	\$3,767 60	.....	\$4,941 30	.....	\$5,342 35	.....	\$4,119 35	.....	\$4,949 80

\* Surety's agreement not dated.

Security \$2,000.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, the reading of the minutes of previous meetings was dispensed with.

Election of officers.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the Board proceed with the election of officers.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

President—Commissioner Beekman.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Commissioner Henry R. Beekman be and he hereby is re-elected President of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Treasurer—Commissioner Borden.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Commissioner M. C. D. Borden be and he hereby is re-elected Treasurer of this Board.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, it was

*Resolved*, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Saturday, 8th instant, at 10 A. M.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 11.30 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1886.**

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, Esq., who had been reappointed a Commissioner of Public Parks, presented his certificate of appointment, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
NEW YORK, May 1, 1886. }

In pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided, I hereby appoint Henry R. Beekman a Commissioner of Parks in the City of New York, for a term of five years, from the 1st of May, 1886, to succeed himself.

[SEAL.]

W. R. GRACE,  
*Mayor.*

The roll being called—

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BORDEN.

President—Commissioner Beekman elected.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved,* That Commissioner Henry R. Beekman be and he hereby is re-elected President of this Board, to serve until the first Wednesday in May, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Treasurer—Commissioner Borden elected.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Commissioner M. C. D. Borden be and he hereby is re-elected Treasurer of this Board, to serve until the first Wednesday in May, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

The minutes of the meetings of April 14 and 23 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Fountain, Bowling Green.

From Henry Bergh, asking that the work of changing the location of the drinking fountain at Bowling Green be completed, that the same may be used during the summer.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to carry out the request.

Independence Day celebration.

From the Independence Day Association of Harlem, asking permission to hold public exercises in Mount Morris Square on Monday, July 5, next, and to make a display of fireworks in Morningside Park on the evening of that day; also requesting that a new flag-pole be erected in Mount Morris Square.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the permission asked for be granted, and that the President be directed to cause to be erected a flag-staff in Mount Morris Square as requested.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Bay window.

From Daniel Hennessy, asking permission to erect a bay window on the building in course of erection at the northwest corner of Park avenue and 72d street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the consent of this Department be and the same hereby is given to the erection by Daniel Hennessy of a bay window on the easterly gable of the building now in course of erection on the northwest corner of 72d street and Park avenue, the same not to project more than three feet beyond the house line, during the pleasure of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*--Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden--4.

Eagle, Capt. C. H.—To drill on Riverside.

From Clarence H. Eagle, Captain of Company E., Twelfth Regiment, asking permission to pass over Riverside Drive with his company for the purposes of drill and instruction.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the President was authorized to grant the application of Captain Eagle, by the following vote :

*Ayes*--Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden--4.

Joyce, T. H.—To furnish music.

From Thomas H. Joyce, desiring to furnish music for park concerts during the coming season.

Filed.

Schwab, Max—To furnish music.

From Max Schwab, desiring to furnish music for concerts in Tompkins Square during the coming season.

Filed.

Battery sea-wall—Report on.

From the Foreman of Masons, reporting upon the condition of the Battery sea-wall.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit an estimate of the amount of money required to make the necessary repairs to the Battery sea-wall, and that the President be directed to lay the matter before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with the request that funds be provided for doing the work.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Bernard, P. A.—Work at Claremont.

From P. A. Bernard, licensee, asking permission to erect a stairway and awnings on the building and sheds at Claremont, at his own expense.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the matter was referred to the Treasurer, with discretionary power.

*Insects*—Report on.

From E. B. Southwick, reporting upon the work of destroying insects in the Parks.

Filed.

Dollivar, A. H.—Swan boats.

From A. H. Dollivar, asking that his application for the privilege of operating swan boats on the Central Park lake be reconsidered.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Halliday, M.—Estimate for repairs.

From M. Halliday, submitting an estimate for making certain repairs to the roof of the refreshment building at Mount St. Vincent, amounting to \$523.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the matter was referred to Commissioner Powers for further examination and recommendation, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Treasurer's statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of the moneys received and deposited by him with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, April 30, 1886.*

1886.		PERMITS.	
April 1.	Edwd. Gustavson.....		\$10 00
" 1.	" .....		20 00
" 1.	Thos. McGauran.....		10 00
" 1.	Jas. McMullen.....		10 00
" 2.	Peter Daly.....		10 00
" 2.	J. & M. Haffen (for vault).....		120 00
" 5.	Franz Peyser.....		10 00
" 9.	Geo. C. Glacius.....		10 00
" 9.	Andrew Ward.....		20 00
" 9.	Mrs. E. Bee .....		10 00
" 12.	Captain Archer.....		10 00
" 12.	L. Dewes.....		10 00
" 12.	Jos. Loehr .....		10 00
" 13.	A. Georgi.....		10 00
" 13.	A. Hall .....		10 00
" 15.	C. Hartmeyer.....		10 00
" 16.	F. G. Brown.....		10 00
" 16.	P. Donahue.....		10 00
" 19.	Chas. Nake.....		10 00
" 22.	J. & M. Haffen.....		10 00
" 22.	Mr. Ryan.....		10 00
" 26.	Chas. Joller.....		10 00
" 27.	Mr. Büchelberger.....		10 00
" 29.	Hugh Stevenson.....		10 00
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			\$370 00
		LICENSES.	
April 2.	John Lucas.....		\$6 32
" 9.	Oscar H. Riker.....		5 85
" 9.	Isidor Isaac.....		8 57
" 9.	W. H. Radford.....		175 23
" 13.	P. A. Bernard.....		60 94
" 21.	Jos. Scott.....		3 77
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			260 68

## POUND.

April 10. Property Clerk, receipts, March..... \$15 00

## SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

April 1. Wm. Rosenwald.....	\$10 00	
“ 1. T. C. Andrews.....	10 00	
“ 16. Louis Marquis.....	4 00	
“ 28. Henry Farrell.....	4 00	
“ 30. M. J. McGinn.....	4 00	
		32 00
		\$677 68

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six hundred and seventy-seven dollars and sixty-eight cents.

## Jeannette Park—Improvement of.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting an estimate of quantities for improving Jeannette Park.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans, specifications and form of contract for the interior work required for the improvement of Jeannette Park and submit the same to the Board.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

## Jeannette Park—Railing.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit specifications for an appropriate railing for Jeannette Park, together with designs and an estimate of the cost.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.



From the Engineer of Construction :

Harlem river bridges—Report on.

1st. Reporting upon the condition of the several bridges over Harlem river.

Filed.

Central Bridge—Plan for widening approach.

2d. Submitting specifications for repairing the wooden portion of the southerly approach to the Central bridge ; also a plan for the widening of said approach at its southerly end, with an estimate of the cost.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the plan for widening the southerly approach to the Central bridge, as submitted by the Engineer of Construction, be approved, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for doing the work.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Temporary suspensions.

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

Approved.

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Sydney street—Condition of.

3d. Reporting upon a communication from J. R. Sargent, in relation to the condition of Sydney street, at Spuyten Duyvil, and recommending that the same be macadamized between the Spuyten Duyvil Parkway and Troy avenue.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the matter was referred to Commissioner CRIMMINS for examination and report.

White, C. W.—To retain fence.

4th. Reporting upon a communication from Charles W. White, asking that the fence across Tinton avenue, on both sides of his property, be allowed to remain until such time as said avenue is regulated and graded.

Filed.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the progress of the work under his charge.

Filed.

Contracts awarded.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That contracts for which proposals were received on the 5th instant be awarded as follows :

No. 1. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in 164th street, between Washington and Brook avenues, to William J. O'Grady, at.....	\$1,469 00
No. 2. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in 165th street, from Washington to North 3d avenue, with a branch in North 3d avenue, between 165th and 164th streets, to Michael Casey, at.....	4,482 50
No. 3. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in 166th street, between Washington and North 3d avenues, to William J. O'Grady, at.....	1,784 75
No. 4. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in 169th street, between North 3d avenue and Franklin avenue, with a branch in Fulton avenue, between 169th and 168th streets, to William J. O'Grady, at.....	7,499 00
No. 5. For regulating and grading Westchester avenue, between the easterly curb-line of Prospect avenue and the westerly curb-line of the Southern Boulevard, to Bernard Mahon, at.....	30,690 00

<p>No. 6. For regulating, grading, setting curb-stones, paving the gutters three feet wide with trap-blocks on each side of the roadway, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide, and laying crosswalks in the Boston road, between the easterly curb-line of North 3d avenue and the northerly curb-line of Jefferson street, to Bernard Mahon, at .....</p>	<p>\$18,905 00</p>
<p>No. 7. For regulating and grading the Boston road, between the northerly curb-line of Jefferson street and the southerly curb-line of Locust avenue, to B. C. Murray, at.....</p>	<p>38,255 00</p>
<p>No. 8. For regulating, grading, setting curb-stones, and flagging the sidewalks four feet wide in 140th street, from North 3d avenue to Willis avenue, to Bernard Mahon, at.....</p>	<p>1,271 00</p>
<p>No. 9. For regulating, grading, setting curb-stones, and flagging the sidewalks in 164th street, from Boston avenue to Trinity avenue (or Delmonico place), to William J. O'Grady, at .....</p>	<p>5,692 50</p>
<p>No. 10. For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide, and laying crosswalks in East 168th street, between the easterly curb-line of the Boston road and the westerly curb-line of Union avenue, to Bernard Mahon, at.....</p>	<p>3,767 60</p>

—they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of this Department for doing the several works, and appoint Inspectors thereon when required.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

## Telephonic service.—Form of agreement.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a form of agreement with the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company for telephonic service during the year 1886, under authority given by the Board of Aldermen.

Which was approved and ordered executed by the President on behalf of the Department by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

## Executive session.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12.10 P. M. the Board went into Executive Session.

## Audit.

The PRESIDENT 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 :

Barron, Jas. S. & Co., axle grease.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		\$2 50
Consolidated Gas Co., gas, April.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$79 95	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc .. .. .	9 45	
	Police.....	13 50	
		<hr/>	102 90
Coffin, Paul C., hatchet, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		3 35
Colwell Lead Co., comp. urinal stop...	Labor, Maint., etc.		1 33
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.	Labor, Maint., etc.		2 78
Jonson Foundry and Machine Co., water gate.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		28 00
Kolesch & Braasch, drawing materials, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.,		22 28
Moonan, Jno., hay, corn, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$84 28	
	Police .. . . .	21 07	
	Zoological Dept...	323 00	
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Mott, J. L. Iron Works, settee legs, rollers for horse roller, etc.....	Labor, Maint. etc.	\$462 00	
	Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc....	10 00	\$472 00
Motley, Thornton N., nails, hay and manure forks, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$56 78	
	Zoological Dept...	1 08	57 86
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas, April.	Labor, Maint., etc.		36 15
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., heating...	Labor, Maint., etc.		112 50
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		96 00
Pierson & Co., steel and iron.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		14 25
Perry, W. B. & Son, rice.....	Zoological Dept...		3 75
Trimble, Chas. B.....	Fencing in vacant ground, located on the west side St. Ann's ave., between West- chester ave. and 156th st., known as the "Bensonia Cemetery",....		643 00
			<u>\$2,027 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Police.....	\$34 57
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	999 65
Zoological Department.....	327 83
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	9 45
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	2 50
Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc.....	10 00
Fund for Local Improvements.....	643 00
	<u>\$2,027 00</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and twenty-seven dollars.

NEW YORK, May 8, 1886.

(Signed)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were ap-

proved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Amer. Veterinary Hospital, services.. Labor, Maint., etc.		\$67 00
Allen, R. H. & Co., manure carts.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	240 00
Barnes, J. S., elm trees.....	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	350 00
Cairns & French, whistles.....	Police.....	16 50
Dahlman, I. H., horses ...	Labor, Maint. etc.	\$350 00
	Police.....	250 00
		<hr/> 600 00
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt.....	Zoological Dept. . .	75
Hurst & Treanor, bluestone flags.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	99 00
Hews, A. H. & Co., flower-pots.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	147 00
Hall, John, sugar maple trees.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	430 00
Kunkely, M. R., elephant cover.....	Zoological Dept. . .	50 00
McKesson & Robbins, benzine and parafine.....	Zoological Dept. . .	8 75
Marquand, Henry G., Treas., salaries and wages, April.....	Maint. Museums.	1,220 08
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., salaries and wages, April.....	Maint. Museums.	1,421 30
Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$98 63
	Police.....	36 30
	Zoological Dept. . .	27 88
	Maint., 23d & 24th Wards.....	33 49
		<hr/> 196 25
Moran, Dennis W., Estimate No. 11...	Regulating, grading, setting curb-stones, flagging the sidewalks 4 ft. wide, and laying crosswalks in Westchester ave. from the easterly crosswalk of North 3d ave. to the easterly curb-line of Prospect ave.....	1,130 50

Simpson, William, estate of, rent cor. N. 3d ave. and Courtland ave. . . . .	Rents and Repairs.	\$120 00
Thorburn. James M. & Co., bird food. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	32 76
Thompson, Frank J., prairie dogs. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	100 00
		\$6,229 89

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. . . . .	\$1,431 63
Police. . . . .	302 80
Zoological Department. . . . .	220 09
Maintenance of Museums. . . . .	2,641 38
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. . . . .	350 00
Rents and Repairs. . . . .	120 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	33 49
Fund for Local Improvements. . . . .	1,130 50
	\$6,229 89

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

(Signed.)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,

*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 5, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Bucki, L. & Son, lumber . . . . .	Harlem River Bridges, etc. . . . .	\$159 72
Coogan, Wm., marble street monuments. Surveying. Lay- ing out, etc., 1885		725 00
Duryee, Jos. W., lumber. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	341 24
Goeller, Geo. C., rent, N. W. cor. Col- lege avenue and E. 143d street.		
February, March and April. . . . .	Rents and Repairs.	50 00

Keuffel & Esser, artists' materials . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$7 50
Mulhern, Patrick, garden mould and removing excavation . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	870 00
Myers, C. H., petty disbursements . . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans . . . . .	8 87
Morgan, J. P., Treas., salaries and wages, March . . . . .	Maint. Museums . .	1,383 26
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., rent, 36 Union square, April, 1886 . . . . .	Rents and Repairs	208 33
Thompson, Frank J., old horses . . . . .	Zoological Dept . .	30 00
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		\$3,783 92
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## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc . . . . .	\$1,218 74
Zoological Department . . . . .	30 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, etc. . . . .	159 72
Maintenance, Museums . . . . .	1,383 26
Rents and Repairs . . . . .	258 33
Surveys, Maps and Plans . . . . .	8 87
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., 1885 . . . . .	725 00
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	\$3,783 92
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand seven hundred and eighty three dollars and ninety-two cents.

(Signed)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,

*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 5, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

The following communications were received :

Morningside Park Association—Protest, etc.

From the Secretary of the Morningside Park Association, transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution protesting



against the removal of the propagating houses to Morning-side Park, and asking that said park be improved.

Filed.

Schwarz, Chas.—Claim for repairs.

From Charles Schwarz, licensee, asking that expenditures made by him for certain repairs to the refreshment building in Highbridge Park, be allowed and applied on account of his license fee.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Dawson, J. J.—Claim.

From John J. Dawson, claiming pay for the time of his suspension from duty as a Parkkeeper, also the amount retained from his pay for fines while employed by the Department.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, said claim was rejected by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Moran, Eugene—Resignation.

From Eugene Moran, resigning his position as Roundsman on the Police force of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said resignation was accepted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Cremins, Denis—For promotion.

From Denis Cremins, applying for promotion from the grade of Parkkeeper to that of Roundsman.

Filed.

Lyons, David—For promotion.

From David Lyons, applying for promotion from the grade of Parkkeeper to that of Roundsman.

Filed.

Promotions—Superintendent recommends.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending an increase of pay for persons employed as wheelwrights, and the promotion of certain other employees.

Laid over.

Kinsella Keron, Moran Michael, Hileben Julian—Discharged.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

1st. Reporting the suspension of Keron Kinsella, Michael Moran and Julian Hilchen, laborers, for inefficiency.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the persons so suspended be discharged.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Sheehan, Richard—Promoted.

2d. Recommending the promotion of Richard Sheehan from the grade of laborer to that of skilled laborer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that Richard Sheehan be promoted to the grade of skilled laborer, at \$2 per day.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Hawkins, J. J.—Pay allowed.

3d. Reporting upon a communication from John J. Hawkins, claiming pay for two days on which he worked and for which his time was not returned while in the employ of the Department as a Steam Engineer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the Property Clerk be directed to prepare a pay-roll allowing John J. Hawkins pay

for two days' service as a Steam Engineer, which he rendered the Department and for which he has not been heretofore paid.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Police cases.

A report was received from the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated charges against certain Park-keepers, and disposed of the same as follows :

Murphy, J. F.—Fined.

John F. Murphy—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty as charged. Fined one day's pay.

Slavin, H. L.—Fined.

Hugh L. Slavin—Absent without leave. Guilty as charged. Fined ten days' pay.

Frawley, James—Charge dismissed.

James Frawley—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed, with a caution.

Duane, M. J.—Fined.

Michael J. Duane—Violation of rules and neglect of duty (two charges). Guilty as charged. Fined fifteen days' pay.

Quinn, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Quinn—Off post. Guilty as charged. Fined five days' pay.

Curry, Chas.—Fined.

Charles Curry—Absent without leave. Guilty as charged. Fined five days' pay.

Finegan, Thomas—Charge dismissed.

Thomas Finegan—Absent without leave. Charge dismissed, with a caution.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the action of the Committee on Police be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Laborers—To increase pay of.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of the laborers on the force of this Department who now receive \$1.76 per day, be fixed at the rate of \$2 per day, to take effect with the next pay-roll, commencing May 9th, next.

Which was lost by the following vote :

*Aye*—Commissioner Powers—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Clute, J. M.—To appoint.

Commissioner Powers offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John M. Clute be and he is hereby appointed Inspector of Incumbrances for duty in the 23d and 24th Wards, at \$2.50 per day.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that said resolution be referred to Executive Committee.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Railing at 32d street and Broadway—Alteration of.

Commissioner Beekman moved that the action of the President in granting permission to alter the railing on the southerly end of the small park at 32d street and Broadway,

in connection with the erection of the McAuley drinking-fountain, the work to be done without expense to the Department, be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Bensonia Cemetery—Assessment list for fencing.

On motion of Commissioner Crimmins, the Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, was directed to prepare and submit an assessment list for the work of fencing the Bensonia Cemetery in the 23d Ward, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Bridle road—Exclusion of grooms from.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Whereas*, Many and, as it seems, well founded complaints have been made of reckless riding on the bridle roads of the park by grooms while exercising horses, and whereas, such use of these roads is dangerous to life and limb, and materially interferes with the comfort and safety of the public in the enjoyment of this portion of the park; therefore,

*Resolved*, That grooms, unless attending ladies or children, be excluded from the bridle roads.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Licenses—To suspend on Sundays.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That all licenses excepting such as apply to restaurants and carriage-service be made inoperative on Sundays.

· Laid over.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 1.15 P. M. the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

*Saturday, May 15, 1886.]*      33

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1886.**

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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, }  
ARSENAL, 64TH ST. AND 5TH AVE., May 14, 1886. }

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Esq., *Secretary* :

SIR—We hereby request you to call a meeting of the Board for Saturday, May 15, at 10 o'clock A. M., and fix this day for giving notice of such meeting.

Yours, etc.,

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, President.  
M. C. D. BORDEN.  
JOHN D. CRIMMINS.

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.  
“            CRIMMINS.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

CHARLES DE. F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—10 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,

“ POWERS,

“ BORDEN.

Art Museum—Enlargement.

Messrs. Theodore Weston and Maurice Fornachon, architects, appeared before the Board and presented a communication, submitting plans, specifications and forms of contracts for the enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as approved by them, and recommending the same for the action of the Board.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the specifications for masonry, stone-work, etc., for iron-work, for carpenters and joiners' work and for plumbers work, together with the accompanying plans for the same for the proposed enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as this day submitted by Theodore Weston and Maurice Fornachon, architects, 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.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.



**Bicyclists—Petition.**

Messrs. N. M. Beckwith, William C. Frazee and T. C. Stratton, a Committee from the Citizen's Bicycle Club, appeared and presented a petition for an extension of the privilege now accorded to wheelmen by allowing them free use of the West Drive, and were heard in relation to the same.

**Irish Brigade—Committee heard.**

Major P. M. Haverty, James Quinlan, and others, a Committee of the Veterans of the Irish Brigade, appeared and requested that a suitable place in the Metropolitan Museum of Art be given for the deposit and exhibition of the battle-flags of the Brigade.

The PRESIDENT stated that the attention of the Trustees of the Museum would be invited to the matter.

The minutes of the meetings of May 5 and 8 were read and approved.

*min. May 19 1886*  
The following communications were received :

**Mayor—Bust of Irving.**

From the Mayor, enclosing a communication from Dr. Richard G. Wiener, as the representative of Dr. Joseph Wiener, presenting to the City for erection in Central Park, a bust in bronze, with pedestal, of Washington Irving.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the President be and he hereby is authorized to take the necessary steps to have the bust of Washington Irving passed through the Custom House and removed to the Arsenal, and that the Presidents of the National Academy of Design, Metropolitan Museum of Art and New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects be requested to examine the same and report to the Board upon the merits of the bust as a work of art.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Fifth avenue—Jurisdiction of.

A certified copy of chapter 317 of the Laws of 1886, entitled, "An act extending the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York over a portion of Fifth avenue," was received and ordered filed.

Dodworth, O. H.—Music.

From O. H. Dodworth, desiring to furnish music for concerts in Washington square during the coming season.

Filed.

Worden, Rev. Jarvis—Services East River Park.

From Rev. Jarvis Worden, desiring permission to hold services of song in East River Park on Sundays.

Referred to the President.

Schiff, J. H. } Protest, Lily Pond.  
Hoyt, A. M. }

From Jacob H. Schiff and Alfred M. Hoyt, remonstrating against the proposed location of a lily pond near 74th street and 5th avenue, in Central Park.

Filed.

Thorpe, C. S.—To excuse employees.

From Charles S. Thorpe, Commander Adam Goss Post, G. A. R., asking that employees who are members of said Post be excused from duty on 31st inst.

Decoration Day.—Employees excused.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the President be authorized to grant leave of absence to employees other than Park Police on 31st inst.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mould, J. W.—Design, Blue-stone caps.

From J. Wrey Mould, Architectural Draughtsman, submitting a design for blue-stone caps for the 59th street Park wall, with an estimate of the cost.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said design was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Engineer of Construction.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Jeannette Park.—Plan for improvement.

1st. Submitting a plan, specifications and estimate of cost of interior work for the improvement of Jeannette Park.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plan and specifications for interior work for the improvement of Jeannette Park, 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 an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Jeannette Park—Railing.

2d. Submitting a design for a railing for Jeannette Park, together with an estimate of the cost of the same.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the design for a railing for Jeannette Park, as this day submitted, be approved ; that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare specifications and form of contract for the same, and when prepared, that the President be authorized to have them printed and advertised, after being duly approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mill brook—Sanitary condition.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon communications from the Board of Health respecting the sanitary condition of Mill brook, between 145th and 146th streets, Willis and St. Ann's avenues; also the necessity for a sewer in Forest avenue.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN said report was referred to Commissioner Crimmins, with the request that he report upon the subject-matter thereof at the next meeting of the Board, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Temporary Suspensions.

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

Approved.

Sedgwick avenue—Improvement.

3d. Submitting specifications and form of contract for improving Sedgwick avenue, between Jerome and Undercliff avenues.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the specifications, etc., for improving Sedgwick avenue, 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 an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

**Transfer of appropriations asked.**

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is respectfully requested to transfer the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from certain appropriations made for the use of this Department for the year 1886, which are in excess of the amounts required for the objects and purposes thereof, as follows :

Rents and repairs.....	\$3,500 00
Music.....	1,500 00
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Total .....	\$5,000 00
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—to the appropriation entitled “Zoological Department,” 1886, which is insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

**Music—Arrangement of Concerts.**

The PRESIDENT from the Executive Committee, made a verbal report in the matter of music for the parks for the season of 1886, and recommended the following arrangement of concerts :

**Central Park.**

For Central Park, Cappa’s 7th Regiment Band, on Sundays and Wednesdays, at an expense not exceeding \$230 per concert.

Battery Park.

For Battery Park, Bayne's 69th Regiment Band, Friday evenings, at an expense not exceeding \$170 per concert.

Tompkins Square.

For Tompkins Square, Conterno's 9th Regiment Band, Tuesdays, at an expense not exceeding \$170 per concert.

East River Park.

For East River Park, Eben's 71st Regiment Band, Saturdays, at an expense not exceeding \$170 per concert.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the arrangement of concerts as recommended by the President was approved by the following votes :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, CRIMMINS, Borden—3.

Concerts—President to fix dates.

On motion of Commissioner Crimmins, the President was authorized to fix the dates for the concerts at the several parks, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Bernard, P. A.—Allowance on claim.

Commissioner BORDEN reported verbally in the matter of the claim of P. A. Bernard, for repairs, etc., to the building at Claremont, with the recommendation that the sum of \$786.65 be allowed for enclosure of piazza, to be credited on account of his license fee, and that the balance of the claim be disallowed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the report of Commissioner Borden be accepted, and his recommendation adopted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

**Audit.**

The **PRESIDENT**, 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 :

Murray, B. C., payment on acceptance . Flagging the sidewalk four feet wide on the easterly side of St. Ann's and North 3d avenue, from the northerly curb-line of East 161st or Clifton St., to the southerly curb-line of East 163d St. . . . .	\$195 30
	\$195 30

**RECAPITULATION.**

Fund for Local Improvements. . . . .	\$195 30
	\$195 30

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

(Signed)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, } *Auditing*  
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 15, 1886.

Said bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the **PRESIDENT** the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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, R. H. & Co., scythe stones, cul- ticator, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc. Riverside Park, and Ave., etc....	\$20 80 20 53	
		<hr/>	\$41 33
Belloni & Co., cement.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		260 00
Bouker, Jno. F., garden mould.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		572 13
Bierstadt, Edw., photographic views, Bronx River Bridges.....	Bronx River Bdgs., etc.....		321 00
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	\$11 52	
	Surveying, Laying- out, etc.....	55 47	
		<hr/>	66 99
Coffin, Paul C., horseshoes, cotton waste, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$42 88 7 50	
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Dawson, Jno. F., gravel.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		727 08
Flagler, Albert, garden hose, manure forks, etc....	Labor, Maint., etc.		78 43
Hoopes, Bro. & Thomas, plants.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		296 50
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice, January, February, March.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		4 56
Lincoln Safe Deposit Co., removing office furniture, etc., from No. 36 Union Square to Arsenal, 64th street and 5th avenue.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		75 00
McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		8 81
Meehan, Thos., plants.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		179 87
McDonald, Jno. J., grass sods.....	Labor Maint., etc.		125 00
Motley, Thornton N., shovels.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		19 53
Moon, Samuel C., plants.....	Labor Maint., etc.		76 90
Porter, E. A., garden mould.....	Labor, Maint., etc. Riverside Park, and Ave., etc..	\$24 80 80 00	
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Stafford, N., stamps and pads.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		3 00



Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., plants and grass seed.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$598 25	
	Riverside Park, and Ave., etc..	8 65	
			\$601 90
Thompson, Frank J., owl and ibis....	Zoological Dept..		15 00
Taylor, A. S., daily papers, January, February, March and April.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		14 54
Wight, E. M., elm trees .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$280 00	
	Riverside Park, and Ave., etc..	70 00	
			350 00
			<u>\$3,992 75</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$3,388 55
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	179 18
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	27 03
Bronx River Bridges, etc.....	321 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	11 52
Surveying, Laying-out, etc.....	55 47
Zoological Department.....	15 00
	<u>\$3,992 75</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand nine hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-five cents.

NEW YORK, May 19, 1886.

(Signed)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, } *Auditing*  
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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, R. H. & Co., trowels.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$7 75
Brandis, Fred. E., repairing transit, steel tape, etc.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	66 25
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe and drop shot.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	\$0 68
	Zoological Dept..	3 67
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Coffin, Paul C., oak pails, iron pipe, etc.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$29 89
	Zoological Dept..	1 95
	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	2 00
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		33 84
Fitzgerald, James, coal.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	5 00
Gas Engine & Power Co., flat bottomed boat and oars.....	Zoological Dept...	31 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., currycomb, brushes, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	57 68
Hodgman Rubber Co., rubber coats and capes.....	Police.....	67 75
Ingersoll, Horace, oil meal.....	Labor, Maint. etc.	1 75
McKesson & Robbins, sponges, borax and saltpetre.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$21 87
	Zoological Dept..	2 33
	Police.....	2 25
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		26 45
McGlone, Wm., grass sods.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	250 00
Monks, Jno., clearing the outlet and removing obstructions from the mouth of Brook Avenue Sewer....	Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.....	927 00
Mapes Formula & Peruvian Guano Co., Mapes' fertilizer.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	630 00
Myers, Chas. H., petty disbursements.	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	9 61
New York Supply Co., tuyere iron....	Labor, Maint., etc.	4 50
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept...	15 52

O'Maley, Thos., garden mould.....	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	\$400 00
Pierson & Co., tool and spring steel...	Labor, Maint., etc.	46 11
Scott, D., fish.....	Zoological Dept..	15 00
Smith, Clifford E., oak spokes.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	12 32
Thompson, Frank J., bear and birds...	Zoological Dept....	60 50
		<u>\$2,672 88</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$1,066 87
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	76 54
Zoological Department.....	130 47
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	402 00
Police.....	70 00
Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.....	927 00
	<u>\$2,672 88</u>

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

(Signed.)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, } *Auditing*  
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 15, 1886.

Said bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

*Licenses*—Sundays.

Commissioner BORDEN called up the following resolution which was offered by him and laid over on 8th instant, and moved its adoption.

*Resolved*, That all licenses, excepting such as apply to restaurant and carriage service, be made inoperative on Sundays.

Which was lost by the following vote:

*Aye*—Commissioner Borden—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins—2.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12.30 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

Woolson, G. C.—Pay fixed.

From Geo. C. Woolson, Superintending Gardener, applying for an increase of pay.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of George C. Woolson, Superintending Gardener, be and the same hereby is fixed at \$2,500 per annum, to take effect with the pay-roll commencing May 23, next.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Heyer, Adolph—For increase of pay.

From Adolph Heyer, Skilled Laborer, asking for an increase of pay.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins.

Carroll, Thomas—For promotion.

From Thomas Carroll, Parkkeeper, applying for promotion to the grade of Roundsman.

Filed.

Girard, Joseph W.—For promotion.

From Joseph W. Girard, Parkkeeper, applying for promotion to the grade of Roundsman.

Filed.

Smith, Maxwell Resignation.

From the Topographical Engineer, forwarding the resignation of Maxwell Smith, Draughtsman, and recommending the appointment of a Draughtsman to take Mr. Smith's place.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the resignation of Maxwell Smith was accepted, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Hollacher, August ; Herlich, Adam—To increase pay.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, recommending that the pay of August Hollacher and Adam Herlick, Laborers, be increased.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins.

**Police cases.**

A report was received from the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated charges against certain Parkkeepers, and disposed of the same as follows :

Oakford, J. K.—Fined.

John K. Oakford—Absent without leave. Guilty as charged. Fined two days' pay.

McGonigle, H.—Fined.

Henry McGonigle—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty as charged. Fined 1 day's pay.

Hovey, J. L.—Fined.

James L. Hovey—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty as charged. Fined 1 day's pay.

Dwyer, H. J.—Fined.

Henry J. Dwyer—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty as charged. Fined 5 days' pay.

Kelly, Michael—Fined.

Michael Kelly—Absent without leave. Guilty as charged. Fined 2 days' pay.

Meehan, Patrick—Fined.

Patrick Meehan—Absent from roll-call. Guilty as charged. Fined 3 days' pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Oliver, James J.—Discharged.

The Committee on Police presented a further report, stating that they had investigated the charge of intoxication and conduct unbecoming an officer against James J. Oliver, and found him guilty as charged, and recommending his dismissal from the force.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, the recommendation of the Committee on Police was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Carrousel—To remove organ.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the licensee of the Carrousel be directed to discontinue the use of an organ in the operation of the same.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Jones, Chas.—Webster avenue sewer.

From Charles Jones, contractor, stating that he had been directed by the Engineer to proceed with the work of constructing the Webster avenue sewer by putting in a plank bottom instead of piling, as provided by his supplementary contract, and asking that he be furnished with an official notice from the Board to that effect.

The Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards appeared and made a

verbal report upon the communication from the contractor, who also appeared and was heard in relation thereto.

Sup't 23d and 24th Wards—Commissioner Powers to report.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Whereas*, Commissioner Powers has intimated that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards is not honestly conducting the business confided to him by the Department,

*Resolved*, That Commissioner Powers report to this Board any delinquencies on the part of the Superintendent that may have come to his knowledge, with such specifications of their nature, the place and time of their commission, and as far as may be practicable, the names of the witnesses, to the end that the Board may take intelligent action in the premises.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Burggraf, G. A.—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Gustave A. Burggraf, Jr., Foreman of Carpenters, be and the same hereby is fixed at \$4 per day, to take effect with the commencement of the next pay-roll.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Cleary, Joseph—pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Joseph Cleary, Foreman of Painters, be and the same hereby is fixed at \$4 per day, to take effect with the commencement of the next pay-roll.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mead, M. J.—promoted.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Michael J. Mead be and he hereby is designated as Assistant Foreman of Painters, and that his pay be fixed at \$3.50 per day, to take effect with the commencement of the next pay-roll.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

McLaughlin, Eugene—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Eugene McLaughlin, be and he hereby is appointed a Laborer for duty in carpenter's shop, at \$1 per day.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Parkkeepers—Appointed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Frank Greppner, John C. Gartleman, John J. Curry, Robert A. Campbell, Frederick Ballou, Jr., John J. Harrigan, John H. Odell and Peter Coen be and they are hereby appointed Parkkeepers.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Promotions, etc.

The communication from the Superintendent of Parks, recommending an increase of pay for Wheelwrights and certain other employees, which was received and laid over on the 8th inst., was called up and considered, whereupon, on motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter was referred to the President, with power, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.



## Estimates—Bronze gate.

The PRESIDENT presented the following estimates for the bronze work of the gate to be located at 5th avenue and 67th street :

Newman & Capron .....	\$550 00
Hecla Bronze and Iron Works .....	550 00
J. W. Fiske .....	475 00
Jackson Architectural Iron Works .....	340 00
Geo. Fischer & Bro .....	320 00
American Art Metal Works .....	317 00

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said estimates were referred to the Treasurer.

## Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 1.50 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**MONDAY, MAY 24, 1886.**

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
ARSENAL, 64TH ST. AND 5TH AVE., May 20, 1886. }

Mr. CHAS. DE F. BURNS, *Secretary, etc.* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held on Monday, 24th inst., at 10 A. M., for the purpose of receiving proposals and transacting miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

**Proposals.**

At the hour of ten o'clock Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with an advertisement duly published in the *City Record* for the following work :

*Table of Bids for Furnishing and Delivering, where required, Broken Trap-rock Stone and Trap-rock Screenings, along Certain Roads, Avenues and Streets in the 23d and 24th Wards of the City of New York.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	1		2	
		JOHN A. BOUKER.		JOHN F. DAWSON.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Cubic yards of 2½" broken trap-rock stone .....	2,500	\$2 41	\$6,025 00	\$2 42½	\$6,062 50
2. Cubic yards of 1½" broken trap-rock stone .....	500	2 41	1,205 00	2 42½	1,212 50
3. Cubic yards of trap-rock screenings .....	1,500	2 41	3,615 00	2 42½	3,637 50
Totals .....			\$10,845 0		\$10,912 50

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

Widening 5th avenue.

A certified copy of chapter 421 of the Laws of 1886, an Act authorizing the widening of 5th avenue, between 109th and 110th streets, and 100 feet north of 110th street, for a public place, was received and ordered filed.

Smith, H. C.—Reported eligible.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Civil Service Examining Board, transmitting the name of Hector C. Smith as an eligible applicant for the position of Topographical Draughtsman.

Filed.

Police trials.

A report was received from the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated charges against certain Park-keepers, and disposed of the same, as follows :

Terpeny, Henry—Fined.

Henry Terpeny—Sleeping on post. Guilty as charged. Fined 10 days' pay.

Curry, Chas.—Fined.

Charles Curry—Sleeping on post. Guilty as charged. Fined 15 days' pay.

Purcell, J. F.—Fined.

John F. Purcell—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty as charged. Fined 2 days' pay.

Sheehy, Manus—Charge dismissed.

Manus Sheehy—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Farley, Jas.—Charge dismissed.

James Farley—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Courtland avenue—To discontinue proceedings.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the proceedings, authorized and directed by this Board on the 7th day of May, 1884, to be commenced for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to that part of Courtland avenue lying between 156th and 161st streets, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street by this Department, be and the same are hereby discontinued; and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary proceedings to carry this resolution into effect.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Broken stone—Contract awarded.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for furnishing and delivering, where required, broken trap-rock stone and screenings along certain streets and avenues in the 23d and 24th Wards, be and the same hereby is awarded to John A. Bouker, he being the lowest bidder therefor.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Audit.

The President, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Allen, R. H., & Co., scythes and pruning knives .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$68 25
Barron, Jas. S., & Co., brooms, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$38 10
	Police .....	4 95
	Harlem R. B'dgs., etc. ....	2 90
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		45 95

Bertine, Edwin R., United States flag..	Labor, Maint., etc.		\$9 00
Barnes, J. S., grass sods.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		125 00
Coffin, Paul C., nails and wrenches....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$3 25	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards .....	1 95	
		<hr/>	5 20
Christensen, H. B., heliographic copies			
Mott avenue, etc.....	Surveys, Maps and		
	Plans, 1885.....		5 00
Coffin, Paul C., rock chain, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards .....		53 94
Dahlman, I. H., horses.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		975 00
Duyckinck, W. C., cotton waste .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$9 35	
	Harlem R. Bdgs.,		
	etc.....	9 61	
		<hr/>	18 96
Dunham, Thos. C., oil and turpentine..	Labor, Maint., etc.		63 00
Denning, E. J., & Co., ticking .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		2 00
Fitzgerald, James, coal.....	Zoological Dept..	\$103 27	
	Labor, Maint., etc.	250 88	
	Police .....	53 55	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	89 10	
	Surveys, Maps and		
	Plans .....	11 48	
		<hr/>	508 28
Harmer, Hays & Co., bridle fronts ...	Labor, Maint., etc.		4 00
Jones, Charles, Estimate No. 11.....	Sewer and appur-		
	tenances and		
	branches in		
	Webster Ave.,		
	bet. 165th and		
	184th Sts.....		1,168 75
Moonan, John, forage.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$1,012 13	
	Police .....	173 07	
	Zoological Dept... ..	1 57	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards .....	43 20	
		<hr/>	1,229 97
McKesson & Robbins, gum camphor... ..	Labor, Maint., etc.		2 50
Masterson, J. S., mould .....	Riverside Park and		
	Avenue, etc....		120 00
Mapes' Formula Peruvian Guano Co.,			
lawn manure.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		630 00
Maxwell, T. C., & Bros., plants.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		77 50
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, sash tools,			
paint brushes, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		32 95
Moffat, David, & Co., harness and			
thong leather.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		31 31

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Pridgeon's Hamilton Bakery, bread . . . Zoological Dept. . .	\$56 25
Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co., cement-lined iron pipe . . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.	31 32
Porter, E. A., garden mould . . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.	\$200 00
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. . . . .	80 00
Phelps, Dodge & Co., charcoal tin . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.	280 00
Redmond, John, security for repairs. . . Sewer in Westchester Avenue, from Brook to St. Ann's Ave., with branches, etc . . . . .	14 25
Reiche, Chas., & Bro., bird food . . . . Zoological Dept. . .	410 78
Sylvester, Hilton & Co., gloves . . . . Police . . . . .	12 00
Sloane, W. & J., carpet . . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.	189 00
Thorburn, J. M., & Co., flower seed . . Labor, Maint., etc.	2 00
Thompson, Frank, tigress, female jaguar and old horses . . . . . Zoological Dept. . .	2 25
Vacuum Oil Co., cylinder oil . . . . . Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .	1,355 00
Wilkinson, C. B., badges and dies . . . Police . . . . .	33 80
Westerfield, W., & Son, patent sprinkling trucks . . . . . Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. . . . .	107 50
	930 00
	<u>\$8,600 71</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. . . . .	\$3,584 04
Police . . . . .	528 07
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc. . . . .	135 41
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards . . . . .	99 09
Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1885 . . . . .	5 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans . . . . .	11 48
Zoological Department . . . . .	1,528 09
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. . . . .	1,130 00
Fund for Local Improvements . . . . .	1,579 53
	<u>\$8,600 71</u>

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

(Signed) HENRY R. BEEKMAN, }  
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *Auditing Committee.*

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The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

City Hall Parks—Permits revoked.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That all licenses or permits of any kind heretofore granted by this Department, authorizing the vending of any articles on any of the streets, avenues or public places adjoining the City Hall Park, be and the same hereby are revoked.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 11.10 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*



**SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1886.**

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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, }  
ARSENAL, 64TH STREET AND 5TH AVENUE, May 27, 1886. }

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Esq., *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Board to be held on Saturday, 29th inst., at 10 A. M., for the purpose of considering the matter of the Webster avenue sewer.

Respectfully

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

“ BORDEN.

Webster avenue sewer.

A communication was received from the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, in relation to the proposed modification of the plan for the construction of the main sewer in Webster avenue, between 165th and 184th streets, and submitting a plan showing such modification.

Webster avenue sewer—Plan modified.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That in order to hasten the completion of the sewer with appurtenances and branches in Webster avenue, between 165th and 184th streets, an agreement be entered into with the contractor for said sewer to modify the construction according to the drawing or plan dated May 29, 1886, signed by C. H. Myers, Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers, 23d and 24th Wards, and as provided by section C, pages 25 and 26 of the contract for said sewer in Webster avenue, it appearing from the report of the Engineer of Construction that said modifications do not materially increase the expense of the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Board Estimate and Apportionment—Transfer.

A communication was received 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 five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriations made to the Department of Public Parks for 1886, as follows :

Rents and Repairs.....	\$3,500 00
Music—Central Park and City Parks.....	1,500 00
Total.....	<u>\$5,000 00</u>

—the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation to the said Department for 1886, for "Zoological Department," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Rhinoceros—Treasurer to purchase.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to purchase from Frank J. Thompson one rhinoceros, for the Central Park Menagerie, at a cost not exceeding the sum of

five thousand dollars, delivered to the satisfaction of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT from the Auditing Committee presented the following report :

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

Treanor, Jno., Estimate No. 1.....	For the erection of a sea-wall on the easterly side of the East River Park, be- tween 84th and 86th Streets....	\$520 45
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1885.....	\$520 45
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five hundred and twenty dollars and forty-five cents.

(Signed)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 29, 1886.

Said bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Refreshment Building—Repairs to roof.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the work of making repairs to the roof of the Refreshment Building, at Mt. Saint Vincent, be proceeded with, under the estimate received from M. Halliday.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 11.15 P. M., the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—10 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.  
“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BORDEN.

The minutes of the meetings of May 15, 19 and 24 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen :

Music stand.

1st. Transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing this Department to improve the music stand in Central Park without public letting.

Filed.

Mill Brook drains.

2d. Transmitting a copy of a resolution, requesting this Department to furnish certain information in relation to the Mill Brook drains, and inclosing a petition of property owners and report of committee in the matter.

Filed.

## Corporation Counsel—Cedar Park.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, replying to a communication from this Department in relation to the confirmation of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for acquiring title to Cedar Park.

Filed.

## Dollivar, A. H.—Pavilion.

From A. H. Dollivar, asking permission to erect a pavilion at the pond in Central Park to be used in connection with the Lohingrin boats.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the matter was referred to the Treasurer, with power, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

## Treasurer's statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received and deposited by him in the City Treasury, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

*Statement and return of Moneys made to Comptroller, May 29, 1886.*

## PERMITS.

1886.		
May	1. Andrew Ward .....	\$30 00
	1. A. Germahn.....	10 00
	5. H. Leonard.....	10 00
	5. A. Bell.....	10 00
	5. Mrs. M. Krumb.....	10 00
	5. The Kidder Estate.....	10 00
	5. Jno. Pattison.....	10 00
	6. Geo. E. Fails.....	30 00
	11. Peter Fogel.....	10 00
	14. Benj. Weed.....	10 00
	14. T. J. O'Kane.....	10 00
	17. Jno. A. Wilhelm.....	10 00
	17. Jno. Schwegler.....	10 00
	18. E. M. Prichard.....	30 00
	18. Richard Walter.....	10 00

1886.	
May 20. Mr. Murphy .....	\$10 00
24. J. Eichler.....	10 00
24. Geo. Lauer.....	20 00
25. Estate of Jno. Bound.....	10 00
25. John Meckel.....	10 00
25. Mrs. Urstad .....	10 00
27. J. S. Dale.....	20 00
27. Mrs. Teller.....	10 00
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	\$310 00

## LICENSES.

1886.	
May 4. Thompson & Dollivar.....	\$250 00
5. Chas. Schwarz.....	495 70
7. John Lucas.....	10 62
10. Oscar H. Riker.....	15 99
10. Chas. Schwarz.....	50 32
11. Dennis F. Cray.....	18 20
11. Isidor Isaac.....	38 48
11. W. H. Ranford.....	321 09
11. P. A. Bernard .....	105 91
15. Jos. W. Dollivar.....	250 00
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	1,556 31

## SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

1886.	
May 5. Geo. Smith.....	\$10 00
5. Jos. M. Burke.....	10 00
11. W. H. Davis.....	6 00
17. Daniel Malone.....	10 00
24. Fred. Cramme.....	10 00
24. G. Engel .....	20 00
25. T. C. Andrews.....	10 00
26. M. J. McGinn.....	6 00
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	\$1,948 31
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight dollars and thirty-one cents.

Director of Menagerie—Lambs.

From the Director of Menagerie, recommending that the surplus ram lambs of the Central Park flock be sold at auction on 29th inst.

Sale of lambs and material.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the surplus lambs be disposed of in accordance with the recommendation of the

Director of the Menagerie, and that such surplus and condemned property as in the judgment of the Property Clerk and the Superintendent of Parks should be disposed of, be included in the auction sale.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Commissioner Crimmins—Mill Brook.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred, on the 19th ultimo, the matter of the sanitary condition of Mill Brook, presented a report submitting plans and specifications for the improvement of the condition of the brook, by the construction of the Mill Brook drains between 144th street and Westchester avenue, and moved that the same be approved and printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Engineer of Construction.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Harlem River Bridges.

1st. Reporting upon the condition of the bridges over Harlem river.

Filed.



Construction Work—Riverside Park.

2d. Reporting upon the construction work of the improvement of Riverside Park and avenue.

Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of the streets and avenues in the 23d and 24th Wards :

Sewerage Districts 31 C and 33 E.

1st. Reporting upon the general plan of drainage for sewerage districts Nos. 31 C and 33 E, and sewers in Railroad avenue, east, to the Harlem river, and recommending that the same be adopted.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the map or plan for sewerage in the 23d Ward, entitled "Plan of Drainage for Sewerage Districts Nos. 31 C and 33 E, and sewers in Railroad avenue, east, to the Harlem river, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York," dated New York, April 22, 1886, and signed S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks, be and the same hereby is approved, and that copies thereof be duly filed according to law in the following offices, namely : office of the Common Council, the Comptroller of the City of New York, the Health Department, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Public Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Sewer, Morris avenue—Overtime.

2d. Reporting upon the overtime on Michael Casey's contract for constructing a sewer in Morris avenue, from the summit between 139th and 140th streets, to North 3d avenue, and recommending that the same be allowed on account of extra work.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the recommendation of the Engineer be approved, and that all penalty for overtime on said contract be remitted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mill Brook drains.

3d. Reporting upon the resolution of the Board of Aldermen in relation to the construction of the Mill Brook drains.

Filed.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Temporary suspensions.

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

Approved.

Sprinkling Jerome avenue—Overtime.

3d. Recommending that pay be allowed the following persons for two hours overtime each while employed on the work of sprinkling Jerome avenue: Dominick Lunny, Matthew Crotty, John Schweiger, William Gaddis, William Mooney, Samuel McKinley, Simon Murphy. Double teams: James Feeney, Patrick Kerr and Michael Feth, laborers.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the recommendation of the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards was ap-

proved, and pay for overtime allowed in accordance therewith by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Ambulance—Treasurer to purchase.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase a suitable ambulance wagon, and that when obtained the President be directed to see that the same is suitably equipped and attendants provided to fit the same for use for the relief of persons injured or taken ill in the Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Bucki, L. & Son, lumber.....	Zoological Dept..	\$299 00	
	Labor, Maint., etc.	421 28	
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Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		352 80
De Wilde, Jno., horse collars.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		32 00
Dudgeon, Richard, repairing hydraulic jacks.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		15 55
Duryee, Jos. W., lumber.....	Zoological Dept..		30 18
Dahlman, I. H., horse.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		350 00
Ellwanger & Barry, plants.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		121 08
Fox, Geo. & Son, asphalt kettles, etc.	Labor, Maint., etc.		345 00
Gilch, J., ice-house for sheep fold....	Zoological Dept..		45 00
Moran, Dennis W., security for repairs.	Sewer in Southern Boulevard, from N. 3d to Lincoln Avenue.....		238 00

Masterson, Jno. S., security for repairs. Sewer in 165th St., bet. Boston Road and Trinity Av.		\$114 70
Moonan, Jno., straw and hay.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	6 47
Moonan, Jno., corn, and ten per cent. retained on first and second pay- ments.....	Zoological Dept...	\$56 84
	Labor, Maint., etc.	193 30
	Police .....	19 23
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	10 35
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		279 72
McArthur, J. & Co., steel brooms.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$38 00
	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	14 00
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		42 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron cauldron and castings.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	49 50
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephonic services during Jan- uary, February, March and April...	Telephonic service	1,216 66
Marquand, H. G., Treasurer, salaries and wages, May .....	Maint. Museums..	1,265 08
Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$106 10
	Zoological Dept...	51 23
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	34 98
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		192 31
O'Maley, Thos., mould.....	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	200 00
Pioneer Iron Works, new bottom in tar boiler, etc .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	105 00
Porter's, Wm. Sons, oil cans, lanterns, etc. ....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	40 35
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., plants.....	Riverside Park, and Ave., etc..	\$20 00
	Labor, Maint., etc.	89 60
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		109 60
Willson, Adams & Co., lumber.....	Zoological Dept...	292 18
	Labor, Maint., etc.	150 50
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		442 68
Young & Elliott, plants.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	139 75
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		\$6,453 71
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Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$2,505 93
Zoological Department.....	774 43
Police.....	19 23
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	85 68
Maintenance Museums.....	1,265 08
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	234 00
Telephonic Service.....	1,216 66
Fund for Local Improvements.....	352 70
	<u>\$6,453 71</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six thousand four hundred and fifty three dollars and seventy-one cents.

NEW YORK, June 2, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Casey, Michael, payment on acceptance. Sewer in Morris ave., from sum- mit bet. 139th and 140th streets to North 3d ave.	<u>\$1,731 63</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvement .....	<u>\$1,731 63</u>
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one dollars and sixty-three cents.

(Signed.)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 2, 1886.

Said bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered trans-

mitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

**Kelly, John—Death of.**

On motion of Commissioner Crimmins, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

*Whereas*, This Board has learned, with sorrow, of the death of John Kelly, and deem it fitting to record upon its minutes their high appreciation of his character and many virtues ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That out of respect for the memory of the deceased, the flags of the Department be placed at half-mast and the Department office closed on the day of the funeral.

**Executive Session.**

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12.15 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

**Spencer, L. W.—Increase of pay.**

From L. W. Spencer, Rodman, asking for an increase of pay and change of title.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the pay of L. W. Spencer, Rodman, be fixed at \$3 per day, to date from 1st inst.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

**Hume, Jno. C.—Pay fixed.**

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of John C. Hume, Computer, be and the same hereby is fixed at \$1,200 per annum, to date from 1st instant.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Wallace, Thomas—For promotion.

From Thomas Wallace, applying for promotion from the grade of Parkkeeper to that of Roundsman.

Filed.

O'Brien, M. M.—Restoration.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending the restoration of Morgan M. O'Brien to do duty as an Axeman.

The President stated that he had ordered the restoration of Morgan M. O'Brien in accordance with the recommendation of the Topographical Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Gecks, Peter—Suspension of.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards :

1st. Reporting the suspension of Peter Gecks, Inspector, for insubordination and neglect of duty.

The President stated that he had approved the suspension of Inspector Gecks, whereupon, on motion of Commissioner Crimmins, the action of the President was approved, and he was authorized to appoint an Inspector *vice* Peter Gecks, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Draughtsman and Assistant—Requisition for.

2d. Recommending the appointment of a draughtsman and an assistant for clerical work in order to facilitate the preparation of assessment lists.

Filed.

Mould, J. W.—Leave of absence.

From Jacob Wrey Mould, Architectural Draughtsman, applying for leave of absence for ten days on account of sickness.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS the application of Mr. Mould was granted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Campbell, E. R.—Asks to be restored.

From E. R. Campbell, asking to be restored to duty as a Foreman in the 23d and 24th Wards.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, referred to the Executive Committee.

Webster avenue sewer—Pile for foundation.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting in relation to the driving of piles for a foundation for the Webster avenue sewer which the Contractor desires to proceed with in the trench opened north of 173d street, and stating that, in his judgment, piling is not necessary at that point.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the report of the Engineer, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Vitchel, John,  
Masterson, Terrence, } Discharged.  
Rush, John,

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting the suspension of John Vitchel, Terrence Masterson and John Rush, Laborers, for intoxication.



On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, John Vitchel, Terrence Masterson and John Rush were discharged from the employ of the Department, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Cottage Attendant—Riverside.

2d. Recommending the appointment of a Cottage Attendant to take charge of the Ladies' Cottage, temporarily arranged in the neighborhood of the Grant Tomb.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the President be authorized to appoint a Cottage Attendant in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Heyer, Adolph—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Adolph Heyer, Skilled Laborer, be and the same hereby is fixed at \$3 per day, to date from the commencement of the next pay-roll.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Herlich, Adam—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Adam Herlich, Laborer in 23d and 24th Wards, be and the same hereby is fixed at \$2 per day, to date from the commencement of the next pay-roll.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Reappointments.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That in accordance with Regulation 35 of the Civil Service Regulations, the following named persons are hereby reappointed to the positions set opposite their names, respectively, subject to the further pleasure of this Board :

Herman Koch, Stenographer.

George S. Welsh, Assistant Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 1.10 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1886.**

STATED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BORDEN.

Proposals.

At the hour of ten o'clock, Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the following works :

No. 1—Table of bids for furnishing the materials and labor required in executing the Carpenter and Joiner Work, Painting and Glazing, for the Enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the Central Park :

No.	Name of Bidder.	Amount.
1	James Brady.....	\$41,700 00

No. 2—Table of bids for furnishing the materials and labor and erecting complete all the Plumbing of the Enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the Central Park :

No.	Name of Bidders.	Amount.
1	John Regan.....	\$1,285 00
2	John Spence.....	1,377 00

No. 3.—Table of bids for furnishing and erecting all the Wrought, Cast, and Galvanized Iron work in the Floors, Roofs, Partitions, and Skylights ; all the Ornamental and other work in the Crestings, Railings, Window Guards, Gates, Doors, and Stairways ; all Sheet Copper Work, all Slating, and all Skylight Glass for the Enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art :

No.	Name of Bidders.	Amount.
1	A. R. Whitney & Co.....	\$99,900 00
2	Phoenix Iron Co.....	108,750 00
3	Post and McCord.....	96,000 00

No. 4.—Table of Bids, for Excavating and Removing all Earth and Rock, Furnishing the Materials and completing the Drainage, furnishing the Materials and erecting all the Mason Work, Granite and other Stone Work, furnishing the Materials and executing all the Plastering and Stucco Work, and furnishing and laying the Tiling of the Enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the Central Park :

No.	Name of Bidder.	Amount.
1	Michael Giblin.....	\$230,000 00
2	E. D. Connolly & Sons.....	207,500 00
3	James H. Brady.....	207,630 00
4	John Cox & Co.....	206,700 00
5	Moran & Armstrong.....	206,743 00
6	Isaac A. Hopper.....	216,732 00
7	John & Louis Weber.....	245,000 00

The minutes of the meetings of May 29 and June 2 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Certified Checks, Security Deposits.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, informing the Department that the Governor had signed the bill passed by the Legislature amending section 65 of the New York City Consolidation Act, relating to certified checks accompanying proposals as security deposits.

Filed.

Bernheimer & Schmid—Pipe across Riverside.

From Bernheimer & Schmid, asking permission to lay an eighth inch iron pipe across Riverside Park and avenue, at a point opposite 108th street, for the purpose of carrying water from the Hudson river to their brewery in 9th avenue.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction for examination and report.

Treanor, John—Abandons contract.

From John Treanor, notifying the Department of his inability to complete his contract for the erection of a sea wall at East River Park.

Filed.

The President stated that he had directed that notice be sent to the sureties on the contract for the East River Park Sea Wall, that the same had been abandoned by the contractor, and asking whether they desired to complete the work.

Lawrence, James A.—Tally-Ho Coach.

From James A. Lawrence, asking permission to pass through Central Park with a Tally-Ho Coach.

On motion of Commissioner Borden, said application was denied by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Conterno, Louis, Jr.—Music.

From Louis Conterno, Jr., desiring to furnish music for concerts in Paradise Park.

Filed.

Conterno, Luciano—Allowance on concert.

From Luciano Conterno, asking that an allowance be made him for one musician in excess of the authorized number at the concert in Tompkins Square on 8th instant.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the sum of \$175 be allowed for the concert in Tompkins Square on 8th instant.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Schofield, Major-General—Withdrawal of guard.

From Major-General J. M. Schofield, in relation to the withdrawal of the guard of U. S. troops at Camp Grant on the 30th instant.

Filed.

Keeler, William—Boats, Harlem meer.

From William Keeler, applying for the privilege of letting boats for hire on the Harlem Meer in Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN said application was referred to the Treasurer, with power, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Property Clerk—List of horses.

From the Property Clerk, submitting a list of horses selected to be sold at public auction.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN the matter was referred to Commissioner Crimmins for examination as to the expediency of the proposed sale of horses, and the President was authorized to order the sale of such number as may be recommended by Commissioner Crimmins, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Schickel, William—Bay-window.

From William Schickel, in relation to the bay-window erected on the building owned by Louis Stern, on 5th avenue, between 80th and 81st streets, with the consent of this Board, given July 8, 1885.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS the matter was referred to the President, with power, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Crimmins, Beekman, Borden—3.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Croton water-pipes—Estimate for replacing.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting an approximate estimate of the cost of replacing the present Croton water-pipes with cast-iron pipes on that portion of the Central Park south of the 72d street surface drive.

Laid over.

Platform East River Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the dangerous condition of the platform in East River Park and recommending that the same be closed.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Temporary suspensions.

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

Approved.

Mould, Jacob Wrey—Death of.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

*Whereas*, the Board has learned with sorrow of the death on Monday, 14th instant, of Mr. Jacob Wrey Mould, for many years connected with this Department and formerly its Architect-in-Chief.

*Resolved*, That it is deemed fitting at this time to record upon the minutes of this Board a testimonial of its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Mould in connection with the designing and architecture of the Central Park, and of the genius and talent displayed by him during the long period of his faithful service.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to express to the family of the deceased the sympathy of this Board in their bereavement.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 11.30 A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.



Sedgwick avenue improvement.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this Board on 19th ultimo, approving specifications for the improvement of Sedgwick avenue, and ordering the same printed and advertised, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be directed to make such temporary repairs to Sedgwick avenue as may be required, under the direction of Commissioner Crimmins.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

The following communications were received :

Oakford, J. K.—Resignation.

From John K. Oakford, resigning his position as Park-keeper.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN said resignation was accepted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mehles, Herman—Pay fixed.

From W. C. Crane, asking that the pay of Herman Mehles, Laborer in the Shops, be increased.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the pay of Herman Mehles be fixed at \$1.50 per day from the commencement of the next pay-roll.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

McCarthy, C. F.—To increase pay of.

From D. P. McCarthy, asking that the pay of Cornelius F. McCarthy, Laborer in Paint Shops, be increased.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to report.

Duffy, Edward—Discharged.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of Edward Duffy, Laborer, for intoxication.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, Edward Duffy, Laborer, was discharged, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Police Cases.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges against certain members of the Police Force, and disposed of the same as follows :

Reeves, Francis—Fined.

1st. Francis Reeves—Absent from roll-call. Guilty as charged. Fined one day's pay.

Lyons, David—Fined.

2d. David Lyons—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty as charged. Fined one day's pay.

McGuire, John—Fined.

3d. John McGuire—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty as charged. Fined one day's pay.

McGuire, John—Fined.

4th. John McGuire—Absent from duty without leave. Guilty as charged. Fined one day's pay.

Slevin, M. H.—Cautioned.

5th. Michael H. Slevin—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Cautioned.

Connolly, B. R.—Cautioned.

6th. Bernard R. Connolly—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Cautioned.

Oakford, John K.—Fined.

7th. John K. Oakford—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined ten days' pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Gecks, Peter—Asks to be restored.

From Peter Gecks, asking to be restored to his former position as Inspector.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter was referred to the President, with power, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Vacations—Topographical force.

From the Employees on the Topographical force, applying for the usual summer vacation of two weeks, to be taken at such times as their duties will permit.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, said application was granted, the vacations to be taken under direction of the President, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Vacations—Police.

From the Captain of Police, recommending that summer vacations be granted members of the Police force of the Department as follows :

Captain, 10 days.

Sergeants, 7 days.

Roundsmen, 6 days.

Parkkeepers in the service over 1 year, 5 days.

Parkkeepers in the service over 6 months, 3 days.

Parkkeepers in the service less than 6 months, 1 day.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, vacations were granted the members of the Police force, in accordance with the recommendation of the Captain, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Concerts—Change of arrangement.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That concerts on Wednesdays in the Central Park be discontinued, and that in lieu thereof a concert be held on Saturdays, and that concerts in East River Park be held on Wednesday of each week instead of on Saturday.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mt. Morris Park—Conveniences for Celebration.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to provide a stand and other conveniences in Mount Morris Park for the accommodation of those desiring to celebrate Independence Day at that place.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Uniforms—Foremen, Drivers, etc.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the action of the President in directing that Foremen, Drivers and Laborers in the Zoological Department be provided with uniforms, be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Proposals for Art Museum.—Referred to Ex. Committee.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the proposals this day received for the enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to decide whether the same shall be awarded or rejected, the estimates of the lowest bidders aggregating more than the amount of the appropriation.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

General Inspector appointed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be and they hereby are authorized to appoint a General Inspector and to fix his rate of pay, and that he be charged with such duties as the Committee may determine and the Board may, from time to time, direct.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Schlesinger, L.—Inspector of uniforms.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That L. Schlesinger be and he hereby is appointed Inspector of the materials, etc., furnished under the contract with L. Stern for Police uniforms, and that his compensation be fixed at the sum of \$20.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Assessment lists.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the following-named assessment lists : For constructing sewer and appurtenances in Brook avenue, from

a point in tide water to 165th street; and for fencing in the vacant ground located on the west side of St. Ann's avenue, between Westchester avenue and 156th street, known as Benson Cemetery, and also the statements of the amounts and costs of the works therein mentioned, be approved and signed by the Commissioners of this Board and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

In accordance with the resolution adopted on the 19th ultimo, Commissioner POWERS made a verbal report relative to certain delinquencies on the part of Louis A. Risse, Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee, with directions to examine and report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT, 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 :

Cappa, C. A., music, May 30th and June		
2d and 6th in Central Park . . . . .	Music . . . . .	\$690 00
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements . . .	Surveys, Maps and	
	Plans . . . . .	\$11 59
	Surveying, Laying	
	out, etc, . . . . .	85 35
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Dawson, Jno. F., gravel. ....	Labor, Main, etc.	\$3,281 57
Thompson, Frank J., monkeys and wid- geon.....	Zoological Dept ..	57 00
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		\$4,125 51

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Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$3,281 57
Zoological Department.....	57 00
Music.....	690 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	11 59
Surveying, Laying out, etc.....	85 35
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\$4,125 51	
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-one cents.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 16, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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, R. H. & Co., hoes, axes, etc. . . . .	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$11 21
Allen, R. H. & Co., lawn sweeper, mower knives, hoes, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	89 84
Barron, Jas. S. & Co. buckets . . . . .	Sewers and Drains 23d and 24th Wards.....	6 00

Bucki, L. & Son, lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$34 28	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .	72 73	
	Zoological Dept. . .	28 00	
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Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Zoological Dept. . .	\$91 00	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .	70 03	
		<hr/>	161 03
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., axle grease and brooms. . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .		14 55
Barnes, J. S., grass sods. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		125 00
Coffin, Paul C., nails, sand paper, saws, copper wires, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		76 41
Consumers' Coal Co., coal. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$28 70	
	Zoological Dept. . .	2 80	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .	1 20	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards. . . .	23 30	
		<hr/>	56 00
Consumers' Coal Co., coal, 1885. . . . .	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .		32 90
Consolidated Gas Co., gas, May. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$61 95	
	Police . . . . .	7 75	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .	7 17	
		<hr/>	76 87
Colwell Lead Co., marble slabs, closets, bibbs, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		51 77
Cappa, C. A., music, May 23d and 26th in Central Park. . . . .	Music . . . . .		460 00
Coffin, Paul C., sash cord. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.,		22 50
Duryee, Jos. W., lumber. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.,		319 75
Flagler Albert, splitting machine for harness shop. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.,		6 00
Ferris, Edward & Co., salt. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . .		6 00
Fogarty, Patrick, garden mould. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		142 00



Fayerweather & Ladew, leather belt- ing .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$54 72
Henderson & Stoutenborough, water- cooler and stand.....	Police.....	12 60
Harmer, Hays & Co., worsted for sad- dle girths.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	3 75
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse..	Labor, Maint., etc.	5 85
Ingersoll, Horace, salt oilmeal and corn meal.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	1 70
Jones, Chas., Estimate No. 12.....	Sewer in Webster Ave., bet. 165th and 184th Sts...	1,411 20
Kipp, Jno. L., hand carts .....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	300 00
Mulhern, P., excavation from Tomp- kin's Sq.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	851 00
Motley, Thornton N., shovels, screws, barrows, oilers, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$101 47
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc .....	4 17
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	56 67
		<hr/> 162 81
Moran, Dennis W.. Estimate No. 12...	Regulating, etc., Westchester ave. from North 3d to Prospect ave...	1,867 67
Manhattan Brass Foundry, etc., Ma- chine Works, hydrant crooks with hose and couplings.....	Sprinkling 23d & 24th Wards.....	27 00
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, horse brushes.	Labor, Maint., etc.	90 00
McGovern & Boland, taking down skate-house, and marking same for re-erection.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	250 00
Mason, J. W. & Co., chairs and stools.	Surveys, Maps & Plans .....	9 50
Motley, Thornton N., vise.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	7 05
Myers. C. H., petty disbursements....	Surveys, Maps & Plans .....	7 94

Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 1 . . .	Regulating, etc., Tremont St. bet. Boston Road & Bronx river. . . . .	\$1,443 05
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., salaries and wages, May . . . . .	Maint, Museums. . . . .	1,536 30
Masterson, John S., constructing wall, filling and flagging the temporary entrance connecting walk with bay and steps at 110th St. & Morning- side Ave., west . . . . .	Morningside Park, etc. . . . .	220 00
McInerney, Martin, garden mould . . . . .	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. . . . .	240 00
McDonald, J. J., grass sod . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	125 00
McGlone, Wm., grass sod . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	625 00
Nesbit, Jno.'s Sons, lime . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$3 50
	Zoological Dept. . . . .	1 75
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		5 25
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., sheet rubber . . . . .	Harlem R. Bdgs. etc.	11 44
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas, May.	Labor, Maint., etc.	21 37
N. Y. Ceal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	387 20
O'Brien, M., milk . . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	14 88
Putnam, G. P.'s Sons, 200 copies "First Aid to Injured" . . . . .	Police . . . . .	68 00
Pierson & Co., blister steel . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	37 05
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., whiting . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	32 77
Salisbury, John, Jr., sand . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$70 00
	Zoological Dept. . . . .	14 00
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		84 00
Scovill Manufacturing Co., buttons . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	19 50
Scott, D., fish . . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	12 40
Thompson, Frank, J., white-fronted goose . . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	10 00
Westerfield, W., & Son, patent Monitor sprinkling trucks . . . . .	Sewers & Drains, 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .	930 00
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		\$12,678 34
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## RECAPITULATION.

Police.....	\$92 10
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	3,632 68
Zoological Department.....	180 83
Harlem River Bridges, etc.....	166 74
Maintenance Museums.....	1,536 30
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	240 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	414 48
Harlem River Bridges, etc., 1885.....	32 90
Music.....	460 00
Sprinkling 23d and 24th Wards.....	957 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	17 44
Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.....	6 00
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	220 00
Fund for Local Improvements.....	4,721 92
	\$12,678 34

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve thousand six hundred and seventy-eight dollars and thirty-four cents.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 16, 1886.

Said bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote:

*Ayes* — Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 12.50 P. M. the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—10 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

A quorum not being present, no business was transacted.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1886.**

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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, }  
ARSENAL, 64TH STREET AND 5TH AVENUE, July 7, 1886. }

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Esq., *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Board to be held on Friday, 9th inst., at 10 A. M., for the purpose of receiving and opening proposals and transacting miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ BORDEN.

Proposals.

At the hour of ten o'clock, Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 such of the parties making proposals as were present, opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all the proposals or estimates which had been received in pursuance of an advertisement duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works :

No. 1.—For constructing Upper Portion of Park Vertical Wall on the westerly side of Fifth avenue, opposite and adjacent to Seventy-fourth street.

No.	Name of Bidders.	Upper Portion of the Park Vertical Wall 213 Lineal feet.	Amount.
1	B. A. & G. N. Williams, Jr.....	\$11 70	\$2,492 10

No 2.—For the Erection of an Iron Railing and Gates around Jeannette Park, at Coenties Slip, between South and Front streets.

No.	Name of Bidders.	Wrought Iron Railing and Gates 682 $\frac{2}{3}$ Lineal feet.	Amount.
1	J. W. Fiske .....	\$2 84	\$1,937 45
2	Manly & Cooper Mfg. Co.....	3 08	2,101 18

No. 3.—For the Improvement of the interior of Jeannette Park at Coenties Slip, between South and Front streets.

No.	Name of Bidders.	Amount.
1	Charles V. Hough.....	\$4,749 00

The minutes of the meeting of June 19 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

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

134th street—Ordinance to pave.

1st. For paving 134th street, from Alexander avenue to Willis avenue.

135th street—Ordinance to pave.

2d. For paving 135th street, from Alexander avenue to Willis avenue.

136th street—Ordinance to pave.

3d. For paving 136th street, from Alexander avenue to Willis avenue.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said ordinances were referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, with directions to prepare and submit specifications for paving such of the streets mentioned as have been sewered, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Counsel to Corporation—Bay-windows.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department as to its powers and duties respecting the erection of bay-windows on that portion of 5th avenue placed under the jurisdiction of the Department by chapter 317 of the Laws of 1886.

Filed.

Laws—Certified copies of.

Certified copies of the following-named laws were received and ordered placed on file :

*Chapter 670, Laws of 1886.*—An act to alter and amend a map of the 23d ward by discontinuing College avenue, between North 3d avenue and 165th street.

*Chapter 681, Laws of 1886.*—An act to alter and amend maps, plans and profiles of streets, avenues, etc., within certain bounds in the 23d Ward.

College avenue—Petition to close.

From a Committee representing the owners of property on the line of College avenue, asking that action be taken for closing a portion of said avenue under chapter 670, Laws of 1886.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, said communication was laid over, and notice was ordered sent to the committee that a hearing would be given them in relation to the proposed closing of College avenue, at the next meeting of the Board, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Marvin, James R.—To close Morris avenue.

From James R. Marvin, asking that action be taken for the closing of a portion of Morris avenue, in the 23d Ward, under the law recently enacted giving the Department authority so to do.

Alteration of streets, etc.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards be and they hereby are directed to report to this Board what alteration is deemed advisable to be made to the maps or plans of the streets, roads, avenues, etc., within certain bounds in the 23d Ward, as described in chapters 365 and 681, and of the Laws of 1886, pursuant to the authority vested in this Department by said acts, and that they prepare and submit a plan or plans showing such proposed alteration.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Fifth avenue—Petition to widen.

From John S. Scott, S. Munson and others, property-owners, asking that action be taken for the widening of Fifth



avenue, in the vicinity of 110th street, for a public place, as provided by chapter 421 of the Laws of 1886.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, with a request for his opinion as to whether, under the law, this Department has authority to initiate proceedings for acquiring title to the land required for the widening of Fifth avenue at 110th street, and, if not, by whose instance such proceedings should be taken.

School Trustees, 23d Ward—To improve park.

From the School Trustees of the 23d Ward, asking that the small park in the rear of Grammar School No. 61 be improved and connected with the school by a stairway in order that the same may be used as a playground.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the matter was referred to Commissioner CRIMMINS, to examine and report what work should be done by the Department, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Insects, report on.

From E. B. Southwick, reporting upon the work of destroying insects in the Parks.

Filed.

Lambert, Norval—Death of.

From the Captain of Police and Police Surgeon, reporting the death of Parkkeeper Norval Lambert, on 6th instant.

Filed.

Proposals for Enlarging Art Museum—Report on.

The Executive Committee, to whom were referred the proposals for the enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of

Art, presented a report containing the following recommendations :

1st. That all the proposals received on 16th ultimo, for the enlargement of the Museum, be rejected.

2d. That the specifications for the mason and stonework, etc., and for the ironwork, etc., be modified in accordance with an accompanying communication from Theodore Weston and Maurice Fornachon, architects.

3d. That the forms of contracts and specifications accompanying report be approved and, together with contracts, etc., for plumbing and carpenter works, readvertised in the *City Record*.

On motion, said report was ordered filed.

Art Museum—Proposals rejected.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That all the proposals received by this Board on 16th ultimo for the enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art be and hereby are rejected.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Art Museum—Specifications amended.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the amended forms of contracts and specifications for mason and iron works, as submitted by the Executive Committee, be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the works in accordance therewith, together with the carpenter and plumbing works to be done in connection with the same, in the enlargement of the Art Museum.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

From the Property Clerk :

Auction Sale—Statement.

1st. Submitting a statement of an auction sale of sheep, old horses, etc., on 29th ultimo, amounting to \$377.75.

Filed.

Protection for rolling stock, 23d Ward.

2d. Recommending that some arrangement be made for the protection of the road-roller, stone-breaker and rolling stock in the 23d and 24th Wards during the winter.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter was referred to the President, with power, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

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

Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Harlem River Bridges—Report on.

1st. Reporting upon the condition of the bridges over the Harlem river, and submitting plans and specifications for renewing the floor beams of the Central Bridge, together with the superstructure of the two iron-truss spans of the same.

Central Bridge—Repairs.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications for repairing Central Bridge as this day submitted by the Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Stairways—8th avenue bridge.

2d. Reporting in relation to the proposed construction of stairways at either end of the bridge over the Harlem river at 8th avenue, under an ordinance of the Common Council.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter was referred to the President, with power, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Bernheimer & Schmid—Report on application of.

3d. Reporting upon the application of Bernheimer & Schmid for permission to lay an iron water-pipe across Riverside Park and avenue at a point opposite 108th street for the purpose of carrying salt water to their brewery in 9th avenue.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, the matter was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the power of this Board to grant the application, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Water-pipes—Central Park.

4th. Submitting specifications and form of contract for furnishing cast-iron water-pipes, branch pipes and special castings for replacing the present water-pipes on the Central Park, south of the 72d Street Drive.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the specifications and form of contract for furnishing iron water-pipes, etc., as submitted by the Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Construction work on parks.

5th. Reporting upon the work of construction on the improvement of Riverside and other parks.

Filed.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Works in Progress.

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

Filed.

Temporary Suspensions.

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

Approved.

Riverside Avenue—Completion.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Whereas*, The sum of \$606,983.75 has been expended upon the construction of Riverside avenue, and the assessment therefor cannot be levied in consequence of the said avenue not being completed ; and

*Whereas*, A further expenditure will be necessary to complete the same ;

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the completion of Riverside avenue, in order that the assessment may be levied and the City reimbursed for its outlay.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 11.45 A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

Counsel to Corporation—Webster avenue sewer.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, returning the form of a proposed agreement for the modification of the plan for the

construction of the Webster avenue sewer without his approval.

Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Hume, Myron—Leave of absence.

1st. Reporting upon an application of Myron Hume, Skilled Laborer, for an extension of his leave of absence for one month.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the application of Myron Hume was granted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Board, N. M.—Pay fixed.

2d. Forwarding an application of N. M. Board, Skilled Laborer, for an increase of pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the pay of N. M. Board was fixed at \$4.50 per day, to date from the commencement of the next pay-roll, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

President reports action.

The PRESIDENT reported the following action taken by him since the last meeting of the Board :

Munckwitz, J. F. Jr.—Restored.

1st. That he had restored Julius F. Munckwitz, Jr., to duty as a Skilled Laborer, on 6th inst.

Horan, T. F.—Temporary suspension.

2d. That he had ordered the suspension of Thomas F. Horan, Foreman of the Stables, for three days, for neglect of duty.

Pendergrast, M.—Transfer.

3d. That he had transferred Michael Pendergrast for duty as Steam Engineer in charge of road roller, with that rank and pay, until further order.

Zier, Henry—Appointed.

4th. That he had appointed Henry Zier as a Laborer in the Menagerie, *vice* Anthony Brett, resigned.

Slavin, H. L., } Suspended.  
Higgins, Gilbert, }

5th. That he had ordered the suspension of Parkkeepers Hugh L. Slavin and Gilbert Higgins, pending the investigation of charges preferred against them.

Houlahan, M.—Discharged.

6th. That he has ordered the discharge of Michael Houlahan, Mason.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

O'Brien, M. M.—Resignation.

From Morgan M. O'Brien, resigning his position as Axeman under the Topographical Engineer.

On motion, said resignation was accepted, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Gartleman, J. C.—Resignation.

From John C. Gartleman, resigning his position as Park-keeper.

On motion, said resignation was accepted, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Slavin, H. L.—Resignation.

From Hugh L. Slavin, resigning his position as Park-keeper.

On motion, said resignation was accepted, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Hall, E. H.—For promotion.

From E. H. Hall, Parkkeeper, applying for promotion to the grade of Roundsman.

Filed.

Police Tailors—For increase of pay.

From the Police Tailors, applying for an increase of pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said application was referred to the Treasurer by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Munckwitz, J. F., Jr.—Leave of absence.

From Julius F. Munckwitz, Jr., Skilled Laborer, applying for leave of absence for two weeks.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said application was granted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Diaper, F.—For employment.

From F. Diaper, applying for employment as an Architect.

Filed.

Police Cases—Report on.

A report was received from the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated charges preferred against certain



members of the Police force of the Department, and disposed of the same, as follows :

Quinn, John J.—Fined.

John J. Quinn—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Fall, G. P.—Fined.

George P. Fall—Being off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Diamond, J. E.—Fined.

James E. Diamond—Being off post and sitting down on settee (2 charges). Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Bray, Bernard—Fined.

Bernard Bray—Gross violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Guilty as to improper use of club only. Fined five days' pay.

Higgins, Gilbert—Fined.

Gilbert Higgins—Conduct unbecoming an officer and insubordination. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Flynn, John—Fined.

John Flynn—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

McCarthy, T. J.—Fined.

Thomas J. McCarthy—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

McGonigle, Jas. F.—Fined.

James F. McGonigle—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Fagan, John—Fined.

John Fagan—Violation of rules. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

England, J. W.—Charge dismissed.

John W. England—Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge dismissed.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Slavin, H. L.—Report on charge.

The Committee on Police presented a further report in the case of Parkkeeper Hugh L. Slavin, charged with gross violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer, recommending that he be dismissed from the force.

On motion, said report was ordered filed, the resignation of Officer Slavin having been accepted.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Investigation of charges.

The PRESIDENT, from the Executive Committee, reported progress in the matter of the investigation of the charges made by Commissioner Powers against the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Mt. Morris Park—Music.

A petition was received from property-owners and residents of Harlem, asking that concerts be given in Mount Morris Park during the summer season.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to hold concerts in any of the City Parks at such times and upon such terms as he from time to time may designate and approve.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Animals—Authority asked to purchase.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is respectfully requested to authorize the expenditure by this Department of the sum of five thousand dollars heretofore transferred to the appropriation entitled, "Zoological Department," 1886, for the purchase of animals other than a rhinoceros for the Central Park Menagerie.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Furniture—Authority asked to purchase.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is respectfully requested to authorize this Department to expend the sum of fifteen hundred dollars from the appropriation made for its use for the year 1886, and entitled, "Rents and Repairs," for the furnishing of its new offices.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Donohue, Thos.—For increase of pay.

From Thomas Donohue, Laborer in Menagerie, asking for an increase of pay.

Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

Wilt, Wm., } Discharged.  
Weberg, Theo., }

1st. Recommending the discharge of William Wilt and Theodore Weberg, Carpenters, for incompetence and inattention to duty.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Riverside Drive—Report on work to be done.

2d. Reporting in relation to the work requiring attention on Riverside Drive during the remainder of the present year.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the suggestions contained in the report of the Superintendent of Parks were approved, and the President was authorized to direct the prosecution of such portions of the work as he may deem advisable, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Gardeners Reduced to Laborers.

3d. Recommending that the following named Gardeners be reduced to the grade of Laborers : Thomas Levy, John Conso-dine, Thomas Corcoran, Terrence Sheridan, Michael Kava-nagh, Edward Hogan.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Barrett, Patrick—Pay fixed.

4th. Recommending that the pay of Patrick Barrett, Horse-shoer, be increased.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the pay of Patrick Barrett, Horseshoer, was fixed at \$3.50 per day, to date from the commencement of the next pay-roll, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Laborers discharged.

5th. Recommending that the services of the following-named Laborers be dispensed with :

Thomas Shevelin.  
Wm. J. Raynor, Jr.

John J. McKenna.  
Richard Casey.

Peter Connolly.  
Maurice O'Connor.  
Dick O'Donnell.  
Patrick Feeley.

John Doody.  
Thomas McKeon.  
John Reilly.  
Joseph Duffy.

On motion, the above-named Laborers were discharged by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

McAuley, David, } Pay fixed.  
Hart, Bartley, }

6th. Recommending that David McAuley be promoted to the grade and pay of Rockman, and that the pay of Bartley Hart, Laborer, be fixed at \$2 per day.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was adopted, to take effect with the commencement of the next pay-roll, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Vacations—President to grant.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to grant the usual summer vacation of two weeks to the employees of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

McIntyre, T. R., } Appointed.  
Jones, B. F., }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the following-named persons be and they hereby are appointed Parkkeepers on the force of this Department :

Thomas R. McIntyre.  
Bartlett F. Jones.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

## Treasurer's statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received and deposited by him in the City Treasury, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

*Statement and return of Moneys made to Comptroller, June 30, 1886.*

1886.		PERMITS.	
June	1. Thomas Stack .....		\$10 00
	1. W. C. Smith.....		10 00
	1. Mr. Golden.....		10 00
	1. W. Schramm.....		10 00
	1. F. Conklin.....		10 00
	2. Henry Mullen.....		20 00
	3. James Bryant.....		10 00
	4. A. Young.....		10 00
	9. Mrs. Brugman.....		10 00
	11. Mrs. E. Smith.....		10 00
	11. Mrs. E. Smith.....		20 00
	11. Mr. Moritz.....		10 00
	11. Balcomb Estate.....		10 00
	12. Mrs. Bohlinger.....		10 00
	16. Michael Kuntz.....		10 00
	18. Theo. Butler.....		10 00
	22. P. Ebling.....		10 00
	23. Jno. Butt.....		10 00
	23. Fred. Selze.....		10 00
	26. Mrs. Bass.....		10 00
	28. M. O'Neill.....		10 00
	28. Suburban Rapid Transit Co.....		10 00
	28. Suburban Rapid Transit Co.....		10 00
	29. Fred. McCarthy.....		20 00
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			\$270 00
1886.		LICENSES.	
June	1. J. Cornet.....		\$100 00
	2. D. F. Cray.....		14 00
	2. Isaac Smith.....		3 65
	7. Oscar H. Riker.....		42 18
	9. John Lucas.....		17 43
	10. Isidor Isaac.....		41 88
	10. Isidor Isaac.....		32 32
	10. W. H. Radford.....		727 92
	12. John P. Ryan.....		20 70
	14. Chas. Schwarz.....		136 38
	21. William Kyle.....		1 50
	21. William Keeler.....		6 60
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			1,144 56

POUND.

1886.		
June 1.	Property Clerk, receipts for April.....	\$16 00
22.	Property Clerk, receipts for May.....	26 00
		\$42 00

SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

1886.		
June 1.	Geo. Stolz.....	\$10 00
3.	Frank Clemens.....	12 00
8.	T. C. Andrews.....	4 00
9.	J. M. Burke.....	10 00
10.	Geo. Smith.....	4 00
11.	Wm. Tubridy.....	10 00
11.	Geo. Smith.....	10 00
16.	T. C. Andrews.....	10 00
22.	J. H. Finnegan.....	10 00
28.	Wm. P. Hutchings.....	6 00
		86 00
		\$1,542 56

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand five hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty-six cents.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT 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 :

Barron, Jas. S. & Co., waste paper baskets.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....		\$1 63
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$91 58	
	Police.....	74 35	
	Zoological Dept....	97 47	
		263 40	
Brentano Bros., botanical publications.	Labor, Maint., etc.		35 75
Belloni & Co., cement.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		273 00
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park, June 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27, July 3 and 4.....	Music.....		2,070 00
Conterno, Luciano, music in Tompkins Square, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29....	Music.....		850 00

Colwell Lead Co., iron pipe, hose, bibbs, etc .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$18 24
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	33 67
Consolidated Gas Co., gas, June.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$60 25
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. ....	6 12
	Police.....	9 00
		<hr/> 75 37
Curley, M., rubber aprons. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	8 00
Coffin, Paul C., cutters, mower, knives, etc .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	203 17
Christensen, H. B., heliographic copies of sundry plans and profiles. . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	28 63
Dunham, Thos. C., colors and varnish. .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$30 50
	Labor, Maint., etc.	42 75
		<hr/> 73 25
Dunham, Thos. C., whitening. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	35 80
Economic Motor Co., gas engine and base.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	110 00
Garry, Peter, mould.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	122 40
Hagan, Thomas, taking down old and putting on new roof Mt. St. Vincent refreshment house, 1885.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	200 00
Hazard Powder Co., blasting powder. .	Labor, Maint., etc.	2 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., saddlery, hard- ware and leather and rosettes. ....	Labor, Maint. etc.	\$19 85
	Police.....	7 50
		<hr/> 27 35
Hurst & Treanor, stone.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	335 00
Henderson & Stoutenborough, cooler. .	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	6 80
Keuffel & Esser, paper for music pro- grammes .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	10 22
Lynch, Edward N., estimate No. 1 . . . .	Regulating, etc., E. 149th st., bet. 3d ave. and Southern Boule- vard.....	3,842 93
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., iron elbow. .	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. ....	74



Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$168 58
	Zoological Dept...	68 84
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	38 62
	Police .....	33 05
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		\$309 09
McQuade, Jno., Estimate No. 10.....	Reg., etc., Brook ave., from N. Y. & H. R., to a point 487 feet southerly from 132d st., etc....	2,805 60
McArthur, J. & Co., steel brooms....	Labor, Maint., etc.	42 00
Manchester & Philbrick, cement and brick .....	Sewers & Drains..	88 00
Moran, Dennis W., Estimate No. 13...	Regulating, etc., Westchester ave. from 3d to Pros- pect ave.....	3,091 20
Manhattan Brass Foundry and Ma- chine Works, hydrant crooks and hose couplings.....	Sprinkling 23d & 24th Wards.....	18 00
Manee, Wm., erecting flag-pole at Mt. Morris Park .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	490 00
Motley, Thornton N., files, pickhandles, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$11 16
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	10 50
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		21 66
Motley, Thornton N., hammers, injec- tor, etc. ....	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....	\$70 35
	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	11 25
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	20 63
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		102 23
McGlone, Wm., grass sod.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	500 00
McKesson & Robbins, tar and oil of tar.	Labor, Maint., etc.	2 05
Morris, Peter, grass sod.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	250 00
McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	6 90

Morgan & Co., closet.....	Surveys, Maps & Plans .....	\$16 00
McGrath, Michael, erecting granite steps, etc., at entrance and bays, Morningside Park—Security for repairs.....	Morningside Park, etc.....	1,000 00
Munckwitz, Julius, service.....	Morningside Park, etc.....	10 00
Nuhn & Strohaecker, railing around lion cages.....	Zoological Dept. . .	268 75
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	611 50
Nesbit, Jno.'s Sons, plaster paris, lime and sand.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	8 85
O'Maley, Thos., garden mould .....	Riverside Park & Avenue, etc....	280 00
Pierson & Co., iron.....	Zoological Dept. . .	72 57
Patterson Bros., whetstone slips .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	7 80
Parsons & Sons Co., plants.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	727 00
Robitzek, G. & Bros., coal.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	25 00
Stafford, N., stencil plate, brushes and ink.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	7 42
Thompson, Frank J., horse and old horses.....	Labor, Maint., etc. \$330 00 Zoological Dept. . . 30 00	<hr/> 360 00
Thompson, Frank J., birds.....	Zoological Dept. . .	12 50
Taintor, H. F., Ulesote paint.....	Zoological Dept. . .	13 50
Willson, Adams & Co., lumber .....	Labor, Maint., etc. \$266 78 Riverside Park & Avenue .....	465 96 <hr/> 732 74
Westerfield, W., & Son, patent Monitor sprinkling trucks.....	Riverside Park & Avenue, etc....	465 00
Walsh, T. & A., driving piles on Bridge at Cromwell's Creek and 161st street.....	Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc....	200 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$21,173 21

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$4,832 22
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc, 1885.....	200 00
Police.....	123 90
Zoological Department.....	563 63
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	77 21
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	125 25
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	53 06
Music.....	2,920 00
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	1,222 21
Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc.....	200 00
Sprinkling 23d and 24th Wards.....	18 00
Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.....	88 00
Morningside Park, etc.....	1,010 00
Fund for Local Improvements.....	9,739 73
	<u>\$21,173 21</u>

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

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, July 9, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes* —Commissioners Beekman Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Barnes, J. S., grass sod.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$125 00
Dawson, Jno. F., gravel estimate No. 2.	Labor, Maint., etc.	2,154 16
National Iron Fence Co., posts, braces, etc.....	Zoological Dept....	184 47
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas, June.	Labor, Maint., etc.	15 62
		<u>\$2,479 25</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Zoological Department.....	\$184 47	
Labor, Maintenance, etc.....	2,294 78	
		<u>\$2,479 25</u>

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

(Signed)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, July 9, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 12.30 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—10 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BORDEN.

College avenue—Hearing.

A committee representing the property-owners interested in the proposed closing of College avenue, between 3d avenue and 165th street, as authorized by chapter 670, of the Laws of 1886, appeared before the Board and were heard in relation to the matter.

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

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation :

135th street—Conveyance.

1st. Informing the Department of the conveyance to the City by John Crosby Brown and wife of their right, title and interest in and to the lands forming that part of East 135th street between Willis avenue and Brown place.

Filed.

Jeannette Park railing—Bids rejected.

2d. Stating that in his opinion the lowest bid received by this Department on 9th instant, for erecting an iron railing around Jeannette Park, was informal.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That all the bids or proposals received by this Board on 9th instant, for erecting an iron railing around Jeannette Park, also for the interior improvement of said Park, be and the same hereby are rejected.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mott Haven Canal—Maintenance of bridges.

3d. Replying to a communication from this Department in relation to the maintenance of the bridge over Mott Haven Canal, at 135th street, and recommending that, if the owners of the canal refuse to repair the bridge and it is done by the Department, a bill of the expense be presented to them for payment.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Whereas*, A question exists as to the ownership of the bridges over the Mott Haven Canal at 135th and 138th streets ; and

*Whereas*, Said bridges are in constant public use, which, unless the same are maintained in a safe condition, may result in serious accident ;

*Resolved*, That the repairs necessary to keep said bridges in a safe condition be made by this Department, in accordance with the recommendations of the Counsel to the Corporation and the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Comptroller—Local improvement accounts.

From the Comptroller, inclosing a copy of a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the manner of making payments for local improvements, the expenses of which are to be assessed upon property benefited.

Filed.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance establishing the width of sidewalks on East 150th street, between Mott and Walton avenues.

Filed.

Bryant Park—Lighting.

From the Mayor, forwarding a communication from Frank Abbott, M. D., asking that provision be made for lighting Bryant Park.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Gas Commission be and hereby is requested to take the necessary action to provide for the lighting of Bryant Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Board of Estimate and Apportionment—Revision of Estimate for 1886.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution adopted by said Board revising the Final Estimate of the amount required for the expenses of conducting public business for the year 1886, under authority conferred by chapter 660 of the Laws of 1886.

Filed.

Forest avenue—Petition to open.

From William L. Hopwood, Bernard McEveety and others, petitioning for the opening of Forest avenue, from Home street to Boston avenue.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter was referred to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement for its action, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

**Webster avenue sewer**—Petition to use.

From S. S. Randall, J. E. Comfort, M. D., and others, asking that the Webster avenue sewer, as far as completed, be accepted by the Department, and its use by property owners permitted.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards be directed to report to this Board as to the expediency of complying with the request of the petitioners.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

**Forest avenue**—Petition to improve.

From Peter P. Decker, James R. Strang, and others, petitioning for the improvement of Forest avenue, between Westchester avenue and 167th street.

Filed.

**Topographical Engineer**—Works in progress.

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

Filed.

**Jeannette Park**—Revised plan.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a revised plan for the improvement of the interior of Jeannette Park.

Laid over.



Jeannette Park—To reconsider plan.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the action of the Board on 19th May last (p. 38), in adopting a plan and specifications for the improvement of the interior of Jeannette Park, be reconsidered.

Which was lost by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Borden—2.

*Noes*—Commissioners Crimmins, Powers—2.

Forest avenue—Flagging, etc.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, submitting plans and specifications for flagging and setting curb and gutter stones in Forest avenue, between Westchester avenue and Home street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plan and specifications for flagging and setting curb and gutter stones in Forest avenue, between Westchester avenue and Home street, as this day submitted by the Engineer of Construction, etc., be approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

**Temporary suspensions.**

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

Approved.

**Propagating Houses—Plans, etc.**

From the Superintendent of Parks, submitting plans for propagating houses to be situated in the vicinity of Mount St. Vincent, Central Park, and an approximate estimate of the cost.

Laid over.

**Woodlawn—Petition to improve streets.**

From Albert Stone, Alexander Paul and others, residents and property owners, asking that the streets and avenues at Woodlawn Heights be improved and put in good order.

On motion, the matter was referred to Commissioner Crimmins, with power, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

**Commissioner Crimmins—Report on application School Trustees.**

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred on 9th inst. a communication from the School Trustees of the 23d Ward, asking the Department to make certain improvements in the small park in the rear of Grammar School No. 61, presented a report recommending that the children attending the school be allowed the use of the Park while in its present unimproved condition, provided the entrance from the school be made at the expense of the Trustees.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the report of Commissioner Crimmins be adopted, and that the school children be

allowed the use of the park in the rear of Grammar School No. 61 during the pleasure of this Board.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Gate-house—Superintendent to erect.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with the construction of the gatekeeper's house at 110th street and 7th avenue, plans for which were approved on January 20, 1886.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Quarterly report.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had caused to be prepared a report of the transactions of the Department for the quarter ending June 30, 1886, and had forwarded the same to his Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the President was approved.

Forage—Secretary to advertise.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be and he hereby is directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for furnishing the Department with forage.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

## Audit.

The PRESIDENT, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Allen, R. H. & Co., hose-reels and watering-pots .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		\$72 00
American District Telegraph Co., mes- senger service during March, April and May .....	Labor, Maint. etc.		6 71
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., axle grease .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		10 00
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$245 16	
	Zoological Dept...	39 39	
	Harlem R. Bridge, etc .....	268 20	
		<hr/>	552 75
Barnes, J. S., grass sods .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		50 00
Barron, Jas. S., & Co., brooms .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$13 50	
	Police .....	1 50	
	Zoological Dept...	1 50	
	Harlem R. Bridge.	1 50	
		<hr/>	18 00
Bouker, John A., broken trap-rock and trap-rock screenings — Estimate No. 1 .....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards .....		1,735 20
Coleman, Peter, grass sods .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		125 00
Colwell Lead Co., hose bibbs .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		3 74
Coffin, Paul C., locks and knobs .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		14 75
Coleman, Peter, grass sods .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		125 00
Caulfield, James H., copies of Senate and Assembly Bills, session 1886 ..	Labor, Maint., etc.		50 00
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements...	Surveys, Maps and Plans .....	\$13 38	
	Surveying, Laying- out, etc. ....	76 93	
		<hr/>	90 31
DeWilde, John, harness, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		40 00
Dunham, Thos. C., oil and colors .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		153 19

Hodgman Rubber Co., hip boots.....	Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$39 65
Henderson & Stoutenborough, cooler ..	Police.....	6 30
Lynch, Edw. N.—Estimate No. 1.....	Regulating, etc., E. 149th street, bet. 3d and Mor- ris avenues....	4,077 50
McDonald, John J., grass sods.....	Labor, Maint. etc.	75 00
Mulhern, P., grass sods.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	125 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, urinal trough, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	73 60
Mulhern, P., garden mould.....	Labor Maint., etc.	875 00
Morris, Peter, grass sods.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	250 00
Morris, Peter, grass sods.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	200 00
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	23 92
Motley, Thornton N., drill, anvil and rope.....	Labor, Maint., etc. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$1 65 71 58
		<hr/> 73 23
Myers, C. H., petty disbursements.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	12 50
Murray, Bernard C.—Estimate No. 2..	Regulating, etc., Tremont street, from Boston road to Bronx river.....	1,406 65
McQuade, John—Estimate No. 7.....	Regulating, etc., E. 136th street, bet. 3d and Brook aves....	1,331 05
Mahon, Bernard, payment on accept- ance.....	Constructing re- ceiving-basin and sewer connection n. e. cor. West- chester and St. Ann's aves....	170 00
Mahon, Bernard, payment on accept- ance.....	Constructing re- ceiving-basin and sewer connection n.e. cor. 136th st. and Lincoln ave.	170 00

Marquand, Henry G., Treas., salaries and wages, June.....	Maint. Museums..	\$1,468 82
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., salaries and wages, June.....	Maint. Museums..	1,536 30
Manhattan District Telegraph Co., mes- senger service during August, Sep- tember, October and December, 1885.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1885.....	6 18
Manhattan District Telegraph Co., mes- senger service during January, March and April. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	25 48
Mutual District Messenger Co., messen- ger service during March, April and May.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	11 14
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., coal tar and oil.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	8 86
Nuhn & Strohaecker, cages and railing.	Zoological Dept...	542 30
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., sheet rubber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	1 61
Oastler, William Churchill, brass bushes for steam road roller.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	20 50
O'Brien M., milk.....	Zoological Dept...	14 40
Oelschlaeger Bros., thermometers . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	9 25
Perry, W. B. & Son, fruit and vege- tables.....	Zoological Dept...	124 25
Patterson Bros., circular plates, horse- shoes, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	16 10
Prichard & Son, grass sods.....	Labor, Maint, etc.	40 00
Pridgeon's Hamilton Bakery, bread and flour.....	Zoological Dept... Labor, Maint, etc	\$56 25 2 50
		<hr/> 58 75
Sparkman, Jas. T., hose and couplings.	Labor, Maint, etc.	74 00
Scott, D., fish.....	Zoological Dept...	15 00
Sury, P. & Co., polysolve, paris green, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	23 38
Stern, Louis, uniforms.....	Police.....	2,984 50
Stevenson, Wood & Co., binding (4 vols.) Brook Avenue Sewer Assess- ment Maps.....	Sewer in Brook ave., from a point in tide- water to 165th st	16 00

Thompson, Frank J., monkeys.....	Zoological Dept. . .		\$30 00
Vacuum Oil Co., oil.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$12 75	
	Harlem R. Bdgs, etc.	12 50	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	15 25	
		<hr/>	40 50
Willson, Adams & Co., lumber.....	Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$114 00	
	Bronx R. Bdgs, etc.	40 50	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	43 00	
	Riverside Park and ave., etc.....	611 33	
	Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc....	45 82	
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			\$19,878 02

RECAPITULATION.

Police.....	\$2,992 30
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	2,758 29
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, 1885.....	6 18
Zoological Department.....	823 09
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,885 53
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	611 33
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, etc.....	282 20
Maintenance Museums.....	3,005 12
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	25 88
Surveying, Laying-out, etc.....	76 93
Bronx River Bridges, etc.....	40 50
Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc.....	45 82
Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.....	153 65
Fund for Local Improvement—Chap. 174, Laws 1885.....	5,824 15
Local Improvement Fund—Chap. 420, Laws 1886.....	1,347 05
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen thousand eight hundred and seventy eight dollars and two cents.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, July 21, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were

approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

**Executive session.**

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12.35 P. M. the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

Myers, C. H.—Salary fixed.

From Charles H. Myers, Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, asking for an increase of salary.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of Charles H. Myers, Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, be and hereby is fixed at \$3,000 per annum, to date from 1st proximo.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Russell, John—Discharge.

From the Captain of Police, reporting the suspension of John Russell, Watchman.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John Russell, Watchman, be and he hereby is discharged from the employ of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.



Police cases—Report on.

A report was received from the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated charges preferred against certain Parkkeepers and disposed of the same, as follows :

Diamond, J. E.—Fined.

James E. Diamond—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Clarkson, F. A.—Fined.

Frank A. Clarkson—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Armstrong, T. H.—Fined.

Thomas H. Armstrong—Not properly patrolling post. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Armstrong, T. H.—Fined.

Thomas H. Armstrong—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Fall, G. P.—Fined.

George P. Fall—Being off post. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Bell, Thos.—Fined.

Thomas Bell—Gross neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined ten days' pay.

Shannon, J. M.—Fined.

James M. Shannon—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Harrigan, C.—Charge dismissed.

Cornelius Harrigan—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Dunphy, Hugh—Fined.

Hugh Dunphy—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Quinn, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Quinn—Being off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Cremins, Denis—Charge dismissed.

Denis Cremins—Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge dismissed.

Larkins, J. P.—Fined.

James P. Larkins—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Purcell, J. F.—Charge dismissed.

John F. Purcell—Gross violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge dismissed.

Russell, John—Suspended.

John Russell, Watchman—Being off post, with unbecoming conduct. Guilty. Suspended from duty.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

City Parks—Police.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the action of the President in directing that the City Parks be patrolled during the night by uniformed parkkeepers, be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

O'Brien, John—To fix pay.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Gardener John O'Brien, in charge of Mount Morris Park, be paid at the rate of \$3 per day.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee, with power, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Re-appointments.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That, in accordance with Regulation 35 of the Civil Service Regulations, the following named persons are hereby re-appointed to the positions set opposite their names, respectively, subject to the further pleasure of this Board :

Grepner, Frank, Parkkeeper.  
Curry, John J., Parkkeeper.  
Campbell, Robert A., Parkkeeper.  
Ballou, Frederick, Jr., Parkkeeper.  
Harrigan, John J., Parkkeeper.  
Odell, John H., Parkkeeper.  
Coen, Peter, Parkkeeper.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Park wall—Contract awarded.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract, for which proposals were received on 9th instant, for constructing the upper portion of Park vertical wall at 5th avenue and 74th street, be awarded to B. A. & G. N. Williams, Jr., at \$11.70 per lineal foot, they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and, when approved, that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Egan, William, } Appointed.  
Fitting, August, }

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That William Egan and August Fitting be and they hereby are appointed Parkkeepers.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Union Square—Settees reserved.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That certain of the settees in Union Square Park (the number and location of same to be determined by Superintendent of Parks) be reserved for the use of ladies and children.

Adopted.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 1.35 P. M. the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1886.**

STATED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,

“ POWERS,

Proposals.

At the hour of ten o'clock, Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with advertisements published in the *City Record* for the following works :

Metropolitan Museum of Art—For furnishing materials, etc., for executing carpenter work, etc. :

NAMES OF BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
McGuire & Sloan.....	\$24,752 00
Mahony Bros.....	30,700 00
Jas. H. Brady.....	38,200 00
John Cox & Co.....	30,495 00
Frank Mitchell.....	28,000 00
Breen & Nason.....	28,372 00

**Metropolitan Museum of Art—For furnishing materials, etc.,  
for executing the plumbing work.**

NAMES OF BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
Patrick J. Andrews.....	\$1,100 00
John Reagan.....	1,268 85

**Metropolitan Museum of Art—For furnishing wrought and  
cast iron work, etc., for tinning, slating, etc., for execut-  
ing all ornamental work, copper work, etc.**

NAMES OF BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
Post & McCord.....	\$86,775 00
Wallis Iron Works, Jersey City.....	83,000 00
Phoenix Iron Co.....	88,750 00

**Metropolitan Museum of Art—For excavating earth and rock,  
for furnishing all materials and executing mason work,  
granite work, etc.**

NAMES OF BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
John Cox & Co.....	\$177,987 00
E. D. Conolly & Sons.....	186,474 00
James H. Brady.....	183,000 00
Owen, Moran & Armstrong.....	186,343 00

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Table of Bids for Constructing Mill Brook Drains and Appurtenances, between 144th Street and Westchester Avenue, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York.

Number of Items.	ITEMS. (Security, \$5,000.)	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3	
			WM. MANSFIELD.		P. V. MURRAY.		JOHN McQUADE.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Lineal feet of stone drain complete, including rubble foundation, concrete cradle and stoneware, invert.....	1,440	\$5 75	\$8,280 00	\$6 95	\$10,008 00	\$6 25	\$9,000 00
2	Lineal feet of 18-inch pipe outlet drain, including concrete foundation and cradle .....	350	2 80	980 00	3 75	1,312 50	2 50	875 00
3	Manholes complete .....	9	55 00	495 00	52 00	468 00	40 00	360 00
4	Cubic yards dry rubble masonry other than in the section of stone drain on plan .....	200	3 00	600 00	3 50	700 00	3 00	600 00
5	Feet (B. M.) of spruce timber and plank in place for foundations .....	5,000	35 00	175 00	40 00	200 00	25 00	125 00
6	Time for completion, at \$4 per day .....	.....	Days. 65	260 00	Days. 130	520 00	Days. 50	200 00
	Totals .....	.....	.....	\$10,790 00	.....	\$13,208 50	.....	\$11,160 00

Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in East 138th Street, from Brook Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue.

Number of Items	ITEMS.  (Security, \$1,200.)	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4	
			P. V. MURRAY.		WM. MANSFIELD.		JOHN MCQUADE.		JOHN KEARNEY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Lineal feet of 15-inch pipe sewer, including concrete cradle and exclusive of spurs for house connections .....	535	\$3 80	\$2,083 00	\$6 90	\$3,691 50	\$4 00	\$2,140 00	\$3 15	\$1,685 25
2	Lineal feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, including concrete cradle and exclusive of spurs for house connections.....	50	2 80	140 00	6 70	335 00	3 00	150 00	2 91	145 50
3	Spurs for house connections over and above the cost per foot of sewer.....	68	75	51 00	1 00	68 00	5 00	340 00	70 00	47 60
4	Manholes complete.....	6	52 00	312 00	60 00	360 00	50 00	300 00	43 00	258 00
5	Receiving-basins complete.....	2	160 00	320 00	175 00	350 00	125 00	250 00	149 00	298 00
6	Feet (B. M.) lumber furnished and laid.....	1,000	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	25 00	20 00	20 00
7	Time for completion, at \$4 per day.....	.....	80	320 00	60	240 00	35	140 00	25	100 00
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$3,216 00	.....	\$5,084 50	.....	\$3,345 00	.....	\$2,554 35



For furnishing cast-iron water-pipes, branch pipes and special castings.

Names of Bidders.	150 tons straight pipe..	3 tons branch pipes and special castings.	Amount.
M. J. Drummond.....	\$29 00	\$52 00	\$4,506 00
John Fox. . { 53 8-in. . . . .	29 00	50 00	4,551 75
{ 74 6-in. . . . .	29 00		
{ 23 4-in. . . . .	31 25		

For the renewal of the wood superstructure upon the two iron trusses of the Central Bridge over the Harlem river.

Names of Bidders.	For work above floor beams.	For floor beams, 17,000 feet B. M.	Amount.
James H. Brady .....	\$3,786 00	\$42 00	\$4,500 00
Thos. McSpedon.....	5,990 00	40 00	6,670 00
Frank Mitchell.....	3,565 00	87 00	4,194 00

Table of Bids for Furnishing Forage.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.					
		1		2		3	
		HORACE INGERSOLL.		T. P. HUFFMAN & Co.		JOHN MOONAN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Hay, best sweet timothy.....	230,000 lbs.	\$0 90	\$2,070 00	\$0 80	\$1,840 00	\$0 85	\$1,955 00
Rye straw, clean.....	35,000 "	75	262 50	77	269 50	80	280 00
No. 1 White Oats.....	1,700 bags.	1 00	1,700 00	1 21 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,061 25	1 10	1,870 00
Yellow Corn.....	450 "	1 10	495 00	1 14	513 00	50	225 00
Bran.....	250 "	35	87 50	35	87 50	40	100 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$4,615 00	.....	\$4,771 25	.....	\$4,490 00

The minutes of the meetings of July 7, 9 and 21 were read and approved.

Art Museum—Contract for carpenter work.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for the carpenter and joiner work, etc., for the Enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, be awarded to McGuire & Sloan, at \$24,752, they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Art Museum—Contract for plumbing.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for the plumbing work, etc., for the Enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, be awarded to Patrick J. Andrews, at \$1,100, he being the lowest bidder ; that the proposal of Mr. Andrews be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Art Museum—Contract for ironwork, etc.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for the iron work and the slating, tin and copper work, etc., for the Enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, be awarded to the Wallis Iron Works, at \$83,000, the lowest bid ; that the proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Art Museum—Contract for stone work, etc.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for the mason and stone work, etc., for the Enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, be awarded to John Cox & Co., at \$177,987, they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Mill Brook Drains—Contract.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for constructing the Mill Brook drains, between 144th street and Westchester avenue, be awarded to William Mansfield, at \$10,790, he being the lowest bidder ; that the proposal of Mr. Mansfield be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign said contract for and on behalf of this Department, and appoint an Inspector on the work when required.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Sewer, 138th st.—Contract.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for constructing a sewer in 138th street, from Brook avenue to St. Ann's avenue, be awarded to John Kearney, at \$2,554.35, he being the lowest bidder ; that the proposal of Mr. Kearney be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when approved that the President be authorized to sign said contract for and on behalf of this Department, and appoint an Inspector on the work when required.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Central Bridge—Contract for repairs.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for renewing the wood superstructure upon the two iron trusses of the Central Bridge-over Harlem river, be awarded to Frank Mitchell, at \$4,194, he being the lowest bidder ; that the proposal of Mr. Mitchell be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Water-pipes, etc.—Contract.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for furnishing cast-iron water pipes, branch pipes and special castings be awarded to M. J. Drummond, at \$4,506, he being the lowest bidder ; that the proposal of Mr. Drummond be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Forage contract.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for furnishing and delivering forage be awarded to John Moonan, at \$4,430, he being the lowest bidder ; that the proposal of Mr. Moonan be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

## Audit.

The PRESIDENT, 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 :

Allen, R. H. & Co., lawn rakes . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$18 60
Benjamin, E. B., electric machine, prism, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	62 80
Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music at Battery Park June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, and 23. . . . .	Music . . . . .	1,155 00
Belloni & Co., cement. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	520 00
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe, solder, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	57 88
Coffin, Paul C., lamp wick, crayons, and tin cups. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$7 20
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .	75
		7 95
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park, July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25. . . . .	Music . . . . .	1,380 00
Conterno, Luciano, music at Tompkins Square, July 6, 13, 20, and 27. . . . .	Music. . . . .	680 00
Coffin, Paul C., wood files, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	12 70
Conklin, W. A., medicines. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	25 00
Denning, E. J. & Co., cloth. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	3 00
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	3 00
Herring & Co., moving safes. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	130 00
Hough, Chas. V., widening southerly approach to Central Bridge. . . . .	Harlem R. Bdges., etc. . . . .	280 00
Hews, A. H. & Co., flower pots. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	35 00
Hurst & Treanor, stone. . . . .	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. . . . .	14 50
Kelsey, Fred. W., elm trees . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	900 00
Motley, Thornton N., screws, plyers, rope, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	34 90

Morris, Little & Son, phenyle.....	Zoological Dept. . . . .	\$12 50
Mulhern, P., grass sods and garden mould .....	Labor Maint., etc.	856 00
McGlone, Wm., grass sods.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	125 00
McDonald, Jno. J., grass sods .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	50 00
McKenney, J. H. & Co., summer helmets.....	Police .....	440 00
McKesson & Robbins, drugs .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	2 50
McGrath, Dennis, Belgian pavement culls .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	210 00
Mutual District Messenger Co., messen- ger service during June .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	10 20
Marquand, Henry G., Treas., salaries and wages, July.....	Maint. Museums..	1,468 82
Nesbit's (John) Sons, brick.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	292 50
Nesbit's (John) Sons, cement and brick.	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	56 90
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	398 36
Phelan, Wm., repaving sundry places.	Special Fund Re- paving.....	55 00
Patterson Bros., copper anchors, etc..	Labor, Maint., etc.	4 90
Pratt Manufacturing Co., astral oil... .	Labor, Maint., etc.	7 50
Perry, W. B. & Son, fruit and vege- tables .....	Zoological Dept. . . . .	36 00
Pierson & Co., iron and steel... . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	21 00
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food.....	Zoological Dept. . . . .	12 00
Raymond, Geo. B., agent, cartage on plants .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	5 00
Robitzek, G. & Bros., coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	25 00
Stern, B. & Son, uniforms.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$768 00
	Zoological Dept. . . . .	128 00
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		896 00
Sturtevant, E. D., lilies.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	633 12
Salisbury, Jno., Jr., sand.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	189 00
Stackpole & Bro., steel tapes .....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc.....	30 00
Sloane, W. & J., window shade .....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	1 65
Thompson, Frank J., civet, cat and porcupine .....	Zoological Dept. . . . .	100 00

Thompson, Frank J., ocelot. ....	Zoological Dept..	\$25 00
Thompson, Frank J., kangaroo, pelican, herons and old horses. ....	Zoological Dept...	300 00
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., grass seed. ....	Riverside Park & Avenue, etc....	14 00
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., grass seed, plants, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$246 75
	Riverside Park & Avenue, etc....	24 00
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		270 75
Voorhis, Jacob, stone. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	70 00
Vacuum Oil Co., oil. ....	Harlem R. Bldgs., etc. ....	25 50
Wootton, E. H., seysel rock. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	800 00
Wenman, Jas. F., cement. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	62 00
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		\$12,821 53
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## RECAPITULATION.

Police. ....	\$440 00
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. ....	6,528 91
Zoological Department. ....	641 50
Harlem River Bridges, etc. ....	306 25
Music. ....	3,215 00
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. ....	109 40
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards. ....	25 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans. ....	1 65
Maintenance Museums. ....	1,468 82
Surveying, Laying-out, etc. ....	30 00
Special Fund Repaving. ....	55 00
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	\$12,821 53
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve thousand eight hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty-three cents.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 4, 1886.

Said bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—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 :

McQuade, John—Estimate No. 11....	Regulating and grading Brook Avenue, from the N. Y. & H. R. R. to a point 487 feet southerly from 132d Street, etc.....	\$2,513 00
O'Grady, W. J.—Payment on accept- ance.....	Sewer and App. in 164th St., bet. Washington and Brook Aves....	1,207 40
		\$3,720 40

RECAPITULATION.

Local Improvement Fund, chap. 420, Laws 1886.....	\$2,513 00
Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885....	1,207 40
	\$3,720 40

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars and forty cents.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 4, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—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 :

Dawson John F., gravel .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$2,158 64
Mason. F. H. D., petty disbursements..	Labor, Maint, etc.	\$103 69
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards. ....	34 49
	Zoological Dept. ...	24 18
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		<hr/> <hr/> \$2,320 95

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$2,262 33
Zoological Department.....	24 13
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	34 49
	<hr/> \$2,320 95

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

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 4, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

## Suburban Rapid Transit Company—Construction of railways.

A petition was received from the Suburban Rapid Transit Company, asking the consent of the Department to the construction and operation of a railway or railways upon and along the route or routes fixed, determined and located by the Rapid Transit Commission, appointed June 16, 1881, under the provisions of chap. 606, Laws of 1875, and described as follows : Commencing on the southerly side of the Harlem river at Second avenue, opposite or nearly opposite to Lincoln avenue ; thence over and across the Harlem river (on such a line and at such an elevation as shall conform to the requirements of law) to said Lincoln avenue ; thence up the same to 138th street and Third or Fordham avenue ;

thence over and along Third or Fordham avenue to the street known as College place, at Fordham ; thence northerly through and along said street known as College place, to the southerly boundary line of the lands of St. John's College ; thence through, along and over said St. John's College lands easterly from the Harlem Railroad lands, and distant not less than 25 feet nor more than 75 feet therefrom, over, along and through other lands and streets adjoining or contiguous to the Harlem Railroad Company's lands, and at a like distance therefrom, as varied and shown by the map and profile of L. D. V. Mason, Esq., engineer, to the southerly side of the Bronx river, with the construction of such bridge or part of a bridge across said river as may be necessary, so far as the jurisdiction of the Commission extends, as shown by the map and profile aforesaid, now on file with this Commission, dated August 23, 1881. And a branch of said route commencing at the intersection of Third avenue with 138th street, in the 23d Ward, and running thence westerly over and along and through said 138th street to the northerly and easterly side of the Harlem river. And that wherever either of the routes so fixed and determined crosses a street, avenue, place or lands, such route includes, and is intended to include, and shall be deemed to include, such crossing and so much of said street, avenue, place or lands as is there crossed, so as to allow and enable the construction of continuous and connected lines of railway along the route so crossing.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to issue the permit asked for in the petition of the Suburban Rapid Transit Company, this day presented, upon such terms and conditions as in his judgment may seem to be desirable for the protection of the public interests, and upon being advised by the Counsel to the Corporation that there seems to be no objection thereto.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Osborn, W. C.—Drinking fountain.

A communication was received from William Church Osborn, asking permission to erect, at his own expense, a drinking fountain for horses on Mail street, and inclosing a design showing the proposed location.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to issue a permit to Mr. William Church Osborn to place a drinking fountain for horses on Mail street as indicated upon the sketches accompanying his application.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

O'Brien, John—Pay increased.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, from the Executive Committee, to whom was referred a resolution offered by Commissioner Powers, to increase the pay of John O'Brien, Gardener in charge of Mt. Morris Park, made a verbal report recommending that the pay of said O'Brien be fixed at \$3 per day, to take effect with the pay-roll commencing on 1st inst.

On motion, said recommendation was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Paving 150th street—Plans, etc.

Plans and specifications for paving East 150th street, between Mott and Walton avenues, were received from the Engineer of Construction in Charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Whereupon, Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications for paving East 150th street, between Mott and Walton avenues, as this day received, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Cor-

poration, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Adjournment to fixed date.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Monday next, 9th inst., at 11 A. M.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

By-laws—Amended.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That section 3 of Article 1 of the By-laws of this Board be amended so as to read as follows :

*The hour of meeting shall be 11 o'clock A. M., except as the Board may from time to time otherwise order.*

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

McMullen, H. J., Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Henry J. McMullen be and he hereby is appointed a Parkkeeper.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Tilden, Sam'l J.—Death of.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

*Whereas*, This Board has received the sad intelligence of the death of Samuel J. Tilden.

*Resolved*, That in the decease of Mr. Tilden we recognize the loss of a citizen pre-eminent in ability as a statesman and in his services to the cause of good government, especially in this city.

He was conspicuous for his integrity and ability in the discharge of all his official duties.

As Governor of this State he administered his high office with the greatest credit. He was the determined foe of all corrupt combinations, and a persistent advocate of economy and simplicity in governmental methods.

As a citizen he showed at all times a lively and active interest in the administration of National, State and City affairs, and by his personal activity and the close application of his brilliant intellectual powers to the secret processes of the Ring which held this city in its grasp, developed its methods and made possible a conviction of the offenders in a Court of Justice.

In this, if for no other service, the people of this city owe him an everlasting debt of gratitude.

*Resolved*, That this Board do now adjourn out of respect to his memory.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 1 P. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1886.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

“ BORDEN.

Smith, C. H.—To act as Secretary.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Clinton H. Smith be designated to act in the place of the Secretary during his absence on vacation leave.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

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

The following communications were received :

Corporation Counsel—Sale of Animals.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, acknowledging receipt of a communication from this Department respecting the disposition of the proceeds from the sale of surplus animals in the Zoological Garden, and stating, that, in his opinion, the

income derived from the sale of such animals should be applied to the expense of maintaining the collection or the Park in the manner in which other payments out of the City Treasury are made.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the provisions of section 695 of the New York City Consolidation Act, the sum of \$128.48, realized upon the sale of the surplus sheep, held on June 29, be and the same hereby is appropriated to the expenses of the maintenance, government and support of the Zoological Garden, and that the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed to arrange with the Comptroller for the special deposit of said fund for the use of this Department as provided in this resolution.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Knortz, Karl—College ave.

From Karl Knortz, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Tax-payers and Citizens' Society of the 23d and 24th Wards in relation to the proposed closing of College avenue.

Filed.

Knox, T. W.—Hydrants on bridle roads.

From Thomas W. Knox, suggesting the erection of one or more drinking-fountains or hydrants on the Central Park bridle roads, for the accommodation of equestrians.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks be and he hereby is directed to consider the subject of placing drinking-fountains or hydrants on the bridle paths for the accommodation of equestrians, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.



Caxton Book Concern—To sell pamphlets.

From the Caxton Book Concern, applying for permission to sell pamphlets in Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said application was denied by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Bresha, Pascal—Bootblack chair.

From Jeremiah Cronin and others, asking that permission be given Pascal Bresha to place a bootblack chair under one of the stairways of the extension of the Brooklyn Bridge.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the President was authorized to issue a permit to Pascal Bresha to place and maintain a chair at the point mentioned, during the pleasure of this Board, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Southwick, E. B.—Insects.

From E. B. Southwick, reporting upon the work of destroying noxious insects in the Parks.

Filed.

Police winter uniforms.

From the Captain of Police, reporting in relation to the number of winter uniforms, etc., required for the Police force, with an estimate of the cost.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to have prepared a form of contract and specifications for furnishing Parkkeepers' winter uniforms, and when prepared and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

## Treasurer's statement.

A statement of moneys received and deposited in the City Treasury, was received from the Treasurer and ordered entered upon the minutes as follows :

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, July 31, 1886.*

1886.	PERMITS.	
July 6.	Mrs. Gifford.....	\$10 00
" 8.	N. Y. Central R.R.....	10 00
" 9.	Trustees Presbyterian Church.....	10 00
" 10.	A. McOwen.....	20 00
" 12.	A. Wueneh.....	10 00
" 16.	G. Hahn.....	10 00
" 16.	Suburban Rapid Transit Co.....	10 00
" 19.	Mrs. E. L. Starke.....	10 00
" 19.	Mrs. Amelia D. Whitney.....	10 00
" 19.	Mrs. Rachel Benrimo.....	10 00
" 19.	Henry C. Schaefer.....	10 00
" 19.	Mrs. R. C. Starke.....	10 00
" 21.	Fred. Frand.....	10 00
" 24.	Michael Debold.....	10 00
" 26.	Patrick Duffy.....	10 00
" 26.	F. A. Wilcox.....	10 00
		<hr/> \$170 00
	LICENSES.	
July 2.	Dennis F. Cray.....	\$17 55
" 6.	J. Cornet (season 1886).....	100 00
" 6.	Oscar H. Riker.....	24 08
" 7.	Wm. Keeler.....	6 67
" 9.	Isaac Smith.....	3 25
" 9.	Isidor Isaac.....	31 80
" 9.	Isidor Isaac.....	25 92
" 9.	W. H. Radford.....	698 48
" 10.	Isaac Hall's Son.....	1,200 00
" 10.	John Lucas.....	11 16
" 12.	Charles Schwarz.....	133 83
" 15.	John P. Ryan.....	30 62
" 26.	J. Clarence Dick (season 1886).....	500 00
		<hr/> 2,783 36

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POUND.

July 21. Property Clerk, June receipts ..... \$23 00

SUNDRY RECEIPTS.

July 15. Van Tassell & Kearney, auction sale, June 29.... \$202 50  
" 17. Alfred Scott, music programmes, eight weeks,  
May 29 to July 17, inclusive..... 160 00  

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362 50

GRASS.

July 21. Property Clerk..... 205 00

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\$3,543 86

SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

July 3. W. H. Davis..... \$4 00  
" 9. D. Malone..... 6 00  
" 15. P. G. Decker..... 14 00  
" 16. John Ellis..... 10 00  
" 26. P. G. Decker..... 10 00  

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44 00  

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\$3,587 86

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand five hundred and eighty-seven dollars and eighty-six cents.

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Harlem River Bridges—Report.

1st. Reporting upon the condition of the bridges across the Harlem river.

Filed.

Construction work on Parks.

2d. Reporting in relation to construction work on the Central and City Parks during the month of July.

Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards :

136th street grading, etc.—Report on.

1st. Reporting in relation to the character of the work done under the contract for regulating, grading, etc., East 136th street, between North 3d and Brook avenues.

Filed.

172d street—Sanitary condition.

2d. Reporting upon a communication from the Board of Health, respecting the condition of a ditch on the south side of 172d street, between Bathgate and 4th avenues, and recommending, in order that the sewers required as a proper remedy for the evil conditions described may be constructed, that proceedings be taken at once to open Vanderbilt avenue, from the 23d Ward line to the northerly side of 174th street, and 171st, 172d, 173d and 174th streets and Wendover avenue, from Railroad avenue to 3d avenue.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the report of the Engineer to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement with the request that action be taken directing the initiation of proceedings for opening the above-mentioned streets and avenues.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Webster avenue sewer.

3d. Reporting upon a petition from S. S. Randall and others, asking that the Webster avenue sewer, as far as completed, be accepted and its use by property-owners permitted, and recommending that the portion of said sewer extending from its connection with the Brook avenue sewer, to the north side of 170th street, be accepted after the same has been put in acceptable condition by the contractor.

169th street—Opening requested.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the Board of Street Opening and Improvement be requested to cause the initiation of proceedings for acquiring title to that portion of 169th street lying between Vanderbilt, or Railroad avenue, and 3rd avenue, and that a copy of the Engineer's report, which explains the necessity for opening that street, be forwarded to said Board.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Webster avenue sewer—To accept.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the matter of the acceptance of the finished portion of the Webster avenue sewer, as recommended by the Engineer, be referred to the President, to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the same.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Temporary suspensions.

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

Approved.

St. Ann's and North 5d avenues—Assessment-list for flagging.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the assessment-list for flagging the sidewalk four feet wide on the easterly side of St. Ann's and North 3d

avenues, from the northerly curb line of East 161st, or Clifton street, to the southerly curb line of 163d, street, together with the statement of the amount and cost of the work therein mentioned be approved and signed by the Commissioners of this Board, and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

Which was lost by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

**3d Avenue Bridge—Management.**

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the report respecting the management of the 3d Avenue Bridge over Harlem river, shown on the minutes of this Board as having been presented by the Treasurer and adopted on 16th January, 1884, be taken from file and printed as a Board document.

(See document No. 105.)

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

**Executive Session.**

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12.15 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

**Audit.**

The PRESIDENT from the Auditing Committee presented the following report :

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

Abeel Bros., iron and steel.....	Labor, Maint. etc.	\$65 20
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park		
July 31st to August 1st.....	Music .....	460 00
Conterno, Luciano, music in Tompkins		
Square, August 3d.....	Music .....	170 00

Fitzgerald, Jas, coal.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$200 25	
	Zoological Dept. . .	45 90	
	Police. ....	22 95	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. ....	243 00	
	Surveying, Laying- out, etc. ....	7 65	
		<hr/>	\$519 75
Harmer, Hays & Co., driving-whip.....	Police. ....		3 60
Lincoln Safe Deposit Co., moving office furniture, stationery, record books, etc., from Arsenal to Nos. 27 and 29 Reade street .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		115 00
Leland, E. R., making analytical index of minutes, year ending April 30, 1886. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		75 00
Murray, H. H., coke.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		17 50
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treasurer, sal- aries and wages July.....	Maint. Museums. .		1,577 95
Mahon, Bernard, payment on accept- ance.....	Regulating, etc., E. 140th St., bet. 3d & Willis Aves.....		850 50
Moran, Dennis W., Estimate No. 14. . .	Regulating, etc., Westchester Av., from 3d to Pros- pect Ave.....		3,391 46
National Iron Fence Co., iron wire, posts, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		510 60
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas, July. .	Labor, Maint., etc.		14 50
Redmond, Jno., security payment. . . .	Sewer in E. 170th St., bet. 3d and Franklin Aves., with branch in Fulton Ave. ....		373 78
Sellew, T. G., desk and pedestal. . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		56 00
Sparkman, Jas. T., hose for water truck. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		63 18
Smith, Clifford E., wagon materials. . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		95 75
Stern, B., & Son, uniforms .....	Police .....		320 00
Whitman Saddle Co., spurs and curb bits .....	Police .....		10 50
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			<u>\$8,690 27</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Police.....	\$357 05
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	1,212 98
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs .....	243 00
Music .....	630 00
Maintenance, Museums.....	1,577 95
Surveying, Laying-out, etc.....	7 65
Zoological Department.....	45 90
Local Improvement Fund, chapter 420, Laws 1886 .....	3,765 24
Fund for Local Improvements, chapter 174, Laws 1885..	850 50
	\$8,690 27

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

(Signed)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 9, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

The following communications were received :

Jeannette Park—Improvement.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting in relation to the proposed improvement of Jeannette Park in accordance with the revised plan submitted on 21st ultimo.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the resolution adopted on 19th May last, approving a plan for the improvement of the interior of Jeannette Park be rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.



Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the revised plans for the improvement of the interior of Jeannette Park, as submitted on 21st ult., by the Engineer of Construction, be approved, and that specifications and form of contract for furnishing the moulds required be prepared and printed, and when printed and approved as to form, that the Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Jeannette Park—Work to proceed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to proceed with the work of constructing the walks, as shown on the revised plan for the improvement of Jeannette Park, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Jeannette Park railing.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the specifications and form of contract for the erection of an iron railing and gates around Jeannette Park, as amended by the Engineer of Construction and Superintendent of Parks, be approved and transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his approval, and that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Greenhouses.

From the Superintendent of Parks, submitting a revised plan for the erection of four greenhouses at Mount St. Vincent, in Central Park, at an estimated cost of \$5,500.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted on 17th February last, providing for the removal of the masonry and propagating-houses from their present situation in Central Park to the north end of Morningside Park, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Greenhouses—Plans approved.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plans, drawings and specifications made by Calvert Vaux, Esq., architect, for propagating and greenhouses, submitted at the last meeting of the Board, be and the same hereby are approved, and the President is hereby directed to cause drawings, contract and specifications to be prepared and submitted to the Board for the construction of four of said greenhouses, with the necessary heating apparatus, at or near the site in the Central Park, and used for such purposes.

Which was adopted by the following :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Suspensions to reduce force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of thirty-one Laborers, two Rockmen, one Gardener, seven Carpenters, five Masons and four Painters, in order to reduce the force.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the action of the Superintendent of Parks in making such suspensions was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Commins, P. V., }  
Finnegan, John, } Discharged.  
Smith, Frank, }

From the Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards, reporting the suspension of Patrick V. Commins and John Finnegan, Laborers, and Frank Smith, double team, for neglect of duty.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN said Laborers and double team were discharged from the employ of the Department by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

McGonigle, Henry—Suspended.

From the Captain of Police, reporting the suspension of Parkkeeper Henry McGonigle for being off post and insubordination.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the Captain of Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Committee of Police—Report.

Report was received from the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated charges preferred against certain members of the Police force of the Department and disposed of the same as follows :

Tallman, N. H.—Fined.

Nelson H. Tallman—Violation of rules. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Dillon, James E.—Fined.

James E. Dillon—Being off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Clark, J. J.—Fined.

James J. Clark—Being off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Ging, J. H.—Fined.

James H. Ging—Being off post and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Burke, J.—Fined.

Jeremiah Burke—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Stone, W. B.—Fined.

Wm. B. Stone—Being off post. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Bartolomei, Massimo—Fined.

Massimo Bartolomei—Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Mahon, Francis—Fined.

Francis Mahon—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Duane, M. J.—Fined.

Michael J. Duane—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Delaney, Owen—Charge dismissed.

Owen Delaney—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Cunningham, M. E.—Fined.

Michael E. Cunningham—Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Guilty. Fined fifteen days' pay.

Green, W. H.—Fined.

William H. Green—Conduct unbecoming an officer. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Mahon, Francis—Fined.

Francis Mahon—Being off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Hovey, J. S.—Fined.

James S. Hovey—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

McCarthy, T. J.—Fined.

Thomas J. McCarthy—Gross violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined fifteen days' pay.

McGonigle, Henry—Fined and warned.

Henry McGonigle—Being off post and insubordination. Guilty. Fined fifteen days' pay on first specification and fifteen days' pay on the second specification. Warned that for next offense of serious nature he will be dismissed.

Higgins, Gilbert—Fined.

Gilbert Higgins—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the action of the Committee was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden - 4.

Bergen avenue—Topographical Engineer to report.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Topographical Engineer was directed to report as to the action required to be taken by this Board under chapter 389 of the Laws of 1886, which provides for the closing of Bergen avenue or Retreat avenue, in the 23d Ward.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 12.50 the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CLINTON H. SMITH,  
*Acting Secretary.*

**DOCUMENT No. 105.**

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**BOARD**

**OF THE**

**Department of Public Parks.**

**AUGUST 9, 1886.**

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Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the report respecting the management of the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river, shown on the minutes of this Board as having been presented by the Treasurer, and adopted on 16th January, 1884, be taken from file and printed as a Board document.

Adopted.

CLINTON H. SMITH,  
*Acting Secretary.*

In Board, January 2, 1884.

“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 referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.”

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In Board, January 16, 1886 :

“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.”

Adopted.

The Treasurer, to whom was referred the report of Commissioner Olliffe upon the management of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, reports in relation thereto, as follows :

I have, in company with Mr. William E. Worthen, Consulting Engineer, and Mr. J. H. Van Riper, Mechanical Engineer of the Department, made a personal examination of the bridge structure and machinery. I have also considered the force employed upon it, the capacity of the bridge, and the demands thereupon, and recommend the adoption of the suggestions hereinafter contained, at the earliest possible moment.

I have, in my action upon this matter, been at all times fully aware of the importance of establishing and maintaining a service of the highest grade upon this bridge, in view of the great increase of population in the wide district north and east of it, and the fact that it now constitutes, and probably will, for some time to come, the sole outlet for such population. The location of the New York and Northern Railroad depots upon the river, above the bridge, will also doubtless greatly increase the business of the draw during the summer months ; but the principal item for consideration in this particular is the large and growing number of sailing vessels and steam-craft which call upon the draw for thoroughfare.

Speaking first of the bridge structure, I would report that it has been the result of investigation that the main defect of the draw is its immense weight—three-fold what is necessary for a draw of this size, and subject to the demands put upon this.



The bridge was built at a period when the science of the construction of heavy draws was yet undeveloped, and the difficulty created by its extreme weight is, moreover, enhanced by the nature of the running machinery upon which it is set.

It is supported upon twelve cast-iron columns, six feet in diameter, filled with concrete, eleven columns being in the outer circle, and one in the centre. These columns are in good condition.

It revolves upon 90 wheels of cast-iron, weighing 400 pounds each. Notwithstanding the great weight and apparent strength of these wheels, the enormous mass of the draw-bridge actually crushes them in a short space of time, rendering their renewal a frequent necessity.

The weight of the bridge is thrown entirely upon the outer wheels. In all draw-bridges constructed at the present day, the weight is thrown upon a central pivot—seen, for instance, by an examination of the Fourth and Eighth avenue bridges, where the outer wheels serve more particularly the purposes of a guard. By this arrangement the friction of movement is much lessened, and it has become an invariable principle in the construction of modern draw-bridges.

This difficulty of weight is perhaps impracticable of mitigation but by a most radical change in the construction of the bridge, except in the following particular: To produce an architectural effect, there have been, without exaggeration, 100 tons of metal placed upon the draw—a device which may give an air of solidity to the structure, but which in reality detracts materially from its strength. Your Committee would accordingly recommend, that so much as possible of this cumbersome material should be removed, with due regard to architectural effect, as it may be said that the draw-bridge is at present virtually breaking down under its own weight.

When the bridge was built, in 1868, it was worked by hydraulic engines, the pressure for which was obtained from the

Croton water. This system was found insufficient, and the present engines were substituted and supposed sufficient for every purpose required. At the time of their adoption, when the bridge was opened at comparatively long intervals, this supposition may have been in a great degree justified. But at the present time, when the draw is not infrequently opened four times in an hour, and the demands for ready passage over the bridge require a greater rapidity and promptness of motion, they are clearly insufficient to move the heavy mass of the draw without injury to themselves. Constant strains and breakages, necessitating continual repairs, are the result; and plans for a new boiler and double-acting engine, in accordance with recommendations, are now being prepared.

In addition to the consultation with Messrs. Worthen & Van Riper, I have also been in conference with Mr. Thomas F. Rowland, of the Continental Iron Works, who submits the accompanying report of an examination of the bridge machinery, pointing out its defects, and suggesting the most effectual remedies.

I further recommend that there be purchased four sets of life-saving appliances, similar in kind to those at the ferries in this city, to be placed, one at each end of the draw, in convenient and accessible positions.

Also that a windlass be arranged on the southeast end of the bridge, on the New York side, with a sufficient length of rope to attach to the end of the draw, so that the same may by this means be closed, in case of obstruction happening while open.

Also that another boat be purchased for the New York side, and the contrivances be arranged under the bridge, at both sides, so that the boats may be hoisted out of the water.

I have made examination, also, into the number and character of the force employed in the management and super-

vision of the bridge, and would recommend that its number be enlarged and its manner of service changed.

It consists at present of two engineers, two bridge-tenders, and two laborers—six persons in all. These are formed into two gangs of equal number, working in spells of eight hours each, or, in the aggregate, sixteen hours of the twenty-four, one gang working from 5 A. M. till 1 P. M., and the other from 1 P. M. till 9 P. M. For the remainder of the twenty-four hours, namely, from 9 P. M. to 5 A. M., the bridge is left entirely without protection or control; and even during the day time no provision is made for supplying the place of any of the employees in case of sickness, or other cause of absence—a serious objection in the case of the engineer.

This force may not have been inadequate in the state of affairs which prevailed in former years; but it certainly is inadequate now. The augmentation of traffic, before alluded to, the frequency of passage and the increase of population, both actual and prospective, in the adjoining district, all require a force better able to answer the incessant calls of commerce, and to insure more perfectly the safety of the passing public.

One of the most serious defects in the present arrangement, and one which should assuredly be remedied without delay, is that of leaving the bridge, practically for the whole night, without any supervision, and the refusing of ingress or egress through the draw during that time. Demands have of late frequently been made that the draw should be opened at all hours of the night for the passage of vessels, and doubts have been expressed of the right of the Department to keep the draw closed, in opposition to such demands, it having been asserted that the Commissioners would be liable to injunction for the maintenance of a nuisance, or an action at law for damages caused by delay. Demands of this sort having become quite frequent, the opinion of the Corporation Counsel was sought in the matter during the past summer. No answer to that request has as yet been received. There

seems to be but little law upon the subject, but the Corporation Counsel has informally declared it to be his opinion that the Department would be liable, if the delay occasioned by such non-opening amounts to a nuisance ; and it may be questioned whether such a state of affairs will not supervene in the near future, considering the increase of commerce which demands thoroughfare through this bridge. Moreover, the safety of the considerable masses of shipping which are not infrequently clustered northwest of the bridge is greatly endangered by this condition of things. A fire originating in their midst would, unless promptly checked, cause great loss and disaster ; and the desertion of the bridge through the whole night shuts out the possibility of the fire-boats coming quickly to the rescue.

For these among other reasons, I deem it advisable and necessary that the bridge should be constantly supervised, as well by night as by day ; and for this, as well as for the proper fulfillment of the daily requirements of the bridge service, a larger force than the present will be requisite.

I recommend that the force to be employed should be constituted as follows :

- Three (3) Engineers, at \$3 per day ;
- Three (3) Oilmen, at \$2.25 per day ;
- Six (6) Bridge-tenders, at \$2 per day, and
- Three (3) Laborers, at \$1.76 per day ;

Making in all fifteen persons ; that these be divided into three gangs, consisting each of

- 1 Engineer,
- 1 Oilman,
- 2 Bridge-tenders, and
- 1 Laborer,

each gang to work a shift of eight hours, the day being divided into three such shifts. That the engineers shall be required to pass an examination, as to qualifications, before the local inspectors of the Police Department. That the oilmen shall be required to pass a similar examination, before

the same officers, for the purpose of receiving from them a certificate that they are thoroughly qualified, in case of emergency, to run an engine for a short period of time (in case of the absence of the engineer in charge, from sickness or other cause); that they shall be reckoned next to the engineers in the line of promotion, and that it shall be their duty to attend to the fires, and perform the usual duties of firemen, in connection with that of oiling. That the bridge-tenders and laborers shall, in view of their duties, be carefully chosen for their intelligence and sobriety; that the bridge-tenders shall be duly qualified by an examination made by the Superintendent of Parks and the Engineer of Construction, and shall be authorized to keep the peace and preserve order upon the bridge; and that it shall be their duty, as well as that of the laborers, to keep the bridge thoroughly clean and swept, and in good condition, to keep the boats in order, to inspect the life-saving appliances in each shift, and see that the same are in order and convenient, and to care generally for the safety of the traveling public. That the said bridge-tenders and laborers be required to wear a uniform dress, to be furnished by themselves, and hereafter to be designated by the Board; if your Committee might suggest, a uniform such as that worn by men of a like grade in the navy would be suitable, or a cap of navy pattern, and a roundabout and pants of some dark, durable material, such as corduroy.

Finally, your Committee would respectfully remind the Board that the reasons for these improvements and changes are many and imperative, and would earnestly recommend early action looking towards their consummation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated January 16, 1884.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

“ BORDEN.

Spuyten Duyvil Parkway.

Messrs. Bowie Dash, Waldo Hutchins and George H. Stephens appeared before the Board and were heard in relation to the improvement of the Spuyten Duyvil Parkway.

The minutes of the meetings of the 4th and 9th instants were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Topographical Engineer :

Work in progress.

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

Filed.

Sewerage District No. 33 F.

2d. Submitting a plan of drainage for Sewerage District No. 33 F., showing the Webster avenue sewer connections and

basins on the west side of that avenue, from East 165th street to Kingsbridge road in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the map or plan for sewerage in the 23d and 24th Wards, entitled "Plan of Drainage for Sewerage District No. 33 F.," showing Webster avenue sewer connections and basins on the west side of the avenue, from East 165th street to Kingsbridge road, in the 23d and 24th Wards of the City of New York, prepared in compliance with the provisions of section 4, chapter 381, Laws of 1865, and section 14, chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874, dated "New York, August 17, 1886," and signed "S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P." be and the same hereby is approved, and that copies thereof be duly filed, according to law, in the offices of the Common Council, the Comptroller of the City of New York, the Health Department, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Public Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

*Works in progress.*

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

Filed.

*Temporary suspensions.*

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

Approved.

*Coenties Slip—Widening sidewalks.*

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a plan showing the proposed widening of the sidewalks on the northerly and southerly sides of Coenties Slip, between Front and South streets, in connection with the improvement of Jeannette Park.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the curb-lines of the northerly and southerly sides of Coenties Slip, as shown on the map this day presented by M. A. Kellogg, Engineer of Construction, be and the same hereby are adopted and fixed as the curb-lines of said street or place, and that said map be filed in this Department and a copy thereof and of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Harlem River Bridge Commission—For permit.

From the Secretary of the Harlem River Bridge Commission, applying for permission to excavate between the centre and easterly lines of a portion of Sedgwick avenue for the purpose of founding pier 3 of the proposed new Harlem River Bridge, and also to change temporarily the roadway at that point, as shown on a plan submitted by him.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the President be authorized to grant the application of the Harlem River Bridge Commission upon such terms and conditions as he may deem proper.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT, 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 :

Abeel Bros., iron.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$13 72
Allen, R. H., Co., scythe snaths.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	7 50



Allen, R. H., Co., pruning shears. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		\$14 00
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., brooms and dusters. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . .		10 50
Brandis, Fred. E., Boston leveling rod. . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans. . . . .		15 50
Bertine, Edwin R., awnings. . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans. . . . .		18 00
Colwell Lead Co., sheet pipe, solder, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		52 22
Consolidated Gas Co., gas, July. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$59 25	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .	4 75	
	Police. . . . .	11 25	
			<hr/> 75 25
Curley, M., leather top for wagon. . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans. . . . .		85 00
Curley, M., leather top for wagon. . . . .	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .		85 00
Coffin, Paul C., steel rod, pipe tongs, horseshoes, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$52 80	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans. . . . .	9 24	
			<hr/> 62 04
Dunham, Thos. C., oil and turpentine. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		41 36
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . .		1 00
Gleason & Bailey Mfg. Co., Giant tile bender. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		35 00
Gates, Church, E. & Co., oak stakes. . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans. . . . .		100 00
Goeller, Geo. C., rent northeast corner College avenue and 143d street, May, June and July, 1886, and water rent, 1886. . . . .	Rents and Repairs.		58 00
Home of Industry, brooms. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$35 75	
	Harlem R. Bdgs.,	3 25	
			<hr/> 39 00
Henderson & Stoutenborough, galvan- ized pails. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		24 00
Kolesch & Co., drawing materials. . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans. . . . .		13 05
Lancaster & Johnston, daily papers, May 13 to July 1. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		7 60
Motley, Thornton N., bolts, cotton, waste, horse rasps, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$22 40	
	Harlem R. Bdgs.,	14 22	
	Zoological Dept. . .	6 28	
			<hr/> 42 90

Mott, Jordan L., executor, rent (7) lots west side of College avenue south of 144th street, May, June and July, 1886.....	Rents and Repairs.	\$150 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., bib's & hose couplings.....	Labor Maint., etc.	10 40
McKesson & Robbins, alcohol and ammonia.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	14 92
Moffat, David & Co., harness leather..	Labor, Maint., etc.	14 62
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept...	14 88
O'Mara, Thos., filing.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	19 20
Pratt Manufacturing Co., astral oil ...	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$4 20
	Police.....	1 51
	Zoological Dept...	1 40
	Harlem R. Bdges., etc.....	7 00
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	7 61
		<hr/> 21 72
Simpson, Jno. B., Jr., rent 471 and 473 North 3d avenue (2771 and 2773 3d avenue), May, June and July, 1886.....	Rents and Repairs.	150 00
Stackpole & Bro., repairing level.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	10 50
Stafford, N., rubber stamps.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	1 50
		<hr/> <hr/> \$1,208 38

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$430 44
Zoological Department.....	34 06
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	29 22
Police.....	12 76
Rents and Repairs.....	358 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	251 29
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	92 61
	<hr/> \$1,208 38

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand two hundred and eight dollars and thirty-eight cents.

Signed,

HENRY R. BENKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 18, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—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 :

O'Grady, Wm. J.—Estimate No. 1. . . . Sewer in 169th St., bet N. 3d and Franklin Aves., with branch in Fulton Ave. . . . .	\$1,480 08
	\$1,480 08
	\$1,480 08

RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885. . . . .	\$1,480 08
	\$1,480 08

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand four hundred and eighty dollars and eight cents.

NEW YORK, August 18, 1886.

(Signed),                      HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 12.15 P. M. the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

Phalen, John—Pay fixed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the pay of Foreman John Phalen be increased.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the pay of John Phalen, Foreman, be fixed at \$4 per day, to take effect with the pay-roll commencing on 15th inst.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

O'Donald, Thos., } Promoted.  
Shandley, Pat'k, }

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, recommending the promotion of Thomas O'Donald and Patrick Shandley from Laborers to Rockmen.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that Thomas O'Donald and Patrick Shandley be promoted from Laborers to the grade and pay of Rockmen.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Risse, L. A.—Resignation.

From Louis A. Risse, resigning his position as Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the resignation of Mr. Risse be accepted, to take effect immediately.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Watkins, John—Sunday pay discontinued.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the resolution adopted on 12th December, 1879, allowing John Watkins, Janitor,

pay for Sundays at the same rate as week days be rescinded.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mott Haven canal—Opening flood-gate.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the owners of the Mott Haven canal be requested to open the flood-gate at the lock near 135th street at low tide at least once each day.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Emmet, T. A.—To act as Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that Thomas A. Emmet, General Inspector, be designated to perform the duties of Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards pending the appointment of a person to that position.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That in accordance with regulation 35, of the Civil Service Regulations, the following-named persons are hereby reappointed to the positions set opposite their names respectively, subject to the further pleasure of this Board :

O'Connor, Roderic, Bookkeeper.

McIntyre, Thos. R., Parkkeeper.

Jones, Bartlett F., Parkkeeper.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

The PRESIDENT reported the following action taken by him since the last meeting of the Board :

McLaughlin, Owen, } Restored.  
McQuade, John, }

1st. That he had restored to duty Owen McLaughlin, Carpenter, and John McQuade, Painter.

Sigel, R. F.—Transferred.

2d. That he had ordered the transfer of Assistant Engineer R. F. Sigel from work under the Engineer of Construction to duty under the Topographical Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the President was approved.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 1.30 P. M. the Executive Session arose and the Board

Adjourned.

CLINTON H. SMITH,  
*Acting Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1886.**

STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.  
 “ CRIMMINS.  
 “ BORDEN.

Proposals.

At the hour of eleven o'clock, Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the following works :

*Table of Bids for the Erection of an Iron Railing and Gates around Jeannette Park, at Coenties Slip, between South and Front Streets :*

NAMES OF BIDDERS.	LENGTH, 682 $\frac{1}{2}$ L. FEET	AMOUNT.
Manley & Cooper Manufacturing Co. ....	\$2 97	\$2,026 13
John S. Cochran. ....	2 87	1,957 91
Joseph W. Fiske. ....	2 69	1,835 12
Composite Iron Works Co. ....	2 76	1,882 87

Table of Bids for Furnishing Parkkeepers' Uniform Overcoats and Pants.

	QUANTITIES.	LOUIS STERN.	
Uniform Overcoats for Keepers.....	11	\$21 20	\$233 20
Uniform Pants for Captain and Sergeants.....	7	6 75	47 25
Uniform Pants for Mounted Keepers.....	10	7 00	70 00
Uniform Pants for Parkkeepers.....	143	5 95	850 85
			\$1,201 30

Jeannette Park—Contract for railing.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for erecting an iron railing and gates around Jeannette Park be and the same hereby is awarded to Joseph W. Fiske, at \$1,835.12, he being the lowest bidder; that the proposal of Mr. Fiske be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

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

The following communications were received :

134th, 135th and 136th streets—Ordinances to pave amended.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution amending certain ordinances for paving 134th, 135th and 136th streets, from Alexander to Willis avenue, by providing for *trap-block* pavement instead of "granite block."

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.



5th ave.—Widening at 110th street.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department that the proceedings for acquiring title to the land required for widening 5th avenue at 110th street, as authorized by chap. 421 of the Laws of 1886, should be taken at the instance of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

Filed.

Corlear's Hook Park—Map of.

From the Secretary of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, forwarding, for filing in the Department, a map of Corlear's Hook Park in the Seventh Ward, as laid out under authority of chapter 529 of the Laws of 1884.

Filed.

Rider, W. E.—Mott Haven Canal.

From William E. Rider, in relation to the sanitary condition of the Mott Haven Canal.

Filed.

Treasurer's statement.

A statement of moneys received and deposited with the Comptroller was received from the Treasurer and ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows:

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, August 31, 1886.*

1886.	LICENSES.	
Aug. 2.	Dennis F. Cray.....	\$21 81
" 4.	Wm. Keeler.....	5 14
" 6.	W. H. Radford.....	699 33
" 6.	Isidor Isaacs.....	33 96
" 6.	Isidor Isaacs.....	18 50
" 7.	Oscar H. Riker.....	20 35
" 10.	Isaac Smith.....	3 20
" 11.	John Lucas.....	8 62
" 12.	Fifth Avenue Transportation Co.....	550 00
" 13.	Charles Schwarz.....	112 41
" 17.	John P. Ryan.....	40 68
		<hr/> \$1,514 00

## SUNDRY RECEIPTS.

Aug. 3. Van Tassell & Kearney, balance auction sale, June 29. (Amount deducted for printing by Van Tassell & Kearney).....	\$4 50	
		\$4 50

## PERMITS.

Aug. 2. F. A. Wilcox.....	\$20 00	
“ 10. J. B. Curren.....	10 00	
“ 11. Geo. Shepperd.....	50 00	
“ 11. Geo. Lauer.....	10 00	
“ 20. Henry Lerch.....	10 00	
“ 23. Chas. Sucker.....	10 00	
“ 23. Edward Baer.....	10 00	
“ 24. Dr. S. A. Hill.....	10 00	
“ 24. Wm. Monogue.....	10 00	
“ 24. John Eichler.....	10 00	
“ 25. F. J. Schnugg.....	28 00	
“ 30. A. K. Royce.....	10 00	
		188 00

## SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

Aug. 2. P. G. Decker.....	\$20 00	
“ 9. Jno. Ellis.....	6 00	
“ 11. M. J. McGinn.....	10 00	
“ 20. Geo. Smith.....	4 00	
“ 20. Daniel Malone.....	10 00	
“ 25. Frank Clemens.....	10 00	
“ 27. D. Malone.....	6 00	
		66 00

## SPECIAL FUND—SURPLUS ANIMALS ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN.

July 15. Van Tassell & Kearney, auction sale sheep, June 29	\$128 48	
		128 48
		<u>\$1,900 98</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand nine hundred dollars and ninety-eight cents.

N. Y. Steam Co.—Pipes in 5th avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, acknowledging receipt of a communication from this Department relative to an application of the New York Steam Company for a permit to lay pipes along 5th avenue, and stating that, in his opinion, the Department has authority to grant the permit

and affix such regulations as may be required for the protection of the public.

The PRESIDENT stated that an application having been made by the New York Steam Company for permission to open the street and lay pipes in 5th avenue, from 62d to 63d street, he had issued a permit to said company to proceed with the work upon the condition that the pipe to be laid shall not interfere in any way with the prosecution of the work of repaving said avenue, nor with the sewers and water-mains, and their connections, and provided the portion of the avenue disturbed by the company be restored and maintained in a proper condition for one year; that in order to indemnify and save harmless the Department from any damage arising by reason of the failure of the company to fulfil the terms and conditions of the permit, he had required and received a bond in the amount of \$5,000 for the faithful performance of the work.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

McLaughlin, John—Death of.

A communication from the Property Clerk, reporting the death of John McLaughlin, Clerk, was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 64TH ST. AND 5TH AVE., }  
ARSENAL, Aug. 30, 1886. }

*Hon. HENRY R. BEEKMAN, President D. P. P. :*

SIR—I regret to report the sudden death of John McLaughlin, which occurred on Friday, 27th inst.

Mr. McLaughlin was first employed in this Department in 1870 as Messenger, and his efficiency and strict attention to his duties caused his promotion, from time to time, until he reached the position held at the time of his death, viz., Clerk.

During the entire term of his service he was directly under my supervision and I can certify that he was one of the most competent clerks connected with this Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
WM. VAN VALKENBURGH,  
*Property Clerk, D. P. P.*

From the Topographical Engineer :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

E. 144th street,	} Classification.
E. 149th " "	
E. 150th " "	

2d. Forwarding a map or plan showing the proposed classification of East 144th, 149th and 150th streets, from River avenue to the Harlem river in the 23d Ward.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That those portions of East 144th, East 149th and East 150th streets lying between River avenue and the Harlem river, as shown on a map or plan entitled " Map or plan showing classification of East 144th, East 149th and East 150th streets, from River avenue to Harlem river, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York," dated " New York, August 17th, 1886," and signed " S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P." be and the same hereby are designated as streets of the first class, and that the President be authorized to certify and file three similar copies of said map or plan, as required by law.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Streets in 23d Ward—Change in system.

From the Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Construction in charge of Street and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, submitting a plan showing system of streets and avenues in that portion of the 23d Ward included between Railroad avenue, West, Webster avenue and Sheridan avenue and 162d and 167th streets and Overlook avenue, as altered and revised in accordance with the provisions of chapter 365 of the Laws of 1886.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that said plan be placed on exhibition until the next meeting of the Board, and that the

Secretary be directed to insert a notice in the *City Record*, inviting parties interested in the proposed changes to call and examine the same and express their views in relation thereto.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

Drinking fountain—Bridle path.

1st. Suggesting that the stone drinking-fountain for horses now situated on the east side of the Ramble, near the Obelisk, be removed and located on the bridle path, at the northeast corner of the reservoir, for the convenience of equestrians.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the suggestion of the Superintendent of Parks was approved and ordered carried out, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Greenhouses—Estimate of cost.

2d. Recommending that the proposed new greenhouses in Central Park be erected at an expense not exceeding \$3,500, in view of the limited appropriation.

Laid over.

Bridle roads—Improvement.

3d. Reporting in relation to the proposed improvement of the bridle paths of Central Park and Riverside Drive.

Laid over.

Works in progress.

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Harlem river bridges.

1st. Reporting upon the condition of the Harlem river bridges.

Filed.

Construction works on Parks.

2d. Reporting in relation to the construction work on the Central and City Parks.

Filed.

Westchester ave., } Plans for sewers.  
E. 135th street, }

From the Engineer of Construction in Charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, submitting plans and specifications for the construction of a sewer in Westchester avenue, from St. Ann's avenue to Trinity avenue ; also a sewer in 135th street, from the summit east of Willis avenue to the centre line of Brown place.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications received this day for constructing sewers in Westchester avenue, between St. Ann's and Trinity avenues, and East 135th street, from summit east of Willis avenue to the centre line of Brown place, be approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the works.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Audit.

The President from the Auditing Committee presented the following report :

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

Abeel Bros., iron.....	Labor, Maint. etc.	\$29 37
Allen, R. H. Co., scythes, sickles, rakes, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$12 75
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	11 55
		<hr/> 24 30
Brandis, Fred. E., tracing-cloth.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	17 60
Brandis, Fred E., repairing leveling rods.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	19 50
Bertine, Edwin R., flag.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	7 00
Bowes & Coombs, garden mould.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	125 00
Bayne's 69th Regiment Band, music at Battery Park, July 30 and August 6, 13 and 20, and at Paradise Park August 5, 12 and 19.....	Music.....	1,010 00
Bayne's 69th Regiment Band, music at Battery Park, August 27, and at Paradise Park, August 26.....	Music.....	280 00
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park August 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22.....	Music.....	1,140 00
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park August 28 and 29.....	Music.....	460 00
Conterno, Luciano, music in Tompkins Square, August 10, 17 and 24.....	Music.....	510 00
Cox, G. C. & Co., photographic views, water plants.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	25 00
Colwell Lead Co., iron elbows, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	14 45
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	\$5 12
	Surveying, Laying Out, etc.....	104 17
		<hr/> 109 29
Coffin, Paul C., spikes and files.....	Cronwell's Creek Bridges, etc....	17 70
Dawson, Jno. F., gravel, Estimate No 4.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$1,093 89
	Riverside Park & Avenue, etc....	554 59
		<hr/> 1,648 48
Daumar, W., revised tracings, propo- gating-houses.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	12 00
Denning, E. J. & Co., canvas.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	3 00

Dahlman, I. H., horses .....	Police.....	\$1,375 00	
Eben, Felix I., music at East River Park June 16, 30 and July 7, 14, 28, and Aug. 4, 11 and 18.....	Music.....		1,320 00
Fayerweather & Ladew, belting.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		34 20
Fayerweather & Ladew, leather.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		8 00
Gillis & Geoghegan, boiler-plate num- bers.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		5 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., hames, robe, whip, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		25 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., leather fly nets for horses.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		7 00
Henderson & Stoutenborough, step- ladder.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		3 00
Hodgman Rubber Co., hip boots.....	Sewers & Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.....		41 73
Ingersoll, Horace, forage.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$10 45	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		3 00
	Zoological Dept..		4 40
			<hr/> 17 85
Ingersoll, Horace, forage.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$1,879 55	
	Police.....		289 68
	Zoological Dept..		267 64
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		79 07
			<hr/> 2,515 94
Keuffel & Esser, brushes.....	Surveying, Laying Out, etc....		7 44
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		1 56
Lines, T. T., varnish.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		13 30
Lynch, Edward N., payment on accept- ance.....	Reg., etc., East 149th st., bet. 3d and Morris aves.		2,393 35
Murray, B. C., Estimate No. 3.....	Reg., etc., Tre- mont st. (form- erly Westchester ave), from Bos- ton Road to Bronx River...		1,330 00
Murray, H. & H., coke.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		10 50



Marquand, Henry G., Treas., salaries and wages, August.....	Maint. Museums..	\$1,473 82
Myers, C. H., petty disbursements ...	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	18 11
McKesson & Robbins, sponges and camphor.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	21 85
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	6 72
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, cast-iron curbs and gratings.....	Riverside Park & Avenue, etc....	40 00
Nesbit's (John) Sons, plaster.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	1 60
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving- cement and dead oil.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	393 80
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., rubber cloth.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	2 50
Pierson & Co., nail rods.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	1 38
Phelan, Wm., repaving sundry places.	Special Fund Re- paving.....	130 00
Phelan, Wm., repaving sundry places.	Special Fund Re- paving.....	61 00
Robitzek, G. & Bros., coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	25 00
Strohmeyer, F. G. & Co., peat moss...	Labor, Maint., etc.	43 60
Sparkman, Jas. T., garden hose.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	88 80
Scott, D., fish.....	Zoological Dept..	12 40
Smith, Clifford E., joints for wagon covers and iron axles for spring trucks.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	16 83
Thompson, Frank J., Southdown ram Virginia Cardinal and old horses...	Zoological Dept..	132 50
Vaux, Calvert, plans for greenhouses.	Labor, Maint., etc.	250 00
Willson, Adams & Co., lumber.....	Surveying, Laying Out, etc.....	\$21 00
	Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc....	60 00
		81 00
Wootton, E. H., seyssel rock.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	727 59
Wenman, Jas. F., cement.....	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	49 60
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		<u>\$18,134 66</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Police .....	\$1,664 68
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. ....	4,874 69
Zoological Department. ....	416 94
Music .....	4,720 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans .....	55 33
Surveying, Laying out, etc. ....	132 61
Maintenance Museums. ....	1,473 82
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards. ....	118 62
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. ....	644 19
Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards .	41 73
Cromwell's Creek Bridge, etc. ....	77 70
Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws of 1885..	3,723 35
"Special Fund," Repaving .....	191 00
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	<u>\$18,134 66</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-six cents.

(Signed)

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, September 1, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12.15 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

Liard, Frank, Zingsem, R. R., appointed.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, reporting Frank Liard and R. R. Zingsem as eligible for appointment as Topographical Draughtsmen.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Frank Liard and R. R. Zingsem be and they hereby are appointed Topographical Draughtsmen ; Frank

Liard for service under the Engineer of Construction for 23d and 24th Wards, and R. R. Zingsem for service under the Topographical Engineer, and that their salaries be fixed at \$1,200 per annum each.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Diaper, F.—Appointed.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, reporting Frederic Diaper as eligible for appointment as an Architectural Draughtsman.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Frederic Diaper be and he hereby is appointed Architectural Draughtsman for service under the Superintendent of Parks from time to time, as his services may be required, at \$4 a day.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Hannelly, Chas. J.—Promoted.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, reporting Charles J. Hannelly as eligible for promotion to the grade of Clerk.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Charles J. Hannelly be and he hereby is promoted to the position of Clerk in place of John McLaughlin, deceased, at \$1,200 a year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

O'Shaughnessy, John—Suspension.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting upon the mental and physical condition of Officer John O'Shaughnessy.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that, in view of the report of the Police Surgeon, showing the physical and mental disability of Parkkeeper John O'Shaughnessy, the said O'Shaughnessy be suspended from Police duty.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Francis, A. J.—Suspended.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Parkkeeper Andrew J. Francis be and he hereby is suspended from duty on account of physical disability.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Murphy Daniel—Discharged.

1st. Reporting the suspension of Daniel Murphy, with horse and cart, for neglect of duty.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said Daniel Murphy was discharged, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Hogan, John, } suspended.  
Rehm, J. J., }

2d. Reporting the suspension of John Hogan and John J. Rehm, Carpenters, on account of the completion of the work upon which they were engaged.

On motion, the action of the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Sigel, R. F.—Pay fixed.

From R. F. Sigel, Assistant Engineer, asking for an increase of pay.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the salary of R. F. Sigel be fixed at \$1,320 per annum.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Eagan, Wm., } Reappointments.  
Fitting, August, }

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That in accordance with Regulation 35, of the Civil Service Regulations, the following-named persons are hereby reappointed to the position set opposite their names respectively, subject to the further pleasure of this Board :

William Eagan, Parkkeeper.  
August Fitting, Parkkeeper.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Corrigan, John J., } Appointed.  
Carey, John, }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John J. Corrigan and John Carey be and they hereby are appointed Parkkeepers on the force of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Bridge-tenders—President to appoint.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to appoint or transfer to the Central Bridge such additional

Bridge-tenders as may be necessary to provide for the opening of the draw at all hours.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 1 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

“ BORDEN.

The minutes of the meetings of August 18 and September 1st were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Salaries—Sale and assignment of.

From the Comptroller, in relation to the practice of a number of City employees of selling and assigning their salaries to money-brokers, and requesting that such practice be prohibited in this Department.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That hereafter, if any member of the Police force or other employee of this Department, shall sell or assign moneys due or to grow due him as salary or compensation for services, without the knowledge and approval of the Board or the President, it shall be deemed sufficient grounds for charges against such employee and punishment.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

College avenue—Protest against closing.

From Mortimer Landgrebe, John Doorley and others, property-owners, protesting against the proposed closing of College avenue, between 3d avenue and 165th street.

Filed.

College avenue—Petitions to close.

From a committee of taxpayers, forwarding a petition of property-owners, asking that action be taken for closing College avenue, from 3d avenue to 165th street; and

From William Caldwell, Jordan L. Mott and Richard H. Teller, concurring in said petition.

Filed.

Kimball, Rev. H.—To use Park cottages, etc.

From Rev. Henry Kimball, asking permission to use cottages and music-stands in the Central Park, and several of the City parks, for the purpose of distributing food, and holding unsectarian services.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said application was denied.

Southwick, E. B.—Destruction of insects.

From E. B. Southwick, reporting upon the work of destroying noxious insects in the parks.

Filed.

Police uniforms—Contract.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the contract for furnishing Parkkeepers uniform overcoats and pants, for which proposals were received on 1st instant, be and the same hereby is awarded to Louis Stern at \$1,201.30, he being the lowest bidder; that the proposal of Mr. Stern be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved



that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Bulkhead at 155th street—Plans for.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting in relation to plans for a bulkhead on Harlem river, between 155th and 157th streets, proposed to be constructed by James J. Coogan.

Laid over.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards :

Sewer, 165th street—Overtime on contract.

1st. Reporting in relation to the time taken to complete the sewer in 165th street, from Washington to 3d avenue, with branch, etc., and recommending that the penalty for 29½ days' overtime be charged against the contractor.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said recommendation was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

149th street grading—overtime.

2d. Reporting relative to the time for the completion of the contract for grading, etc., East 149th street, between 3d and Morris avenues, and recommending that the penalty for five days' overtime be charged against the Contractor.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said recommendation was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

**Works in progress.**

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

Filed.

**Works in progress.**

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Filed.

**Audit.**

The President 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 :

Abeel Bros., iron.....	Labor, Maint. etc.	\$44 47	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....	22 11	
		<hr/>	\$66 58
Brandis, Fred. E., artists' materials ...	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....		26 72
Bayne's 69th Regiment Band, music at Battery Park, September 3 and 10, and at Paradise Park, Septem- ber 2.....	Music.....		450 00
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park July 8, and September 4, 5, 11, and 12.....	Music.....		1,041 00
Conterno, Luciano, music at Tompkins Square, August 31 and September 7.	Music.....		340 00
Colgate & Co., soap.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$13 80	
	Zoological Dept...	71	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....	1 89	
		<hr/>	16 40
Coffin, Paul C., axes, hatchets, etc....	Labor, Maint., etc.		74 07

Consolidated Gas Co., gas, August . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$59 74	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..		
	etc. . . . .	6 88	
	Police. . . . .	11 63	
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			\$78 25
Eben, Felix I., music at East River Park August 25 and September 1 and 8, and at Washington Square, September 2 and 9 . . . . .	Musio . . . . .		725 00
Edwards, Jos. & Co., two wrought iron pinion shafts for Madison Avenue Bridge. . . . .	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .		70 00
Hayward, S. F. & Co., Babcock fire ex- tinguishers repaired. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		126 00
Mutual District Messenger Co., messen- ger service during July and August.	Labor, Maint., etc.		4 18
Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$114 46	
	Zoological Dept. . . . .	85 05	
	Police. . . . .	6 85	
	Harlem R. Bdges., etc. . . . .	2 00	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	29 85	
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			188 21
Miller & Coates, encaustic tiles. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		21 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, closet fixtures.	Labor, Maint., etc.		5 11
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, gates, 3d Avenue Bridge. . . . .	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .		240 00
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treasurer, sal- aries and wages August . . . . .	Maint. Museums. . . . .		1,577 95
Myers, C. H., petty disbursements . . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans. . . . .		11 99
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas August.	Labor, Maint., etc.		15 12
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving- cement . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		385 76
Pridgeons Hamilton Bakery, bread and crackers. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .		70 12
Poillon & Staples, white lead, oil, etc.	Bronx R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .		101 23
Reiche, Chas., & Bro., bird food. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .		12 00
Smith, Clifford E., axles. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		18 62

Thorburn, Jas. M., & Co., flower canes. Labor, Maint., etc.	\$7 00
Wenman, Jas. F., cement..... Labor Maint., etc.	99 20
Westerfield, W., & Son, spray sprink- lers..... Sprinkling 23d and 24th Wards....	31 50
	<u>\$5,798 00</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$983 53
Zoological Department.....	117 88
Police.....	18 48
Harlem River Bridges, etc.....	342 88
Music.....	2,556 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	29 85
Bronx River Bridges, etc.....	101 22
Sprinkling 23d and 24th Wards.....	31 50
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	38 71
Maintenance Museums.....	1,577 95
	<u>\$5,798 00</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars.

NEW YORK, September 15, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

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 :

Casey, Michael, payment on accept- ance.....	Sewer in 165th St., from Washing- ton to 3d Ave., with branch in 3d Ave., bet. 165th and 164th Sts.....	<u>\$3,733 09</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885..... \$3,733 09

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and nine cents.

NEW YORK, September 15, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—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 :

Allen, O'Grady & Co., security for repairs.....	Regulating, etc., E. 137th St., from 3d to Brook Aves.....	\$654 27
Moran, Dennis W., Estimate No. 15...	Regulating, etc., Westchester Av., from 3d to Pros- pect Ave.....	2,836 97
McGrath, Dennis, security for repairs..	Paving with trap- block pavement the roadway of Willis Ave., from So. Boule- vard to 3d Ave..	2,082 40
McQuade, John, Estimate No. 12...	Regulating, etc., Brook Ave., from the N. Y. & H. R. R. to a point 487 feet southerly from 132d St., etc....	2,142 00
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephonic service, May 1, to August 31, 1886 .....	Telephonic service	1,216 67
		<u>\$8,882 31</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Local Improvement Fund, chap. 420, Laws 1886.....	\$7,665 64
Telephonic Service.....	1,216 67
	<u>\$8,882 31</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight thousand eight hundred and eighty-two dollars and thirty-one cents.

NEW YORK, September 15, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—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, Bernard C., Estimate No. 1..Regulating, etc., Boston Road, from Jefferson St. to Locust Ave .....	\$2,695 00
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## RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885.....	<u>\$2,695 00</u>
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand six hundred and ninety-five dollars.

NEW YORK, September 15, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12 o'clock, the Board went into Executive Session.

East 138th street—Condition of.

Commissioner CRIMMINS made a verbal report in relation to the condition of East 138th street, stating that the same had not been kept in proper order by the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railway Company, as required by the provisions of the permit given said Company to lay tracks in and along that street.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards be directed to prepare and submit specifications for paving the roadway of East 138th street; the work to be done by the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railway Company, under the supervision of this Department, as required by the terms of the permit given said Company, and that the President be authorized to direct the said Company to proceed with the work, in sections, from time to time, as may be required.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

The following communications were received :

Beatty, J. H.—Appointment.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, reporting John H. Beatty as eligible for appointment to the position of Stenographer.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John H. Beatty be and he hereby is appointed to act as Stenographer, under the Superintendent of Parks, at \$3.50 per day.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Palmer, H., Jr.—Ineligible for promotion.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, reporting Harrison Palmer, Jr., as ineligible for promotion to the grade of Clerk.

Filed.

Aukener, E.—For leave of absence.

From Ernest Aukener, Draughtsman, asking leave of absence for three weeks, without pay.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, said application was referred to the President, with power.

Offices—Change in arrangement of.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That this Board hereby consents to the proposed change in the arrangement of its offices, by the Trustees of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, whereby the elevator on the Reade street side of the building may be dispensed with, provided that all such rearrangement of the offices and partitions be done at the expense of the trustees of said bank, and with the approval and to the satisfaction of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Hopper, J. J.—Increase of pay.

From John J. Hopper, Assistant Engineer, asking for an increase of salary.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the salary of John J. Hopper be fixed at \$1,320 per annum.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.



McCarthy, D. P.—Pay of C. F. McCarthy.

From D. P. McCarthy, asking that the pay of C. F. McCarthy, Laborer in the paint shops, be increased.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, said application was denied.

Commins, P. V.—Rate of pay.

From Patrick V. Commins, asking that his pay be fixed at the rate paid Blacksmith's Helpers.

Filed.

Police cases.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges against certain members of the Police force of the Department, and disposed of the same as follows :

Higgins, Joseph—Fined.

Joseph Higgins—Neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Shannon, J. M.—Fined.

James M. Shannon—Absent from roll call. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

James M. Shannon—Absent from duty without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Lyons, David—Fined.

David Lyons—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Purcell, J. F.—Fined.

John F. Purcell—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Bagley, J. E.—Fined.

James E. Bagley—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Terpeny, H.—Fined.

Henry Terpeny—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Henry Terpeny—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Kelly, M.—Fined.

Michael Kelly—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Jones, B. F.—Fined.

Bartlett F. Jones—Off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Armstrong, T. H.—Fined.

Thomas H. Armstrong—Not properly patrolling. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

McAviney, Thos.—Fined.

Thomas McAviney—Not properly patrolling. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Mackey, James—Fined.

James Mackey—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

McGonigle, James F.—Fined.

James F. McGonigle—Off post and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined ten days' pay.

Clarkson, F. A.—Fined.

Frank A. Clarkson—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined ten days' pay.

Ging, J. H.—Fined.

James H. Ging—Off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Herlich, P.—Fined.

Peter Herlich—Off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Farley, J.—Fined.

James Farley—Off post. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

McIntyre, T. R.—Fined.

Thomas R. McIntyre — Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Maguire, Jno.—Fined.

John Maguire—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Sheehy, M.—Fined.

Manus Sheehy—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Girard, J. W.—Fined.

Joseph W. Girard—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Curry, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Curry—Off post and violation of rules. Guilty. Fined ten days' pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Flynn, J. J.—Discharged.

From the Committee on Police, reporting upon the charge of "intoxication and sleeping while on duty," against Police Tailor John J. Flynn, and recommending that he be dismissed from the force.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the recommendation of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Coffey, T. G.—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas G. Coffey be and he hereby is appointed a Police Tailor.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

O'Reilly, Jno.—Pay fixed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of John O'Reilly, Laborer, be and the same is hereby fixed at \$2 a day.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Adjourned to fixed date.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, it was

*Resolved*, That when this Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday, 29th inst., at 11 A. M.

Hume, Myron—Dropped.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, Myron Hume, Skilled Laborer, was ordered dropped from the rolls, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

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McMullen, H. J.—Confirmatory appointment.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Henry J. McMullen be and he hereby is appointed a Parkkeeper, in accordance with Civil Service Regulation 35.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Adjourned.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 1.15 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1886.**

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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,  
Nos. 27 AND 29 READE STREET, September 23, 1886. }

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Esq., *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Board to be held on Saturday, 25th inst., at 10 A. M., for the consideration of the application of Brig.-Gen. Fitzgerald for permission to use the Central Park for the purpose of a review of his brigade by the Governor, on October 6, 1886, and for the transaction of miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ BORDEN.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Fitzgerald, General—Review in Park.

From Brig.-General Louis Fitzgerald, asking permission to use the Central Park on October 6 for the purpose of a

review of the First Brigade, N. G. S. N. Y., by his Excellency the Governor.

General Fitzgerald appeared before the Board, and was heard in relation to his application.

The further consideration of the subject was then laid over.

Corporation Counsel.

From the Counsel to the Corporation :

Webster Avenue Sewer.

1st. In relation to the proposed modification of the plan for the construction of the Webster avenue sewer.

Filed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the resolution adopted on the 29th May, 1886, relative to the proposed modification of plan for constructing the Webster avenue sewer, be amended by adding thereto the words *or materially affect the substance of said contract or work*, so that the same shall read as follows :

*Resolved*, That in order to hasten the completion of the sewer with appurtenances and branches in Webster avenue, between 165th and 184th streets, an agreement be entered into with the contractor for said sewer to modify the construction according to the drawing or plan dated May 29, 1886, signed by C. H. Myers, Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers 23d and 24th Wards, and as provided by section C, pages 25 and 26 of the contract for said sewer in Webster avenue, it appearing from the report of the Engineer of Construction that said modifications do not materially increase the expense of the work or materially affect the substance of said contract or work.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Suburban Rapid Transit Co.—Extension of railways.

2d. Advising the Department in the matter of the application of the Suburban Rapid Transit Company for permission to extend its elevated railway structures in the 23d Ward.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that upon receipt of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation he had, under authority given by resolution of the Board on 4th ult., issued a permit to the Suburban Rapid Transit Company to proceed with the work of extending its railways in the Annexed District from the terminus of their present structure across 144th and 145th streets to 3d avenue, thence along 3d avenue to 164th street, upon such terms and conditions as in his judgment seemed proper for the protection of the public interests; and that he had received from said company a bond as required by the provisions of their franchise, which was approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, and duly filed with the Comptroller.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Bernheimer & Schmid—In re application of.

3d. Advising the Department in the matter of the application of Bernheimer & Schmid for permission to lay an iron pipe across Riverside Park and avenue for the purpose of conducting water from the Hudson river to their brewery, that, in his opinion, the privilege asked cannot lawfully be granted.

Filed.

135th street—Deed.

4th. Stating that he deems it proper for the Department to proceed with the construction of the proposed 135th street



sewer to the easterly line of Brown place, in view of the fact that a deed for the land in 135th street, between the centre and easterly lines of Brown place, has been partly executed and placed in his hands with the assurance that the same will be fully executed upon the return to the City of one of the parties thereto.

Filed.

College avenue—Closing.

From George Campbell, Anton Spiehler and others, property owners, asking that College avenue, from 3d avenue to 165th street be discontinued.

Filed.

Sewer in 3d avenue—Petition for.

From John Kaiser, John Andrews and others, petitioning for the construction of a sewer in 3d avenue, between 146th and 147th streets.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following ordinances :

Willis avenue—To fence lots on.

1st. For fencing vacant lots on the west side of Willis avenue, between 134th and 135th streets.

135th street—Ordinance to grade.

2d. To regulate, grade, etc., East 135th street, from Willis avenue to Brown place.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical Engineer :

Bergen avenue—Closing of.

1st. Reporting in relation to the proposed closing of Bergen (or Retreat) avenue, between 147th and 148th streets, in the 23d Ward, under authority of chapter 389 of the Laws of 1886.

Filed.

Morris avenue and 165th street—Closed. }  
Street system changed. }

2d. Returning the map or plan discontinuing Morris avenue from 162d street to Overlook avenue; and 165th street, between Winfield place and Sheridan avenue; also showing proposed changes in system of streets, etc., in a portion of the 23d Ward, under authority of chapter 365 of the Laws of 1886, which map had been on exhibition without any objections having been made thereto.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York by chapter 365 of the Laws of 1886, they do hereby alter and amend the map or plan of said city made by them, dated April 17, 1878, and filed in the Department of Public Parks February 21, 1879, by striking therefrom and discontinuing all that part of the proposed Morris avenue, as shown on said map, which lies between East 162d street and Overlook avenue, and all that part of the proposed East 165th street, as shown on said map, which lies between Winfield place and Sheridan avenue, in the 23d Ward of said city; and they do also hereby alter and revise the plan or plans heretofore adopted and filed by them, and lay out, adopt, establish and classify certain streets and avenues of the width, extent, direction and class shown on a map or plan entitled, "Map or Plan showing the System of streets and avenues in that part of the 23d Ward included between Railroad avenue, west, and Sheridan avenue and East 162d and 167th streets and Overlook avenue, as altered and revised in accordance with the provisions of chapter 365 of the Laws of 1886," dated New York, August 28, 1886, and

signed by C. H. Myers, Engineer of Construction in Charge of Streets and Sewers, 23d and 24th Wards, and by S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P., the same appearing to the said Commissioners best for the general good, and that the President of the Board of Parks be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be prepared three similar copies of said revised map or plan, to be certified and filed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 365 of the Laws of 1886, above cited.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

*Sidewalks of City Parks.*

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the condition of the sidewalks of the City Parks and squares, with an estimate of the cost of repairing the same.

Laid over.

*Webster avenue sewer—Modification of plan.*

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, in relation to the proposed modification of the plan for building the sewer in Webster avenue, between 165th and 184th streets, and stating that the same would not materially affect the substance of the contract as far as relates to the character of the work to be done, nor alter the size and general form of the sewer, nor materially increase the price to be paid.

Filed.

*Webster avenue sewer—Meeting of tax-payers.*

From the Secretary of the Tax-payers' Association of the 24th Ward, requesting the attendance of the Commissioners of this Department at a meeting of said Association, to be held on 30th inst., for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of the delay in the construction of the Webster avenue sewer.

Filed.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT, 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.

Baynes' Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music at Battery Park, September 17, and at Paradise Park, Sept. 16. Music .....		\$275 00
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park, September 18 and 19.....Music .....		455 00
Conterno, Luciano, music at Tompkins Square, September 14 and 21.....Music .....		340 00
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements. . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans . . . . .	\$13 06
	Surveying, Laying- out, etc .....	64 15
		<hr/> 77 21
Eben, Felix I., music at East River Park, September 15 and 22.....Music .....		335 00
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## RECAPITULATION.

Music .....	\$1,405 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	13 06
Surveying, Laying-out, etc .....	64 15
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty-one cents.

NEW YORK, September 25, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT, the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

**Executive Session.**

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 11.20 A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

**Fitzgerald, Gen.**—Application denied.

The application of Brigadier-General Fitzgerald for permission to use the Central Park for a review of the First Brigade, N. G. S. N. Y., was called up and considered, whereupon Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Whereas*, Application has been made by Brigadier-General Louis Fitzgerald, N. G. S. N. Y., for leave to hold a review of the First Brigade by his Excellency the Governor of the State in the Central Park, and

*Whereas*, This Board, while sensible of the importance to the National Guard of such reviews, and feeling desirous of extending such facilities for that purpose as their official duty may permit, is yet of the opinion that to grant the application would be a departure from the long-established policy of this Department, and form a dangerous precedent for reviews, evolutions and processions of a military or civic character in the park, inconsistent with the purposes for which it has been established.

*Resolved*, That the application be and the same hereby is respectfully denied.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

The following communications were received :

**Sewer Inspectors**—Eligible list.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, inclosing a list of eligible applicants for appointment as Inspectors of Sewers.

Filed.

**Riverside Improvement.**

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting in relation to the improvement of Riverside Drive, and recommending an

increase of the force in order to accomplish the proposed work during the present season.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, be respectfully requested to give its consent to the expenditure, by this Department, of the balance to the credit of the appropriation made for the improvement, etc., of Riverside Park and Avenue, for the year 1886, for construction work other than a retaining wall.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Transfer of appropriation asked.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is respectfully requested to transfer the sum of eight thousand dollars from the unexpended balance of the appropriation entitled "Sewers and Drains—23d and 24th Wards," 1886, for which it will not be required, to the appropriation entitled "Maintenance—23d and 24th Wards," which is insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Transfer of appropriation asked.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is respectfully requested to transfer from the appropriation entitled "Cromwell's Creek Bridges," etc., 1886, for which it will not be required, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, to the appropriation entitled "Harlem River Bridges," which is insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

**Suspensions.**

The PRESIDENT stated that on account of the shortness of the appropriation for maintenance, etc., of the 23d and 24th Wards, he had ordered the suspension of 2 Skilled Laborers, 61 Laborers, 6 double teams, 4 horses and carts, 1 Mason, and 5 Rockmen. Also, that he had suspended Thomas Green, a Laborer under the Superintendent of Parks, for neglect of duty.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Adjourned.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 12.20 P. M., the Executive Session arose, and Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1886.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

Proposals.

At the hour of eleven o'clock Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the following works :



*Table of Bids for Flagging the Sidewalks a space four feet wide and Setting Curbstones and Laying Gutter Stones, in Forest (formerly Concord) Avenue, between Westchester Avenue and House Street.*

ITEMS. (Security \$9,000.)	QUANTITIES.	1		2		3		4		5	
		JOHN B. DEVLIN.		G. F. MASTERSON.		J. W. PHELAN.		P. V. MURRAY.		D. W. MORAN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Linear feet of new curb-stone furnished and set.....	7,860	\$0 89	\$6,995 40	\$0 49	\$3,851 40	\$0 58	\$4,558 80	\$0 56	\$4,401 60	\$0 59	\$4,637 40
2. Linear feet of new gutter-stone furnished and laid.....	7,980	20	1,586 00	19½	1,546 35	21	1,665 30	21	1,665 00	20	1,586 00
3. Square feet of new flagging furnished and laid.....	30,000	25	7,500 00	23	6,900 00	21	6,300 00	25	7,500 00	26	7,800 00
4. Time for completion, at \$8 per day.....	.....	Days. 100	300 00	Days. 55	165 00	No time.	.....	Days. 90	270 00	Days. 70	210 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$16,881 40	.....	\$12,462 75	.....	\$12,524 10	.....	\$13,836 90	.....	\$14,233 40

*Table of Bids for Paving with Granite-block Pavement the Roadway of East 150th Street, from Mott Avenue to Walton Avenue, and laying Crosswalks at the terminating Avenues.*

ITEMS. Security, \$1,500.	QUANTITIES.	1		2	
		GEO. F. DOAK.		J. B. DEVLIN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Square yards of new granite-block pavement . . . . .	885	\$3 25	\$2,876 25	\$3 15	\$2,787 75
2. Square feet of new bridge-stone for crosswalks . . . . .	200	65 Days.	130 00	65 Days.	130 00
3. Time for completion at \$3.50 per day . . . . .	.....	40	140 00	40	140 00
Totals . . . . .	...	...	\$3,146 25	.....	\$3,057 75

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

**Audtt.**

The President from the Auditing Committee presented the following reports :

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 :

Lynch, E. N., Estimate No. 2. ....	Regulating, etc., E. 149th St., from 3d Ave to So. Boulevard..	<u>\$7,903 35</u>
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**RECAPITULATION.**

Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885. ....	<u>\$7,903 35</u>
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Amounting to the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and three dollars and thirty-five cents.

NEW YORK, September 29, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

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 :

O'Grady, W. J., Estimate No. 1. ....	Regulating, etc., 164th street, from Boston ave. to Trinity avenue .....	<u>\$1,074 50</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885..... \$1,074 50

Amounting to the sum of one thousand and seventy-four dollars and fifty cents.

NEW YORK, September 29, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Topographical Engineer—Report on Estimate for 1887.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, a communication received from the Topographical Engineer respecting the Departmental Estimate for the year 1887 was ordered printed as a Document of the Board, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

(See Document No. 106.)

150th street—Contract for paving.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for paving East 150th street, from Mott avenue to Walton avenue, and laying crosswalks at the terminating avenues, be awarded to John B. Devlin at \$3,057.75, he being the lowest bidder ; that the proposal of Mr. Devlin be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department and appoint an Inspector on the work when required.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Forest avenue - Contract for flagging.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contract for flagging the sidewalks and setting curb and gutter stones in Forest avenue, between Westchester avenue and Home street, be awarded to George F. Masterson at \$12,462.75, he being the lowest bidder; that the proposal of Mr. Masterson be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department, and appoint an Inspector on the work when required.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

O'Shaughnessy, John—Appointed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John O'Shaughnessy be and he hereby is appointed as Laborer under the Captain of Police at \$2.25 a day.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12 o'clock, the Board went into Executive Session.

Adjournment to fixed date.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Saturday next, 2d proximo, at eleven A. M., for the consideration of the Departmental Estimate for the year 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

A report was received from the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated charges against certain members of the Police force, and disposed of the same as follows :

Duane, M. J.—Fined.

Micheal J. Duane—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Slavin, M. H.—Fined.

Michael H. Slavin—Absent from duty without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

On motion, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Price, Allen—Dismissed.

A report was received from the Committee on Police in the case of Officer Allen Price charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, recommending that he be dismissed from the force.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 12.10 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**DOCUMENT No. 106.**

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**BOARD**

**OF THE**

**Department of Public Parks.**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 1886.**

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On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, a communication received from the Topographical Engineer, respecting the Departmental Estimate for the year 1887, was ordered printed as a Document of the Board.

**CHARLES DE F. BURNS,**  
*Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
OFFICE OF THE TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEER, }  
NEW YORK, September 15, 1886.

*Mr.* CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary Department of Public Parks :*

SIR—In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 4th inst., I have the honor to send herewith estimates of the amount of money that will be required to carry on the works under my charge, during the year 1887, and to furnish the following in explanation of the items and of the amounts asked for :

The work embraces the upper end of the 12th Ward, north of 155th street, and the whole of the 23d and 24th Wards, comprising 14,292 acres, or about  $57\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the entire city.

The appropriations are under the two heads, viz. :

I. Surveying, Laying-out and Monumenting and Preparing Tax Maps of the 23d and 24th Wards.

II. Surveys, Maps and Plans.

Considering the work separately under these two heads we have first—

*Surveying.*

1st. Surveys have to be made in connection with the work of monumenting, for the purpose of establishing monument points and determining their relative positions, distances between them, etc.



2d. Surveys have also to be made in connection with the work of preparing and completing the tax maps, for which location surveys are required of all property and lot lines, existing streets, roads, etc., and of all land-marks showing old farm lines and original sub-divisions of land, when this needed information is not shown on the contract and other maps in possession of the Department.

*Laying-out.*

This work is classed under three heads, as follows :

1st. Making maps showing streets, roads, etc., proposed to be laid out.

The Department of Public Parks is authorized and empowered to amend maps, plans and profiles, and lay out, alter and discontinue certain streets, avenues, roads, squares, public parks and places within several specified bounds, in accordance with the provisions of the following special acts, viz. :

*First*—Chap. 496, Laws of 1885, “An act to define, lay out and establish the boundaries and lines of Riverside Park and 12th avenue, between 79th and 129th streets, and to open 12th avenue and acquire title to the additional lands required for Riverside Park, as established by said act,” provides that all maps and profiles required in said proceedings shall be furnished by this Department, upon the request of the Counsel to the Corporation or the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed in such proceedings.

*Second*—Chap. 365, Laws of 1886, provides for altering and amending the map filed February 21, 1879, by striking therefrom that part of Morris avenue which lies between 162d street and Overlook avenue ; and that part of 165th street between Winfield place and Sheridan avenue ; and to alter and revise the plan of the streets and avenues in the 23d Ward between Railroad avenue, west, Webster avenue and

Sheridan avenue, and 162d and 167th streets and Overlook avenue, and to file copies of said revised plan according to law.

*Third*—Chap. 389, Laws of 1886, authorizes the Commissioners of this Department to close that portion of Bergen or "Retreat" avenue lying between 147th and 148th streets, in the 23d Ward, and to take from file so much of the map of said ward as to conform to the provisions of this act.

*Fourth*—Chap. 407, Laws of 1886, authorizes this Department to alter, change, widen, straighten, extend, enlarge, diminish or discontinue any street, road, avenue, park or public place which lies within that portion of the 23d and 24th Wards bounded by the Harlem river on the west; by Marcher, Claremont and Jerome avenues on the east; by a line drawn parallel to the northerly line of Depot place and 2,560 feet therefrom, and extending from Featherbed lane to the said river on the north, and by Union street and its prolongation to Jerome avenue and Wolf street on the south, on the application, in writing, of the owner or owners of a majority of the land fronting on the part of any street, avenue, park or public place within said area which he or they desire to have altered, and to file copies, according to law, of the map showing the alterations made, and showing also all the streets, roads, avenues, squares, public places and parks within the area above described, in pursuance of this act.

*Fifth*—Chap. 662, Laws of 1886, an act to discontinue that portion of Legget avenue lying between Trinity and Prospect avenues, in the 23d Ward, authorizes this Department to alter and amend the courses, windings, directions, widths, grades and designations of that portion of the said Legget avenue lying between Prospect avenue and Dawson street, and of the several avenues, streets, roads and public places at their intersections with that portion of the said "Legget avenue" which is discontinued by this act, and to make and to file, according to law, an amended map showing such alterations.

*Sixth*—Chap. 664, Laws of 1886, authorizes this Department to take from file certain maps showing streets and avenues in the 23d Ward, to change and establish streets and avenues, and the lines and grades thereof, and prepare and file a new map or maps showing such change in the streets and avenues, and in the lines and grades of streets and avenues, between St. Ann's and Trinity avenues and 138th and St. Mary's streets, as the Commissioners of this Department, or a majority of them, may deem proper.

*Seventh*—Chap. 670, Laws of 1886, authorizes this Department to take from file certain maps showing streets and avenues in the 23d Ward, and to prepare and file a new map of such portion thereof as may be necessary, in order to show on said new map the discontinuance of that portion of College avenue lying between the west side of North 3d avenue and the south side of 165th street.

*Eighth*—Chap. 675, Laws of 1886, empowers this Department to alter and amend the lines of the Bronx river road at its intersection with Eastchester street, and authorizes it to take from file a certain map, and to prepare and file a new map, showing thereon the said Bronx river road reduced in width as provided by this act.

*Ninth*—Chap. 681, Laws of 1886, empowers this Department, within four months after the passage of this act (June 15), to take from file all and any maps or plans and profiles hitherto prepared and filed by said Department, locating and laying out streets, avenues, roads, public squares and places and improvements in the 23d Ward, between Westchester avenue and 165th street, Melrose avenue and St. Ann's and 3d avenues, and to alter and amend said map or maps or plans and profiles by laying out, altering, amending and changing the grade of any of said streets, avenues, roads, public squares, and places embraced within said bounds, in such manner and to such extent as may best subserve and promote the public interests.

Whenever the said alterations and amendments of said map or maps and plans within said bounds shall be finally determined as aforesaid, this Department shall immediately cause said amended map or maps or plans and profiles showing such alterations and amendments to be made, certified and filed according to law. All acts and parts of acts giving power to the Department of Public Parks to survey, monument, locate, grade and lay out, and to acquire title to lands for streets, avenues, parks, public squares and places and improvements within said bounds, and all appropriations at their disposal for such purposes are hereby made applicable to the streets, avenues, roads, public squares and places, and all improvements located and laid out within the bounds aforesaid pursuant to this act.

In each of the foregoing cases 5 copies of the map have to be made—1 for adoption, 3 for filing, and 1 as a retained copy for the use of this office.

This Department has also to prepare the maps that are required by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement in laying out new streets, avenues, etc., and in extending, altering, etc., the streets, roads, avenues, parks, etc., heretofore laid out by this Department, in the north end of the 12th Ward and in the 23d and 24th Wards.

In such cases 7 copies of the maps have to be made—1 copy for adoption, 5 for filing and 1 retained copy.

2d. Making maps, plans, and profiles, showing grades to be established.

The establishing of the grades of the streets, avenues, roads, etc., heretofore laid out, is a very important matter, and much attention will have to be given to it in order to satisfy the numerous and urgent demands of property-owners who wish to have grades established in proximity to property which they desire to build upon or otherwise have improved.

The plans and profiles called "Grade and Monument Maps," showing the dimensions and angles, as well as the grades of the streets, have to be filed before the "Rule Maps" can properly be prepared for the use of the Corporation Counsel in taking proceedings for opening of the streets, avenues, etc.

7 copies have to be made—1 for adoption, 5 for filing, and 1 to be retained for the use of this office.

3d. Devising and preparing plans for sewerage districts in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Plans for several new sewerage districts have been asked for, some of which are now under way, notably for West Morrisania, High Bridge, Cromwell's Creek, part of Mill Brook, West Farms, Fordham and Bound Brook, the completion of which is an urgent necessity, as no sewers can be legally built until a plan of sewerage has first been devised, prepared and filed.

7 copies of each plan have to be made—1 for adoption, 5 for filing and 1 to be retained for office use.

The appropriation needed for Laying-out, under the foregoing three heads, is :

For 1 Assistant Engineer.....	\$1,500 00
“ 2 Draughtsmen, at \$1,200 each.....	2,400 00
“ materials, supplies, etc.....	100 00
“Laying-out”—total.....	<u>\$4,000 00</u>

#### *Monumenting.*

The object of this work is to define, on the ground, by stones or bolts, the lines of the streets and their intersections as laid down on the maps.

The following is a synopsis of the method pursued in carrying on this work :

The first step is to refer the positions of the monuments to previously fixed points, called "traverse stations." A general map of the locality to be monumented is prepared in this office to serve as "instructions" to the surveyor in establishing the monument points on the ground. This map shows the main topographical features as obtained from the original topographical surveys, a plan of the street system as laid down on the filed maps, and designating approximate and desirable positions for traverse stations.

A preliminary survey is then made for the purpose of establishing the traverse stations on the ground in accordance with the instructions.

The "stations" are numbered, and connected by "traverse lines," which are measured to the 1,000th of a foot, and angles to the 10th of a second. Any topographical features, such as fences, buildings, walls, etc., which are likely to affect the final location of street lines, are located from the traverse lines for office use. Upon the completion of the preliminary surveys, the field notes are sent to this office, where the traverses are examined, and closed by the usual method of latitudes and departures, and the exact relative positions, or co-ordinates, of the stations and the balanced bearings of the traverse lines are calculated.

The stations and field notes are then accurately plotted on "working sheets," which are the foundation maps for all future work.

The street system is established by jointly considering the filed maps, the topography of the surface and existing landmarks, due attention being paid to the gradients and to the avoidance of any unnecessary encroachment on private property. The street lines and bearings having been determined, the co-ordinates of the monument points are then calculated for all tangent points and street intersections. The block dimensions are next calculated from the established co-ordinates of the monument points, and the results of all the cal-

culations are plotted to a scale of 80 feet to an inch, on the working sheets, together with street lines, names, widths, block angles and dimensions, block numbers, and the positions or locations of the several monuments with their proper designations.

The relative positions of stations and monument points are then calculated, and from the results diagrams, or "monument instructions," are prepared for the surveyor, who proceeds to set the monument points, according to the instructions, by means of stakes, to mark the exact spot to be occupied by the future monument, stone or bolt. A tracing or diagram is prepared, showing the positions of the monument points as marked by the stakes, for the use of the monumenting party which sets the stones or bolts in place of the stakes. The positions of the monument stones after they are set in the ground require to be "tested" by a direct survey, in order to be assured of their accuracy. A complete record is kept of all monumenting work and monument tests.

The work of monumenting is of primary importance, and should be completed as soon as possible. To carry it on properly the following force will be required, viz. :

Two Field Parties, of four members each, viz. : 1 Assistant Engineer in charge, 1 Assistant and 2 Axemen.

One Monumenting Party, to set the monument stones, to consist of two (2) Laborers under the charge of an Assistant, or Skilled Laborer; and of a corresponding office force, to consist of 1 Assistant Engineer, 1 Assistant Engineer and Computer, 1 Computer and 1 Draughtsman; for which the following appropriation will be needed, viz. :

For salaries and wages.....	\$14,400 00
For 600 monument stones, lettered, etc., at \$3 each	1,800 00
For traveling expenses, stakes, supplies, repairs, etc. ....	1,100 00
" Monumenting"—total.....	<u>\$17,300 00</u>

*Tax Maps.*

The work of making and completing the Tax Maps of the 23d and 24th Wards for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, as required by section 679, chapter 410, of the Laws of 1882, consists in making location surveys, from the monuments which have been set to define the new streets, of all property and lot lines, existing streets, roads, avenues, etc., and of all landmarks showing old farm lines and original subdivisions of land, where this information is not given on the maps in possession of this Department; making searches in the Register's office at White Plains, of conveyances recorded prior to 1874, and in the real estate records which have been tabulated and kept in this office since 1874, in order to obtain the subdivisions of property according to recorded deeds.

In connection with the searches, copies are made of all maps filed in the Register's office both at White Plains and in the City of New York, according to which property has been conveyed. Examinations and comparisons are made of searches and surveys and property maps. The necessary calculations are then made to establish the relation existing between streets in use or laid out on property maps, and the streets, avenues, roads, etc., laid out and monumented by this Department. The necessary calculations are also made to determine the position and dimensions of property and lot lines and the area of each separate plot, as in possession, and also as "included within the lines of streets, roads, public squares and places shown and laid out upon any map or maps filed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks," in accordance with the provisions of section 672 of the Laws of 1882, chap. 410, as amended by chap. 530 of the Laws of 1885.

The results of the comparisons and calculations are recorded on working pages, which are prepared as the work progresses.



After the working pages are completed, final copies of them are made showing the old and new street names, streets in use, and also proposed streets, lot and block numbers, lot and block dimensions and areas.

The Tax Maps or pages are forwarded to the Department of Taxes and Assessments, bound in volumes, each volume consisting of a title-page, or page showing the position of the volume in the Ward and the filed property map, with the dates of filing embraced by the particular volume; of an index-page, explanatory of the map pages; and of an average of 21 map pages.

The Tax Maps, when completed, will comprise some 24 volumes—9 for the 23d, and about 15 for the 24th Ward. Of these, 12 volumes have been made and transmitted to the Tax Department: 9 for the 23d Ward, which completes the series for that ward, and 3 for the 24th Ward.

Volumes 2 and 6, for the 24th Ward, are now in progress of completion. The completed volumes embrace the more thickly settled and the most subdivided portions of the two wards. The remaining volumes of the 24th Ward will comprise mainly farm lands and large estates, and will therefore be completed more rapidly than those already delivered.

The Tax Maps of the 23d and 24th Wards are required, in accordance with the directions received from the Tax Department, to show much more information than is to be found on the tax maps formerly made for the older wards. In addition to the lineal dimensions, there have now to be given the exact shape and area of each plot or parcel of land, as in possession, and also as included within the lines of the streets, avenues, roads, etc., shown and laid out on the filed maps, as required by chapter 530, Laws of 1885.

Besides the searches for Tax Maps, hereinbefore referred to, searches and examinations of the records, minutes, papers, etc., of the former towns of Morrisania and West Farms, are constantly required to be made relative to the *title* for the

use of the public to streets, roads, avenues, etc., laid out in those towns prior to annexation.

It is very important that the remaining volumes of the Tax Maps of the 24th Ward be completed as speedily as possible. The force required to carry the work on properly is as follows :

1 Field Party, to consist of 1 Assistant Engineer in charge ; 1 Assistant and 2 Axemen ; 1 Searcher ; and of an office force of 2 Assistant Engineers, 3 Computers and 2 Draughtsmen, for which an appropriation will be needed, as follows :

For salaries and wages.....	\$13,600 00
For traveling expenses, binding and lettering Tax Maps, etc.....	300 00
<b>Tax Maps—total..</b>	<u><u>\$13,900 00</u></u>

RECAPITULATION.

For Laying-out .....	\$4,000 00
For Monumenting. ....	17,300 00
For Tax Maps.....	13,900 00

I. For "Surveying, Laying-out and Monumenting," and Tax Maps.....	<u><u>\$35,200 00</u></u>
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II.—SURVEYS, MAPS AND PLANS—23D AND 24TH WARDS.

The work under this head consists of :

1st. Making rule maps, in triplicate, for the use of the Counsel to the Corporation, and furnishing him with a technical description of the lands to be taken by the City, in proceedings to acquire title to streets, avenues, roads, parks, public places, etc., and to acquire the right of way for drains to be constructed as directed by the Board of Health.

2d. Making surveys and maps required by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed in proceedings to acquire title to streets, avenues, roads, public parks and places, and the right of way for drains.

The first map required by such Commissioners is the "Damage Map," showing the lands, tenements, etc., to be taken in the proceeding; the second map is the "Benefit Map," and shows the lands, etc., to be assessed.

This Department has also to make the surveys and maps required in proceedings to acquire title for the use of the public to lands required for public parks and places in the 12th Ward, north of 155th street.

Proceedings are now pending to acquire title to the following streets, avenues, etc., or portions of them, viz.:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Welch street.             | 26. Sedgwick avenue.        |
| 2. Railroad avenue, East.    | 27. East 184th street.      |
| 3. Bailey avenue (1st).      | 28. East 170th street.      |
| 4. Webster avenue.           | 29. Lind avenue.            |
| 5. Bungay street.            | 30. East 154th street.      |
| 6. East 162d street.         | 31. East 151st street.      |
| 7. East 169th street (1st).  | 32. East 150th street.      |
| 8. East 149th street.        | 33. East 148th street.      |
| 9. Prospect avenue.          | 34. East 160th street.      |
| 10. Wales avenue.            | 35. East 143d street.       |
| 11. Kelly street.            | 36. East 146th street.      |
| 12. Tinton avenue.           | 37. East 145th street.      |
| 13. Burnside avenue.         | 38. East 142d street.       |
| 14. Tremont avenue.          | 39. Wolf street.            |
| 15. Lincoln avenue.          | 40. Courtland avenue.       |
| 16. Gerard avenue.           | 41. Brown place.            |
| 17. East 147th street (1st). | 42. East 139th street.      |
| 18. Juliet street.           | 43. East 147th street (2d). |
| 19. "Tiffany Park."          | 44. East 158th street.      |
| 20. Bailey avenue (2d).      | 45. Elton avenue.           |
| 21. 3d avenue.               | 46. East 137th street.      |
| 22. East 157th street.       | 47. Bergen avenue.          |
| 23. Riverside Park.          | 48. East 140th street.      |
| 24. 12th avenue.             | 49. East 169th street (2d). |
| 25. Rider avenue.            |                             |

Petitions have been presented for opening of

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| 1. Cromwell avenue. | 5. Devoe street.                                   |
| 2. Endrow place.    | 6. Brook avenue.                                   |
| 3. Bremer avenue.   | 7. Five streets in the Spuyten<br>Duyvil District. |
| 4. Birch street.    |  |

The opening of the following streets has been asked for in order that urgent public improvements may be proceeded with :

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| 1. East 152d street.   | 20. Lincoln avenue (2d). |
| 2. East 153d street.   | 21. Rose street.         |
| 3. East 155th street.  | 22. Teasdale place.      |
| 4. East 157th street.  | 23. Wendover avenue.     |
| 5. East 159th street.  | 24. East 134th street.   |
| 6. East 162d street.   | 25. East 135th street.   |
| 7. East 164th street.  | 26. East 136th street.   |
| 8. East 168th street.  | 27. East 141st street.   |
| 9. East 171st street.  | 28. East 144th street.   |
| 10. East 172d street.  | 29. East 156th street.   |
| 11. East 173d street.  | 30. East 163d street.    |
| 12. East 174th street. | 31. East 165th street.   |
| 13. East 176th street. | 32. East 167th street.   |
| 14. Alexander avenue.  | 33. East 175th street.   |
| 15. Birch street.      | 34. Franklin avenue.     |
| 16. Brookline street.  | 35. 3d avenue (2d).      |
| 17. Claremont avenue.  | 36. Walton avenue.       |
| 18. College avenue.    | 37. Willis avenue.       |
| 19. Grove street.      |                          |

Proceedings have been ordered to be taken to acquire the right of way for the following drains :

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| 1. Woodstock.  | 4. East Morrisania. |
| 2. West Farms. | 5. Bound Brook.     |
| 3. Highbridge. |                     |

In addition to the foregoing work, maps, plans, sketches, diagrams, tracings, copies, etc., are called for on various occasions, as for reports, for studies, for elucidations, etc.

The work in connection with street-opening and drainage proceedings is of very great importance, and is rapidly increasing, as will be seen by the foregoing lists of proceedings. In order to furnish the great number of maps required without unnecessary delay, and to carry on the work properly, the following force will be required, viz. : Two Field Parties on Damage Map Surveys and testing monuments, each to consist of 1 Assistant Engineer, in charge, and of 2 Axemen; and of an office force of 2 Assistant Engineers, 1 Computer and 3 Draughtsmen, for which the following appropriation will be needed :

For salaries and wages.....	\$15,000 00
For traveling expenses, supplies, repairs, etc. . . . .	1,300 00
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II. "Surveys, Maps and Plans"—total.....	\$16,300 00
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#### RECAPITULATION OF ESTIMATES FOR FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

I. For "Surveying, Laying-out and Monumenting," and Tax Maps.....	\$35,200 00
II. For "Surveys, Maps and Plans".....	16,300 00
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Amount.....	\$51,500 00
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Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CHALFIN,  
*Topog. Engr. Dept. Pub. Parks.*

1886.

Surveying, Laying-out, etc.—

Dept. Estimate .....	\$30,000 00
Appropriation .....	15,000 00

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Surveys, Maps and Plans—

Dept. Estimate .....	\$22,600 00
Appropriation .....	22,600 00

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Estimate of the amount of money that will be required to carry on the works under charge of this office, for the year 1887:

- I. For "Surveying, Laying-out and Monumenting" the north end of the 12th Ward, and the 23d and 24th Wards, and for "making and completing" maps 23d and 24th Wards, "for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments" ..... \$35,200
  
  - II. For making "Surveys, Maps and Plans," required in proceedings for acquiring title for the use of the public to lands required for streets, avenues and roads, public squares and places, and the right of way for drains in the 23d and 24th Wards, and for public parks or places in the 12th Ward, north of 155th street ..... 16,300
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- Total amount required..... \$51,500
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Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CHALFIN,  
*Topog. Eng'r. D. P. P.*

OFFICE OF TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEER, }  
 DEPT. PUBLIC PARKS, }  
 September 15, 1886. }

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
 OFFICE OF ENGINEER OF CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS  
 AND SEWERS, 23D AND 24TH WARDS. }  
 NEW YORK, Sept. 20, 1886. }

CHAS. DE F. BURNS, ESQ.,  
*Secretary D. P. P. :*

SIR—In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of September 4, 1886, I report that the amount of money necessary to carry on the works (chargeable to appropriations) under my charge during the year 1887, is as follows :

For making preliminary surveys and plans for projected sewers, drains and other improvements in the 23d and 24th Wards, including rent of office for Engineers, and for making maps for acquiring right of way for building drains, \$7,000, as the proportion of the appropriation for Surveys, Maps and Plans, specially applicable to this office.

The amount of last year was \$6,000, and the increase is in view of the greater amount of work, consequent upon the opening of new streets, for which proceedings are pending.

Respectfully,

C. H. MYERS,  
*Engineer of Construction in Charge  
 of Streets and Sewers, 23d and 24th Wards.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1886.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,

“ BORDEN.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Board went into Executive Session.

Departmental Estimate.

The Board then proceeded to the consideration of the Departmental Estimate for the year 1887.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the item “Salaries” be fixed at \$40,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the item “Police” be fixed at \$226,472.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.



Commissioner BORDEN moved that the item "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, Construction and Repairs" be fixed at \$350,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the item "Zoological Department" be fixed at \$60,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the item "Maintenance of Museums" be fixed at \$30,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the item "Music—Central and City Parks, and for Construction, Repairs and Alterations to Music Stands," be fixed at \$19,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the item "Harlem River Bridges" be fixed at \$40,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the item "Riverside Park and Avenue" be fixed at \$50,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the item "Telephonic Service" be fixed at \$3,650.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the item "Maintenance—23d and 24th Wards," be fixed at \$120,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the item "Bronx River Bridges" be fixed at \$2,500.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the item "Sewers and Drains" be fixed at \$15,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the item "Incumbrances" be fixed at \$1,500.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the item "Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps" be fixed at \$35,200.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BEEKMAN moved that the item "Surveys, Maps and Plans" be fixed at \$22,600.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the item "Rents and Repairs" be fixed at \$8,500.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the item "Jeanette Park" be fixed at \$5,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the item "Sprinkling—23d and 24th Wards," be fixed at \$4,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the item "Cromwell's Creek Bridges and Bridges other than those of Harlem and Bronx Rivers," be fixed at \$5,000.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

The items as agreed upon were then read, as follows :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1887.

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 Janitors, Attendants, Skilled Laborers acting as Messengers, Rodmen, Chainmen and Axemen, Draughtsmen, Steam Engineers, Mechanics, Gardeners, Carts, Teams, and Laboring Force and 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., 23d and 24th Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer in charge of Public Places, Roads, Avenues, and Bridges, 23d and 24th Wards :

President . . . . . \$5,000 00

Superintendent, Engineers, Architects,  
Clerks, etc. . . . . 35,000 00

————— \$40,000 00

Police—Salaries of Captains, Surgeons, Sergeants, Roundsmen, Patrolmen, Special Keepers, and Police Tailors, and for Purchase of Uniforms and Supplies, including two sub-stations. . . . .

226,472 00

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, Construction and Repairs—For all supplies, excepting those for which specific appropriations are made, and wages of all persons employed on the works of maintenance, excepting those employed in the Zoological Department, and including the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory	\$350,000 00
Zoological Department—For the increase and the keeping, preservation, additions to, and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, including repairs to buildings used for that purpose	60,000 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 and for construction, repairs and alterations to music stands	19,000 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance	40,000 00
Riverside Park and Avenue, for the Improvement and Maintenance of	50,000 00
Telephonic Service—For erecting and maintaining Telephonic Service for the Department	3,650 00
Maintenance—23d and 24th Wards :	
Maintenance and Government of Public Parks, Places, Streets, Roads and Avenues, 23d and 24th Wards, including supplies, salary of Superintendent, and wages of all persons employed on the work	120,000 00

Bronx River Bridges—For the Repairing and Maintenance of Bridges over the Bronx River, within the city limits. . . . .	\$2,500 00
Sewers and Drains—23d and 24th Wards—For the rebuilding, cleaning and repairing of sewers and drains, and for the construction of temporary drains, as ordered by the Health Department, in the 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	15,000 00
Incumbrances—23d and 24th Wards, removal of . . . . .	1,500 00
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps—23d and 24th Wards—For Surveying, Laying-out, and Monumenting 23d and 24th Wards and the northerly end of Manhattan Island, north of the south side of 155th street, including salaries and wages of all persons employed on the work, and for making and completing maps, 23d and 24th Wards, for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments	35,200 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans—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 of projected sewers, drains and other improvements, including rent of offices for engineers; and for making maps for acquiring right of way for building drains	22,600 00
Rents and Repairs—Department of Public Parks—To pay Rents and make Repairs 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. . . . .	8,500 00

Jeannette Park—For improving the Park at Coenties Slip, known as Jeannette Park . . . . .	\$5,000 00
Sprinkling—23d and 24th Wards—For sprinkling main thoroughfares in 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	4,000 00
Cromwell's Creek Bridges and Bridges other than those of Harlem River and Bronx River. . . . .	5,000 00
Total. . . . .	\$1,038,422 00

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing estimate be and the same hereby is adopted as the Departmental Estimate for the year 1887, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and a copy thereof to the Board of Aldermen.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 2 P. M. the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1886.**

STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.  
“ CRIMMINS.  
“ POWERS.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the reading of the minutes of previous meetings was dispensed with.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen transmitting copies of the following ordinances :

Rider avenue—Ordinance to grade.

1st. To regulate, grade, etc., Rider avenue, from 135th street to 136th street.

172d street—Ordinance to grade.

2d. To regulate, grade, etc., 172d street, from Bathgate avenue to Washington avenue.

139th street—Ordinance to pave.

3d. To pave 139th street, from 3d avenue to Willis avenue, with trap blocks.

140th street—Ordinance to pave.

4th. To pave 140th street, from 3d avenue to Willis avenue, with trap-blocks.



Vanderbilt and Webster avenues—Obstructions.

5th. Directing the removal of obstructions from the intersections of Vanderbilt and Webster avenues and 169th street.

Filed.

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

Animals—Authority to purchase.

*Resolved*, That the request contained in the communication of the Department of Public Parks under date of July 15, 1886, to use the appropriation made to the Zoological Department for 1886, for the purchase of animals other than a rhinoceros, be and is hereby granted.

Office furniture—Authority to purchase.

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Parks be and is hereby authorized to apply and expend the sum of thirteen hundred and seventy-three dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$1,373.68), for the furnishing of its new offices in Chambers street, from the appropriation entitled "Rents and Repairs, Department of Public Parks; to pay rents and make repairs 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," which is in excess of the amount required for the purpose.

Filed.

Armstrong, J. D., and others—Streets at Bedford Park.

From J. D. Armstrong, Thomas Dunne and others, expressing thanks to the Department for the good condition of streets and avenues in the vicinity of Bedford Park.

Filed.

Eagle avenue—Petition to repair.

From John McCarthy, S. F. Ferguson and others, asking that Eagle avenue, between Westchester avenue and 149th street, be repaired.

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

Bergen avenue—Protest against closing.

From Anton Hauswald, William Gerhardt and others, protesting against the proposed closing of Bergen (or Retreat) avenue, between 147th and 148th streets.

Filed.

Coogan, J. J.—Alteration of Central Bridge.

From James J. Coogan, asking that certain alterations be made in the middle span of Central Bridge, in order to allow free use of street passing under the same.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

Bailey avenue—Construction by property-owners.

From N. P. Bailey and Samuel L. M. Barlow, asking permission to construct Bailey avenue, from Sedgwick avenue to Kingsbridge road, at their own expense.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Whereas*, Nathaniel P. Bailey and Samuel L. M. Barlow, property-holders in the 24th Ward of the City of New York, have petitioned that they themselves may do the work of opening the proposed extension to Bailey avenue, in said city, between Sedgwick avenue and the Kingsbridge road, in the said 24th 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 Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in 23d and 24th Wards. It shall conform strictly to the grades and lines heretofore established for said portion of Bailey avenue, in accordance with law.

II.—The amount of "surveyor's fees," namely, ten cents per lineal foot for 3,000 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 Sedgwick avenue.

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 \$2,000.

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.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

166th Street Sewer—Overtime on contract.

From William J. O'Grady, asking that no penalty be charged against him for overtime on his contract for constructing sewer in 166th street, between Washington and Third avenues, on account of delays, etc.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards for report.

Bacon, R. S.—To erect bay-windows.

From Richard S. Bacon, asking permission to erect two bay-windows and a tower on a building at the corner of Riverside Drive and 104th street.

Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the powers and duties of the Department in the matter.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical Engineer :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Receiving-basins—Plan showing location.

2d. Submitting a plan showing the locations of receiving-basins at the northwest corner of East 135th street and 3d avenue, and at the northeast and southeast corners of East 169th street and Washington avenue, in the 23d Ward, which had been prepared to supply omissions on maps or plans of drainage heretofore filed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the map or plan entitled "Plan Showing Locations of Receiving-basins at northwest corner of East 135th street and 3d avenue, and at the northeast and southeast corners of East 169th street and Washington avenue, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York," dated New York, September 27, 1886, and signed S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P., be and the same is hereby adopted, and that the President of this Board be and he is hereby author-

ized and directed to cause to be prepared five copies of said map, to be certified and filed, as required by law.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Engineer of Construction.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Harlem river bridges—Report on.

1st. Reporting upon the condition of the bridges over the Harlem river.

Filed.

Construction work—Report on.

2d. Reporting upon the progress of the construction works on the Central and City Parks.

Filed.

Superintendent of Parks—Treatment of lawns.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting in relation to the proposed treatment of the lawns of the Central and City Parks during the coming year.

Filed.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Works in progress.

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Filed.

Tuck, Matthew—Arrest of.

From the Captain of Police, forwarding a report of Park-keeper James F. Flynn in relation to the arrest of Sergeant Matthew Tuck of the 28th Precinct Station, in Mt. Morris Park, on the evening of the 2d inst.

Filed.

135th Street Sewer—Plan amended.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plan and specifications of the sewer in 135th street, from the summit east of Willis avenue to the centre line of Brown place, heretofore approved by this Board on September 1, 1886, be amended so that the title will read, "*sewer and appurtenances in 135th street, from the summit east of Willis avenue to the easterly line of Brown place,*" the change having been rendered necessary by the shortening of the sewer now building under permit by property-owners, with which the sewer under consideration will connect, and the additional portion of the street over which the public sewer is to extend having been ceded to the city, subsequent to the making and approval of the plan requiring the amendment described.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT, 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 :

Abeel Bros., iron.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$27 99	
	Sewers and Drains	5 92	
		<hr/>	\$33 91
Baird, M. & J., Belgian pavement culls.	Labor, Maint., etc.		40 00
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., dusters, etc....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$6 50	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	1 90	
		<hr/>	8 40
Bowes & Coombs, mould.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		175 00
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		855 22
Baynes' 69th Regt. Band, music at Battery Park, Sept. 24.....	Music.....		170 00
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park, Sept. 25, 26 and Oct. 2 and 3.....	Music.....		890 00
Colwell Lead Co., hydrant cocks, etc..	Labor, Maint., etc.		6 00

Consolidated Gas Co., gas, Sept.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$59 25	
	Harlem R. Bdgs...	8 00	
	Police .....	15 50	
		<hr/>	\$82 75
Chester, Jno., manure.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		57 00
Coffin, Paul C., flag line, mortising- machine, horseshoes, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		157 23
Denning, E. J. & Co., ticking and but- tons.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		2 25
Duryee, Jos. W., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		77 40
Dunham, Thos. C., colors, white lead, whiting, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$7 39	
	Labor, Maint., etc.	292 98	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	50	
		<hr/>	300 87
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse..	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		27 85
Helfrich, Ph., framing and mounting maps, 23d and 24th Wards.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		50 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., curled hair, felt, leather, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$12 46	
	Zoological Dept...	59	
	Police .....	16 25	
		<hr/>	29 30
Halliday, M., repairing roof, etc., Mt. St. Vincent Refreshment House...	Labor, Maint., etc.		523 00
Irvine, Allen A., mould.....	Riverside Park & Avenue.....		50 00
Kane & Wright, manure.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		486 00
Martin, J. M. C. Sons, brushes and sash tools.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		28 00
Miller, Anthony, ladders.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		68 76
Morris, Peter, grass sods.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		50 00
Murray, H. & H., coke.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		10 50
Mott, J L., Iron Works, grate bars..	Harlem R. Bdgs...		9 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas, Sept.	Labor, Maint., etc.		17 25
McKesson & Robbins, [pot salve and neatsfoot oil.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		1 75
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., salaries and wages, Sept.....	Maint. Museums..		1,577 95
Marquand, H. G., Treas. salaries and wages, Sept.....	Maint. Museums..		1,518 83
Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$110 50	
	Zoological Dept...	27 85	
	Police .....	23 25	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	6 28	
		<hr/>	167 88

Motley, Thornton, N. shovels, pipe, hose, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc. Harlem R. Bdgs.. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards..... Zoological Dept... Sewers and Drains	\$5 85 1 52  40 56 12 49 36 92	
			<hr/> \$97 34
Nesbit, Jno's Sons, sand. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		1 50
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., petro- leum residuum. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		17 30
National Iron Fence Co., iron pots, etc.	Labor, Maint., etc.		710 55
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal. ....	Labor, Maint., etc. Zoological Dept.. Harlem R. Bdgs.. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards..... Riverside Park and Avenue.....	\$36 89 3 15 90 2 93 1 13	
			<hr/> 45 00
Perry, W. B. & Sons, fruit and vege- tables. ....	Zoological Dept..		56 40
Record and Guide, Nos. 960 to 1011, Record and Guide. ....	Surveying, Laying out, etc. ....		6 00
Robinson, E., atlas. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		30 00
Seaman, Wm. L., oars. ....	Harlem R. Bdgs..		2 88
Sparkman, Jas. T., hose. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		8 94
Scott, D., fish. ....	Zoological Dept..		12 40
Sury, P., chemicals for use as insecti- cides. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		24 77
Sellew, T. G., repairing office furni- ture, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		235 53
Thompson, Frank J., axis deer. ....	"Surplus Ani- mals," Zoologi- cal Garden....		125 00
Thompson, Frank J., Egyptian and Falkland geese, water fowl and old horses. ....	Zoological Dept..		132 00
Williams, Jas., mould. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		11 50
Willson, Adams & Co., lumber. ....	Labor, Maint., etc. Harlem R. Bdgs..	\$142 28 197 61	
			<hr/> 339 89
			<hr/> <hr/> \$9,329 09



## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. ....	\$4,262 16
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards .....	164 90
Sewers and Drains, etc. ....	42 84
Music .....	1,060 00
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc. ....	220 41
Police. ....	55 00
Zoological Department.....	244 88
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	51 13
Maintenance Museums. ....	3,096 77
Surveying, Laying out, etc. ....	6 00
Surplus Animals Zoological Garden.....	125 00
	\$9,329 09

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

NEW YORK, October 6, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—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 :

Fitzgerald, James, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$60 75
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....	40 50
		\$101 25
Williams, B. A. & G. N., payment on acceptance, constructing upper por- tion of Park vertical wall on the westerly side of Fifth avenue, op- posite and adjacent to 74th street.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	2,486 72
		\$2,587 97

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$2,547 47
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, etc.....	40 50
	\$2,587 97

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand five hundred and eighty-seven dollars and ninety-seven cents.

NEW YORK, October 6, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12.20 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

Logan, Geo.—Pay for lost time.

From the Superintendent of Parks asking authority to allow George Logan, Carpenter, pay for time lost by him in consequence of an injury received while in the performance of his duty.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Board that pay should be allowed George Logan, Carpenter, for full time during his illness, caused by being injured while at work, provided it is within the power of the Board to authorize such allowance.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Aukener, E.—Leave of absence.

From Ernest Aukener, Draughtsman, applying for leave of absence.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said application was granted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Crombie, R. H.—Resignation.

From Reuben H. Crombie, resigning his position as Inspector of Regulating and Grading.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the resignation of Mr. Crombie was accepted, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Francis, A. J.—Resignation.

From Andrew J. Francis, resigning his position as a Park-keeper.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, said resignation was accepted, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Meyer, F. L.—Asks to be reinstated.

From F. L. Meyer, asking to be restored to his former position as Computer.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer for his recommendation.

Doyle, Morris—For promotion.

From Morris Doyle, applying for promotion from the grade of Bridge Tender to that of Fireman.

Filed.

McGonigle, Henry—Resignation.

From Henry McGonigle, resigning his position as Park-keeper.

On motion, said resignation was accepted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Clarkson, F. A.—Resignation.

From Frank A. Clarkson, resigning his position as Park-keeper.

On motion, said resignation was accepted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Heaney, Daniel—Appointed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Daniel Heaney be and he hereby is appointed a Tailor under the Captain of Police.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS at 12.45 P. M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.  
“ POWERS.  
“ BORDEN.

The minutes of the meetings of September 25 and 29 and October 2 and 6 were read and approved.

College avenue—Closed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That College avenue, lying between the west side of Third avenue and the south side of East 165th street in the 23d Ward of the City of New York, be and the same hereby is discontinued, and that the Topographical Engineer be and he hereby is directed to prepare and submit to the Board for adoption a map showing such discontinuance of said avenue in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 670 of the Laws of 1886.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

The following communications were received :

138th street—Ordinance to pave.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance to pave 138th street, from 3d avenue to St. Ann's avenue, with trap-block pavement.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of the Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Franklin avenue—Petition for a sewer.

From Mrs. C. R. Appleton, Mrs. Pauline Knight and others, property-owners, petitioning for the construction of a pipe-sewer in Franklin avenue, from the 23d Ward line to 3d avenue.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards to report upon.

Bicycles—For free use of Park drives.

From the New York and Ixion Bicycle Clubs, forwarding petitions for the opening of all the Park drives to bicycles and tricycles.

Referred to Commissioner BORDEN.

Carter, Geo. E.—Medal presented to.

From the Captain of Police, forwarding a medal presented to officer George E. Carter by a lady, in recognition of his services in stopping a runaway team of horses in the Park on the 13th ultimo; also, a communication from Officer Carter asking to be allowed to accept the medal.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that upon receipt of the medal he had returned the same to the Captain of Police with instructions to present it to Officer Carter, in the presence of the force, and commend the meritorious conduct for which it was given.

Inventory.

From the Property Clerk, submitting an inventory of property of the Department, under date of June 30, 1886.

Filed.

From the Topographical Engineer:

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Streets at Hunt's Point, } Proposed changes.  
 Legget avenue, }

2d. Submitting a map, or plan, showing that part of the Hunt's Point District, lying between Trinity avenue and Dawson street, and from East 163d to East 156th street and Legget avenue, as altered and amended under chapter 662 of the Laws of 1886.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, said map or plan was ordered placed on exhibition for ten days in the office of the Topographical Engineer, and the Secretary was directed to insert a notice in the *City Record* requesting parties interested to call and examine the same, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

*Grades*—Authority to change.

3d. In relation to the unsettled question as to the authority to alter or change the grades of certain streets, roads and avenues in the annexed district, in pursuance of section 671 of the New York City Consolidation Act.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the Secretary was directed to request the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to whether authority is still vested in this Department to alter or change grades, in pursuance of the law above cited.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards :

169th street Sewer—Additional manhole.

1st. Asking that authority be given for the construction of an additional manhole in connection with the sewer in 169th street, between 3d and Franklin avenues, with a branch in Fulton avenue, between 169th and 168th streets.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the construction of a manhole on the 169th street sewer, in addition to the number

shown on the plan of said sewer, was authorized by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

138th street Sewer—Overtime on contract.

2d. Forwarding a certificate for payment on acceptance of the work of constructing sewer in 138th street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, with the recommendation that the penalty for  $1\frac{3}{4}$  day's overtime be charged against the contractor.

On motion, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

Work in progress.

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Filed.

Park plantations—Report on.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting in relation to the need for a comprehensive renewal of the plantations of Central Park.

Filed.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the report of the Superintendent of Parks relative to the park plantations together with the report received from him on 1st ult., in relation to the proposed improvement of the bridle paths, also his report submitted on 6th inst., relative to treatment of park lawns, were ordered printed as a Board document by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

(See Document No. 107.)



Treasurer's Statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of the moneys received and deposited by him with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, September 30, 1886.*

		PERMITS.	
			1886.
Sept.	3.	Julius Pollock.....	\$10 00
"	4.	James O'Kane.....	20 00
"	4.	Harriet Kusche.....	10 00
"	4.	Bryan Lawrence.....	10 00
"	6.	E. P. Eaton.....	10 00
"	6.	Mrs. Anna S. Dale.....	20 00
"	6.	C. Mead.....	10 00
"	9.	Patrick Garvin.....	10 00
"	11.	Mrs. Broughman.....	20 00
"	13.	Estate of Jason Rogers.....	10 00
"	15.	W. Beaman.....	10 00
"	15.	William Keefe.....	10 00
"	15.	Jacob Debold.....	10 00
"	15.	Mrs. H. A. Sherwood.....	10 00
"	15.	Estate of H. Engehohn.....	10 00
"	15.	W. J. Hargreave.....	50 00
"	20.	Louis Falk.....	10 00
"	20.	Louis Ealk.....	10 00
"	20.	Louis Falk.....	10 00
"	20.	Louis Falk.....	10 00
"	20.	James Ives.....	10 00
"	21.	Henry Schmith.....	10 00
"	24.	John Miller.....	10 00
"	27.	John Aiken.....	10 00
"	27.	H. A. Gorn.....	10 00
"	27.	S. H. Merritt.....	10 00
"	29.	John Gribbens.....	10 00
"	29.	John Aiken.....	10 00
"	29.	N. Martin.....	10 00
"	30.	Mrs. J. Nebel.....	10 00
			\$370 00

## LICENSES.

Sept. 2.	Dennis F. Cray .....	\$18 54	
" 6.	William Keeler .....	3 95	
" 7.	Oscar H. Riker .....	27 01	
" 8.	Isaac Smith .....	3 05	
" 10.	W. H. Radford .....	665 89	
" 10.	Isidor Isaac .....	39 76	
" 10.	Isidor Isaac .....	23 40	
" 10.	John Lucas .....	11 87	
" 13.	P. A. Bernard .....	21 17	
" 13.	Charles Schwarz .....	109 50	
" 22.	John P. Ryan .....	24 83	
		<hr/>	\$948 97

## POUND.

Sept. 6.	Property Clerk, receipts for July .....	\$12 00	
" 30.	Property Clerk, receipts for August .....	4 00	
		<hr/>	16 00

## GRASS.

Sept. 6.	Property Clerk, receipts for July .....	\$87 00	
" 30.	Property Clerk, receipts for August .....	37 50	
		<hr/>	124 50

## SUNDRY RECEIPTS.

Sept. 11.	Alfred Scott, music programmes, eight weeks, July 17, September 11 .....	160 00
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## SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

Sept. 4.	M. J. McGinn .....	\$10 00	
" 4.	George Steele .....	4 00	
" 6.	George Steele .....	6 00	
" 10.	George Stolz .....	10 00	
" 11.	T. C. Andrews .....	20 00	
" 15.	T. C. Andrews .....	10 00	
" 28.	P. G. Decker .....	6 00	
" 29.	George Stolz .....	10 00	
" 30.	William P. Hutchings .....	10 00	
" 30.	William P. Hutchings .....	4 00	
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			\$1,709 47

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

Audit.

The PRESIDENT, 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 :

Abbot, Downing & Co., hospital ambulance.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$550 00	
Bouker, John A., trap-rock stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		964 00
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$174 85	
	Riverside Park and Avenue.....	250 82	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	77 91	
		<hr/>	503 58
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park, October 10.....	Music.....		225 00
Coffin, Paul C., hooks, oak pails, etc..	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$2 50	
	Zoological Dept...	35	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	6 30	
		<hr/>	9 15
Colwell Lead Co., copper wire, urinals, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$31 86	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	2 16	
	Police.....	1 00	
		<hr/>	35 02
Dusenbury & Bond, coach trimming...	Labor, Maint., etc.		6 58
Devlin, John B., mould.....	Riverside Park and Avenue.....		125 00
Feeney, Bernard, Belgian pavement culls.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		51 00
Fiske, J. W., iron railing and gates...	Rents and Repairs.		77 00
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt.....	Zoological Dept ..		8 00
Hazard Powder Co., cotton fuse.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		2 85
Herring & Co., painting, etc., safes....	Rents and Repairs.		68 50

<b>Harmer, Hays &amp; Co., saddlery materials, and leather.....</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$21 60	
	Zoological Dept....	1 30	
			<hr/> \$22 90
<b>Murray, H. &amp; H., coke.....</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.		10 50
<b>Moffat, David &amp; Co., sheepskins and leather.....</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.		18 90
<b>Motley, Thornton, N. bolts, washers, sand paper, etc.....</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.		39 10
<b>Motley, Thornton N., screws, bolts, etc.</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$46 96	
	Harlem R. Bdgs..	1 80	
			<hr/> 48 76
<b>National Iron Fence Co., iron posts, etc.</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.		168 76
<b>N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement, pitch and oil.....</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.		165 67
<b>Otis &amp; Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....</b>	Sewers and Drains		64 00
“ “	Labor, Maint., etc.		447 08
<b>Oastler, Wm. Churchill, steam roller steering fork.....</b>	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		115 00
<b>O'Brien, M., milk....</b>	Zoological Dept..		14 88
<b>Pridgeon's Hamilton Bakery, bread and flour.....</b>	Zoological Dept..	\$58 12	
	Labor, Maint., etc.	2 50	
			<hr/> 60 62
<b>Salisbury, John, Jr., sand....</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$75 00	
	Riverside Park and Avenue.....	70 00	
			<hr/> 145 00
<b>Thorburn Jas. M. &amp; Co., plants.....</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.		845 00
<b>Thompson, Frank J., bears.....</b>	Zoological Dept..		60 00
<b>Thompson, Frank J., cranes and old horses.....</b>	Zoological Dept..		110 00
<b>Willson, Adams &amp; Co., lumber.....</b>	Labor, Maint., etc.		451 73
			<hr/> <hr/> \$5,413 58

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$3,109 59
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	81 87
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,088 15
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	445 82
Zoological Department.....	252 65
Music.....	225 00
Police.....	1 00
Sewers and Drains, etc.....	64 00
Rents and Repairs.....	145 50
	\$5,413 58

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

NEW YORK, October 20, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—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 :

Bouker, John A., broken stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th	
	Wards.....	\$9,044 73
Ingersoll, Horace. forage.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$637 64
	Zoological Dept. . .	68 93
	Maint. 23d & 24th	
	Wards.....	53 27
	Police.....	32 18
		792 03
Kearney, John, payment on acceptance. Sewers in 138th st., from Brook to St. Ann's ave.		2,305 78

McQuade, John, estimate No. 13.....	Regulating, etc., Brook ave. from N. Y. & H. R. R., to a point 487 ft. southerly from 132d street, etc.	\$2,863 00
Mitchell, Frank, payment on acceptance, renewal of the wood superstructure upon the two iron trusses of the Central Bridge over Harlem river...	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....	4,224 72
Redmond, John, security for repairs...	Sewer in 162 st., between Brook and Courtlandt aves. ....	308 66
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		\$19,538 91
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## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$637 64
Zoological Department.....	68 93
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	9,098 00
Police.....	32 18
Harlem River Bridge, etc.....	4,224 72
Local Improvement Fund, chapter 420, Laws 1886.....	3,171 66
Street Improvement Fund, chapter 680, Laws 1886.....	2,305 78
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	\$19,538 91
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen thousand five hundred and thirty-eight dollars and ninety-one cents.

NEW YORK, October 20, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT, the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—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 :

Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements . . .	Surveying, Laying out, etc. . . . .	\$69 03	
	Surveys, Maps & Plans. . . . .	16 82	
			\$85 84
Myers, C. H., petty disbursements . . .	Surveys, Maps & Plans. . . . .		11 41
			\$97 25

RECAPITULATION.

Surveying, Laying out, etc. . . . .	\$69 02	
Surveys, Maps and Plans. . . . .	28 23	
		\$97 25

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-seven dollars and twenty-five cents.

NEW YORK, October 20, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

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, Bernard C., Estimate No. 2. .	Regulating, etc., Boston road, from Jefferson St. to Locust ave. . . . .	\$3,122 00
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## RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885. . . .	\$3,122 00
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand one hundred and twenty-two dollars.

NEW YORK, October 20, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

**Quarterly report.**

The PRESIDENT stated that he had caused to be prepared a report of the transactions of the Department for the quarter ending September 30, 1886, and had forwarded the same to his Honor the Mayor.

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

**Executive Session.**

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 11.45 A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board :

Paving Inspectors—Eligible list.

1st. Submitting the following list of persons eligible for appointment as Inspectors of Paving :

Moses Wyman.

John Cumiskey.

Michael Bambrick.

Filed.



Inspectors of Regulating, etc.—Eligible list.

2d. Submitting the following list of persons eligible for appointment as Inspectors of Regulating and Grading :

James Brady.  
A. H. Gallagher.  
John S. Terriberry.  
Robert McParlon.  
Clinton B. Flower.  
Joseph E. Lynn.

Filed.

Roundsmen—Eligible list.

3d. Submitting the following list of Parkkeepers eligible for promotion to the grade of Roundsmen :

John McGonigal.  
Edward H. Hall.  
Thomas J. O'Connor.  
Cornelius Hosey.  
Frank M. Neade.  
Isaac C. Tyson.  
Thomas Wallace.  
Joseph W. Girard.  
William Grefe.  
Thomas Carroll.

Filed.

Johnson dredge bucket.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the purchase of a Johnson dredge bucket, the same having been satisfactorily tested on the Park during the past year, also recommending that J. H. Hayward be compensated for services in superintending the preparation of plans of scows, etc., in connection with the dredging.

Hayward, J. H.—Pay for services.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That payment of the sum of \$40 to J. H. Hayward, for services rendered the Department, in superintend-

ing the preparation of plans of scows, etc., in connection with the Johnson dredge bucket, which has been tested on the Park, be and the same hereby is authorized.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

*Bartolomei, Massimo*—Resignation.

From Massimo Bartolomei, resigning his position as Park-keeper.

On motion, said resignation was accepted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

*Rodecke, Charles*—For employment.

From Charles Rodecke, applying for employment as Ambulance Driver.

Filed.

*McGinnis, Rev. J.*—Asks for employment for Mrs. McGinnis.

From Rev. John McGinnis, applying for employment for Mrs. Hugh McGinnis.

Filed.

Police cases.

A report was received from the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated charges preferred against certain members of the Police force, and disposed of the same as follows :

*Havey, J. L.*—Fined.

James L. Havey—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

*Fagan, J. F.*—Fined.

John F. Fagan—Neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Higgins, Joseph—Fined.

Joseph Higgins—Not properly patrolling. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Marrin, P. J.—Fined.

Philip J. Marrin—Violation of rules. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Bartolomei, M.—Fined.

Massimo Bartolomei—Off post and violation of rules. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Taylor, J. V.—Fined.

John V. Taylor—Neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Bray, Bernard—Charge withdrawn.

Bernard Bray—Conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge withdrawn.

Sweeney, M. J.—Fined.

Michael J. Sweeney—Being off post. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Terpeny, Henry—Fined.

Henry Terpeny—Being off post. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

O'Connor, T. J.—Fined.

Thomas J. O'Connor—Violation of rules. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Maguire, John—Fined.

John Maguire—Sleeping on post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Quinn, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Quinn—Not properly patrolling. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Carter, Geo. E.—Cautioned.

George E. Carter—Violation of rules. Guilty. Cautioned.

Tracy, W. D.—Cautioned.

William D. Tracy—Violation of rules. Guilty. Cautioned.

Curry, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Curry—Off post. Guilty. Fined ten days' pay.

Troy, Daniel—Fined.

Daniel Troy—Gross violation of rules. Guilty. Fined thirty days' pay.

Green, W. H.—Fined.

William H. Green—Gross violation of rules. Guilty. Fined thirty days' pay.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

Hodges, Thomas—Discharged.

A further report was received from the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated the charge of "sleeping while on duty and insubordination" against Police Tailor Thomas Hodges, and recommending his dismissal from the force.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, the recommendation of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

Leslie, J. S.—Asks increase of pay.

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, forwarding an application of James S. Leslie,

Laborer, Acting as Messenger, asking for an increase of pay.

Filed.

Clark, C. A.—For permit for Mrs. Dimond.

From Charles A. Clark asking permission for Mrs. Dimond and her daughter to sell papers on the City Hall Park sidewalk near the Hall of Records.

Referred to the President with power.

*Restorations and suspension.*

The PRESIDENT reported that he had ordered the restoration of the following-named persons :

F. L. Meyer, Computer, and John J. Clabby and John J. Clare, Axemen, under the Topographical Engineer; Dominick Lunny and John F. Normoyle, double teams, and William Carroll, Rockman, under the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards.

The President also reported that he had ordered the suspension of Robert H. Geritzen, Axeman, for intoxication.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

*Schmidt, Louis—Pay reduced.*

From the Superintendent of Parks recommending that the pay of Louis Schmidt, Asphalt Paver, be reduced to \$1.76 per day.

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

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

Corrigan, J. J. }  
Carey, John } Confirmatorily appointed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That in accordance with Civil Service Regulation No. 35, the following-named persons are hereby appointed Parkkeepers :

John J. Corrigan.  
John Carey.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

Holl, Francis—Restored.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Francis Holl be and he hereby is restored to duty as a Carpenter, under the Superintendent of Parks.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Powers, Borden—3.

Adjourned.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, at 12.40 P. M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**DOCUMENT No. 107.**

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**BOARD**

OF THE

**Department of Public Parks.**

OCTOBER 20, 1886.

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A report was received from the Superintendent of Parks in relation to the need for a comprehensive renewal of the plantations of Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, said report, together with a report received from the Superintendent of Parks, on 1st ultimo, relative to the improvement of the bridle paths, also one received on 6th inst., respecting treatment of park lawns, were ordered printed as a Board document.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS,  
MUSEUM BUILDING, 64TH STREET AND 5TH AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, August 31, 1886. }

*Hon.* HENRY R. BEEKMAN,

*President Department of Public Parks :*

DEAR SIR—In accordance with your request of the 18th inst., I desire to report to you that I have made a detailed examination of the Bridle Paths of Central Park and Riverside Drive, and have also given much consideration during the past year to the problem of improving these paths. The course of the bridle paths winds through nearly all of the most attractive scenery of the park. In the original design, the arrangement of the plantations, lawns and carriage drives has been carefully adjusted in what seemed to be the best way to secure satisfactory effects in all the different features of the park. I believe, therefore, that at this stage of the history of the park, the advisability of radically changing the course and width of the bridle paths may still be strongly questioned. Artistic effects of the outlines of lawns and plantations would be in that case materially changed and encroached upon, and the unity of the design in all probability greatly endangered. The plantations along the edges of the bridle paths should be modified to the extent of removing trees that overcrowd these paths or each other, or that have already reached a period of decay that makes their removal necessary; spruces and pines on the west side of Central Park are in many cases conspicuous examples of this kind. Occasionally, also, shrubs will be seen that have grown out so far into the path that pruning them no longer suffices, and their entire removal



becomes necessary. The proper treatment of the plantations, of course, involves occasional replanting of suitable trees and shrubs. The plantations on the sharp curves are necessary for the proper park effects. They should, however, be pruned and rearranged, in such a way as to obscure the view of the rider as little as possible. To do this, shrubs of medium growth should be used in replanting, and trees that grow pyramidal, rather than spreading or drooping, should be employed. In the matter of plantations, I should advise the employment of deciduous trees in large numbers, rather than evergreens. Evergreens, unfortunately, as a rule, do not thrive well in the shallow, dry soil of Central Park, and moreover, obscure the view more completely than deciduous trees.

The principal attention, however, I consider should be given to the condition of the soil of the bridle paths. In the course of years of increasing wear and imperfect maintenance, many portions of these paths have been trodden down so much as to render them unpleasant to both horse and rider. This applies particularly to the paths of the lower portion of the park, which have been more used. I would recommend that the entire surface of these paths be repaired by loosening up an inch or two of the soil by the employment of picks and hammers. After this, all large pebbles should be raked off, and then added a proper mixture of sharp gravel and loam, free from all pebbles, and one or two inches thick.

I would also suggest that two horse drinking-fountains be placed at different points on the bridle paths of Central Park. One in the neighborhood of 79th street and Eighth avenue, and another at the northeast corner of the large reservoir near the juncture of the two bridle-paths, not far from 96th street and 5th avenue.

In the case of the soil of the bridle-paths of Riverside drive, I would also suggest that the same treatment be applied,

with the exception that I would use, on account of its present condition, a larger mixture of loam.

Yours, respectfully,

SAM'L PARSONS, Jr.,  
*Sup't of Parks.*

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*Hon.* HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*President D. P. P. :*

DEAR SIR—I desire to report to you that the pressing need for a comprehensive renewal of the plantations of Central Park has become especially evident this season. Large portions of these plantations were made five and twenty years ago; and the stress of the changes of winter and summer, with other causes that shorten the life of trees and shrubs has resulted in a loss of vigor and shapeliness, and in some cases of life. This is undoubtedly the natural process of growth, maturity, and decay. Trees cannot be expected to live forever; but in addition to this, I have no hesitation in saying that a process that is not natural has been going on all these years, produced by a persistently defective management of the original system of planting. There was evidently a definite intention on the part of the designers of the park to create large masses and comparatively immediate effects. The trees and shrubs were therefore set out at short distances apart, the plan intended to be pursued evidently being to remove, from time to time, every plant that showed signs of becoming crowded. The work of thinning out these plants has only been attended to intermittently and to an entirely inadequate extent. All over the park trees and shrubs may be seen in greater or less degrees of health, crowded together until their shapeliness and proper development have been greatly injured, or actually destroyed. Of course, in the aggregate, a large amount of thinning out of the Central Park groves and shrubberies has actually been accomplished, but

in my estimation the greater portion of the work still remains to be done. The difficulty of accomplishing these undertakings is great and, in some cases in actual practice, it will be better to arrange new plantations entirely. It is always necessary in such work to carefully study the original intention of the designers so as to find out the particular mass effect of skyline, middle distance, and foreground that were aimed at, and also to comprehend the shadings of color that were intended to be produced by those who designed the original plantations. If the endeavor to do this is successful it means that the missing links of color and form, whatever they may prove to be, have been supplied in the shape of fresh trees and shrubs. All this, moreover, must be accomplished without injuring too radically the existing general effects of the park which the public does not expect to lose to any great extent. Another difficulty that must be met is the selection of trees and shrubs for the new plantations. The experience of twenty-five years has thoroughly demonstrated that certain trees and shrubs, reputed hardy, have proved themselves unsuited to the soil and exposure of Central Park. The Norway spruce and most other spruces have notably failed. The pines, Scotch and Austrian, have done badly. A number of choice Japanese evergreens, known as the retinosporas, have not generally succeeded. Among deciduous trees and shrubs, I find that the European ash and European poplar and alder invariably become diseased and unhealthy after a few years; also that the European oaks and elms have not done as well, on the average, as their American relatives of the same genus. It is evident, therefore, in the light of this experience, that a careful revision of the original list of trees and shrubs must be made before undertaking extensive new plantations. There are many valuable trees, such as the Colorado spruce and the Alcock spruce, and some shrubs, such as the *rhodora canadensis*, that have come into general use since most of the plantations of Central Park were made, and in the preparation of the list the aim should be to employ freely the better sorts of this class.

The greatest of the difficulties above mentioned appears to me to be the thinning out and preparing spots for new plantations so as not to disfigure, to any serious extent, the general effect of the park. A system will, of course, have to be established of taking out at any one time only comparatively small portions of groups in the different parts of the park. The soil should be prepared with great care by the addition of new mould and fertilizers, and in every case only the largest and most healthy specimens should be set out that the nature of the plant used will allow. The removal of the disfigured and dead, or partially dead trees, and the preparation of the soil constitute by far the largest part of the labor and expense of renewing the plantations. A successful result must also depend on the establishment of a proper collection of trees and shrubs after vigilant search in American and foreign nurseries. Active cultivation for a year in the park nursery must follow, for in this way only can the trees and shrubs be ready for removal at the proper season with the least danger of loss in transplanting. The carrying on of a well-equipped nursery where the plants can be temporarily set out that have been purchased is, thus it will be seen, of vital importance. It is proper for me to remark at this point, that the system that I have indicated has been measurably the practice of the Department for some time. The difficulty is that it has not been carried on to anything like the extent that the imminent necessities of the situation require. I should suggest that during the next year one hundred gardeners be employed, in addition to the twenty-five or thirty now in the park, with the necessary assistant laborers, and the proper quantity of mould and manure be secured so that a decided step may be taken next year towards accomplishing a really comprehensive renewal of the park plantations.

The outlay required for this work it is impossible for any one to estimate in advance with precision, because the exact condition of thousands of trees and shrubs, and the cost of

handling each of them, can only be determined when the work is systematically undertaken.

The park is a definite work of art, in which each part of the original design has been considered in its relation to the other parts. The plantations, it is manifest, form the most important and truly distinctive feature of what is generally understood as the park. The interesting gradations of color and form must evidently be retained in order to properly preserve what may be termed the essential artistic character of the design. The death or decay of trees and shrubs, and the deforming of shapely specimens by crowding or neglect, certainly tends to destroy all these carefully defined combinations of color and contour. It is clear, therefore, that a constant renewal of the plantations of the park is, and must always be, a most important feature of the general scheme of maintenance.

Yours, respectfully,

SAM'L PARSONS, Jr.,  
*Superintendent of Parks.*

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Hon. HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*President, D. P. P. :*

DEAR SIR—In accordance with your instructions of the 18th inst., I desire to report to you my conclusions in regard to the treatment necessary to be adopted for the proper maintenance of the lawns of Central Park, and other parks during the coming year.

In Central Park, and in portions of the other parks of the Department, the meadow stretches consist mostly of rocks covered more or less thickly with soil. Extensive areas of rock surface have been filled in to various depths, some altogether too shallow and others deep enough for the production of vigorous greensward. Trees and shrubs have been planted

on this made ground at such points as the paths, roads and rocks would permit, with a due consideration for making the open lawns as large as the peculiar contours of the park would allow.

In this manner fifty acres, out of the eight hundred and sixty, of the entire park have been secured for open greensward; and even in these contracted lawn spaces or meadows the rock comes in different places very near the surface in many parts of the fifty acres. The natural consequence of this is that the lawns show a tendency to suffer quickly from drought, wherever the shallow areas over rocks exist. The wear and tear of visitors who are and ought to be allowed to occupy the lawns with great freedom also tends to injure these shallow spots more than the rest of the lawns. The entire surface of the grass spaces has also much to suffer, from the occupation of visitors who sometimes will wantonly destroy the greensward in spite of the watchfulness of the police.

The soil of Manhattan Island is, as a rule, light and deficient in the requisite amount of clay to make entirely satisfactory lawns. In consequence it may be said that the greensward covering of the lawns of Central Park and the other City parks are constitutionally less able to resist the effects of drought and the wear and tear mentioned than lawns in other parts of the country.

To meet these various difficulties in the future, I should recommend the addition of a further supply of mould, rich in clay, and a still more liberal use of well-composted fertilizers. Wherever the shallow spots show themselves by turning brown, the existing sod, if of sufficient consistency, should be carefully removed in small sections, and mould added to the depth, in some cases, of several inches, and in others of a foot or more.

It is not proposed that the whole of this revision should be undertaken in any one year, but that it should be the recognized policy of the Department to secure an additional

supply of the material needed whenever it is offered at a sufficiently low cost; and with this object in view 3,000 yards of mould have been stored in various parts of the Park during the past year with reference to the next season's operations.

After arranging the contours of the newly filled in territory so as to adjust all the lines properly and agreeably to those of the surrounding lawns, the uninjured sods will be replaced and thoroughly rammed, thus enabling the whole greensward thus treated to renew itself in a few weeks.

The healthy new growth of this sod, however, can only be obtained by moist weather or by the application of liberal and frequent waterings. In the numerous spots where the greensward is worn along the edges of drives and paths and under trees, and at different points on the lawns where the games are played, the ground should be dug up, fresh mould applied to raise the grade to its proper level, and fresh sod set out.

The entire lawns should have, from time to time, a light coating of about half an inch of mould and a liberal application of grass seed, equal parts of Kentucky blue grass and red top. This practice should be carried on every spring, and every weed in the newly planted spots should be destroyed by actually digging or pulling it out.

The application of mould must be followed by a liberal supply of manure in either late fall, winter or early spring. Large compost heaps of alternate layers of mould and stable manure should be stored away in retired corners of the park. This practice of mixing mould and manure prevents the production of disagreeable odors, and preserves in the mass the valuable volatile fertilizing matters, such as ammonia, etc.

It should be the regular practice, as a part of necessary maintenance, to cover yearly every particle of the grass surface of a lawn situated in this part of the United States, with a liberal coating of fertilizer thus prepared.

I am confident that if this were done with regularity and persistence, the lawns would soon be able to not only resist drought successfully, but also to give visitors full freedom to occupy their grass surface during nearly every day in the year. I would recommend in connection with the sodding and seeding of fresh spots, that a wire fence be constructed to supplement for the time being the efforts of the police, as visitors must be kept from treading too soon on the tender herbage.

I would say in conclusion that I consider the proper maintenance of the lawns of the parks as of primary importance. In a certain sense the lawns are the parks, the plantations serving as their necessary framework, but not having an independent value.

Yours respectfully,

SAM'L PARSONS, Jr.,  
*Sup't of Parks.*



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ POWERS.

A quorum not being present,

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1886.**

SPECIAL MEETING—11 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
Nos. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, November 8, 1886. }

Mr. CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Esq., *Secretary, etc.* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Board to be held on Wednesday, November 10, at 11 A. M., for the purpose of receiving and opening proposals and transacting miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BORDEN.

Proposals.

At the hour of eleven o'clock, Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the following works :

*Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in Westchester Avenue, from St. Ann's Avenue to Trinity Avenue.*

ITEMS. (Security \$4,000.)	QUANTITIES.	1	
		B. C. MURRAY.	
		Price.	Amount.
1. Linear feet of 18-inch pipe sewer, including concrete cradle and exclusive of spurs for house connections.....	270	\$3 50	\$945 00
2. Linear feet of 15-inch pipe sewer, including concrete cradle and exclusive of spurs for house connections.....	300	2 75	825 00
3. Linear feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, including concrete cradle and exclusive of spurs for house connections.....	420	2 30	966 00
4. Spurs for house connections, over and above the cost per foot of sewer.....	103	70	72 10
5. Manholes complete.....	10	50 00	500 00
6. Receiving basins complete.....	2	150 00	300 00
7. Cubic yards of rock excavated and removed.....	1,000	3 80	3,800 00
8. Cubic yards of concrete in place, exclusive of concrete cradle for pipe sewers.....	10	4 00	40 00
9. Feet (B. M.) of lumber furnished and laid.....	1,000	26 00	26 00
10. Time for completion at \$4 per day.....	.....	DAYS. 85	340 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$7,814 10

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*Table of Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street, from the summit east of Willis Avenue to the east line of Brown Place.*

ITEMS. (Security, \$3,000.)	QUANTITIES.	1	
		B. C. MURRAY.	
		Price.	Amount.
Linear feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, including concrete foundation and cradle, exclusive of spurs for house connections.....	690	\$2 75	\$1,897 50
2. Spurs for house connections, etc.....	96	70	67 20
3. Manholes complete.....	7	50 00	350 00
4. Receiving-basins complete.....	1	150 00	150 00
5. Cubic yards of rock excavated and removed.....	1,100	3 10	3,410 00
6. Feet (B. M.) of lumber furnished and laid.....	1,000	26 00	26 00
7. Time for completion at \$4 per day.....	.....	DAYS. 70	280 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$6,180 70

The minutes of the meetings of October 20 and November 3 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

**Transfers.**

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board on 9th inst. :

*Resolved*, That the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) be and is hereby transferred from the appropriation to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1886, entitled "Sewers and Drains—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For Rebuilding, Cleaning and Repairing of Sewers and Drains, etc.," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation entitled "Maintenance—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—Maintenance and Government of Public Parks, Places, etc.," which is insufficient for the purposes thereof.

*Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) be and is hereby transferred from the appropriation to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1886, entitled "Cromwell's Creek Bridges, and Bridges other than those of Harlem River and Bronx River," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation entitled "Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance," which is insufficient for the purposes thereof.

Filed.

**Classification of streets.**

From the Counsel to the Corporation stating, in reply to a communication from this Department, that, in his opinion, all the powers as to classification of streets, avenues and roads, vested in the Department of Public Parks by section 673 of chap. 410, Laws of 1882, were transferred to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, by chap. 185, Laws of 1885.

Filed.

**Grades of streets--Power to change.**

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that, in his opinion, the power to change the grades of streets and avenues, in pursuance of the provisions of section 671 of the

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N. Y. Consolidation Act, is still vested in the Commissioners of this Department.

Filed.

Art Museum—Closing.

From the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, relative to closing the Museum building from 20th of October to 9th November, to prepare for the fall and winter exhibition.

Filed.

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Bust of Irving—Reports on.

From the President of the N. Y. Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, reporting favorably upon the bust of Washington Irving proposed to be erected in Central Park, and

From the President of the National Academy of Design, reporting adversely in relation to the same.

Laid over.

Wheelmen—Petition to use park drives.

From Robert S. Stedman, M. D., and others asking that wheelmen be allowed the use of the park drives.

Referred to Commissioner Borden.

Goodsell, Rev. G. H.—To distribute tracts.

From Rev. G. H. Goodsell and Rev. James Matthews, asking permission to distribute tracts in City Hall and Battery Parks.

Laid over.

Treasurer's statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received and deposited by him with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows :

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, October 30, 1886.*

## LICENSES.

Oct.	4. William Keeler.....	\$2 06
"	4. Dennis F. Cray.....	11 40
"	8. W. H. Radford.....	479 40
"	8. Isidor Isaac.....	28 22
"	8. Isidor Isaac.....	17 29
"	9. Oscar H. Riker.....	16 10
"	11. John Lucas.....	12 24
"	11. Isaac Smith.....	2 45
"	11. Charles Schwarz.....	82 05
"	14. Pierre Bernard.....	100 63
"	26. Dennis F. Cray.....	3 96
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		\$755 80

## PERMITS.

1886.		
Oct.	4. John Aiken.....	\$10 00
"	4. John Ward.....	20 00
"	5. Rose Rice.....	10 00
"	6. John Aiken.....	10 00
"	6. Mrs. Schaetzla.....	10 00
"	9. Charles Zimmerman.....	10 00
"	12. Estate of Jason Rogers.....	10 00
"	12. J. Prutting.....	10 00
"	12. F. Dietz.....	10 00
"	15. James T. Meagher.....	50 00
"	15. Dr. T. G. Thomas.....	100 00
"	20. Conrad Muller.....	10 00
"	20. H. Mandeville.....	10 00
"	20. Mr. Schneringer.....	10 00
"	20. A. Gariese.....	20 00
"	20. S. A. Williamson.....	10 00
"	20. W. Bates.....	20 00
"	23. A. S. La Coste.....	10 00
"	23. H. Dubois.....	10 00
"	26. N. Y. Missionary Society "M. E." Church.....	10 00
"	30. Wm. O'Gorman.....	30 00
"	30. "M. E." Church.....	10 00
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		\$390 00

## SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

Oct.	4.	David Durrie, Jr.....	\$6 00
"	6.	George Stolz.....	10 00
"	9.	James Newman.....	6 00
"	9.	Thomas C. Andrews.....	10 00
"	11.	J. & G. Stewart.....	10 00
"	20.	George B. Brown.....	20 00
"	20.	Daniel Malone.....	6 00
"	21.	M. J. McGinn.....	10 00
"	21.	Durrie & McManus.....	197 50
"	25.	George Steele.....	4 00
			\$279 50
			\$1,425 30

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

From the Topographical Engineer :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

College avenue—Discontinued.

2d. Forwarding a map showing the discontinuance of College avenue, from 3d avenue to 165th street, in pursuance of chapter 670, Laws of 1886.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks by chapter 670 of the Laws of 1886 they do hereby discontinue and close that portion of College avenue lying between the west side of 3d avenue and the south side of East 165th street, in the 23d Ward, as shown on a map, entitled " Map or plan showing the discontinuance of that part of College avenue lying between the west side of 3d avenue and the south side of East 165th street, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York, in pursuance of chapter 670, Laws of 1886," dated "New York, October 23, 1886," and signed "S.



F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," and that the President be and he hereby is authorized and directed to cause to be prepared three similar maps or plans, and to certify and file the same as required by law.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Heath avenue—Change of Grade.

2d. Forwarding a map, showing a proposed change of grade of Heath (formerly Cedar) avenue, from Sedgwick avenue to Powell place, and

From Morris & Steele, Attorneys for Lewis G. Morris, Mary A. Walker and Fordham Morris, owners of all the lands fronting on that portion of Heath avenue, asking that the grade of said avenue be changed as shown on said plan.

Fordham Morris, Esq., appeared before the Board on behalf of the petitioners, and stated that the owners of all the property which would be in any way affected by the proposed change of grade were favorable to such change.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, does hereby approve and adopt the map entitled "Map, Plan and Profile, showing change of grade of Heath avenue, from Sedgwick avenue to Powell place, in the 24th Ward of the City of New York," dated November 9, 1886, and signed S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P. ; the same seeming to the Commissioners of said Department most conducive to the public interest ; and that the President of said Department be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause three similar maps, plans and profiles to be made, to be certified to by him and filed as provided by chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Mad. Ave. Bridge—Report on masonry.

1st. Reporting upon the condition of the masonry of the piers, abutments and approaches of the Madison Avenue Bridge, with an estimate of the cost of repairing the same.

Laid over.

East River Park sea-wall—Filling.

2d. Reporting in relation to filling in the rear of the completed portion of the sea-wall at East River Park, and recommending that an order for 600 cubic yards of filling be given the contractor.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to issue an order to James Kearney for six hundred cubic yards of filling to be placed in the rear of the sea-wall now being constructed by him at East River Park, at a price not to exceed fifteen cents per yard.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Branch pipes and castings.

3d. Stating that the quantity of branch pipes and special castings, as called for by the contract, had been found to be insufficient, and recommending that the same be increased.

Laid over.

Harlem Electric Ill'g Co.—Lights on Bridge.

4th. Reporting upon a communication from the Harlem Electric Illuminating Company, in relation to the placing of electric lights on the 3d Avenue Bridge.

Laid over..

Central Bridge—Proposed alteration.

5th. Reporting upon a communication from James J. Coogan, in relation to altering the westerly span of Central

Bridge, in order to allow free passage along 155th street, and the exterior street passing under the same, with an estimate of the cost of making such alteration.

Filed.

Harlem River Bridges—Estimate for special repairs.

6th. Reporting an estimate of the amount required for special repairs of the Harlem river bridges for the year 1887.

Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Sewer in 166th street—Overtime.

1st. Reporting upon the application of William J. O'Grady, for the remission of penalty for overtime on his contract for constructing a sewer in 166th street, between Washington and Third avenues, and stating that the contract contained no authority to remit penalty for overtime for the reasons stated by the contractor.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the penalty for 33½ days' overtime on said contract, was ordered charged against the contractor by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Sewers, Franklin avenue—Report on petition for.

2d. Reporting upon the application of Mrs. C. R. Appleton and others, for sewers in Franklin avenue, south of the 23d Ward line, and stating that plans would be prepared for sewerage said avenue as soon as the same has been legally opened.

Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

Tyler, John.—Bill for services.

1st. Forwarding bill of John Tyler, amounting to \$17.50, for services in examining and selecting horses for the department.

Referred to the Treasurer.

National Iron Fence Co.—Bill for services.

2d. Forwarding bill of National Iron Fence Company, amounting to \$110, for services of foremen in setting iron fencing in the Parks.

Referred to the Treasurer.

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Temporary suspensions.

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

Approved.

Westchester ave. } Contracts for sewers.  
E. 135th st. }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the contracts, for which proposals have been this day received, for constructing sewers in Westchester avenue, between St. Ann's and Trinity avenues and in East 135th street, from summit east of Willis avenue to the east line of Brown place, be and the same hereby are awarded to B. C. Murray, he being the lowest bidder ; that the proposals of Mr. Murray be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contracts for and on behalf of the Department and appoint Inspectors on the works when required.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

## Audit.

The President 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.

Abeel Bros., iron.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		\$22 00
Abeel Bros., steel.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		1 62
Allen, R. H. & Co., screws and rakes.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$29 60	
	Riverside Park & Avenue, etc....		19 00
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			48 60
Allen, R. H. & Co., gravel rakes.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		3 96
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., brooms.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....		2 25
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., blacking.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		6 00
Berbine, Edwin R., Flag for Grant's Tomb.....	Riverside Park and Avenue.....		22 40
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	337 84	
	Zoological Dept....	240 12	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. ....	139 88	
	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	46 98	
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			764 82
Cappa, C. A., music in Central Park, October 17.....	Music .....		225 00
Colwell Lead Co., bibb, gas-pipes, etc..	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$7 17	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc....	1 50	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	4 80	
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			13 47
Coffin, Paul C., horseshoes, nails, etc..	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$32 08	
	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	2 25	
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			34 33
Coffin, Paul C., hinges, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		5 00
Coffin, Paul C., horseshoes.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		16 00
Colwell Lead Co., coupling.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		1 00
Duryee, Jos. W., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		281 20
Denning, E. J. & Co., ticking, cloth, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		12 56

Dunham, Thos. C., glass, white lead, oil, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$217 84
Dunham, Thos. C., glass, etc.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....	\$5 35
	Bronx R. Bdgs., etc.....	6 00
		<hr/> 11 35
Fischer, Geo. & Bro., making and put- ting up bronze gate at 67th St. and 5th Ave.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	416 00
Fitzgerald, James, coal.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	22 50
Gullery, Wm., calcium lights at Battery Park—16 concerts. Paradise Park —6 concerts.....	Music.....	198 00
Gates, Church E., Lumber.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$50 30
	Bronx R. Bdgs., etc.....	14 16
	Sewers and Drains, etc.....	168 59
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Hitching & Co., grates.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	5 10
Home of Industry, brooms and brushes.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$33 00
	Police.....	5 00
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....	3 00
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Harmer, Hays & Co., soap, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	2 88
Hayward, John H., dredge bucket....	Labor, Maint., etc.	200 00
Hayward, S. F. & Co., chemical charges for fire extinguishers.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	20 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Zoological Dept..	61 25
Motley, Thornton, N. spades, spikes, files, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc. Zoological Dept..	\$76 16 2 19
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....	14 02
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	8 70
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McCarthy, Wm. H., horse....	Labor, Maint., etc.	325 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, manhole head.....	Sewers and Drains, etc.....	18 30
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, brushes, etc.....	Bronx R. Bdgs., etc.....	1 79
McKesson & Robbins, sponges.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	1 75

McArthur, J. & Co., steel brushes. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$5 25
New, T., roofing, etc. . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .	45 41
Nesbit, Jno's Sons, cement. . . . .	Sewers and Drains	12 50
O'Brien, M., milk. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	14 40
Porter, E. A., mould. . . . .	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. . . . .	91 60
Pratt Mfg. Co., astral oil. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	7 11
Pridgeon's Hamilton Bakery, bread. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	113 75
Pratt Mfg. Co., astral oil. . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .	7 67
Scott, D., fish. . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	12 00
Sylvester, Hilton & Co., gloves. . . . .	Police. . . . .	206 15
Smith, Clifford E., steel tires. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$6 62
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards . . . . .	4 69
		11 31
Vacuum Oil Co., oil. . . . .	Harlem R. Bldgs., etc. . . . .	\$25 00
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards . . . . .	14 50
		39 50
Valentine & Co., varnish . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	6 00
Willson, Adams & Co., lumber . . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .	172 83
Wootton E. H., Trinidad and marble dust. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	70 27
		<u>\$4,152 84</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. . . . .	\$2,142 17
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. . . . .	182 23
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards . . . . .	338 24
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc. . . . .	191 00
Zoological Department. . . . .	443 71
Music . . . . .	423 00
Bronx River Bridges, etc. . . . .	21 95
Sewers and Drains, etc. . . . .	199 39
Police. . . . .	211 15
	<u>\$4,152 84</u>

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

New York, November 10, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the President the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Brandis, Fred. E., drawing materials . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		\$67 45
Consolidated Gas Co., gas, October . . . Labor, Maint., etc.	\$72 50	
Harlem R. Bdgs. . .	8 13	
Police . . . . .	13 37	
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Dunham, Thos. C., glass, chrome green, etc. . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		66 35
Goeller, Geo. C., rent northeast corner College ave. and 143d st., Aug., Sep. and Oct., 1886. . . . . Rents and Repairs.		50 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., blankets, etc. . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		18 25
Harmer, Hays & Co., leather, buckles, etc. . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		21 56
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice . . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		4 65
Marquand, H. G., salaries and wages, October . . . . . Maint. Museums. . .		1,235 50
Motley, Thornton N., lubricator, bolts, etc. . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.	\$6 93	
Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .	15 20	
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Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements. . Labor, Maint., etc.	109 60	
Maint. 23d & 24th Wards . . . . .	35 22	
Zoological Dept. . . . .	26 10	
Police . . . . .	5 85	
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Mason, J. W. & Co., chair seats . . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		3 00
Mott, Jordan L., ex'r, rent 7 lots west side College ave., south of 144th st., Aug., Sep. and Oct., 1886. . . . . Rents and Repairs.		150 00



N. E. Monument Co., granite brace- posts.....	Jeannette Park...	\$212 60
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas, Oct....	Labor, Maint., etc.	19 87
Perry, W. B. & Son, fruits and vegeta- tables.....	Zoological Dept....	22 90
Phelps, Dodge & Co., zinc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	20 70
Simpson, John B., Jr., ex'r, rent Nos. 2771 and 2773 3d ave., Aug., Sep. and Oct., 1886.....	Rents and Repairs.	150 00
Salisbury, John, Jr., building sand....	Labor, Maint., etc.	56 00
Thompson, Frank J., hippopotamus and old horses.....	Zoological Dept....	5,060 00
Tower & Lyon, hand-cuffs....	Labor, Maint., etc.	4 75
Wootton, E. H., marble dust.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	2 75
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		\$7,459 23
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## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$474 36
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	23 33
Police.....	19 22
Rents and Repairs.....	350 00
Maintenance Museums.....	1,235 50
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	35 22
Zoological Department.....	5,109 00
Jeannette Park.....	212 60
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	\$7,459 23
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seven thousand four hundred and fifty-nine dollars and twenty-three cents.

NEW YORK, November 10, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT, the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Cox, John & Co., estimate No. 1 . . . . .	Enlargement of Met. Museum of Art—Appropri- ation 1885 . . . . .	\$12,608 00
McGrath, Denis, security for repairs . . . . .	Regulating, etc., 156th St. from 3d Ave. to Railroad Ave., east . . . . .	521 62
O'Grady, W. J., Estimate No. 1 . . . . .	Regulating, etc., 164th st., from Boston Ave. to Trinity Ave. . . . .	1,056 65
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		\$14,186 27
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#### RECAPITULATION.

Enlargement of Metropolitan Museum of Art—Appropri- ation 1885 . . . . .	12,608 00
Local Improvement Fund, chapter 420, Laws 1886 . . . . .	521 62
Fund for Local Improvements, chapter 174, Laws 1885 . . . . .	1,056 65
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	\$14,186 27
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen thousand one hundred and eighty-six dollars and twenty-seven cents.

NEW YORK, November 10, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

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:

O'Grady, Wm. J., payment on acceptance.....	Sewer and Appurtenances in 166th St., between Washington and N. 3d Aves.....	<u>\$1,727 37</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, chapter 174, Laws 1885.....	<u>\$1,727 37</u>
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty-seven cents.

NEW YORK, November 10, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

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., estimate No. 4.....	Reg., etc., Tremont St., from Boston Road to Bronx River....	<u>\$1,607 90</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885.....	<u>\$1,607 90</u>
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand six hundred and seven dollars and ninety cents.

NEW YORK, November 10, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Mansfield, William, estimate No. 1 . . . .	Constructing Mill Brook Drains bet. 144th St. and Westchester Ave . . . . .		\$2,110 85
Moonan, John, estimate No. 1, forage . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$1,057 49	
	Police . . . . .	92 71	
	Zoological Dept. . . . .	136 24	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards . . . . .	45 33	
			1,331 77
			<u>\$3,442 62</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Police . . . . .	\$92 71
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. . . . .	1,057 49
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards . . . . .	45 33
Zoological Department . . . . .	136 24
Street Improvement Fund, chap. 680, Laws 1886 . . . . .	2,110 85
	<u>\$3,442 62</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand four hundred and forty-two dollars and sixty-two cents.

NEW YORK, November 10, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN at 12.20 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board :

Messenger—Eligible list.

1st. Submitting the following list of persons eligible for appointment as Messengers :

Thomas A. Ready.

Samuel Schwartz.

H. J. Murphy.

Murphy, H. J.—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Homan J. Murphy be and he hereby is appointed Messenger for duty at the Departmental Office at \$3 per day.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

McGinness, Robert—Appointment.

2d. Reporting Robert McGinness as eligible for appointment as Inspector on the work of the enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Robert McGinness be and he hereby is appointed Inspector on the enlargement of the Art Museum at \$4 per day.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Leugers, Charles—Appointment.

3d. Reporting Charles Leugers eligible for promotion to the position of Computer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Charles Leugers be and he hereby is promoted to the grade of Computer at \$840 per annum.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

• Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical Engineer :

Recommending Charles Leugers.

1st. Recommending Charles Leugers for promotion to the grade of Computer.

Filed.

Hopper, J. J. } Leave of absence.  
Hume, J. C. }

2d. Recommending that the applications of John J. Hopper, Assistant Engineer and John C. Hume, Computer, for leave of absence for one week, without pay, be granted.

On motion, said applications were granted.

Slevin, M. H.—Resignation.

From Michael H. Slevin resigning his position as Park-keeper.

On motion, said resignation was accepted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Girard, J. W.—Resignation.

From Joseph W. Girard resigning his position as Park-keeper.

Laid over.

Welsh, G. S.—Increase of pay.

From George S. Welsh, Assistant Engineer, asking for an increase of salary.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of George S. Welsh, Assistant Engineer, be and the same hereby is fixed at \$1,320 per annum.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Police cases

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges against certain members of the Police force of the Department, and disposed of the same as follows :

Maguire, John—Fined.

John Maguire—Absent without leave and intoxication. Guilty. Fined thirty days' pay.

Marrin, P. J.—Fined.

Philip J. Marrin—Gross violation of rules. Guilty. Fined fifteen days' pay.

Fanning, David—Fined.

David Fanning—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Hewitt, R. E.—Fined.

Reuben E. Hewitt—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Diamond, J. E.—Fined.

James E. Diamond—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined fifteen days' pay.

Carter, G. E.—Fined.

Geo. E. Carter—Intoxication, insubordination, and violation of rules. Guilty. Fined thirty days' pay.

Flynn, P. J.—Fined.

Patrick J. Flynn—Absent from roll-call. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Ging, J. H.—Fined.

James H. Ging—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Flynn, J. F.—Fined.

James F. Flynn—Off post. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Fagan, J. F.—Fined.

John F. Fagan—Off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Coen, Peter—Fined.

Peter Coen—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Quinn, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Quinn—Off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

McMullen, H. J.—Fined.

Henry J. McMullen—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

McGonigal, John, } Promoted.  
Hall, E. H., }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John McGonigal and Edward H. Hall, be and they hereby are promoted from the grade of Parkkeepers to that of Roundsmen.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.



**Exchange of Animals authorized.**

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending that the lion in the Menagerie known as "Lincoln," be exchanged for a pair of striped Hyænas.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, the Director of the Menagerie was authorized to make such exchange, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

**Conroy, James—Discharged.**

The President reported that he had ordered the suspension of James Conroy, a Laborer on the Parks, for improper conduct.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, said James Conroy, was dismissed from the force by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

**Suspensions, etc.**

The PRESIDENT reported that he had ordered the following suspensions :

John Kenney and James Ryan, Laborers, for intoxication.  
Francis Donnelly, Laborer, for inefficiency.  
John Finnegan, horse and cart, for neglect of duty.

The following, suspended temporarily, on account of a lack of funds :

**In the 23d and 24th Wards :**

Foreman McChristie and gang.  
Foreman Berry and gang.  
Foreman McClintock and gang.  
Foreman Flynn and gang.  
Skilled Laborer McMahan and gang.

On the Parks :

5 Masons.

5 Painters.

The PRESIDENT also reported that he had fixed the pay of Thomas Rooney, Laborer, acting as Bridge-tender, at \$3 per day, from 30th ultimo.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

23d and 24th Wards working force—President to restore.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the President be authorized to direct the restoration of the working-force in the 23d and 24th Wards on the 15th instant.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Sullivan, Jeremiah, } Appointed.  
Spillane, Daniel, }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby employed on probation as Parkkeepers :

Jeremiah Sullivan.

Daniel Spillane.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Police Regulations amended.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the third paragraph of the "Duties of the Captain," on page 8 of the printed rules and regulations governing the Police force of the Department be so amended as to read as follows :

*He shall assign the members of the force to the different posts on the Central and City Parks, in such manner as in his judgment may seem most advantageous, and make such changes as the President may from time to time direct.*

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 1.05 p. m. the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BORDEN.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Spuyten Duyvil Parkway.

Messrs. G. C. Holt, Bowie Dash, George H. Petrie, I. D. Johnson and G. W. Stephens, appeared before the Board, and presented a petition of property-owners for the improvement of the Spuyten Duyvil Parkway and connecting streets, and were heard in relation to the matter.

Messrs. L. L. Delafield and A. S. Hutchins also appeared and presented petitions signed by owners of property formerly assessed for the opening of said parkway, asking that no action be taken for its improvement at this time.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Whereas*, A committee of taxpayers in the vicinity of the Spuyten Duyvil Parkway, 24th Ward, have appeared before this Board with their counsel in relation to the construction of the parkway, and

*Whereas*, The counsel representing the property-owners differ as regards the legality of levying an assessment for the work, if done ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the said counsel be requested to submit their points for and against the proposed improvement and its legality, in writing, and that the papers, when received, be forwarded to the Counsel to the Corporation for advice and direction.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

The following communications were received :

Booths, near City Hall Park.

From the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the power of this Department to issue permits for the placing and maintaining booths or stands on the sidewalks of streets adjoining the City Hall Park.

Filed.

Melrose Avenue—Width of.

From the Secretary of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement forwarding a petition of property-owners asking that the width of Melrose avenue between 149th and 163d streets be fixed at not more than 60 feet, for examination and report.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter was referred to the President to report thereon to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement with the recommendation of this Board that the width of said avenue be fixed at 80 feet, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Watchmen.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Supervisory Board transmitting a copy of the following resolution adopted by said Board :

*Resolved*, That Watchmen temporarily employed for particular jobs, at a rate of compensation not exceeding \$1.75 per day, be exempt from examination and included in Schedule "G".

Filed.

Insects.

From E. B. Southwick, reporting upon the work of destroying noxious insects in the parks during the month of October.

Filed.

From the Topographical Engineer :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Legget avenue—Discontinued.

2d. Returning the map showing the discontinuance of Legget avenue, between Trinity and Prospect avenues, and the alteration of intersecting streets, which map had been placed on exhibition and to which no objection had been made.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York by chapter 662 of the Laws of 1886, Act of June 15, 1886, which discontinued that portion of "Legget avenue" lying between Trinity avenue and Prospect avenue in the 23d Ward of said City, they do hereby alter and amend the courses, windings and widths of that portion of the said "Legget avenue" lying between Prospect avenue and Dawson street, and of the several avenues, streets, roads and public places at their intersections with that portion of the said "Legget avenue" which was discontinued by the said act, and do hereby adopt the map entitled "Map or plan showing that part of the 'Hunt's Point District' lying between Trinity avenue and Dawson street and from E. 163d

to E. 156th street and Legget avenue, altered and amended under chapter 662 of the Laws of 1886," dated New York, October 12, 1886, and signed S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P. ; the same seeming to the said Commissioners most conducive to the public interests ; and that the President of the Department of Public Parks be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be prepared three similar maps or plans, to be certified to by him and filed as provided by chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and the laws amendatory thereof, and of the act above cited.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Holden, Thomas—Death of.

From the Captain of Police, reporting the death of Park-keeper Thomas Holden, on 16th instant, from injuries received in being thrown from his horse, in the performance of his duty.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, the Captain of Police was directed to provide a proper escort of Park Police, at the funeral of Officer Holden.

3d Avenue Bridge—Electric lights.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up the matter of the application of the Harlem Electric Illuminating Company for permission to place electric lights on the 3d Avenue Bridge over Harlem river, which was laid over at the last meeting, and moved that said application be granted, the lights to be located as shown on a plan submitted by said company.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Pipes and castings.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up the report of the Engineer of Construction in relation to branch water-pipes and special

castings, which was received and laid over at the last meeting, and offered the following :

*Whereas*, This Department, on August 30, 1886, entered into an agreement with M. J. Drummond for furnishing cast-iron water-pipes, branch pipes and special castings, by the terms of which agreement this Board may, in its discretion, increase or diminish the quantities mentioned therein by an amount not exceeding twenty per cent. thereof, at the contract price ; and

*Whereas*, The Engineer of Construction reports that the quantity of branch pipes and special castings called for by the contract have been found to be insufficient ; therefore

*Resolved*, That the contractor be directed to increase the quantity of branch pipes and special castings to the extent of 20% thereof ; that the date of the commencement of the delivery of the pipes and castings to be furnished under the said agreement be extended to April 1, 1887, and that the delivery in all other respects shall be made in the manner specified in said agreement.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mail street—Subway through.

From the Board of Commissioners of Electrical Subways, asking permission to proceed with the work of constructing a subway across City Hall Park, either through the roadway in front of the City Hall or Mail street.

Commissioner BORDEN moved that the President be authorized to issue a permit to the Electrical Subway Commission to construct a subway through Mail street on such terms as he may deem proper, such permission to continue only during the pleasure of this Board.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.



## Gravel.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Whereas*, This Department, on May 8, 1886, entered into a contract with John F. Dawson for furnishing and delivering 7,000 cubic yards of screened gravel, of the quality known as Roa Hook gravel, in which contract provision was made for increasing or decreasing the quantity by an amount not exceeding 25 per cent., at the option of the Department, and

*Whereas*, The amount of gravel called for in said contract, has been found to be insufficient for the needs of the Department, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Contractor be and he hereby is required to furnish and deliver at the price and in the manner stated in the contract, 979½ cubic yards of screened gravel in addition to the quantity mentioned in said contract.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Commissioner Beekman, 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 :

Dawson, John F., gravel, estimate No. 5		
final .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$3,576 36
	Riverside Park and	
	ave., etc.....	1,902 98
		<hr/> \$5,479 29
Lynch, Edwd. N., estimate No. 3 .....	Reg., etc., 149th	
	st., from 3d ave.	
	to So. Boulevard	1,694 00
Treanor, Jno., estimate No. 2, erection		
of sea-wall, East River Park, be-		
tween 84th and 86th sts. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	
	1885 .....	1,037 05
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## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$3,576 36
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1885.....	1,037 05
Riverside Park and avenue, etc.....	1,902 93
Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885....	1,694 00
	\$8,210 34

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight thousand two hundred and ten dollars and thirty-four cents.

NEW YORK, November 17, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

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.

Mahon, Bernard, Estimate No. 1.....	Reg., etc., Boston Road, bet. 3d Ave. and Jeffer- son Street.....	\$4,629 80
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## RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, chapter 174, Laws 1885.....	4,629 80
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand six hundred and twenty-nine dollars and eighty cents.

NEW YORK, November 17, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Belloni & Co., cement .....	Zoological Dept ..	\$39 00	
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., rope, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	42 37	
Brown, Martin B., binding views B. R. Bridges .....	Bronx R. Bdgs., etc. ....		10 00
Colwell Lead Co., plumbing supplies ..	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$5 40	
	Zoological Dept. ....	3 25	
			8 65
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements. ....	Surveys, Maps and Plans .....	\$15 41	
	Surveying, Laying- out, etc .....	95 09	
			110 50
Coffin, Paul C., horseshoes .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	9 50	
Home of Industry, brooms .....	Zoological Dept. ....	3 00	
Harmer, Hays & Co., blankets .....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards .....		16 25
Motley, Thornton N., brooms, shovels, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		83 62
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, whitewash brushes, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		33 50
Myers, C. H., petty disbursements. ....	Surveys, Maps & Plans .....		9 78
McKesson & Robbins, caustic soda and liniment .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		8 81
McCartney, Thos., daily papers .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		11 26
National Iron Fence Co., materials for iron fence .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		315 70
Porter, Wm.'s Son, globes and wicks. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$14 96	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. ....		6 24
			21 20
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food .....	Zoological Dept ..		12 00
Sury, P., insecticides .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		23 57
Stevens, J. C., tree protectors .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		46 30
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., plants .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		17 50
			<u>\$822 51</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$612 49
Zoological Department.....	57 25
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	6 24
Bronx River Bridges, repairs, etc.....	10 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	16 25
Surveys, maps, and plans.....	25 19
Surveying, Laying out, etc.....	95 09
	\$822 51

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight hundred and twenty-two dollars and fifty-one cents.

NEW YORK, November 17, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN at 12.25 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

Rooney, Thomas—Promoted.  
Moore, J. E.—Reported ineligible.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, reporting Thomas Rooney as eligible for promotion to the position of Steam Engineer, and John E. Moore as ineligible for promotion to such position.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas Rooney be and he hereby is promoted from the grade of Laborer acting as Bridge Tender to that of Steam Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

## Police cases.

From the Committee on Police, stating that they had investigated charges against certain Parkkeepers, and disposed of the same, as follows :

McGonigal, J. F.—Fined.

James F. McGonigal—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Lyons, David—Fined.

David Lyons—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Sweeney, M. J.—Fined.

Michael J. Sweeney—Neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Doolady, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Doolady—Off post. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Ging, J. H.—Fined.

James H. Ging—Sleeping on post and gross neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined fifteen days' pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS the action of the Committee on Police was approved.

Steam Engineers—For increase of pay.

From the Steam Engineers employed on the Harlem river bridges, asking for an increase of pay.

Referred to Commissioner CRIMMINS.

Perczel, A.—Pay increased.

From Adalbert Perczel, Axeman, asking for an increase of pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the pay of Adalbert Perczel, Axeman, was fixed at \$2.50 per day, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

McCormack, W. P.—Suspended.

1st. Reporting the suspension of William P. McCormack, Asphalt Paver, on account of a lack of work.

On motion the action of the Superintendent was approved.

Coyle, Patrick,  
McGuire, Michael, } Suspended.  
Conlan, Thomas,

2d. Reporting the suspension of Patrick Coyle, Michael McGuire, and Thomas Conlan, Laborers, for intoxication.

On motion the action of the Superintendent was approved.

Coyle, P., } Discharged.  
McGuire, M.,

Commissioners CRIMMINS moved that Patrick Coyle and Michael McGuire, Laborers, be discharged from the employ of the Department.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Conlan, Thomas—Restored.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that Thomas Conlan, Laborer, be restored to duty upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 1.15 P. M. the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BEEKMAN, President.  
“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BORDEN.

Streets—Proposed changes.

Messrs. Wm. Cauldwell, Thomas W. Ball, Thomas Rogers, Charles W. White, James R. Marvin, Cornelius O'Grady, Z. S. Sampson and A. J. Simpson appeared before the Board in relation to proposed changes in the street system in the vicinity of 167th street, Boston avenue, Forest avenue, Home street, George street and a portion of Concord avenue.

Messrs. Cauldwell and Marvin were heard in relation thereto, and presented a petition of property-owners in favor of the proposed changes as shown on an accompanying map.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN the matter was referred to the Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards to report upon.

Wheelmen—Hearing.

E. J. Shriver, Alfred R. Conklin and F. M. Kitching appeared and were heard in relation to the matter of extending the privilege of wheelmen in the Central Park.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

**Common Council.—Tug-boats.**

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution, requiring the smoke-stacks of tug-boats to be lowered when passing through the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the matter was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, for his opinion as to the power of the Common Council to pass such resolution, and as to the power of the Board of Parks to prescribe such regulations, with or without the passage of a resolution by the Common Council.

**Jeannette Park—Paper stand.**

From Matthew Connor, complaining of a structure standing at Coenties Slip, used as a paper stand, and requesting its removal.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Department of Public Works, with the request that the structure be removed as an obstruction not authorized by a permit from this Department.

**Caulfield, J. H.—Legislative bills.**

From James H. Caulfield, desiring to furnish the Department with legislative bills during the coming session.

Laid over.

**Brower, H. V. A.—To exercise dog in Park.**

From H. V. A. Brower, asking permission to exercise his dog in the north end of Central Park.

Denied.



Barry, David—Extra services.

From David Barry, Bridge-tender, submitting a bill amounting to \$560, for extra services in operating the draw of Central Bridge.

Laid over.

Transfers asked.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to transfer the sum of seven hundred dollars from the appropriation made for "Cromwell's Creek Bridges," etc., for which it will not be required, to the appropriation entitled "Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance," 1886, which is insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Mounted Parkkeepers.

From the Surgeon and Captain of Police, recommending certain changes in the dress of Mounted Parkkeepers.

Laid over.

2d Avenue Bridge—Stairways.

From T. B. Willson, complaining of the inconvenience caused by the closing of the stairway leading from Lincoln avenue to the sidewalk of the bridge over Harlem river at 2d avenue.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to report.

McCann, P.—Statement of repairs.

From P. McCann, submitting a statement of the cost of certain repairs and improvements made by him at Mount St. Vincent, Central Park, and asking that the same be applied on account of his license fee.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins.

From the Topographical Engineer :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Brookline St.—Survey of.

2d. Asking authority to make certain changes in the location of the monuments and of the bearings of the street lines necessary to adjust the northerly line of Brookline street, between Webster and Marion avenues, and give the property its proper frontage.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Topographical Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make the adjustment in the monuments and lines of Brookline street, between Webster and Marion avenues, recommended in his letter of November 15, 1886.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Southern Boulevard—Grade of.

3d. Reporting in relation to the proposed change of grade of the Southern Boulevard, between Willis avenue and Brown place, and submitting a map, plan and profile, showing the same.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the map showing the proposed grade of that portion of the Southern Boulevard, was ordered placed on exhibition for ten days, and the Secretary was directed to insert a notice in the *City Record*, inviting parties interested to call and examine said map, and make known their views regarding the same.

Port Morris Branch R. R.—Grade of.

From the Topographical Engineer and the Engineer of Construction, in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and

24th Wards, reporting in relation to the grade of the Port Morris branch of the New York & Harlem Railroad in the 23d Ward.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the communication received this day from Engineer Myers, be referred to Commissioner Beekman to prepare a resolution calling upon the New York and Harlem Railroad Company to carry out so much of the suggestion contained therein, as in his judgment may be advisable, the same to be presented at the next meeting of the Board, for action.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

169th street sewer—Time of completion.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon an application of William J. O'Grady, for an extension of time in which to complete his contract for constructing a sewer in 169th street, between 3d and Franklin avenues, etc.

Referred back to the Engineer for additional information.

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Temporary suspensions.

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

Approved.

Treasurer's statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received and deposited by him with the Comptroller which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, November 30, 1886.*

## LICENSES.

1886.		
Nov.	3. Isaac Smith.....	\$1 20
"	8. William Keeler.....	1 10
"	9. Oscar H. Riker.....	10 78
"	10. John Lucas.....	11 88
"	11. Isidor Isaac.....	21 19
"	11. Isidor Isaac.....	13 57
"	11. W. H. Radford.....	335 71
"	11. P. A. Bernard.....	86 56
"	11. John P. Ryan.....	17 95
"	16. Charles Schwarz.....	56 13
		\$556 07

## FOUND.

Nov.	11. Property Clerk—Receipts September.....	15 00
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## PERMITS.

Nov.	1. Isaac Halsey.....	\$10 00
"	1. James O'Kane.....	40 00
"	1. Henry Walker.....	10 00
"	1. Daniel McCormick.....	10 00
"	6. H. N. Morris.....	10 00
"	6. H. Weiss.....	10 00
"	9. M. Caffisch.....	10 00
"	9. I. Reinhard.....	10 00
"	10. R. M. Strebugle.....	10 00
"	10. E. Smith.....	20 00
"	10. H. B. M. & Fordham R. R. Co.....	10 00
"	11. Wm. Spicker.....	20 00
"	13. Mr. Gribbens.....	10 00
"	15. Hiram Jelliff.....	10 00
"	16. Dominick O'Reilly*.....	770 00
"	18. T. Wagener.....	10 00
"	18. Mrs. M. Kelly.....	10 00
"	23. Wm. Gallagher.....	10 00
"	23. A. Schappert.....	10 00
"	26. Francis Keily.....	10 00
"	27. Wm. O'Gorman.....	10 00
"	30. Mrs. S. Thompson.....	60 00
		1,080 00

\* For vault on Lincoln avenue, northwest corner 137th street.

SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

Nov. 1. Paul G. Decker.....	\$4 00	
“ 3. Joseph H. Godman.....	30 09	
“ 9. P. G. Decker.....	10 00	
“ 15. J. M. Burke.....	4 00	
“ 15. Alexander McLean.....	4 00	
“ 20. John F. Crotty.....	12 00	
“ 24. Wm. Warren.....	4 00	
		\$68 00
		<u>\$1,719 07</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand seven hundred and nineteen dollars and seven cents.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT, 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 :

Amer. Dist. Tel. Co., messenger service,		
during Sept. and Oct., 1886.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$2 28
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., axle grease.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	3 00
Belloni & Co., cement.....	Labor, Maint, etc.	\$65 00
	Zoological Dept...	13 00
		78 00
Bouker, John A., garden mould.....	Jeannette Park...	825 00
Canda & Kane, brick.....	Zoological Dept...	\$80 50
	Jeannette Park...	35 00
		115 50
Christensen, H. B., heliographic copies		
of sundry maps.....	Surveys, Maps & Plans.....	35 70
Dahlman, I. H., horses.....	Labor, Maint, etc.	700 00
Hews, A. H. & Co., flower pots.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	26 25
Hoops, Bro. & Thomas, honeysuckles..	Labor, Maint., etc.	80 00
Hodgman Rubber Co., horse cover....	Labor Maint., etc.	2 75
Johnson, Isaac G. & Co., repairing		
steam roller.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	25 00

Kelsey, Fred. W., sugar maple trees. Labor, Maint., etc.	\$659 50	
Riverside Park & Avenue, etc. . . . .	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$689 50
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice. . . . . Zoological Dept. . .		7 75
Mutual Dist. Messenger Co., messenger service during Sept. and Oct., 1886. Labor, Maint., etc.		8 29
McKesson & Robbins, sponges, etc. . . Labor, Maint., etc.		25 36
Malone, Danl., furnishing and erecting iron pipe railing . . . . . Bronx River Bdgs., etc. . . . .		311 44
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, dusters. . . . Bronx River Bdgs.,		2 33
Manchester & Philbrick, lime. . . . . Maint. 23d & 24th Wards . . . . .		1 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stoves, scorches, etc. . . . . Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .		51 81
Moffit, David & Co., harness leather, etc. . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		28 54
Motley, Thornton N., screws, nails, etc. . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		13 92
National Iron Fence Co., braces, posts, etc. . . . . Riverside Park & Ave., etc. . . . .		175 85
O'Brien, M., milk. . . . . Zoological Dept. . .		14 88
Pratt Mfg. Co., astral oil . . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.	\$5 60	
	Zoological Dept. . .	1 40
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc. . . . .	7 00
	<hr/>	14 00
Pridgeon's Hamilton Bakery, bread. . . Zoological Dept. . .		58 13
Robitzek, G. & Bros., coal. . . . . Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .		75 00
Scott, D., fish. . . . . Zoological Dept. . .		12 40
Sloane, W. & J., linoleum, etc. . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		95 79
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., plants . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		229 50
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., earthen flower pans. . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		28 28
Wenman, Jas. F. cement. . . . . Labor, Maint., etc.		32 24
Willson, Adams & Co., posts. . . . . Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .		46 80
Willson, Adams & Co., lumber . . . . Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .		369 00
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		\$3,820 48
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$2,006 80
Zoological Department.....	188 06
Jeanette Park.....	860 00
Surveys, maps, and plans.....	35 70
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	203 80
Riverside Park and avenue, etc.....	205 85
Bronx River Bridges, etc.....	313 77
Harlem River Bridges, etc.....	7 00
	————— \$3,820 48

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

NEW YORK, December 1, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Brentano Bros., botanical publications. Labor, Maint., etc.	\$13 00
Crouch & Fitzgerald, cash trunk for Paymaster.....	Labor, Maint., etc. 15 50
Dunham, Thos. C., whiting.....	Labor, Maint., etc. 11 42
Edwards, Jos & Co., repairs to Madison Avenue Bridge.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc..... 258 95
Ghetti, Antonio, marble street monu- ments.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc..... 341 25
Hektograph Mfg. Co., cap refilled....	Labor, Maint., etc. 2 50
Johnson, Isaac G. & Co., repairing steam road roller.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards..... 10 00

Moseman, C. M. & Bro., ambulance harness.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$60 00
Moonan, John, oats, corn, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$11 00
	Zoological Dept...	8 85
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards .....	4 40
		<hr/> 24 25
Motley, Thornton N., shovels, bolts, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	60 49
Perry, W. B. & Son, carrots.....	Zoological Dept...	5 00
Stevens, J. W., apples.....	Zoological Dept...	72 00
Sparkman, Jas. T., rubber hose.....	Sewers and Drains, etc.....	10 83
Tysen, David J., cabbage .....	Zoological Dept...	144 00
Vacuum Oil Co., oil.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc.....	24 75
Young & Elliott, plants .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	8 40
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## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$182 31
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	283 70
Zoological Department.....	229 85
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	14 40
Sewers and Drains.....	10 83
Surveying, Laying out, etc.....	341 25
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand and sixty-two dollars and thirty-four cents.

NEW YORK, December 1, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT, the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Devlin, John B., Payment and Acceptance.....	Paving Roadway of E. 150th St., from Mott to Walton Aves, etc.....	\$2,753 52
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 3...	Reg., etc., Boston Road, bet. Jefferson St., and Locust Ave....	3,084 20
Moonan, John, Forage.....	Labor, Maint., etc.....	\$811 14
	Zoological Dept...	227 45
	Police .....	61 59
	Maint., 23d & 24th Wards.....	35 96
		<hr/> 1,136 14
Weston, Theodore, Commission for Services.....	Museum of Art Enlargement, (appropriation 1885)	630 40
		<hr/> \$7,604 26

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$811 14
Zoological Department.....	227 45
Police .....	61 59
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	35 96
Museum of Art Enlargement, 1885.....	630 40
Fund for Local Improvement, chapter 174, Laws 1885....	3,084 20
Street Improvements, Fund chapter 680, Laws 1886.....	2,753 52
	<hr/> \$7,604 26

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seven thousand six hundred and four dollars and twenty-six cents.

NEW YORK, November 17, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Casey, Michael, security for repairs. . . . .	Sewer in Morris Ave., from the summit, bet. 139th & 140th sts., to N. 3d ave.		\$120 35
Fitzgerald, Jas., coal . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc. Harlem R. Bdgs., etc . . . . .	\$40 50	
		81 00	121 50
Jones, Chas, estimate No. 13 . . . . .	Sewer in Webster Ave., bet. 165th & 184th sts. . . . .		1,858 19
McQuade, Jno., Estimate No. 14. . . . .	Reg., etc., Brook Ave., from a point 487 ft. southerly from 132d St., etc. . . . .		1,785 00
O'Grady, Wm. J., Estimate No. 2 . . . . .	Sewer in 169th st., bet. N. 3d Ave. & Franklin Ave., with branch, etc.		1,954 47
			<u>\$5,839 51</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. . . . .	\$40 50
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc. . . . .	81 00
Local Improvement Fund, chap. 680, Laws 1886 . . . . .	3,643 19
Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885 . . . . .	2,074 82
	<u>\$5,839 51</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty-one cents.

NEW YORK, December 1, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—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 :

Barron, James S. & Co., brooms and brushes.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$3 00	
	Harlem R. Bdgs, etc.....	3 00	
			\$6 00
Bertine, Edwin R., French flag for Battery Park.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		50 00
Belloni & Co., cement.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$46 80	
	Jeannette Park...	18 20	
			65 00
Colwell Lead Co., hose, bibbs, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$1 94	
	Harlem R. Bdgs, etc.....	50	
			2 44
Dunham, Thos. C., whiting.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		22 74
Fitzgerald, Jas., coal.....	Riverside Park and Ave., etc.....		45 00
Gunther's (C. G.) Sons, robe.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		25 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., whip and blank-ets.....	Police.....	\$24 00	
	Labor, Maint., etc.	3 00	
			27 00
Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		1 60
Liautard, A., services during April, May, July and Oct., 1886.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		151 85
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		38 50
McKenney, J. H. & Co., helmets.....	Police.....		400 00
Motley, Thornton, N., spikes, locks, etc.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$56 21	
	Harlem R. Bdgs, etc.....	10 37	
	Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc....	16 20	
			82 78

Mott, J. L., Iron Works, scorcher, cast-ings, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$79 55
New, T., felt.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	22 80
Patterson Bros., wrench and bolts....	Labor, Maint., etc.	3 76
Willson, Adams & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$83 20
	Riverside Park and Avenue, etc....	17 84
		<u>101 04</u>
		<u>\$1,125 06</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$589 95
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, etc.....	13 87
Jeannette Park.....	18 20
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	63 84
Police.....	424 00
Cromwell's Creek, Bridges, etc.....	16 20
	<u>\$1,125 06</u>

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

NEW YORK, December 1, 1886.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioners of Accounts—Maps of Riverside.

From the Commissioners of Accounts, asking to be furnished with two copies of the map of Riverside Drive, from the southerly line of 94th street to the northerly line of 96th street, showing the grades.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Secretary was directed to comply with the request of the Commissioners of Accounts, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Corporation Counsel—Resignation of Parkkeeper.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, replying to a communication from this Department, asking his opinion respecting the resignation of Parkkeeper Joseph W. Girard, while under charges, and stating that Officer Girard ceased to be a member of the force when his resignation was delivered, and that no action on the part of the Board was necessary to make the resignation effective.

Filed.

Girard, J. W.—Resignation accepted.

Commissioner CRIMMINS then called up the resignation of Officer Girard, which was received and laid over on 10th ultimo, and moved that the same be accepted.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Girard, J. W.—Charge filed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the charge of intoxication and insubordination preferred against Joseph W. Girard on 3d ultimo, also his letter of 12th ultimo, withdrawing his resignation, be placed on file.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN at 1 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

Inspectors of Sewers.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, submitting the following list of persons eligible for appointment as Inspectors of Sewers :

D. D. Crimmins.  
William J. Mead.  
Thomas Graham.

Filed.

Ruddiman, William, Jr.—For employment.

From William Ruddiman, Jr., applying for employment as a painter.

Filed.

Harrigan, C.—Resignation.

From Cornelius Harrigan, resigning his position as a Park keeper.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, said resignation was accepted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Topographical force—Reduced.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending a temporary reduction of the force employed under him, on account of the depleted condition of the appropriations.

On motion the recommendation of the Topographical Engineer was approved.

Welsh, G. S.  
Zingsem, R. R. } Transferred.  
Perez, J. F.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that G. S. Welsh, Assistant Engineer, and R. R. Zingsem, draughtsman, be transferred for duty under the Engineer of Construction in the 23d and 24th Wards on assessment work, and that J. F. Perez, skilled laborer, be transferred for duty under the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Schreiber, F.—Leave of absence.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that leave of absence be granted Frederick Schreiber, clerk, for two weeks on account of sickness.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Working force—Half time.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting a list of men of the working force placed on half time in consequence of a lack of funds.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to employ the men working half time on alternate weeks instead of half days, until such time as they may be restored to full duty.

McCormack, W. P.—Suspension.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of William P. McCormack, Asphalt Paver, owing to a lack of work.

McCormack, W. P.—Restored.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the Superintendent was approved and said W. P. McCormack was restored to duty at the grade and pay of laborer by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Powers, Borden—4.

Police cases.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges against certain Parkkeepers, and disposed of the same, as follows :

Jones, B. F.—Fined.

Bartlett F. Jones—Neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Heilferty, D.—Fined.

David Heilferty—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Havey, J. L.—Fined.

James L. Havey—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Fagan, J. F.—Fined.

John F. Fagan—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

On motion, the action of the Committee on Police was approved.

Promotions and Restorations.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had promoted Dennis Keenan, a Laborer, to the grade and pay of Sewer Laborer, and John Moore and Thomas Murphy, Laborers, to the grade and pay of Drivers; also, that he had restored the following-named:

Joseph T. Woodruff, Skilled Laborer.

Miles Cullen, Mason.

Henry Boyle, Painter.

Simon Murphy, Double Team in 23d and 24th Wards.

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

President—Resignation.

Commissioner BEEKMAN, verbally tendered his resignation as President of the Board.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the resignation of Commissioner Beekman be accepted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

President—Election of.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That Commissioner Borden be and he hereby is elected President of this Department for a term ending the first Wednesday of May, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Beekman, Crimmins, Borden—3.

Commissioner BORDEN then took the chair.



Treasurer—Election of.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Commissioner Crimmins be and hereby is elected Treasurer of the Board for a term ending the first Wednesday of May, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

Executive Committee—Commissioner Beekman appointed.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioner Beekman a member of the Executive Committee.

Superintendent of Parks—Salary fixed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Superintendent of Parks be and the same hereby is fixed at \$4,000 a year, to commence January 1, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Director of Menagerie—Pay fixed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Director of the Menagerie be and the same is hereby fixed at \$2,500 a year, to commence January 1, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Property Clerk—Pay fixed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Property Clerk be and the same is hereby fixed at \$3,000 a year, to commence January 1, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Lehane, E. E., }  
Nicholson, T. H., } Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Eugene E. Lehane and Thomas H. Nicholson be and they hereby are appointed Parkkeepers on probation, to take effect on 1st January, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Wallace, Thos.—Promoted.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas Wallace be and he hereby is promoted from the grade of Parkkeeper to that of Roundsman.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Committees appointed.

The PRESIDENT announced the appointment of the following Committees :

*Committee on Police.*

Commissioners Crimmins and Beekman.

*Auditing Committee.*

Commissioners Crimmins and Beekman.

Adjourned.

On motion at 1.45 P. M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1886.**

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SPECIAL MEETING—11 A. M.  
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The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
Nos. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, December 8, 1886. }

Mr. CHARLES DE F. BURNS, *Secretary, etc.* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held on Wednesday next, 8th instant, at 11 A. M., for the transaction of miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BEEKMAN.

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

The following communications were received :

Transfer of appropriation.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the following resolution adopted by said Board on 2d inst. :

*Resolved*, That the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700) be and is hereby transferred from the appropriation to the Department of Public Parks, entitled "Cromwell's Creek Bridges and Bridges other than those of Harlem River and Bronx River" for 1886, which is in excess of the amount required for the purpose thereof, to the appropriation entitled "Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance" for 1886, which is insufficient for the purposes thereof.

Filed.

139th st.—Ordinance to grade.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., 139th street, from Willis avenue to Brook avenue.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Irving—Report on bust of.

From the President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, reporting favorably upon the bronze bust of Washington Irving, proposed to be erected upon the Central Park.

Filed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the bronze bust of Washington Irving, with pedestal, presented to the City for erection on the Central Park by Dr. Joseph Wiener, be and the same hereby is accepted, and that the matter of selecting a suitable site for the same be referred to Commissioner BEEKMAN to report upon.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Shriver, E. J.—Wheelmen's privileges.

From Edward J. Shriver, in relation to the petition of wheelmen for the free use of the park drives, and suggesting

that the privilege be granted during the winter months as an experiment.

Filed.

Hall, Wm. A.—Battery Bath.

From William A. Hall, applying for a renewal of his license to moor a bath at the Battery for three years.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Clark, B. F.—Paper-stand.

From B. F. Clark, in relation to a complaint made against his news-stand at Coenties slip, adjoining Jeannette Park.

Laid over.

Braun, August—Skate privilege.

From August Braun, applying for the privilege of letting skates and chairs in the Central Park during the coming skating season.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Quinn, T. P.—Pay of painters.

From T. P. Quinn, requesting that the pay of painters employed by the Department be increased.

Filed.

Southwick, E. B.—Insects.

From E. B. Southwick, reporting upon the work of destroying noxious insects in the parks during the month of November.

Filed.

Police trials.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges preferred against certain Parkkeepers and disposed of the same, as follows :

Doolady, Jno. J.—Fined.

John J. Doolady—Off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Diamond, J. E.—Fined.

James E. Diamond—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Harrigan, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Harrigan—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

McCarthy, T. J.—Fined.

Thomas J. McCarthy—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Dwyer, J. J.—Charge dismissed.

John J. Dwyer—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Mount St. Vincent—Report on repairs, etc.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom was referred the application of P. McCann, licensee, for certain allowances for expenditures made by him in repairing and improving the refreshment building known as Mount St. Vincent, presented a report recommending that the following allowances be made and the amounts applied on account of license fees due or to grow due the Department from Mr. McCann :

1st. The sum of \$350 for carpenter work authorized by the Treasurer under authority of the Board of 18th November, 1885.

2d. A suitable sum for the apparatus for the steam-heating of the building.

On motion, said report was received and ordered filed.

McCann, P.—Allowances.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$2,239, being \$350 for carpenter work and \$1,889 for steam-heating, etc., be allowed P. McCann, licensee, and applied on account of his license fee upon his filing with the Department the proper vouchers showing such expenditures.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

Licensees—Treasurer to confer with.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the Treasurer was requested to confer with the several licensees of the Department, and ascertain upon what terms they will agree to renew their respective licenses, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the report of Commissioner CRIMMINS.

Stairways Second avenue bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon a communication of T. B. Willson, respecting the stairways leading to the sidewalk of the Second avenue bridge over Harlem river.

Filed.

O'Brien, P.—Suspended.

The President reported that he had ordered the suspension of P. O'Brien, Inspector on the East River Park sea-wall, on account of suspension of work during severe weather.

Approved.

Forage—Secretary to advertise.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be and he hereby is directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for furnishing the Department with forage during the six months ending June 30, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

## Fish for park lakes.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt be requested to give this Board the benefit of his advice as to the advisability of stocking the ornamental waters of the Central Park with suitable fish.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

## Trees, etc., for planting.

Commissioners CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks and the Superintending Gardener be directed to report at the next regular meeting of the Board a list of the trees and shrubs which they would suggest and recommend for planting on the parks the coming spring.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

## East Green resurfacing.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to commence at the earliest suitable date a treatment of the East Green—deepening the surface by placing mould of a satisfactory quality in such depths as his judgment may direct.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

## Towle, S.—Asked to report on drainage.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Stevenson Towle, Esq., Civil Engineer, be and he is hereby invited to make an examination of the



grounds in the Central Park, and present his views regarding their better drainage.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

The Riding Club—Subscription for family of Officer Holden.

From Samuel Borrowe, Secretary of the Riding Club, inclosing a check for \$317, subscribed by members of said club in aid of the widow and orphans of Parkkeeper Thomas Holden, with the request that the same be forwarded to the family of the late officer.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the amount subscribed by the Riding Club was accepted on behalf of the family of Officer Holden, and ordered paid to his widow, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT, 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 :

Fitzgerald, Jas., coal. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$265 73	
	Zoological Dept...	61 65	
	Police .....	42 53	
	Surveys, Maps and		
	Plans .....	11 47	
		<hr/>	\$381 38
Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements..	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$108 42	
	Zoological Dept...	167 26	
	Maint., 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	18 79	
		<hr/>	294 47
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			\$675 85
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## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. ....	\$374 15	
Zoological Department.....	228 91	
Police .....	42 53	
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	18 79	
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	11 47	
		<u>\$675 85</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty-five cents.

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

New York, December 8, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

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 :

McQuade, Jno., payment on acceptance.....	Reg., etc., E. 136th St., bet. N. 3d and Brook Aves.	<u>\$3,135 34</u>
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## RECAPITULATION.

Local Improvement Fund, chap. 420, Laws 1886... ..	<u>\$3,135 34</u>
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars and thirty-four cents.

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

New York, December 8, 1886.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 11.45 A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

Lehane, E. E., } Appointment amended.  
Nicholson, T. H. }

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the resolution adopted at the last meeting, appointing Eugene E. Lehane and Thomas H. Nicholson, Parkkeepers on probation, to take effect on the 1st proximo, be amended so as to take effect on the 10th instant.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Emmet, T. A.—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas A. Emmet be and he hereby is appointed Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum, to take effect January 1, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, at 12 o'clock the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1886.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BEEKMAN.

The minutes of the meetings of the 1st and 8th instant, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Roosevelt, R. B.—Fish for Park lakes.

From Robert B. Roosevelt, reporting, in compliance with the request of the Board, in relation to the advisability of stocking the Central Park lakes with suitable fish.

Filed.

Towle, S.—Park drainage.

From Stevenson Towle, Civil Engineer, accepting the invitation of the Department to examine and report upon the Central Park drainage.

Filed.

Dollivar, A. H.—Swan boats.

From Albert H. Dollivar, asking a continuance of his license to operate swan velocipede boats on the lower lake in Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Riker, O. H.—Swings.

From Oscar H. Riker, applying for a renewal of his license for swings in the Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Heyer, A.  
McCabe, W. F. } Eligible for promotion.  
Munckwitz, J. }

X From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, reporting Adolph Heyer and William F. McCabe as eligible for promotion to the grade of Clerks, and Julius Munckwitz, Jr., as eligible for promotion to the position of draughtsman.

Filed.

Schwarz, Chas.—For renewal of lease.

From Charles Schwarz, applying for a renewal of his lease of the High Bridge Park Hotel for three years.

Filed.

Trees, etc.—List for planting.

From the Superintendent of Parks, submitting, in compliance with an order of the Board, a list of trees and shrubs suitable for planting on the parks in the coming spring.

Filed.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical Engineer :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Southern Boulevard—Grade.

2d. Returning map or plan showing proposed grade of the Southern Boulevard, between Willis avenue and Brown place, the same having been placed on exhibition without any objection being made to the proposed grade.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That this Board, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby fix and establish the grade of the Southern Boulevard, between Willis avenue and Brown place, as shown on a map entitled "Plan and profile showing the Southern Boulevard, from Willis avenue to Brown place, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York," dated New York, May 21, 1886, and signed S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.; and that the President be authorized and directed to cause to be prepared three similar copies of said plan and to certify and file the same according to law.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

Railroad avenue—Grade.

From the Topographical Engineer and the Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon a petition of property-owners, asking the Department to sanction the passage of a law authorizing certain changes in the grades of Railroad avenue, east, and 158th and 159th streets.

Filed.

Railroad avenue—Opening urged.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to facilitate, as much as may be within his power, the legal opening of Railroad avenue, east, for which proceedings are now pending, in order to enable the Department to proceed, as soon as possible, with the construction of sewers for which there exists an urgent necessity.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

**Jeannette Park—Grades of sidewalks.**

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a map or plan showing proposed grades of the sidewalks around Jeannette Park.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the grades of the curb of the sidewalks around Jeannette Park be and the same hereby are established and fixed as shown on a map or plan this day presented by M. A. Kellogg, Engineer of Construction, dated December 15, 1886, and that a copy of said map or plan and of this resolution be filed in the office of the Department of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

**Sup't 23d and 24th Wards.**

From the Acting Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards :

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Temporary suspensions.

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

Approved.

Disabled horse.

3d. Recommending that one of the horses in the 23d and 24th Wards stable be removed on account of being disabled.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the horse referred to by the Acting Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards, was ordered sold at public auction by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

## Westchester avenue—Overtime on contract.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon overtime on the contract for regulating, etc., Westchester avenue, from North Third avenue to Prospect avenue, and recommending that penalty for  $304\frac{1}{4}$  days overtime be charged against the contractor.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

## Port Morris Branch R. R.—Grades.

Commissioner BEEKMAN, to whom was referred the matter of the grades of the Port Morris branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad, made a verbal report in relation to the same, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the New York and Harlem Railroad Company be and it is hereby requested forthwith to conform the grades of the Port Morris branch of said road, at the intersection therewith of Westchester avenue and 149th street, to the established grades of said avenue and street.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

## Harlem R. R.—Grades.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is requested to report to this Board a plan for the permanent adjustment of the relative grades of the tracks of the Harlem Railroad Company with its connecting and branch roads and the streets and avenues in the Annexed District intersecting the same, with a view to establishing over-grade crossings, and that he report what legislation, if any, may be necessary to carry such plan into effect.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.



Fifth avenue—Widening at 110th street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved,* That this Board approve chapter 421 of the Laws of 1886, authorizing the improvement of Fifth avenue at 110th street, and respectfully request the Board of Street Opening and Improvement to authorize the work to be done as provided by the said law.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Crimmins, Commissioner—Report on Licenses.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, to whom were referred the applications of William A. Hall and August Braun for renewal of their licenses, the former for mooring a bath at the Battery and the latter for the privilege of letting skates and chairs at the Park lakes during the coming skating season, made a verbal report and offered the following resolutions :

Hall, Wm. A.—Battery Bath.

*Resolved,* That the application of William A. Hall for a renewal of his license to moor a bath at the Battery for a period of three years, be and the same hereby is granted upon his agreeing to pay a fee of \$1,200 per annum for the privilege; and that the Treasurer be authorized to enter into an agreement with Mr. Hall for that purpose.

Braun, August—Skates, etc.

*Resolved,* That the application of August Braun for the privilege of letting skates and chairs at the main and lower lakes in the Central Park, during the coming skating season, be and the same hereby is granted, upon his agreeing to pay as license fee a sum equal to ten per cent. of his gross receipts, and that the Treasurer be authorized to enter into an agreement with Mr. Braun for that purpose.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Bryant Park, }  
Mt. Morris Park. } Lighting.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Gas Commission be requested to inform this Department what action has been taken to provide for lighting Bryant and Mount Morris Parks as requested by this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Barry, David—Bill for extra services.

Commissioner BEEKMAN called up the bill of David Barry for extra services in operating the draw of Central Bridge, which was received and laid over on 1st instant. Debate was had thereon, whereupon the matter was referred to Commissioner Crimmins with the request that he make an immediate report.

Commissioner CRIMMINS then presented a report, stating that in order to comply with an order of the board to open the draw of the Central Bridge when required, at all hours, Mr. Barry had employed two extra men, incurring the extra expense for which he should be reimbursed, and recommending that the bill presented by him, amounting to \$560, be audited and approved and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the bill of David Barry, amounting to \$560, for extra services rendered the Department in operating the draw of Central Bridge to December 1, 1886, be and the same hereby is audited and approved, and ordered sent to the Finance Department for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

## Audit.

The President 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 :

Abeel Bros., iron .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		\$9 53
Allen, R. H., Co., spears, saws and chisels .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		88 40
Barron, James S. & Co., brooms and dusters .....	Maint., 23d & 24th Wards .....		5 10
Bucki, Charles L. & Co., lumber .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		340 86
Curley, M., rubber apron, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		8 00
Chafin, S. F., petty disbursements, ...	Surveys, Maps and plans .....	\$21 03	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc. ....	94 25	
		<hr/>	115 28
Coffin, Paul C., saw files, etc .....	Police. ....	\$7 00	
	Labor, Maint., etc.	5 55	
		<hr/>	12 55
Christensen, H. B., heliographic copies of plans and profiles, certain streets and avenues, 24th Ward .....	Surveys, Maps and Plans .....		13 15
Coffin, Paul C., horseshoes .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		8 00
Consolidated Gas Co., gas, November ..	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$83 13	
	Harlem R. Bdgs, etc. ....	11 25	
	Police .....	14 24	
		<hr/>	108 62
Devlin, John B., mould .....	Riverside Park and Ave., etc. ....		192 50
Denning, E. J. & Co., blue cloth, etc., for light wagon repairs .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		25 71
Dunham, Thos. C., white lead, oil, etc.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$76 89	
	Harlem R. Bdgs, etc. ....	18 53	
		<hr/>	95 42
Dunham, Thos. C., oil .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		8 25

Fitzgerald, Jas., coal.....	Riverside Park and Ave., etc.....	\$22 50
Hitchings & Co., fire brick, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	90 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Zoological Dept...	7 50
McLaughlin, W. J., clipping horse....	Labor, Maint., etc.	3 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, copper-bottomed tin boiler, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	9 00
Motley, Thornton N., bolts and screws.	Bridge and Approach over Mott Haven Canal at 138th Street....	\$11 17
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	4 40
	Zoological Dept...	3 81
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		19 38
Motley, Thornton N., nails, serews, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	19 60
Myers, Chas. H., petty disbursements	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	9 80
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas, November.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	23 13
National Iron Fence Co., iron posts, etc.....	Riverside Park & Ave., etc.....	39 20
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept. ...	14 40
Smith, Clifford E., wagon materials...	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	43 82
Thompson, Frank J., old horses.....	Zoological Dept....	30 00
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., plants.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	195 00
Treanor, John, Estimate No. 3, erection of Sea Wall at East River Park, bet. 84th & 86th Sts.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1885.....	467 25
Whitman Saddle Co. spurs and bits....	Police.....	21 00
Wood, John, pulleys, etc.....	Police.....	31 00
Willson, Adams & Co., lumber.....	Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc....	\$54 00
	Sewers, Drains, etc.	72 00
	Labor, Maint., etc.	105 47
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		231 47
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		\$2,308 42

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. ....	\$1,099 52
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1885. ....	467 25
Zoological Department. ....	55 71
Police. ....	73 24
Harlem River Bridges, etc. ....	29 78
Riverside Park and avenue, etc. ....	254 20
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards. ....	53 32
Sewers, Drains, etc. ....	72 00
Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc. ....	54 00
Bridge and approach over Mott Haven Canal at 138th St.	11 17
Surveys, maps, and plans. ....	43 98
Surveying, Laying out, etc. ....	94 25
	\$2,308 42

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

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 15, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

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 :

Moran, Dennis W., payment on accept. Reg., etc., West-	
chester avenue	
from 3d to Pros-	
pect avenue. ....	\$14,462 81

## RECAPITULATION.

Local Improvement Fund, chapter 420, Laws 1886. ....	\$14,462 81
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty-one cents.

NEW YORK, December 15, 1886.

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Executive session.

On motion, at 11.55 A. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

Hopper, J. J.—Restored.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending that John J. Hopper, Assistant Engineer, be restored to duty.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that John J. Hopper, Assistant Engineer, be restored to duty in accordance with the recommendation of the Topographical Engineer.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Suspensions.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting a list of persons suspended by him until the 3d proximo, on account of a lack of funds ; also a list of foremen whom he had placed on half time during that period.

On motion of Commissioner BEEKMAN, the action of the Superintendent was approved, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

## Committee on Police—Report of.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges against certain Parkkeepers, and disposed of the same as follows :

Ging, J. H.—Charge dismissed.

James H. Ging—Absent without leave and violation of rules. Charge dismissed.

Higgins, G.—Charge dismissed.

Gilbert Higgins—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Armstrong, T. H.—Fined.

Thomas H. Armstrong—Off post and violation of rules. Guilty. Fined 5 days' pay.

Flynn, J. F.—Charge dismissed.

James F. Flynn—Absent without leave. Charge dismissed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

Personnel—Referred to President.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the subject of the personnel of the Department be referred to the President for such recommendations as he may see fit to make as to the grading of the employees other than mechanics and laborers, the fixing of their salaries, and the number to be employed.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Spillane, Daniel, } Confirmatory appointment.  
Sullivan, Jeremiah, }

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That in accordance with Regulation 35 of the Civil Service Regulations, the following-named persons are hereby appointed Parkkeepers :

Daniel Spillane.  
Jeremiah Sullivan.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Beekman—3.

Painters—pay fixed.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the painters in the employ of this Department be paid at the rate of \$3.25 per day, on and after January 1, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Steam Engineers—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Steam Engineers employed on the Harlem river bridges be and the same hereby is fixed at \$3.50 per day, to take effect January 1, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Flynn, Jas. S.—Death of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the death of James S. Flynn, bridge tender, caused by a fall on the Third avenue bridge.

Filed.



Condon, Michael—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Michael Condon be and he is hereby appointed a bridge tender, *vice* James S. Flynn, deceased.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 12.20 P. M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1886.**

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SPECIAL MEETING—12 M.

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The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
Nos. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, December 27, 1886. }

Mr. CHARLES DE F. BURNS, *Secretary, etc.* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held on Thursday, 30th instant, at 12 M., for the transaction of miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,  
“ POWERS,  
“ BEEKMAN.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Counsel to Corporation—Opening Railroad avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the progress made in the proceeding for opening Railroad avenue, east.

Filed.

Gas Commission, Sec'ty of—Lighting parks.

From the Secretary of the Gas Commission, stating, in reply to an inquiry from this Department, that the matter of lighting Mount Morris and Bryant Parks would be considered by said Commission at a meeting to be held in March next.

Filed.

N. Y. C. & H. R. R.R. Co.—Grades.

From Frank Loomis, General Counsel for N. Y. C. and H. R. R. R. Co., stating the intention of the President and Superintendent of said company to arrange for an early meeting with this Board to confer upon the subject of grades.

Filed.

Cunningham, Wm.—Baths on tennis grounds.

From William Cunningham, asking that shower baths be provided for the accommodation of tennis players in the Central Park.

Filed.

Comptroller—Bill of David Barry.

From the Comptroller, returning a voucher in favor of David Barry for extra services on the Central Bridge, and stating that Mr. Barry being a salaried employee of the Department, the voucher should be made out in the name of the person who performed the services.

Referred to the President.

Lemon, E. J.—To exercise dog in park.

From E. J. Lemon, asking permission to allow his dog to run at large in Central Park and Madison Square.

Denied.

Lamadrid, Mrs. J. M.—To erect booths.

From Mrs. J. M. Lamadrid, asking permission to erect two booths—one at City Hall Park and one at Battery Park, for the purpose of supplying hot meals to the poor.

Referred to Commissioner Crimmins for examination and report.

Crimmins avenue—Petition to grade and sewer.

From William R. Beal, C. P. Huntington and others, requesting the Department to change the lines and grades of Crimmins avenue in the 23d Ward, pursuant to chapter 664, Laws of 1886, and asking permission to grade and sewer said avenue at their own expense.

Crimmins avenue—Lines and grades changed.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting a map, plan and profile showing the proposed change in the lines and grades of Crimmins avenue, from Division avenue to St. Mary's street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York by chapter 664 of the Laws of 1886, they do hereby change and establish a street or avenue, and the lines and grades thereof, in the 23d Ward of said City as shown on a map entitled: "Plan and profile showing Crimmins avenue from Division avenue to St. Mary's street, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York, established in pursuance of chapter 664 of the Laws of 1886," dated New York, December 30, 1886, and signed S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P., they, or a majority of them, deeming it proper to make such change; and that the President of the Board of Parks be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause three similar maps or plans and profiles to be made, to certify to the same, and to cause them to be filed, as provided by chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Division avenue—Petition to build sewer in.

From W. R. Beal, W. H. McCord and others, asking permission to construct a sewer in Division avenue, from St. Ann's avenue, easterly, and in front of land owned by them, at their own expense.

Division avenue—Petition to grade.

From Samuel E. Lyon, C. P. Huntington and others, asking permission to regulate, grade, etc., Division avenue, from St. Ann's avenue to the Southern Boulevard, at their own expense.

Crimmins avenue. } Permission to improve.  
Division avenue. }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That whenever the owners of the property on the lines of Crimmins avenue, between Division avenue and St. Mary's street, and Division avenue, between St. Ann's avenue and Southern Boulevard, deed the same to the City for public use, permission be granted the said property-owners to regulate and grade the said avenues upon the established grades and to construct sewers therein, in accordance with plans to be prepared by this Department, and under its supervision ; the work to be done at their own expense.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical Engineer :

Southern Boulevard—Map of proposed grade.

1st. Submitting map showing a proposed change of grade of the Southern Boulevard, between Third and Lincoln avenues.

On motion, said map was ordered placed on exhibition for ten days and the Secretary was directed to insert a notice in the *City Record* inviting parties interested in the proposed change of grade to call and examine the said map.

Bremer avenue—Report on petition to open.

2d. Reporting upon a petition for the opening of Bremer avenue, between Devoe and Birch streets, referred to the Department for report by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, and stating that in his opinion the petition should be granted.

On motion said report was approved, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the suggestions contained therein to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

Jennings street—Report on petition to open.

3d. Reporting upon a petition for the opening of Jennings street, from Union avenue to Stebbins avenue, which had been referred to the Department by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement for examination and report, and recommending that the same be returned to the petitioners for the names of owners of additional frontage.

On motion said report was approved, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the same to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards :

Boston road—Suspension of work.

1st. Reporting in relation to suspending the work of regulating, grading, etc., Boston road, from 3d avenue to Jefferson street, for the winter.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the suspension of said work in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer.

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

Sewer 169th street—Time for completion.

2d. Reporting, in addition to his report of 29th ult., on the application of W. J. O'Grady for an extension of time on his

contract for constructing a sewer in 169th street, between 3d and Franklin avenues, etc.

Filed.

Skate building—Plan for.

From the Superintendent of Parks submitting a plan for a skate building proposed to be erected at the lower lake in Central Park at an estimated cost of \$200.

Filed.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN at 12.50 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

Joyce, John—Death of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the death of John Joyce, night watchman.

Filed.

Police Sergeants—For increase of pay.

From the Sergeants of the Park Police force, applying for an increase of pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS said application was denied by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Alcorn, E. P.—For promotion.

From Edward P. Alcorn, applying for promotion from the grade of Parkkeeper to that of Roundsman.

Filed.

Neade, F. M.—Resignation.

From Frank M. Neade, resigning his position of Park-keeper.

On motion, said resignation was accepted.

Holden, Ellen—For employment.

From Ellen Holden applying for employment as a Cottage Attendant.

Filed.

O'Neil, John—For employment.

From John O'Neil applying for employment as Watchman.

Filed.

Committee on Police—Report.

From Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges preferred against certain members of the Police force of the Department and disposed of the same as follows :

Reilly, Bernard—Charge dismissed.

Bernard Reilly—Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge dismissed.

Fagan, J. F.—Fined.

John F. Fagan—Off post and conduct unbecoming an officer. Guilty. Fined thirty days' pay.

Terpeny, H.—Fined.

Henry Terpeny—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Armstrong, T. H.—Fined.

Thomas H. Armstrong—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Thompson, W. D.—Fined.

Warren D. Thompson—Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.



Sweeney, M. J.—Fined.

Michael J. Sweeney—Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

On motion, the action of the Committee on Police was approved.

Tyson, I. C.—Promoted.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Isaac C. Tyson be and he hereby is promoted from the grade of Parkkeeper to that of Roundsman, to take effect January 1, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Zingsem, R. R.—Transferred.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That R. R. Zingsem, Draughtsman, be transferred for duty under the Topographical Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

McIntyre, W. S.—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That William S. McIntyre be and hereby is appointed an Axeman for duty under the Topographical Engineer at \$2 per day, commencing January 3, 1887, *vice* R. H. Geritzen, discharged.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Druhan, Sarah—Appointed.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Mrs. Sarah Druhan be and she hereby is appointed a Cottage Attendant, to take effect upon her assignment to duty by the Superintendent of Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Licenses—Treasurer's report on.

The Treasurer, to whom was referred the subject of licenses, presented a report in relation to the same, containing recommendations for the renewal and extension of the various licenses for park privileges upon terms more advantageous to the City.

Filed.

Radford, W. H.—License.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a license for the sale of refreshments in the buildings on Central Park, known as the Casino, Dairy and Skate building, be granted to William H. Radford for the term of five years, from January 1, 1887, upon his agreeing to pay to the Department as license fee a sum equal to 5 per cent. of his gross receipts, and to make the necessary repairs, etc., to keep the buildings occupied by him in a proper condition during the term of his license ; and that the Treasurer be authorized to enter into an agreement with Mr. Radford for that purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Schwarz, Chas.—Lease renewed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with Charles Schwarz, lessee of the High Bridge Park Hotel, for a renewal of the lease of

said premises for the term of five years, upon the following terms and conditions :

1st. That the lessee shall pay to the Department a sum equal to six per cent. of his gross receipts for the privilege.

2d. That the lessee shall forthwith, and at his own expense, paint and put in good repair the buildings occupied by him and maintain the same in proper condition during the term of his lease, also the approaches leading to the said premises ; such repairs to be made under the direction and subject to the approval of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

McCann, P.—Repairs to refreshment building.

From P. McCann, licensee, in relation to repairs required to be made to the refreshment building at Mount St. Vincent.

Filed.

Weston, Theo.—Payment on account of services.

Commissioner BEEKMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Theodore Weston be paid on account of his services as Architect for the construction of the addition to the building occupied by the Metropolitan Museum of Art the sum of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the aggregate amount of the contracts let for the construction of said building after deducting the sums already received by him.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Audit

The PRESIDENT, 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 :

Jones, Chas, Estimate No. 14. ....	Sewer in Webster Ave., bet. 165th & 184th Sts. ....	\$1,769 04
Murray, B. C., payment on acceptance..	Reg., etc., Tremont St. (formerly Westchester Ave.), from Boston Road to Bronx River....	2,982 91
Murray, B. C., security for repairs ....	Flagging Sidewalk e. s. St. Ann's Ave & 3d. Ave., from 161st St. to 163d st. ....	22 71
McQuade, Jno., Estimate No. 15. ....	Reg., etc., Brook Ave., from N.Y. & H. R. R. to a point 487 ft. southerly from 132d St., etc. ....	1,452 50
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		\$6,227 16
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RECAPITULATION.

Local Improvement Fund, chap. 420, Laws 1886. ....	3,221 54
Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885. ....	3,005 62
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	\$6,227 16
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six thousand two hundred and twenty-seven dollars and sixteen cents.

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 30, 1886.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—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:

Weston, Theodore, Commission for Services.....	Metropolitan Museum of Art Enlargement.....	\$6,540 58
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RECAPITULATION.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	\$6,540 58	<u>\$6,540 58</u>
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six thousand five hundred and forty dollars and fifty-eight cents.

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 30, 1886.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—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:

Cox, Jno. & Co., Estimate No. 2.....	Metropolitan Museum of Art, Enlargement, 1885.....	\$24,598 80
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RECAPITULATION.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, Enlargement Appropriation 1885.....	\$24,598 80	<u>\$24,598 80</u>
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-four thousand five hundred ninety-eight dollars and eighty cents.

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 30, 1886.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers, Beekman—4.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 1.50 P. M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1887.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,

“ POWERS.

**Proposals.**

At the hour of eleven o'clock, Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the following:

*Table of Bids for Coal.*

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	JAMES FITZGERALD.		O'DONNELL & TREANOR.		G. ROBETZEK.		EHRENREICH BROS.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
White Ash Coal, broken.....	450 tons.	\$4 70	\$2,115 00	\$4 65	\$2,092 50	\$4 65	\$2,092 50	\$4 25	\$1,912 50
White Ash Coal, Stove.....	350 tons.	4 85	1,697 50	4 75	1,662 50	4 75	1,662 50	4 75	1,662 50
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$3,812 50	.....	\$3,755 00	.....	\$3,755 00	.....	\$3,575 00

Prices in Figures only.



January 5, 1887.]

Table of Bids for Forage.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	HORACE INGERSOLL.		JOHN MOONAN.		THEODORE P. HUFFMAN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Hay.....	350,000 lbs.....	\$0 87	\$3,045 00	\$0 80	\$2,800 00	\$0 80	\$2,800 00
Rye Straw.....	50,000 lbs.....	77	385 00	70	350 00	75	375 00
White Oats No. 1.....	2,600 bags of 80 lbs...	1 07	2,782 00	1 10	2,860 00	1 15	2,990 00
Yellow Corn.....	575 bags of 112 lbs...	1 07	615 25	1 05	603 75	1 07	615 25
Bran.....	450 bags of 40 lbs...	37	166 50	35	157 50	38	171 00
Totals.....		.....	\$6,993 75	.....	\$6,771 25	.....	\$6,951 25

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

The following communications were received :

Kingsbridge road—Bridge on line of.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, giving his opinion as to the authority of this Department in the matter of a request of the Commissioner of Public Works for the approval of a plan for the construction of a bridge on the line of Kingsbridge road across Sherman's creek.

Laid over.

Canadian Club—To enter Park on snowshoes.

From Erastus Wiman asking permission for the members of the Canadian Club and others to pass over the Central Park lawns on snowshoes, on the afternoon of Thursday, 6th instant.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That permission be and the same hereby is granted Mr. Erastus Wiman and others to pass on snowshoes over the lawns of the Central Park, together with the members of the Canadian Club visiting this City, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 6th inst., under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks ; care to be taken not to do injury to the vegetation.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Treasurer's Statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received and deposited by him in the City Treasury which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows :

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, December 31, 1886.*

LICENSES.

1886.		
Dec.	9. Oscar H. Riker.....	\$4 64
"	10. John Lucas.....	5 45
"	11. Isidor Isaac.....	4 13
"	11. Isidor Isaac.....	13 35
"	11. W. H. Radford.....	186 13
"	14. Pierre Bernard.....	51 04
"	14. Chas. Schwarz.....	30 48
"	21. Oscar H. Riker. This is in addition to 5 per cent. on receipts (for year 1886).....	500 00
		\$795 22

POUND.

Dec.	23. Property Clerk, receipts for October.....	\$19 00
"	23. Property Clerk, receipts for November.....	17 50
		36 50

PERMITS.

Dec.	1. Geo. Smith.....	\$10 00
"	1. John A. Knox.....	60 00
"	2. James Bryant.....	10 00
"	10. Edward Stickler.....	10 00
"	17. Mrs. Dora Paul.....	10 00
"	21. T. G. Smith.....	30 00
"	23. Mrs. W. Ronner.....	10 00
"	28. Mrs. S. Mullens.....	10 00
"	30. Joseph Yates, vault east side Rider avenue, 75 feet south 136th street.....	187 50
		837 50

SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

Dec.	3. D. E. Powers.....	\$21 00
"	14. Daniel Malone.....	4 00
"	15. John P. Godwin.....	4 00
"	29. Geo. Steele.....	4 00
"	29. C. Byrnes.....	6 00
"	30. Thomas McAuley.....	4 00
		43 00
		\$1,212 22

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

Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

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

Filed.

Engineer of Construction.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Branch pipes and castings.

1st. Recommending that an order be issued to M. J. Drummond for 2 tons of branch pipes and special castings, in addition to the quantity to be furnished under his contract with the Department and at the contract price.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to issue an order to M. J. Drummond for furnishing the Department with 4,000 pounds of branch pipes and special castings, similar in all respects to those to be furnished by him under his contract, at a price not to exceed \$52 per ton.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Branch pipes, etc.—Inspector on contract.

2d. Calling attention to the necessity for the appointment of a competent inspector to supervise the work of casting the water-pipes, etc., to be furnished to the Department under contract with M. J. Drummond.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President with power to appoint an inspector.

2d Avenue Bridge—Stairways.

3d. Reporting in relation to the inaccessible condition of the stairways leading from Lincoln avenue to the footwalks of the bridge over Harlem river, at 2d avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved,* That permission be requested of the owners of the property on the easterly side of Lincoln avenue, between 132d street and the stairway leading to the sidewalks of the 2d avenue Bridge, to fill in the said avenue along the easterly line for such width as is required for a foot walk from the said stairways to 132d street, and when such permission is obtained that the Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards be directed to open a free dump for the filling required, and detail a laborer to do such grading of the material dumped as may be necessary.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Brown, Geo.—Suspended.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting the suspension of George Brown, Bridge-tender, in consequence of the closing of the draw of the bridge over Mott Haven Canal at 138th street.

Approved.

Ryan, Jos.—Suspended.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting the suspension of Joseph Ryan, Laborer, for intoxication.

Approved.

Cedar Park—To establish nursery in.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Superintendent of Parks and the Superintendent Gardener be directed to examine the locality and soil of Cedar Park and report to the Board as to the advisability of establishing a nursery for the growth and treatment of trees necessary for park plantation.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and declared the same adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Trees, etc.—Superintendent to report estimate.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report to the Board a detailed estimate of the cost of procuring the trees and shrubs required for planting on the parks in the coming spring, as recommended in his report of 15th December last.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Broken stones, etc., for 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be directed to prepare and submit to the Board specifications for furnishing and delivering such quantities of gravel, broken stone, screenings, or other material as shall be required for use on the roads, etc., of the annexed district during the present year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Forage, Coal—Contracts awarded.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That contracts, for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded as follows :

For Coal, to Ehrenreich Brother at \$3,575.

For Forage, to John Moonan, at \$6,771.25.

—they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, that the President be authorized to enter into contracts for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Audit.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, 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.

Bouker, John A., broken stone . . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1886 . . . . .		\$482 00
Colwell, Lead Co., gas pipe, etc . . . . .	Labor, Maint. etc., 1886 . . . . .		110 63
Denning, E. J. & Co., felt . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886 . . . . .		50 00
Dunham, Thomas C., glass and oil . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886 . . . . .		21 55
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt . . . . .	Zoological Depart- ment, 1886 . . . . .	\$2 00	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., 1886 . . . . .	2 00	
		<hr/>	4 00
Fitzgerald, Jas., coal . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886 . . . . .	\$206 32	
	Zoological Depart- ment, 1886 . . . . .	72 68	
	Police, 1886 . . . . .	49 73	
	Harlem R. Bridges, 1886 . . . . .	121 50	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886 . . . . .	15 30	
		<hr/>	465 53
Home of Industry, brooms . . . . .	Zoological Depart- ment, 1886 . . . . .		2 75
Kearney, James, filling . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886 . . . . .		90 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co., Ice . . . . .	Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 1886.		2 50
Liautard, A. F., services, etc., medi- cines, November . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886 . . . . .		6 00

Moonan, John, forage .....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$7 50	
	Zoological Depart- ment, 1886.....	2 20	
			<hr/> \$9 70
Moonan, John, forage.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886 .....	\$955 17	
	Zoological Depart- ment, 1886 .....	316 37	
	Police, 1886.....	94 58	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1886 ...	8 01	
			<hr/> 1,374 13
Motley, Thornton N., nails and oil cups.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$4 83	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc., 1886 .....	1 60	
			<hr/> 6 43
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stove pipe, joints, etc.....	Zoological Depart- ment, 1886.....	\$0 40	
	Riverside Park & Ave., etc., 1886.	8 80	
			<hr/> 9 20
McKesson & Robbins. drugs, etc .....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....		26 29
Parsons, E. W. & Co., elm trees.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886 .....		120 00
Pridgeon's Hamilton Bakery, bread and crackers .....	Zoological Depart- ment, 1886.....		62 25
Scott, D., fish .....	Zoological Depart- ment, 1886.....		12 00
Sullivan, James H., mould .....	Riverside Park & Ave. etc., 1886 .		264 90
Thorburn, James M & Co., bird food	Zoological Depart- ment, 1886.....		4 15
Vacuum Oil Co., oil .....	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc., 1886 .....		26 00
			<hr/> <hr/> \$3,150 01



RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1886 .....	\$1,598 29	
Zoological Department, 1886 .....	474 80	
Police, 1886.....	144 31	
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, etc, 1886.....	151 10	
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc., 1886.....	273 70	
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards, 1886.....	490 01	
Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	17 80	
		<u>\$3,150 01</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand one hundred and fifty dollars and one cent.

NEW YORK, January 5, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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 District Telegraph Company, messenger service during Novem- ber.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....		\$3 78
Conklin, W. A., medicines.....	Zoological Dept., 1886.....		12 70
Consolidated Gas Co., gas, December..	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$92 74	
	Harlem R. Bdgs, etc., 1886.....	12 13	
	Police, 1886.....	16 25	
			<u>121 12</u>
Duryee, Joseph W., lumber.....	Police, 1886.....	\$19 62	
	Bridge and Ap- proaches over Mott Haven Canal, at 138th st., 1886.....	13 00	
	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards, 1886	76 30	
			<u>108 92</u>

Fitzgerald, Jas., coal.....	Riverside Park and Ave., etc., 1886.		\$4 50
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$26 00	
	Police, 1886.....	47 63	
		<hr/>	73 63
Liantard, A. F., services and medicines supplied... ..	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....		15 00
Mansfield, William, Estimate No. 2. . . .	Constructing Mill Brook drains, etc., bet. 144th St. & Westches- ter Ave., 1886. .		1,617 84
Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements.	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$88 45	
	Zoological Dept., 1886.....	54 41	
	Police, 1886 . . . .	28 15	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1886... .	20 81	
		<hr/>	191 82
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Zoological Dept., 1886.....		15 00
Moonan, John, Forage.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$23 20	
	Zoological Dept., 1886.....	15 10	
	Police, 1886.....	46 00	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1886....	17 22	
		<hr/>	101 52
Morris, Little & Son, phenyle.....	Zoological Dept., 1886.....		6 25
T. New, felt.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1886....		5 70
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas, De- cember .....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....		35 25
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$21 82	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., etc., 1886.....	68	
		<hr/>	22 50
Parsons, E. W. & Co., elm trees.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....		52 50
Reiche, Charles & Bro., bird food....	Zoological Dept., 1886.....		6 00

Stern, Louis, uniforms. . . . .	Police, 1886. . . . .	\$1,201 30
Salisbury, John, Jr., sand. . . . .	Labor, Maint, etc., 1886 . . . . .	91 00
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., plants. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886. . . . .	155 25
Thompson, Frank J., old horses . . . . .	Zoological Dept., 1886. . . . .	30 00
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		\$3,871 58
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1886 . . . . .	\$604 99
Zoological Department, 1886. . . . .	139 46
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc., 1886 . . . . .	12 81
Police, 1886. . . . .	1,358 95
Bridge and approach over Mott Haven Canal at 138th St., 1886 . . . . .	13 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1886. . . . .	120 03
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc., 1886. . . . .	4 50
Street Improvement Fund, chap. 680, Laws 1886. . . . .	1,617 84
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	\$3,871 58
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand eight hundred and seventy-one dollars and fifty-eight cents.

NEW YORK, January 5, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT, the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Adjournment.

On motion, at 11.55 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

*Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1887.] 385*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1887.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.  
“ CRIMMINS.

A quorum not being present,

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

*Saturday, Jan. 22, 1887.] 387*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1887.**

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SPECIAL MEETING—11 A. M.  
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Pursuant to the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, January 19, 1887. }

Mr. CHARLES DE F. BURNS, *Secretary, etc.* :

SIR—In view of the fact that the stated meeting for to-day could not, by reason of the absence of a quorum, be held, you will please issue notices for a special meeting to be held on Saturday next, 22d instant, at 11 A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented.

Respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

A quorum not being present,

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1887.**

**SPECIAL MEETING—11 A. M.**

The Board met pursuant to the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, JANUARY 24, 1887. }

Mr. CHARLES DE F. BURNS, *Secretary*:

SIR—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Board of Parks, to be held on Wednesday, 26th instant, at 11 A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented.

Respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN.

*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,

“ POWERS.

Morningside Park.

Messrs. D. H. Olmstead, Francis M. Bixby, Frank Tilford and J. W. Teets, a Committee from the Morningside Park Association appeared before the Board, and presented copies of resolutions adopted by said Association, requesting this Department to take immediate action for the improvement of Morningside Park, and the completion of the drive at the northwest corner of Central Park.

The members of the Committee were then heard in relation to the same.

The Minutes of the meetings of December 30, and January 5, 19 and 22, were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

## Final Estimate

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transmitting a copy of the Final Estimate for this Department, for the year 1887, 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 Janitors, Attendants, Skilled Laborers acting as Messengers, Rodmen, Chainmen and Axemen, Draughtsmen, Steam Engineers, Mechanics, Gardeners, Carts, Teams, the Laboring Force and 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	
Superintendents, Engineers, Architects, Clerks, etc.....	35,000 00	\$40,000 00

Police—Salaries of Captains, Surgeons, Sergeants, Roundsmen, Patrolmen, Special Keepers, and Police Tailors, and for Purchase of Supplies, including two sub-stations.....	185,000 00
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Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, Construction and Repairs—For all supplies, excepting those for which specific appropriations are made, and wages of all persons employed on the works of maintenance, excepting those employed in the Zoological Department, and including the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory.....	300,000 00
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Zoological Department—For the increase and the keeping, preservation, additions to, and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, including repairs to buildings used for that purpose.....	30,000 00
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## 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
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For amount to enable the Trustees of the Museums of Art and Natural History to open the Museums on Sundays and holidays from 1 to 6 o'clock p. m., \$5,000 to each Museum.....	10,000 00
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(This appropriation is only to be applicable in the event of the Museums being kept open on Sundays and Holidays.)

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 40,000 00

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 \$595,000 00

Music—Central Park and the City Parks, including the repair, construction and alteration of music stands.....	16,000 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance....	32,000 00
Riverside Park and Avenue—For the Improvement and Maintenance of Telephonic Service—For erecting and maintaining Telephonic Service for the Department.....	25,000 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.....	100,000 00
Bronx River Bridges—For the Repairing and Maintenance of Bridges over the Bronx River, within the City limits.....	2,500 00
Sewers and Drains—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For the rebuilding, cleaning and repairing of sewers and drains, and for the construction of temporary drains, as ordered by the Health Department, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	10,000 00
Incumbrances—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—Removal of 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 155th 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.....	15,000 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans—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 of projected sewers, drains and other improvements, including rent of offices for engineers; and for making maps for acquiring right of way for building drains.....	22,600 00
Rents and Repairs—Department of Public Parks—To pay Rents and make Repairs 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.....	8,500 00
Jeannette Park—For improving the Park at Coenties Slip, known as Jeannette Park.....	5,000 00
Sprinkling—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For Sprinkling main thoroughfares in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards...	3,000 00
Cromwell's Creek Bridges, and Bridges other than those of Harlem River and Bronx River.....	1,000 00
	————— \$840,750 00

Filed.

Board of Aldermen— Opened streets.

From the Clerk of the Board of Alderman, transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution adopted by said Board, asking to be furnished with a list of all the streets, roads, avenues, etc., in the 23d and 24th Wards, now opened according to law and the title thereto vested in the City.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to report.



Bridge over canal at 138th street.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, replying to a communication in relation to the matter of the bridge over Mott Haven Canal at 138th street, and stating that in his opinion, this Department may control the use to which the bridge may be put, and make it stationary if deemed necessary and proper to do so.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered the draw of said bridge closed and made stationary.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS the action of the President in directing the closing of the draw of the bridge over the Mott Haven Canal at 138th street was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Telephonic service.

From the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, in relation to renewing their contract with this Department for telephonic service.

Commissioner Borden offered the following:

*Resolved*—That the Board of Aldermen be and they hereby are requested to pass an ordinance permitting this Department to contract for telephonic service, for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1887, at a price not exceeding \$3,650, without public letting.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Four-in-hand sleighs.

From E. N. Dickerson, Jr., Lawson N. Fuller and C. A. Boudouine, asking permission to pass through the Central Park with four-in-hand sleighs.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the President be authorized to issue permits.

Which was carried by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Carl Sahn Club—Music.

From the Carl Sahn Club, desiring to furnish music for Park concerts during the coming season.

Filed.

Scott, Alfred & Co.—Programmes.

From Alfred Scott & Company, applying for the privilege of publishing and distributing programmes of Park concerts during the coming season.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*—That the privilege of publishing and distributing programmes of park concerts be granted to Alfred Scott & Co. for three years, upon their agreeing to pay the sum of \$20 per week during each concert season, and that the Treasurer be authorized to enter into an agreement for that purpose on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Harris, W. C.—Fish for lakes.

From William C. Harris, asking if any action had been taken in relation to stocking the park lakes with suitable fish.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*—That this Board having considered the suggestions contained in the report of Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt in relation to stocking the park lakes with suitable

fish, does not deem it advisable to take further action in the matter at this time.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Captain of Police—Unsuitable horse.

From the Captain of Police, recommending that the horse formerly used by Parkkeeper Thomas Holden, not being suitable for police duty, be put to some other use.

On motion, the horse referred to by the Captain of Police was ordered disposed of at public auction, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Horses—To be disposed of.

On motion of Commissioner Crimmins, the President was authorized to select from the horses belonging to the Department such as he may deem unfit for Park use, and cause the same to be disposed of at public auction by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Topographical Engineer.

From the Topographical Engineer.

Works in progress.

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

Filed.

East 134th street—Proposed extension.

2d. Reporting upon a petition of the Port Morris Land and Improvement Company referred to this Department for examination and report by the Board of Street Open-

ing and Improvement, for the laying out and extending of East 134th street, from St. Ann's avenue to the Southern Boulevard, and stating that the proposed improvement would be an important, beneficial and desirable one.

On motion, said report was approved, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the same to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Southern Boulevard—Change of grade.

3d. Submitting a map, plan and profile showing the proposed change of grade of the Southern Boulevard between Third and Lincoln avenues, which map had been placed on exhibition and to which no objection had been made.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Parks, deeming such change required, does hereby modify the grade of the Southern Boulevard between Third and Lincoln avenues, as shown on a map entitled, "Plan and profile showing Southern Boulevard from Third avenue to Lincoln avenue, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York," dated New York, December 23, 1886, and signed S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P., and that the President of said Department be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause three similar plans and profiles to be made, to certify to the same, and cause them to be filed as provided by chap. 410, Laws of 1882.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

From the Engineer of Construction.

Jeannette Park—Railing.

1st. Reporting in relation to the completion of the contract for erecting a railing, etc., around Jeannette Park, and recommending that no charge be made against the contractor for overtime, the work, with the exception of

a few changes and repairs, having been completed within the specified time.

On motion, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Water Pipes—Treasurer's order.

2d. Enclosing a letter from M. J. Drummond, returning an order sent him to furnish 4,000 lbs. of branch pipes and castings at \$52 per ton, and stating that he would be unable to accept the order at that price on account of the increase in price of iron, but would accept the same at the price of \$61 per ton.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to issue an order to M. J. Drummond for 4,000 lbs. of branch pipes and castings at \$61 per ton, in lieu of the order which he was authorized on the 5th inst. to issue, by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Kingsbridge road—Plan of bridge.

3d. Reporting upon a plan of a proposed bridge on the line of Kingsbridge road across the creek at 222d street, submitted to this Department for approval by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That this Board hereby approves the plan submitted by the Commissioner of Public Works for the construction of a bridge across the creek or canal at 222d street on the line of Kingsbridge road, in connection with the work of regulating, grading, etc., the said road.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of streets and sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Macauley, Agnes—Report on complaint of.

1st. Reporting upon a communication from Agnes Macauley, in relation to the damage done to a fence and flagging in front of her property, at the southeast corner of Boston road and 169th street, by the contractor for regulating and grading the said road.

Filed.

Sewer, Webster avenue—Grading Westchester avenue—Suspension of work.

2d. Recommending that work under the contracts for constructing the Webster avenue sewer, and regulating, etc., Westchester avenue, be suspended on account of the severe weather.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered the suspension of the work in accordance with the engineer's recommendation.

On motion the action of the PRESIDENT was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

East 168th street—Grading, &c.

3d. Reporting in explanation of the increase over the original estimates in some of the quantities of work done under contract for regulating, grading, &c., East 168th street, between Boston road and Union avenue.

Filed.

Works in Progress.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Filed.

Rhinoceros—Treasurer to issue order.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the issue of a Treasurer's order for the

purchase of a rhinoceros, including cage and transportation from New Orleans to New York, for the sum of \$4,690, be and the same is hereby authorized.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Jeannette Park—Exterior improvement.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications for the exterior improvement of Jeannette Park by contract.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Riverside drive—Completion.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be and he hereby is directed to prepare and submit to this Board plans, specifications and form of contract for completing the Riverside drive between 85th and 88th streets.

Which was adopted by the following vote.

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Watchmen—Uniforms.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to provide suitable uniforms for the persons employed as watchmen under the Captain of Police.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Reply to charges of Commissioner Coleman.

Commissioner CRIMMINS stated that at a meeting of the

Board of Estimate and Apportionment held on December 30, 1886, a statement was presented by Commissioner Coleman criticising the management of the Department of Parks, which was then read and filed, thereby becoming a portion of the records of that Board; that a reply thereto had been prepared, signed by the President and Treasurer, which should also properly become a matter of record, and moved that the said reply be printed as a Board document.

Which was carried by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*Nay*—Commissioner Powers—1.

(See Document No. 108.)

Legislative bills—Treasurer to purchase.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed to make arrangements for procuring complete files of the Senate and Assembly Bills during the present year, at an expense not to exceed \$50.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Stable, &c., 23d and 24th Wards—Lease.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Sinking Fund Commission be respectfully requested to lease for the use of this Department for one year from May 1st next, the premises now in its possession at the northeast corner of 143d street and College avenue, and used as a stable and shops.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Street opening—To change method.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Whereas*, Street improvements in the Annexed District,



many of which are of the greatest sanitary importance, are retarded by the slow progress of the proceedings for acquiring title to the lands required for streets, some of said proceedings having been pending for several years; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a bill for presentation to the Legislature to provide for a more expeditious method than that now in use for acquiring lands for public purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Central Bridge—Night service.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this Board on 15th ultimo, auditing and approving a bill of David Barry amounting to \$560 for extra services on the Central Bridge, and directing that the same be forwarded to the Finance Department for payment, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That bills for night service on the Central Bridge from July 14 to December 1, 1886, aggregating the sum of \$560, be made out in the names of the persons whom the bridge-tender employed to perform such service, and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment in accordance with the requirement of the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the bills of Truxton Taylor and Truxton Taylor, Jr., aggregating the sum of \$124 for night service on Central Bridge from December 1, 1886, to January 1,

1887, be and the same hereby are approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Audit.

Commissioner CRIMMINS 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.

Amer. Dist. Teleg. Co., Messenger services during Dec., 1886.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$6 34
Brown, Martin B., binding Damage and Benefit Maps.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	12 50
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	37 50
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	79 40
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	33 56
Dunham, Thos. C., glass.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	5 00
Fitzgerald, Jas., coal.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$171 23
	Zoological Dept., 1886.....	68 85
	Police, 1886.....	38 25
	Harlem R. Bdges., etc., 1886.....	68 85
	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	7 65
		<hr/> 354 83
Mott, J. L. Iron Wks., repairing fur- nace.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	19 69

Moonan, Jno., forage.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	450 61	
	Police, 1886.....	42 95	
	Zoological Dept., 1886.....	75 58	
	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards, 1886.....	9 92	
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Metropolitan Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephonic services.....	Telephonic Service, 1886.....		1,216 67
Murray, Bernard C., estimate, No. 4....	Reg., etc., Boston Road from Jeffer- son st. to Lo- cust ave.....		3,041 50
Myers, Chas. H., petty disbursements...	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....		8 92
McCartney, Thos., daily papers.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....		14 05
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Zoological Dept., 1886.....		8 25
New, T., felt.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....		42 75
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Zoological Dept., 1886.....		14 88
Pridgeon's Hamilton Bakery, bread....	Zoological Dept., 1886.....		58 13
Pratt M'fg o., astral oil.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....		14 00
Thompson, Frank J., pelicans and old horses....	Zoological Dept., 1886.....		175 00
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## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1886.....	\$840 57
Zoological Department, ".....	400 69
Harlem River Bridges, etc., ".....	68 85
Police, ".....	81 20
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards, ".....	9 92
Telephonic Service, ".....	1,216 67
Fund for Local Improvements, chap. 174, Laws 1885.....	3,041 50
Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	62 63
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five thousand seven hundred and twenty-two  $\frac{3}{100}$  dollars.

New York, January 19, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
Auditing Committee

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT, the same were approved, and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

- Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.
- No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

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 :

Fiske, Jos. W., Iron Railing and Gates..Jeannette Park,	
1886.....	\$1,838 70

RECAPITULATION.

Jeannette Park, 1886.....	\$1,838 70
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventy cents.

NEW YORK, January 19, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

- Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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 :

Farley, Pat'k, Mould.....Riverside Park,	
and Ave., etc.,	
1886.....	\$71 00
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., Salaries	
and Wages, Oct., 1886.....Maint. Museums,	
1886.....	1,157 37
Mahon, Bernard, Payment on Accept-	
ance .....	
Reg., etc., E. 168th	
st., from Boston	
Road to Union	
Avenue.....	4,307 21

O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	5 00
Stackpole & Bro., Steel Tape, etc. ....	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886....	29 00
Scott, D., Fish.....	Zoological Dept., 1886.....	12 40
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		\$5,581 98
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, etc., 1886.....	\$5 00
Zoological Department, 1886.....	12 40
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc., 1886.....	71 00
Maintenance Museums, 1886 . . . . .	1,157 37
Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	29 00
Fund for Local Improvements, Chapter 174, Laws 1885...	4,307 21
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	\$5,581 98
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five thousand five hundred and eighty-one dollars and ninety-eight cents.

NEW YORK, January 19, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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 :

Mahon, Bernard, Estimate No. 2.....	Reg., etc., Boston road, from 3d Ave. to Jeffer- son st.....	\$3,080 00
Motley, Thornton N., Bolts.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	4 60
Willson, Adams & Co., Lumber.....	Lumber, Sewers & Drains, etc., 1886.....	\$151 20
	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards, 1886.....	140 37

	Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc., 1886 .....	126 00	
			417 57
Perry, W. B. & Son, Fruit and Vegetables.	Zoological Dept., 1886.....		26 90
			<u>\$3,529 07</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Zoological Department, 1886.....	\$26 90
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1886 ..	144 97
Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc., 1886.....	126 00
Sewers and Drains, etc., 1886.....	151 20
Fund for Local Improvement, chapter 174, Laws 1885....	3,080 00
	<u>\$3,529 07</u>

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

NEW YORK, January 26, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*--Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers--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 :

Cole, W. W., Rhinoceros.....	Zoological Dept.....	<u>\$4,690 00</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Zoological Department.....	<u>\$4,690 00</u>
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Amounting to the sum of four thousand six hundred and ninety dollars.

NEW YORK, January 26, 1886.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved

and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

**Executive Session.**

On motion, at 12.20 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received:

Haffen, L. F.—For increase of pay.

From Louis F. Haffen, Assistant Engineer, applying for an increase of pay.

Filed.

**Superintendent of Parks—Suspensions.**

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of one rockman, one paver, one driver and 54 laborers on Riverside drive.

On motion, the action of the Superintendent was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

From the Captain of Police:

Nicholson, T. H., } Appointed.  
Lehane, E. E., }

1st. Reporting as to the efficiency of Thomas H. Nicholson and Eugene E. Lehane, Parkkeepers on probation.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That Thomas H. Nicholson and Eugene E. Lehane be and they are hereby appointed Parkkeepers in accordance with the requirements of Civil Service Regulation 35.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Fagan, J. F.—Resignation.

2d. Forwarding the resignation of John F. Fagan, Park-keeper.

On motion, said resignation was accepted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Heilferty, David—Resignation.

3d. Forwarding the resignation of Parkkeeper David Heilferty.

On motion, said resignation was accepted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Eligible List—Parkkeepers.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board submitting the following list of persons eligible for appointment as Parkkeepers:

Michael J. Scannell,	George Hampshire,
Martin J. Crofton,	William Parker,
Hugh L. Slavin,	Charles E. Bertram,
Michael J. Shea,	Thomas C. Williams,
Robert Neely,	James Murphy,
Edward Gilon, Jr.,	Thomas F. O'Toole,
William J. O'Connor,	Patrick J. Boylan,
Henry A. Audereya,	Hubert L. Casey,
George Gregory,	Patrick Fanning,
M. D. Killorin,	Oscar Burpeau,
James Dillon,	Rudolph Eichler,
John F. Mooney,	William J. Fowler,
Henry Farley,	Bernard Gribben.

Filed.

Derr, H. H.—For increase of pay.

From Henry H. Derr, Chainman, applying for an increase of pay.

Filed.



## Committee on Police—Report.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges against certain Parkkeepers, and disposed of the same as follows:

Ging, J. H.—Fined.

James H. Ging. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Burke, J.—Fined.

Jeremiah Burke. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Monahan, Wm.—Fined.

William Monahan. Absent from roll call. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

McMullen, H. J.—Charge dismissed.

Henry J. McMullen. Neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

McMullen, H. J.—Fined.

Henry J. McMullen. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Doolady, J. J.—Charge dismissed.

John J. Doolady. Not properly patrolling. Charge dismissed.

Shannon, J. M.—Fined.

James M. Shannon. Off post. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Jones, B. F.—Fined.

Bartlett F. Jones. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Burke, J.—Fined.

Jeremiah Burke. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Fanning, D.—Fined.

David Fanning. Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Reilly, B.—Fined.

Bernard Reilly. Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Conroy, Pat'k—Charge dismissed.

Patrick Conroy. Absent without leave. Charge dismissed.

McCarthy, John—Charge dismissed.

John McCarthy. Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge dismissed.

Marrin, P. J.—Fined.

Philip J. Marrin. Off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Smith, Thos.—Fined.

Thomas Smith. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

On motion the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

The PRESIDENT reported the following action taken by him since the last meeting of the Board:

Downes, S. B., } Restored.  
Gilroy, Frank, }

1st. That he had restored to duty S. B. Downes, Assistant Engineer, and Frank Gilroy, Axeman.

Which was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Gardeners, } Reinstated.  
Rockman, }

2d. That he had reinstated fourteen gardeners and one rockman for work on the snow and ice, and fixed their pay at the rate of \$1.76 per day each while doing such work.

Which was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Carlin, Chas.—Suspended.

3d. That he had ordered the suspension of Charles Carlin, Assistant Foreman on Riverside drive.

Which was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Laborers, 23d and 24th Wards—Suspended.

4th. That he had ordered the suspension of William Bathgate, James Reilly and James Masterson, laborers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Which was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Rockman,  
Driver,  
Cottage laborer, } Discharged.  
Laborers, }

5th. That he had ordered the discharge of one rockman, one driver, two cottage laborers and twenty-three laborers upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks.

Which was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Kelly, J. J.,  
Gilmartin, Lawrence, } Reduced in grade.  
Graul, Chas., }

6th. That he had ordered the reduction of John J. Kelly, Lawrence Gilmartin and Charles Graul, laborers, to the grade and pay of cottage laborers.

Which was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Parkkeepers on Probation.

7th. That under authority given by the Executive Committee he had employed the following named persons as Parkkeepers on Probation :

Michael J. Scannell,  
Edward Gilon, Jr.,  
Henry A. Andereya,  
James Dillon,  
George Hampshire,

John T. Mooney,  
Henry Farley,  
William Parker,  
Thomas C. Williams.

Which was approved by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Adjournment.

On motion, at 1.10 P. M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**DOCUMENT No. 108.**

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**BOARD**

OF THE

**Department of Public Parks.**

JANUARY 26, 1887.

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Commissioner CRIMMINS stated that at a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held on December 30, 1886, a statement was presented by Commissioner Coleman, criticising the management of the Department of Parks, which was read and filed, thereby becoming a portion of the records of said Board, and that a reply thereto had been prepared, signed by the President and Treasurer, which should also properly become a matter of record.

On motion, said reply was ordered printed as a Board document.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
NEW YORK, Jan'y 15, 1887. }

HON. A. S. HEWITT,  
*Mayor of the City of New York.*

DEAR SIR:

On Thursday, December 30th last, a paper was presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by one of its own members, making certain and general reflections on the administration of the Department of Public Parks, of so serious a nature that they should be noticed.

The author of this paper was President Coleman, of the Tax Commission. The delay in calling your official attention to the matter has been caused by our inability to obtain the paper alluded to, having succeeded in getting the same from Commissioner Coleman not until Wednesday, January 5th last.

The charges contained in this paper are sweeping, inasmuch as they cover every branch of service under our care, in many instances general in their nature, and expressed by bare assertion of opinion as fact, in other and fewer cases, specific in form, and supported in a greater or less degree by figures and comparisons, which, for the most part, are either *unfair or untrue*.

In self defense, and for the good name of the Department we, for the time, represent, in the interest of good government, which is *hindered and handicapped* in no small degree by bad servants and unprincipled accusers alike, we beg you to review with us the charges brought, and our answer to the same, as briefly as the occasion will permit.

Considering Commissioner Coleman's paper in the order observed therein, attention is first called to the Park Police,



	1879.	1886.
Number of charges preferred.....	25	222
Number of charges punished by fines.....	11	164
Number of days fines imposed.....	82	863
Number of dismissals from the force.....	6	11
Number of resignations while under charges to escape dismissal.....	0	5

*No political or other influence of any kind has, during the past year availed, or can at the present time protect an officer of this force from punishment, measured by his wrong-doing, if found guilty of a punishable offense.*

Referring again to Commissioner Coleman's assertion that the necessities of the Department for police service "are not much greater to-day than in 1879," we call your attention to the fact that Riverside Park in that year had no police at all, save one mounted officer during the day, and now has nineteen men; that in 1879 the city parks were policed by only one man in each *during the day alone* and now are covered for the most part *day and night* requiring a service of 35 men; that, in 1879, excepting on the bridle paths, there were no mounted men on duty in Central Park, and to-day there are seven, and *should be many more*; that the need of police protection in the Central Park to-day is *far greater* than in 1879, because of the largely increased use of both the bridle paths and drives—notably the East Drive,—and we are forced to the conclusion that, with 100 men on the force in 1879, and 157 to-day, and with 54 men now doing duty *outside the jurisdiction of the Park Police in 1879*, we have for the territory covered at that time, *no increase whatever* in the Park Police of to-day as compared to that year.

It is our firm conviction, fortified by a close observation and study of results already obtained, that a reasonable increase of this force over its present numbers, would operate for the welfare of the public in the *prevention of serious accident and loss of life* imperilled by the same.

So far as Commissioner Coleman's review of the situation with regard to the Police is concerned, *in no particular can his position be maintained.*



## MUSEUMS.

Concerning the Museums, we cordially agree with all that Commissioner Coleman says (excepting only a single unbecoming allusion to politics again), because he says nothing unworthy of himself or his subject.

## MUSIC.

The number of open-air concerts in the Central and City Parks during the past year has been greater than ever before, and careful observation has led us to believe that all the money expended in this direction has been productive of the most beneficent results, in the pleasure of refining and cultivating kind that it has brought within the reach of the classes who, nowhere else, share such enjoyment with the more fortunate.

Commissioner Coleman, by way of comparison, deserts the year 1879 in this instance, and fixes upon 1884 as a proper standard of measure for the appropriation of to-day.

It is an *arbitrary* assumption on his part, and the amount fixed upon by him in this way might, with equal propriety, be any *lesser* or *greater* sum, as he himself *might happen to think*.

It is our business to inform ourselves, by careful watchfulness and consideration of the results to be obtained, and the cost of obtaining them, in the expenditure of money for this, as well as all other legitimate purposes in our care, and with this light to guide us, we believe that no cutting of the appropriation asked for music would be *economy*, in the best sense of the word—a conviction apparently largely shared by the Board of Estimate itself, since the sum finally voted us for this use is \$16,000 instead of the \$10,000 which Commissioner Coleman declares is enough.

Added to these considerations, it should not be forgotten that we have urged upon the Board of Estimate the necessity for early and considerable repairs and alterations to the music stands occupied by the bands, involving

an expenditure of several thousand dollars, the occasion for which has been plainly stated to the Board of Estimate, but is altogether ignored by Commissioner Coleman in this connection.

Furthermore, *what does Commissioner Coleman mean* when he assumes to dispose of the whole matter of music in the parks, by declaring that, the season of 1884 was, from all points of view, *quite as successful* with an expenditure of \$10,000, as that of last year with an appropriation of twice the amount? In 1884, the concerts were confined almost *exclusively* to the Central and Battery Parks, and numbered all told 47. In 1886 the privilege was extended to include *nearly all* the City Parks, embracing impartially the districts frequented by the poorer and middle classes, and the number of concerts was increased to 94. It follows that the benefits, thus distributed, were *equal* to the excess of appropriation in 1886, as compared with 1884, not only in the *actual number* of concerts given, but, what is far more to be desired, in the indiscriminating direction that treated *all classes and districts alike*.

Can it be Commissioner Coleman's *deliberate intention* to object to this? Is it *possible* that he can dispense the public money by his vote for concerts in the Central and Battery Parks, and withhold it for concerts in such places as Tompkins, Paradise, East River and Washington Square Parks? We commend Commissioner Coleman to a most thoughtful consideration of the ground on which he stands, when he declares that concerts are for the Central and Battery Parks alone, and not for the less pretentious parks and the classes that surround them, and we reply to his concluding remark, with respect to this, that, from *no point of view save his own*, was the season of Park Concerts as successful in 1884 as in 1886.

#### HARLEM RIVER BRIDGES.

Referring to the appropriation for Harlem River Bridges, Commissioner Coleman continues in these words: "This money is used for the purpose of maintaining and repairing bridges, and not for any constructive purposes. In

1884 and 1885 \$25,000 proved ample, and is much above the annual average expenditure for the period between 1879 and 1886, inclusive." Let Commissioner Coleman examine the records of the Board of Estimate, and he will discover that in 1883 that Board found it proper to transfer, from other appropriations, to the appropriation for Harlem River Bridges, the sum of \$14,314.48, which was expended—in 1885 the sum of \$5,000—and again in 1886, *so recently that it should be fresh in his memory*, the sum of \$3,200 *in addition to* the amount he says was appropriated and expended under this head. *Do Commissioner Coleman's figures add weight to his assertions?*

All repairs and improvements, the care of and supplies for the maintenance of these bridges, are charged to this account, and, included in this, is the pay of the force employed to work the draws and police the bridges throughout the day and night. The traffic of the river and the demands of commerce have increased so rapidly, in this vicinity, that the draws must be opened at *frequent intervals* during the entire day and *often* in the night, imposing upon us the employment of a continual force, divided into three gangs working eight hours each. In no branch of our service is the responsibility greater or more keenly realized by the Commissioners than in the care and maintenance of these bridges. Accidents, resulting from defective flooring or through incompetent engineers in swinging backward and forward the immense draws, or by reason of an insufficient force to keep back the people during the opening and closing of the draws, might entail large damages on the city, if neglect could be shown. Construction and reconstruction, *Commissioner Coleman to the contrary notwithstanding*, are continually going on, to insure greater safety. During the years 1885 and 1886, 240 lineal feet of trestle approaches on the easterly end, 120 feet on the westerly end, and 372 lineal feet of wood superstructure, were constructed on the Central or McCombs Dam Bridge alone. While this work was in progress the bridge was closed for 14 days to all traffic excepting foot passengers. The work

itself, while extensive, was *most necessary*, and was carried on intelligently and with *all possible expedition and economy*. Not to continue a discussion of this matter here, we ask your attention to a communication presented to the Board of Estimate by Commissioner Crimmins and read before that body on December 27, 1886, a copy of which is submitted.

#### RIVERSIDE PARK.

Concerning Riverside Park, Commissioner Coleman limits the amount to be expended for its *maintenance* during the coming year to the sum of \$15,000, and practically forbids us to do anything whatever toward its *improvement or development*. The bare cost of maintaining and keeping in repair the miles of walks and drives and acres of lawns within this park was \$18,000 during the year just past, and this item certainly cannot, with propriety, be reduced for the year to come. Widely differing from this class of work, a constructive feature of no inconsiderable importance confronts us. The condition of the high, steep bank along the railroad, on the westerly side of the park, in the neighborhood of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, necessitates the erection of a heavy retaining wall for a distance of several thousand feet, at least one thousand feet of which should be laid during the coming year. This work is *imperative*, and cannot probably be done for less than \$15,000. Added to these are other hardly less important considerations which command our notice and merit our attention. Considerable areas of partially finished Park lawns and meadows exist at Seventy-ninth street, and from Ninety-first street nearly to the northerly end of this Park and around Claremont Hotel, all of which should be laid out in walks and planted with shrubs and trees and seeded, in accordance with new plans prepared, and for this work would be needed, according to the estimate of the Superintendent of Parks, the sum of \$17,000. Commissioner Coleman is, *so far*, quite in accord with us when he says "the proper

course for the Board of Park Commissioners to pursue before asking for an appropriation is to tell what they are going to do with it," and to the *smallest detail possible*, and if this was all the Board of Estimate required of us, the appropriation for Riverside Park for the year 1877 would stand at \$50,000, instead of \$25,000, the *ill-advised and insufficient* amount allowed.

#### BRONX RIVER BRIDGES.

With respect to the item of Bronx River Bridges, Commissioner Coleman is *irrelevant*.

He certainly condemns *the appropriation*, but *not* the Commissioners of Parks. He says: "This appropriation should be in the general appropriation for the maintenance of the upper wards. There is no necessity whatever for the expenditure of any such amount, under a separate appropriation, for these bridges."

Is it possible that Commissioner Coleman is ignorant of *the law* under which he acts? Has he never *known*, or has it *escaped his memory* that section 194 of the Consolidation Act, from which he derives his power and direction in the matter of appropriations, *specifically declares* that "there shall be an annual appropriation to pay the proportion of expense chargeable to the city for the building, maintenance and repairs of public bridges over the Bronx River, between the City and County of New York and the County of Westchester, which are now built, or may hereafter be built." In this instance, Commissioner Coleman's objective point is the *Legislature of his State*, and *not the Department of Public Parks*.

#### SEWERS AND DRAINS.

The next item that comes before us is Sewers and Drains. Without passing any judgment on the Board of Estimate, or speculating as to their reason for making no appropriation in 1879 and 1880, for the use of Sewers and Drains, we find Commissioner Coleman strangely

in error concerning this matter. To quote his words again, "This fund is devoted to the purpose of paying for the drawing of maps, plans, &c., for sewers and drains in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards." *The truth is that not one dollar of this appropriation is devoted to any such purpose.*

At the close of 1886, there were under the charge of the Department 20,450 feet of old sewers; 88,448 feet of new sewers; 2,250 feet of old stone drains; 13,300 feet of blind drains; 2,100 feet of open drains; 8,788 feet of uncovered drains; 544 receiving basins, and 880 man-holes.

The number of feet of new sewers and the number of receiving basins are increasing annually and require constant repairing and cleaning. In a large portion of this district the streets are not paved, and every heavy rain storm causes the roads and lands adjoining to wash into the sewers and drains, requiring a great outlay to keep the flow open. It is also a *public necessity* to keep the open drains in such a condition as not to menace the health of the community.

Frequent demands are made by the Board of Health for the cleaning of these sewers and drains, and this Department must in all cases comply with such demands to the limit of the appropriation afforded it. The Department of Public Works has a *separate appropriation* for this kind of work, south of the Harlem River. Can Commissioner Coleman think it *less important* for those who live *north of the river*?

That such a work "should cost successively less each year instead of more," as Commissioner Coleman asserts, is absurd.

#### INCUMBRANCES.

"The item of Incumbrances," Commissioner Coleman declares, "is an account which should not exist, in view of the fact that it should all fall under the head of General Maintenance." *But why?* Is this Commissioner Coleman's *opinion*, and *does that settle it?* Or is there any other and better reason for it? What is the appropriation

for? It is for removing incumbrances, and, *in no sense of the word*, for maintenance.

The amount asked for and allowed for 1887 is \$1,500, and the nature of these incumbrances is as follows: When a street or road is acquired by the city through due process of law, buildings, fences and other constructions existing thereon are offered for sale at public auction. Such as are purchased are removed, while the remainder are left to form barriers and obstructions which must ultimately be cleared away. From this account the salary of an inspector receiving \$2.50 per day is also paid, whose duty it is to learn if the conditions of the permits for placing building materials on the streets are complied with. The exercise of such permission is often abused.

Building material placed on the street is sometimes abandoned by the owners, and must be removed by the Department.

Obstructions of various kinds and in considerable quantities are frequently left on the sidewalks and streets, and a proper use of the \$1,500 appropriated would no doubt *save to the city many times the amount* by the avoidance of troublesome and costly litigation.

#### SURVEYING AND LAYING OUT.

In his comments on surveying, laying out and monumenting, after a statistical presentation intended to show how the appropriations for this purpose have fluctuated during the past seven years, Commissioner Coleman accounts for it all by saying that "The trouble in this regard is identical with that concerning sewers and drains. New men are being continually employed, and plans which have been accepted and approved are being continually rejected, although originally made at great cost to the city;" and, again, that "nothing could be worse for the Department than the continued change incident to the advent of each new Commissioner in the Board, and of the necessity of every political party to have some friend

or retainer employed in this particular department from time to time."

What has become of Commissioner Coleman's *common sense*? Are we seriously expected to believe that each new Commissioner of Parks is accompanied by a candidate for place in the topographical force? What will Commissioner Coleman think when we tell him, as we do, who the present head of the Bureau is, and that he had a single predecessor only as far back as 1878? Col. Chalfin a graduate of West Point, a gentleman of high rank in his profession, coming to us after a most creditable examination before the Civil Service Commission, was appointed to the place he now holds in 1884, while Mr. Edgar B. Van Winkle, who last preceded him in that position, held his place for *six consecutive years*, and then resigned to attend to his private business. What will happen to Commissioner Coleman's insinuation as to *political influence*, when we tell him further, that the principal assistants in this Bureau have been employed in its service since 1871, while the *average term of service of all is 5½ years*. Neither within our own knowledge, nor so far as we can anywhere find evidence, has *any change whatever* been made of late years for *political reasons*. The appropriation now under discussion is expended in surveying, laying out, and monumenting the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and preparing tax maps.

Surveys must be made in connection with the monumenting and the work of preparing tax maps and maps showing streets and roads to be laid out. In this latter connection it may be explained that the Legislature, from time to time, make laws requiring the Department to define, lay out, and establish the boundaries of certain streets and roads, to alter maps on file, and to discontinue and straighten streets.

During the year 1886, no less than *nine* special laws of this character were enacted. In every one of these cases, five copies of the map have to be made—one for adoption, three for filing, and one to be retained for reference in the Department office. Maps, plans and profiles showing the



grades to be established must be prepared and plans for sewerage in the 23d and 24th Wards devised. Of each of these, seven copies must be made—one for adoption, five for filing, and one for the Department office.

The monumenting of the 23d and 24th Wards and that part of Manhattan Island north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street is charged to this account.

Tax maps must also be prepared and furnished, out of this appropriation, to the Department of Taxes and Assessment, as required by section 679, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, and in the preparation of these maps, searchers are employed in the Register's Office at White Plains, where conveyances are recorded prior to 1874, and in the Register's Office in this city, where conveyances have been recorded since that time. *Twelve volumes of these tax maps have been completed and are now in the office of the Tax Commissioners.*

In past years this branch of the work of this Department has been frequently criticized and is *constantly being misrepresented*. These maps are the record, for all time, of property lines and lots contained in the 12,000 acres of the city north of Harlem River, and much depends upon their accuracy.

The Commissioners of Parks do not underestimate the valuable experience and expert knowledge of this corps, and make no changes in it unless recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief, and this has happened *just three times*. In all probability there is no bureau, National, State or Municipal, where *so few changes* are made.

#### SURVEYS, MAPS AND PLANS.

Alluding to the matter of surveys, maps and plans, Commissioner Coleman condemns it altogether as an independent item, and comments, with some show of sarcasm, on the care displayed by this Board in fixing the sum of \$22,600 to a nicety, as the amount required for the proper prosecution of this work during the coming year. The only reason in the world for naming just these figures

and no others is, because the estimated cost of the different items making the whole amount needed for the prosecution of the work before us, carefully computed and made up by the Engineer, *footed up just* \$22,600. Continuing, we learn from Commissioner Coleman that "as a matter of fact, any one thoroughly familiar with the workings of this Board knows that there is no necessity for any appropriation whatever under this title." It is to this appropriation that the expense of making preliminary maps and plans for the construction of sewers and drains in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, the cost of which will be assessed against the property benefited by this construction, is charged. Under this appropriation examinations and surveys are made—soundings for rock; estimates, specifications and forms of contracts for new streets and improvements made—as well as soundings to determine the necessity for piling, in sewer work, while all instruments and tools required in the performance of this work, including office expenses and the transportation expenses of engineers, are charged to the appropriation.

It is of the utmost consequence that this branch of the work be done with care and accuracy, in order to avoid unbalanced bids for works of local improvements.

The appropriation is necessary for the reason that no charge can be made against public improvements that are paid for by assessment, until the work is put under contract. In addition to all this, we are occasionally required to have examinations, surveys and reports made in cases where accidents have occurred, and suits resulted against the city, also surveys and reports in the alterations of streets and change of grades.

Finally, to this appropriation is chargeable the cost of surveys, maps, plans and descriptions in the matter of acquiring title to land for street openings of which there are many, and new proceedings every year.

The statement of Commissioner Coleman that "the theory of the Board is that this account is to be distinguished from that of surveying and laying out, because it is done in-doors, whereas the work done under

the latter title is out of doors," must be without much foundation, since it is *impossible* to make *any such distinction*.

#### MAINTENANCE OF PARKS.

In the consideration of this division of our work, the most important as involving the largest outlay of money, the most comprehensive in the extent and permanence of its results, and the most difficult because of the vital relations of each successive season to the system as a whole, Commissioner Coleman paints with a free hand, and discourses in a flippant style, which, to the least thoughtful, grows more intolerable with every word, until he concludes with statements so shamelessly untrue that it would seem unnecessary for us to refer to or refute them. Let us, however, possess our patience while we endeavor to analyze the situation as he states it. Retreating again to the year 1879, in which he affirms that the Parks were allowed to "run to waste" at an expense of \$150,000 devoted to their care for that year, Commissioner Coleman decides that an increase of \$100,000 a year in 1881 and 1882 was quite ample to restore the Parks from this deplorable condition and bring them out of their state of decay (whatever that may mean), and into so good a condition that, by Commissioner Coleman's rule, it was found safe in 1883 to retrograde again, and \$225,000 was deemed enough.

He then proceeds to assert that in 1883 the Parks were well maintained, so that—*mark the logic*—so that, a return to the appropriation of 1881 and 1882 was found ample and has his sanction. Can Commissioner Coleman tell us *why* this increase of appropriation in 1884 was made, or *why it was reduced* in 1883? Can he account to himself, or explain to us, the process of reasoning by which so unstable and see-saw a policy can find his approval in apportioning the public money for departmental purposes? Can he tell us how it is, that, with his convictions now publicly expressed, with his asserted ability to measure the amount necessary for proper maintenance of the Parks, how it is, that when he knew \$250,000 was all that

could be wisely expended, he submitted to and, as one of the Board of Estimate, *voted for* an increase for 1886 of \$100,000 more? Can he tell us why he *did this then and does not do this now?* Or shall we tell Commissioner Coleman something more pertinent still. Shall we tell him, that there are twenty-three parks, squares and places cared for by this department, covering in the aggregate over 1,000 acres of land, not in compact or adjacent form, but scattered over the city and separate from each other by miles, laid out and adapted for different purposes, all requiring attention, enlisting and demanding the highest available skill supplemented by all grades of service from professional to the most ordinary, requiring for maintenance an expenditure varying in its degree and extent, and impossible of determination except by a comprehensive and studied knowledge of the whole and all its parts. Will Commissioner Coleman tell us *he* is competent to give an *intelligent* opinion on all this? Shall we ask Commissioner Coleman *what he means* when he says the result for 1886 is not appreciably better than in 1883 and 1884? Shall we remind him that the use of the lawns for games and recreations has been largely extended and with corresponding expense for equipment and care—that the cutting out of dead and overcrowded trees has been a feature of the past year's work, in excess of anything in this direction for years—that this work especially is more necessary now than ever before—that the production of flowering and bedding plants and bulbs has been more than doubled in 1886—that, for the first time in the history of the Parks, extensive and elaborate arrangements of water-lily plantations have been introduced in the fountain basins of the City and Central Parks, and in a water-lily pond laid out and constructed at considerable expense, all these eliciting the admiration and approval of the people here and the most favorable comment of the Press the country through—that special attention and no little expense has been devoted to the planting out and arranging of portions of the Central Park, the improvement of which had been here-

tofore neglected—that the facilities for propagating plants in the greenhouses have been notably enlarged—that the amount of gravel spread on the roads has been *largely in excess* of former years—that a large quantity of wire fence has been put in place to protect the grass borders—that more than 100,000 square feet of sod has been purchased and set where needed—that miles of tar asphalt walks have been laid—in short, shall we tell Commissioner Coleman that the work of this Department is *accumulative, progressive, incapable of estimate* save by knowledge that cannot obtain, unless acquired by *close study and attention* to the work itself. Shall we tell him further, and above all this, that *no one of us* has yet learned enough, with all our study and experience, to fix *independently of ourselves* on the sum necessary for the maintenance of the Public Parks—that the Superintendent of Parks with his staff, his advisers and associates professionally skilled, coupling his accomplished works and known results thereon with comprehensive plans, considered in detail and as a whole, for the furtherance and most perfect development of the improvement of the parks—that he, as instructed by us, makes an estimate, *not guessed at*, but *worked out on intelligent and competent grounds*, and that it is on *such* a basis, modified if at all by our best judgment only as to the limit of our duty, that we base our application for appropriations to this Board. *Under this standard*, will Commissioner Coleman insist that *he* can prescribe the lines within which this or any other great public work is to be advanced ; or will he be honest enough to admit that, from the nature of the case, *he at any rate cannot say what* is needed for the maintenance of the parks?

But there is a *graver question* for Commissioner Coleman to reflect upon than this, and we pass to its consideration. Proceeding in his attack, he leaves the discussion of maintenance money used, to consider the antecedents and fitness of the men employed, and here he has the hardihood to say that “the maintenance account is the account which ought to take care of the mechanical and

laboring class." To such a theory we will not assent. The maintenance account should *take care of no classes whatever*. Good mechanics and honest laborers should take care of it. To quote Commissioner Coleman's words again, "all of the political workers, instead of the honest laborer, who find an easy and comfortable position in the Park Department are maintained out of this appropriation which is quite properly named." Unless this statement is *true* it is *abominable*, and it is *not true*. That laborers and mechanics find employment in this Department, recommended by men in office in all branches of political life and outside of them, is undoubtedly a fact. There is no want of pressure on the Commissioners of Parks for such appointments. Assemblymen and Judges, Aldermen and Senators, Mayors and Commissioners, all seem to have an inexhaustible following, importunate and persistent candidates for work in the public pay, and when men are *needed* in this Department, it is not deemed necessary to exclude all such as are so recommended for employment. But if the Superintendent, and through him the Foremen of Divisions, respect the rule laid down for their guidance with respect to this, *no man remains* in the pay of this Department if he is found *incapable* or *unwilling to earn* the wages he is paid. It is, *in no sense*, wrong or improper to give employment to any able-bodied man, provided there is work for him to do. It is, *in every sense*, both *improper* and *wrong* and *dishonest* to place men on the public pay-roll, with a knowledge of their physical incapacity when appointed, and Commissioner Coleman's imputation that such is our custom is unworthy of utterance from the lips of any fair or honest man.

#### ZOOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Of the Zoological Department, Commissioner Coleman makes very short work indeed. After unqualifiedly commending the Gardens as a great educational institution, and adding the somewhat startling statement that they afford genuine gratification and entertainment to our ENTIRE population, he permits the subject to drop with

the remark that "it is well managed and deserves the appropriation asked for the coming year," but *misstates* this as \$30,000 instead of \$60,000, which, as a matter of fact and record, was desired.

The public health and recreation are the chief ends for which the parks exist, and, of these, the last named has no more important factor than the zoological exhibition. Two years ago, the collection of animals here to be found was small in number and variety, many of its specimens of indifferent or poorer quality, and the exhibition altogether unworthy of, rather than a credit to, the city. It has been our endeavor to make the collection larger, more attractive and as complete as everything should be in the incomparably most beautiful park in the world. To this end much has been accomplished during the past year. The accessions by purchase include a pair of striped hyenas, a male and female lion, a tigress, a hippopotamus, among the larger animals, and many of smaller and less important but most desirable kind: so that this Department has come to attract largely increased attention both here and abroad. In evidence of its meeting a popular want in our own midst, it is not an uncommon occurrence, that the attendance on a single day exceeds a hundred thousand visitors representing all classes—young, middle-aged and old. For the care and extension of this branch of our work Commissioner Coleman has fixed upon the sum of \$30,000 as sufficient for the purpose, admits unreservedly that so much is deserved, but warns us that the Board should be made to show exceptionally good results in its expenditure. Why not *more*? Why not *less*? Does Commissioner Coleman *know* how far this sum will go towards maintaining and developing this "great educational institution," as he fittingly describes it? Does he know that the *maintenance alone* of the collection amounts to more than \$20,000 in its present far from complete condition? Does he know that it is necessary to keep our animals *caged* and that money is indispensable to keep the cages we now have in repair and provide new ones as accessions are made? Does he *remem-*

ber, or will he *wilfully deny* our statement to the Board of Estimate, that, over and above the amount expended for maintenance, and after deducting the sum of \$4,500 to be paid for the Rhinoceros, secured in December last, we have of the \$30,000 allotted to us here by Commissioner Coleman, but \$5,000 *in all* for the purchase of new specimens and repairing losses to our collection during the coming year. Does Commissioner Coleman *know* all this, or does he *know nothing whatever about it*, excepting that he knows, *without any knowledge*, that he is capable of saying for us, who have the responsibility, and for the people who pay for and rightfully expect the pleasure, *just what sum is necessary* for the wants of this interesting and educating exhibition. Before leaving this subject, we desire to allude incidentally to the constant care and effort which obtains in this service towards an economical management. Until about a year ago, the subsistence of the carnivorous animals consisted altogether of beef purchased at a cost of *eight cents a pound*, while, during the past year, these animals have been fed entirely on horse meat, slaughtered within our own domain, at a maximum cost of *two cents a pound*, making a saving to the city in this item alone of about \$3,000 a year; and, suggested by this, it is proper to add that the annual cost, per capita, of maintaining the animals in our collection is \$11.25, while the London Zoological Garden expends annually \$19.75 per capita for the same item.

And now we near the end. We have reviewed the report of Commissioner Coleman in the order observed by him. Where his charges have been specific we have refuted them by facts, the simple statement of which has unfolded in proof. Where he has made use of figures we have answered in kind.

His comments on the police show him to be ignorant of alike its necessities and the service it renders. His assertion that political influence supplants discipline, is as reckless as it is untrue. *In either and all events*, his treatment of this question is unworthy of himself and his office.



Of the museums, not saying much, not much fault can be found with what he says.

In his consideration of music in the parks he mistakes retrenchment for economy; admits the fitness of the custom as a principle, says in effect that the rich and better classes may have concerts but the poor must not, and loses himself completely in a comparison which the press and the public have repeatedly pronounced against all through the season that has passed.

Alluding to the "Harlem River Bridges," he *misstates* the case, in his interpretation of the intent of the appropriation, pronounces the sum of \$25,000 ample for 1884 and 1885, in spite of the fact that the board of which he is now a member, in at least one of the years cited, increased the amount by its own vote, and, with a wrong premise, as a matter of course, arrives at a wrong conclusion. In the matter of Riverside Park, he prohibits all *improvements*, conceding to this division barely enough for the ordinary care of its drives and lawns, and the only reason he gives is refuted, at the outset, by the course this Board has *invariably followed* in presenting their estimates to his.

Referring to Bronx River Bridges, he condemns an appropriation which the law compels him to make, and permits us to expend.

With respect to sewers and drains, he consigns the appropriation to a purpose for which not a dollar of it is used, belittles a work which we have shown to be large and important, and shows his misconception of the nature of the work when he says the appropriation should decrease every year. He repudiates the item of incumbrances altogether, while we have shown it to be indispensable. In his treatment of surveying and laying out he is uncompromisingly unjust, as we have clearly proven by a simple statement of facts and figures that cannot be impeached.

Of the item of Surveys, Maps and Plans there is evidence in what he says that he is not informed at all on the nature of the work discussed. As to the maintenance of parks

he is unreasonable, incorrect and marvellously ignorant. In his comments on the Zoological Gardens he is inconsistent to a degree, for he advocates its extension, and withholds the means necessary to this end, in one and the same breath. And he sums up the whole matter, in an incidental allusion to Mr. Beers of the Council of Municipal Reform, with this, under the circumstances, most remarkable and indisputable truth: "*When a charge of fraud, corruption or careless waste is made, it should be made on an incontrovertible statement of facts and figures, and verified in ways positive beyond question of contradiction.*" Why has he not followed this rule?

It is no new thing for this Department to find itself on the defensive, and this is not the first attack that has been made upon it during the term of the present Board of Commissioners. There is an *annual* attack that may be expected, because it has so far never failed to come with the regularity of the seasons, but having come to be recognized on all sides as meaningless, it has been allowed to lighten annoying, though harmless, has been brushed away. But for the first time now, of late years, comes an attack of different kind—so positive in its charges, both direct and by inference—so grave in its accusations, both stated and implied—so conclusive, if well founded, both of the unfitness and corruption of the office bearers against whom it is directed, and withal from a source, in its official capacity, so responsible—that it demands a much more serious reply than can be compassed through the medium of any letter that can be written. To be politically dishonest, in the scope of the charges now confronting us, is to be dishonest *in every sense of the word*. If the charges made are true, it is imperative that the present Commissioners of Parks should be removed and still further punished. If, on the contrary, they have no foundation, it is our right to be vindicated as publicly, as conclusively, as finally as the most thorough and exhaustive enquiry can accomplish; and, to this end, we ask at your hands as the official head of the City, and in such most effective way as you may determine, the fullest and most searching

examination into the administration of the Department of Public Parks, during the last year and at the present time, in all its branches and divisions, both as to the expenditure of moneys appropriated to our use and the methods prevailing in the employment and retention of the force under our control, as well as to the efficiency and results of our work. Such an investigation, we are aware, would involve much labor and consume much time; and, mindful of this, we would submit for your consideration the following proposition: A commission consisting of three citizens shall be appointed by you for this purpose. The proceeding partaking somewhat of a judicial nature, it would seem to be proper that the gentlemen composing the commission should be selected with this in view, and here circumstances seem to favor us in the recent retirement from the bench of Judges Davis and Van Vorst who, with a third man of so high repute as Mr. Wheeler H. Peckham, would make such a tribunal as would result at any rate in getting at the truth, which is all that we or the public can desire. In the event of such an investigation resulting unfavorably to us, we will personally defray all expenses occasioned thereby, including such remuneration to the gentlemen constituting the commission as they themselves shall determine.

In the event only of our complete and unqualified vindication, officially and personally, so far as our personal conduct is concerned in our official relation, the City shall pay all said expenses incurred by the investigation.

If this suggestion meets your approval we shall be satisfied, and it is due to us on every ground, and due to the people of the city as well, that such an investigation should be made forthwith. Wrong-doing should be exposed and condemned. Official wrong-doing is the most pernicious because the most far reaching. But if this is true, it is the last that should be imputed to anyone unless absolutely susceptible of proof. It is easy to charge men in office with neglect or malfeasance. It is too common for the Press, from its strong fortress of power, to pronounce on such charges in an off-hand and

ill-advised and peremptory way, and it is difficult, by any known ordinary process, to obtain redress. Hence it is that many from among our best men can on no account be persuaded to bear their fair share in public affairs. It is a largely accepted belief that to take office is to part on the threshold thereof with one's good name and repute, and it is the *great bane and hindrance to our better government* that there is too much ground for this belief. When the Press recognize this fact, and when men whose public position gives weight to their words, shall cease to make accusations of a public nature without cause, such a condition of things will in large degree have passed away.

Very respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN,

*President, D. P. P.*

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,

*Treasurer, D. P. P.*

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I concur in the foregoing statement in all its particulars, and, as a sharer, with the present Commissioners in the responsibility for the management of the Department, earnestly request that their application for an investigation may be granted.

HENRY R. BEEKMAN.

*Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1887.] 413*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1887.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.  
“ POWERS.

A quorum not being present,

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

*Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1887.] 415*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1887.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

A quorum not being present,

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1887.**

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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, }  
49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, February 16, 1887. }

MR. CHARLES DE F. BURNS, *Secretary, etc.* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held on Friday, 18th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

Respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN,

*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS,

“ POWERS.

The Minutes of the meetings of January 25, and February 2 and 16, were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

Morris and 3d avenues—Paving intersection.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for paving Morris avenue at its intersection with Third avenue, from the northerly crosswalk of 138th street to the northerly crosswalk of 139th street.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Legislative bills—Corporation Counsel as to.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, enclosing copies of certain bills introduced in the Legislature, and asking if it is the desire of the Department that any representation should be made to the Committees of the Legislature in relation to the same.

72d and other streets—Bill transferring jurisdiction.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the bill before the Legislature giving to this Department jurisdiction and control over the surface of 72d street, Morningside avenue and other streets, receive the approval of this Board.

Which was carried by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Park Police—Bill respecting tenure of office.

On motion, the subject of the bill before the Legislature respecting the tenure of office of the Park Police force was referred to the President for such action as he may deem proper, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Street opening—Bill changing method of.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the preparation of a bill for presentation to the Legislature to provide for a more expeditious method than that now in use for acquiring lands for public purposes.

Filed.

Corporation Counsel—Opinion as to ordinance.

From the Counsel to the Corporation giving, at the request of this Department, an opinion respecting an ordinance of the Common Council requiring the smoke stacks of tugboats navigating the Harlem River to be so constructed that they may be lowered when approaching the 3d Avenue Bridge and raised after passing beneath.

Filed.



Corporation Counsel—Cases for Art Museum.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that, in his opinion, the word *equipment*, as used in the Act authorizing the enlargement of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, may be construed to provide for the construction of exhibition cases for the interior of the Museum building.

Cases—Authority to construct asked.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Aldermen be respectfully requested to pass a resolution authorizing this Department to contract for the construction of exhibition cases for the new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art without public letting, and at an expense not to exceed \$10,000.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Broadway extension—Petition to open.

From Joseph H. Godwin, petitioning for the opening of the extension of Broadway or Kingsbridge road, from the Harlem River to Broadway, in the 24th Ward.

On motion, the proposed opening of the portion of Broadway referred to was approved, and the petition of Mr. Godwin was ordered forwarded to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

St. Ann's avenue—Beal Improvement Company to improve.

From the Wm. R. Beal Land Improvement Company, asking permission to curb and flag the easterly side of St. Ann's avenue, from 141st street to St. Mary's street.

On motion, the application of said company to improve St. Ann's avenue, between 141st and St. Mary's streets, was granted, the work to be done upon the established grade, at their own expense, and under the direction of this Department, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

**Tax-payers' Association—Depression of R. R. tracks.**

From the Tax-payers' Association of the 23d Ward, forwarding a copy of a preamble and resolution adopted by said association respecting the depression of the tracks of the New York and Harlem Railroad in the 23d Ward.

Filed.

**Myers' road—Petition to use, etc.**

From George W. Stephens, asking that the public be allowed the use of Myers' road in the 24th Ward, and offering to improve the said road if given permission.

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

**Garibaldi Monument.**

From a committee representing the Garibaldi Monument General Committee, in relation to a statue of General Guiseppe Garibaldi proposed to be erected on the Central Park.

Filed.

**Mott Haven Canal—Condition of.**

From William E. Rider, calling attention to the foul condition of the Mott Haven Canal in the vicinity of 138th street, and also near 144th street, caused by the sewage from the sewers emptying into the canal at those points.

Filed.

**National Rod and Reel Ass'n—Tournament.**

From the National Rod and Reel Association, asking for permission to hold their annual anglers' tournament on the Harlem Meer in Central Park, on the 25th and 26th May next.

On motion, the President was authorized to grant the application of the National Rod and Reel Association, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Antony & Runk—Check for Mrs. Holden.

From Antony & Runk, enclosing a check for \$92, to be sent to the widow of the late Parkkeeper Thomas Holden.

Filed ; the President stating that he had ordered the check forwarded to Mrs. Holden.

The Riding Club—Check for Mrs. Holden.

From the Secretary of The Riding Club, enclosing a check for \$32, balance of subscription by members of said club for the benefit of the widow of Officer Holden.

Filed ; the President stating that he had ordered the check forwarded to Mrs. Holden.

Property Clerk—Inventory.

From the Property Clerk, submitting an inventory of property of the Department.

Filed.

Treasurer's statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received by him and deposited with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, January 31, 1887.*

LICENSES.		
1887.		
Jany. 4.	A. H. Dollivar (season 1887).....	\$250 00
" 10.	Isidor Isaac.....	4 71
" 10.	W. H. Radford.....	114 79
" 10.	Chas. Schwarz.....	10 36
" 10.	Oscar H. Riker.....	1 02
" 14.	P. A. Bernard.....	17 03
		\$397 91
POUND.		
Jany. 27.	Property Clerk—Receipts, Dec., 1886.....	\$5 00
SUNDRY RECEIPTS.		
Jany. 3.	Alfred Scott—Music programmes, Sept. 12– Oct. 17.....	\$90 00
" 14.	Van Tassel & Kearney (sale of black horse)...	71 00
		\$161 00

## PERMITS.

Jany. 4.	Mrs. W. Ronner.....	\$10 00	
" 18.	Wm. Miller.....	10 00	
" 25.	Fred. Bohn.....	10 00	
			<u>\$30 00</u>

## SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

Jany. 7.	Dan'l Malone.....	\$6 00	
			<u>\$599 91</u>

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

In connection with the foregoing statement the Treasurer stated verbally that, as the bills for expenditures on Mount St. Vincent Refreshment House, rendered by the lessee, Mr. P. McCann, were not receipted, and therefore not acceptable to the Board, he had declined to receive any moneys from said lessee.

## From the Topographical Engineer :

Railroad avenue—Change of grade.

1st. Submitting a map, plan and profile showing the proposed change of grade of Railroad avenue, East, between 156th and 158th streets, in the 23d Ward.

On motion, said map was ordered placed on exhibition for ten days, and the Secretary was directed to insert a notice in the *City Record* inviting parties interested to call and examine the same.

Legally opened streets—List of.

2d. Submitting, in pursuance of a request contained in a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, a list of streets, etc., and portions thereof in the 23d and 24th Wards now legally opened.

On motion, said communication was ordered filed, and the accompanying list was ordered transmitted to the Board of Aldermen.

Street system, 23d Ward—Proposed changes.

From the Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the petition of William Cauldwell, Josephine L. Horton and others, asking this Department to approve certain proposed alterations in the established street system in the 23d Ward.

Street alterations—Corporation Counsel to prepare bill.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to prepare a bill authorizing this Board, upon a petition presented to them signed by a majority of the owners of property affected by the proposed change, to make such alterations in the grades, lines, etc., of the streets under their jurisdiction as in their judgment may seem best for the public interest; maps showing the proposed change to be prepared and placed on exhibition for at least three weeks before any action is taken in the premises.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

From the Engineer of Construction:

Jeannette Park—Improvement.

1st. Submitting plans and specifications for the exterior improvement of Jeannette Park.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications submitted by the Engineer of Construction for setting curbstones around Jeannette Park be approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Park construction work—Estimate of cost to complete.

2d. Reporting an estimate of the cost of completing the construction work on Central, Morningside, Riverside, Mount Morris and East River Parks.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to address a communication to his Honor the Mayor, calling his attention to the fact that the Central, Riverside, Morningside, Mount Morris and East River Parks have not as yet been completed, and that this work is necessary and should be done, and requesting him to have a bill prepared by the Corporation Counsel, creating a fund by the sale of bonds payable in a number of years to be devoted to the completion of the said parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards:

138th street—Grade of.

1st. In relation to the grade of 138th street, between St. Ann's avenue and the Southern Boulevard, and recommending that the same be established.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to prepare and submit a plan and profile showing the proposed grade.

164th street—Suspension of work of grading.

2d. Recommending that the work of regulating, grading, etc., 164th street, between Boston avenue and Trinity avenue, be suspended during the severe weather.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered the suspension of the work in accordance with the Engineer's recommendation.

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

Sewers in 169th street and 3d avenue—Plans.

3d. Submitting plans and specifications for constructing

sewers in 169th street, between Webster and Third avenues, and in 3d avenue, between 169th and 170th streets, with branch in 3d avenue, between 168th and 169th streets.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications this day received for constructing sewers in 169th street, between Webster and Third avenues, and in 3d avenue between 169th and 170th streets, with branch in 3d avenue, between 168th and 169th streets, be and the same hereby are approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Clifton street.—Plans for sewer.

4th. Submitting plans and specifications for the construction of a sewer in Clifton street, between Third and Cauldwell avenues, with a branch in 3d avenue, northerly from Clifton street.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the plan and specifications for constructing a sewer and appurtenances in Clifton street, between the existing sewer in Third avenue and Cauldwell avenue, with a branch on the east side of Third avenue, northerly from Clifton street, as this day submitted by the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers 23d and 24th Wards, be approved, and the specifications ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Unfinished piece of 3d avenue.

5th. Calling attention to a part of the easterly side of 3d avenue which was left in an incomplete condition by

the widening and altering of Westchester avenue and the closing of old Gerard street, and recommending that the work necessary to complete the same be done, and the expense charged to an available appropriation.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, with directions to cause the work to be done, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

135th Street Sewer—Grade of.

6th. Reporting that the sewer built in 135th street, between Brook avenue and Brown place, under a permit granted to the Port Morris Land and Improvement Company, had not been laid at the proper grade.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Whereas*, The Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers 23d and 24th Wards has reported to this Board that the sewer in 135th street, between Brook avenue and Brown place, built by the Port Morris Land and Improvement Company, under private contract, in accordance with the permit granted by this Department, has not been laid at the proper grade; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the said company be notified to place the sewer at the proper grades as established by this Department, forthwith.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Booths on approach to 3d Avenue Bridge.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting in relation to the location of booths along the northerly approach to the 3d Avenue Bridge over Harlem River, and recommending that the booth now located there be removed.

On motion, the President was authorized to direct the removal of the booth now standing on the northerly approach to the 3d Avenue Bridge, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.



President to act as Treasurer.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That during the absence of the Treasurer the President be and he hereby is authorized to act in his place.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Powers—1.

Gravel and broken stone—Bids to be invited.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to insert advertisement in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for furnishing and delivering 5,000 cubic yards of gravel for use on Central Park and Riverside Drive; also for 8,000 cubic yards broken trap-rock stone and screenings for use on the streets, roads and avenues in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Central Bridge—Bills for night service.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the bills of Truxton Taylor and Truxton Taylor, Jr., aggregating the sum of \$124, for night service on Central Bridge, from January 1, 1887, to February 1, 1887, be and the same hereby are approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Audit.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, 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 :

Boyle, Jno., oiled canvas covers.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		\$15 60
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., toilet paper.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		12 50
Belloni & Co., cement.....	Zoological Dept. . .		39 00
Coffin, Paul C., locks, springs, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$15 63	
	Maint. 23d and 24th		
	Wards. ....	2 95	
			18 58
Dunham, Thos. C., oil and turpentine... .	Labor, Maint., etc.		46 73
Denning, E. J. & Co., ticking and duck .	Labor, Maint., etc.		8 00
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt.....	Har. Riv. Bridges, etc. ....		6 00
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$2 20	
	Zoological Dept. . .	3 00	
			5 20
Fitzgerald, Jas., coal.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$11 25	
	Zoological Dept. . .	13 50	
	Police.....	9 00	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans. ....	2 25	
	Maint. 23d and 24th		
	Wards.....	23 75	
			59 75
Hazard Powder Company, powder.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		1 75
Harmer, Hays & Co., blankets.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		105 00
Home of Industry, brooms.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$28 19	
	Police.....	1 37	
	Har. Riv. Bridges, etc. ....	3 44	
			33 00
Martin, J. M. C. & Son, brushes . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.		15 94
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, furnace grate..	Labor, Maint., etc.		2 00
Marquand, H. G., Treas., salaries and wages, January, 1887.....	Maint. Museums... .		1,678 82
Moffat, David & Co., harness leather... .	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$17 10	
	Police.....	11 59	
			28 69
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food . . . . .	Zoological Dept. . .		12 00
Smith, Clifford E., spool rubbers.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		1 80
Sparkman, Jas. T., files. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.		17 90
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., flower seeds... .	Labor, Maint., etc.		5 05
Vacuum Oil Company, oil.....	Har. Riv. Bridges, etc. ....		56 10
Valentine & Co., varnish.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		39 95
			<u>\$2,209 36</u>

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Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$346 59
Zoological Department.....	67 50
Police.....	21 96

Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	\$65 54	
Maintenance Museums .....	1,678 82	
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	26 70	
Surveys, Maps and Plans .....	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$2,209 36
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand two hundred and nine dollars and thirty-six cents..

New York, February 18, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
Auditing Committee.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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:

Abeel Bros., iron and steel.....	Maint. 23d and 24th	
	Wards, 1886...	\$73 23
Baker, Smith & Co., radiator.....	Labor, Maint., etc.,	
	1886 .....	46 00
Barron, James S. & Co., dusters .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	13 50
Boyle, Jno., canvas.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	1 66
Bertine, Edwin R., bunting and flags...	Labor, Maint., etc.	14 50
Bullinger, E. W., Bullinger's Monitor		
Guide .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	6 00
Colgate & Co., soap.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	4 25
Coffin, Paul C., horsehoes and manure		
forks .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	46 50
Colwell Lead Co., Atlantic closets, lead		
pipe, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	105 36
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements.....	Surveys, Maps and	
	Plans.....	38 77
Dunham, Thos. C., paint strainers .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	3 00
Gates, Church E. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	478 00
Gleason, E. P. Mfg. Co., reflectors and		
lanterns.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	23 35
Harmer, Hays & Co., saddlery supplies.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$34 63
	Police .....	8 52.
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Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		
	1886 .....		\$5 93
Lamberson, Furman & Co., gun.....	Zoological Dept.		38 00
Myers, Chas. H., petty disbursements...	Surveys, Maps and Plans .....		16 14
New York Belting and Packing Co., rubber .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		3 00
Patterson Bros., nails, cuspidores, etc..	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$44 66	
	Zoological Dept.	4 80	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards .....	5 00	
			54 46
Sloane, W. & J., linoleum.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		35 04
Sparkman, Jas. T., butts, bolts and hose.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$3 41	
	Zoological Dept.	38 00	
			41 41
Thompson, Frank J., old horses.....	Zoological Dept.		30 00
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., bird food.....	Zoological Dept.		7 80
			<u>          </u>
			<u>\$1,129 05</u>

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Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1886.....	\$51 93
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	816 86
Zoological Department.....	118 60
Police .....	8 52
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1886.....	73 23
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	5 00
Surveys, Maps and Plans .....	54 91
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	<u>\$1,129 05</u>

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

NEW YORK, February 18, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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., Estimate No. 1.....	Sewer and App. in E. 135th St. from Willis Ave. to Brown Pl.....	\$1,198 50
Mansfield, Wm., Estimate No. 3.....	Constructing Mill Brook Drains from 144th St. to Westchester Ave.	1,247 75
Olmstead, Fred. Law, professional ser- vices and consultations.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886 .....	300 00
		<u>\$2,741 25</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1886.....	\$300 00
Street Improvement Fund, Chap. 680, Laws 1886.....	2,441 25
	<u>\$2,741 25</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand seven hundred and forty-one dollars and twenty-five cents.

NEW YORK, February 18, 1887.

JOHN D CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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 :

Abeel Bros., iron, steel, etc. ....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$5 14	
	Zoological Dept.	88 78	
			<u>\$93 92</u>
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber .....	Zoological Dept.		105 00
Consolidated Gas Co., gas Jan'y.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$71 10	
	Police .....	71 27	
	H a r l e m River Bridges, etc....	13 25	
			<u>155 62</u>

Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, rent 49 and 51 Chambers St., Oct., Nov. and Dec., 1886.....	Rents & Repairs, 1886.....	\$1,625 00
Fitzgerald, Jas., coal.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	\$279 05
	Police, 1886.....	27 50
	Zoological Dept., 1886.....	51 90
	Harlem R. Bldges., etc., 1886.....	134 55
	Surveys, Maps & Plans, 1886.....	7 23
		<hr/> 500 23
Goeller, Geo. C., rent N. E. cor. 143d St. and College Ave., Nov. and Dec., 1886, and Jan'y, 1887.....	Rents & Repairs, 1886.....	\$33 33
	Rents & Repairs..	16 67
		<hr/> 50 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, scorcher, el- bows, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	128 00
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 1.....	Sewer in West- chester Ave., from St. Ann's to Trin- ity Ave.....	1,059 13
McQuade, Jno., Estimate No. 16.....	Reg., etc., Brook Ave., from N. Y. & H. R. R. to a point 487 feet southerly from 132d St., etc ...	1,785 00
Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements...	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$91 47
	Zoological Dept.	32 42
	Police .....	1 30
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	15 84
		<hr/> 141 03
Mott, Jordan L., Ex'r, rent seven lots, west side College Ave., south of 144th St., Nov. and Dec., 1886, and Jan'y, 1887.....	Rents & Repairs, 1886.....	\$100 00
	Rents & Repairs..	50 00
		<hr/> 150 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, Jan'y..	Labor, Maint., etc.	42 25
Pratt Manufacturing Co., astral oil.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$7 11
	Harlem R. Bldges., etc.....	14 33
		<hr/> 21 44

Simpson, Jno. B., Jr., Ex'r, rent 2771 and 2773 Third Ave., Nov. and Dec., 1886, and Jan'y, 1887.....	Rents & Repairs, 1886.....	\$100 00	
	Rents & Repairs.	50 00	
			\$150 00
Sparkman, Jas. T., hose, etc.....	Sewers & Drains.		120 35
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			\$6,126 97

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1886.....	\$279 05
Zoological Department, 1886.....	51 90
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc., 1886.....	134 55
Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	7 23
Police, 1886.....	27 50
Rents and Repairs, 1886.....	1,858 33
Sewers and Drains, etc., 1886.....	120 35
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	345 07
Zoological Department.....	226 20
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	27 53
Police.....	72 57
Rents and Repairs.....	116 67
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	15 84
Local Improvement Fund, chapter 420, Laws 1886.....	1,785 00
Street Improvement Fund, chapter 680, Laws 1886.....	1,059 13
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	\$6,126 97

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

NEW YORK, February 18, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*--Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers--3.

Assessment lists.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the following named assessments lists for  
Sewer and appurtenances in 165th street, from Wash-

ington to North Third avenue, with a branch in North Third avenue, between 165th and 164th streets.

Sewer and appurtenances in Morris avenue, from the summit, between 139th and 140th streets, to North Third avenue.

Sewer and appurtenances in Westchester avenue, from Brook to St. Ann's avenue, with branches in St. Ann's avenue between the Port Morris Branch Railroad and Carr street.

Sewer and appurtenances in 164th street, between Washington and Brook avenues.

Sewer and appurtenances in 170th street, between North Third avenue and Franklin avenue, with a branch in Fulton avenue, between 170th and 169th streets.

Sewer and appurtenances in East 138th street, from Brook avenue to St. Ann's avenue.

Sewer and appurtenances in 166th street, between Washington and North Third avenues.

Receiving basin and sewer connection northeast corner Lincoln avenue and 136th street.

Receiving basin and sewer connection northeast corner Westchester and St. Ann's avenues.

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide, and laying crosswalks in East 136th street, between the easterly curb line of North Third avenue and the westerly curb line of Brook avenue.

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide, and laying crosswalks in East 137th street, between the easterly curb line of North Third avenue and the westerly curb line of Brook avenue.

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging the sidewalks four feet wide in East 140th street, between the easterly curb line of North Third avenue and the westerly curb line of Willis avenue.

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide, and laying crosswalks in Tremont street (formerly Westchester avenue), from the easterly curb line of the Boston road to the Bronx River.

Paving with granite block pavement the roadway of East 150th street, from Mott avenue to Walton avenue, and laying crosswalks at the terminating avenues, and also the statements of the amounts and costs of the work mentioned therein, be approved and signed by the Com-



missioners of the Department, and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 11.25 A. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received:

Parkkeepers—Eligible list.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, submitting the following list of eligible applicants for appointment as Parkkeepers:

Day Hardie.

J. McDonnell.

James Livingston.

Filed.

Parkkeepers—For change of hours.

From Parkkeepers, asking that their hours for duty be changed.

Filed.

McGonigal, John—Reduced in rank.

From John McGonigal, asking to be reduced from the grade of Roundsman to that of Parkkeeper.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had so reduced officer McGonigal in accordance with his request.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Dillon, Jas. E.—For promotion.

From James E. Dillon, applying for promotion from the grade of Parkkeeper to that of Roundsman.

Filed.

## Committee on Police—Report on charges.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges preferred against certain Parkkeepers, and disposed of the same as follows:

Coughlin, Wm.—Charge dismissed.

William Coughlin. Absent without leave. Charge dismissed.

O'Keefe, Jno.—Charge dismissed.

John O'Keefe. Absent without leave. Charge dismissed.

Horan, Matthew—Charge dismissed.

Matthew Horan. Absent from roll call. Charge dismissed.

Doolady, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Doolady. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Carey, Jno.—Fined.

John Carey. Off post and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Corrigan, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Corrigan. Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined ten days' pay.

Ryan, Jas.—Fined.

James Ryan. Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Herlich, Henry—Charge dismissed.

Henry Herlich. Off post. Charge dismissed.

Quinn, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Quinn. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Jones, B. F.—Fined.

Bartlett F. Jones. Violation of rules. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Flynn, J. F.—Cautioned.

James F. Flynn. Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge dismissed and officer cautioned as to his manner of enforcing rules.

McMullen, H. J.—Fined.

Henry J. McMullen. Absent from roll call. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Fall, G. P.—Fined.

George P. Fall. Violation of rules and gross insubordination. Guilty. Fined thirty days' pay.

Frawley, Thos.—Fined.

Thomas Frawley. Intoxication. Guilty. Fined thirty days' pay.

On motion, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Cremins, Denis—Discharged.

From the Committee on Police, reporting upon the case of Parkkeeper Denis Cremins, charged with intoxication, and recommending his dismissal from the force.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee on Police was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Menagerie—Removal.

Commissioner BORDEN 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 location for the Zoological collection, and that suitable buildings for such collection be erected at said location as soon as the necessary arrangements can be perfected.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Captain of Police—Pay fixed.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Captain of Police be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of twenty-three hundred (\$2,300) dollars per annum, to take effect from March 1, 1887.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Suspensions, Appointments, etc.

The PRESIDENT reported the following suspensions, appointments, restorations, etc., made by him since the last meeting of the Board:

*Suspensions.*

On recommendation of Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—John O'Neil, Pat. Mulhearn, Michael Devine, Peter Rowley and Thomas Malone, Sewer laborers.

On recommendation of Superintendent of Parks—James Smith, Pat. Develin, Thos. Doyle, Mortimer Quinn, Geo. Repper, David Cronin, Pat. Welsh and John Martin, Laborers; also Mary Belknap, Cottage attendant.

*Appointments.*

W. J. O'Connor, Chas. E. Bartram, Michael J. Shea, and Patrick Fanning, as Parkkeepers, on probation; Michael

Braý, as Painter; Clarence Bromley and Thomas Marrooney, as Masons; John McMahan, as Double-team; Adolph Silber, as Carpenter; Jos. Oswoldt, as Laborer at \$2.00 per day, and Jeremiah Daly, John Fitzpatrick, Pat. Conway, Michael Carmody, Joseph Ryan, and Henry Mathers, as Laborers, under Superintendent of Parks.

*Restorations.*

Charles Joerge and Henry Baurmann to duty as Gardeners, and William Smythe as Laborer, under Superintendent of Parks.

*Reduction of pay.*

John McGuinness, Mason, 23d and 24th Wards, to \$3.00 per day. Bernard Cummings, Driver, Parks, to \$1.76 per day.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Street improvements—Engineer to report.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards be directed to report to this Board such of the legally opened streets in the Annexed Districts as, in his judgment, should be sewered, regulated, graded, etc.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmin—2

Sheepfold—Stables at.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to have alterations made to the Sheepfold for the purpose of stabling police horses and housing ambulance therein.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Art Museum—Approach to new entrance.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications, together with an estimate of the cost of constructing carriage-ways and walks in the vicinity of the new entrance to the Art Museum Building; also of such changes in the surface of the adjacent grounds as may be necessary to conform to the new elevations.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Changes in Plantations—Superintendent to report.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks, from time to time, recommend to the Board such changes in the plantations as he deems advisable for the interests of the plantations.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Transfer requested.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to transfer the sum of one hundred and thirty-nine  $\frac{9}{100}$  dollars from the appropriation made for "Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886," for which it will not be required, to the appropriation, entitled "Surveying, Laying-out, &c., Tax and Assessment Maps, 1886," which is insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Boat service—License.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That a license to conduct the boat service on the Central Park lake be granted to J. Clarence Dick, for

one year from January 1, 1887, upon his agreeing to pay the sum of five hundred dollars for the privilege, and that the Treasurer be authorized to enter into an agreement with Mr. Dick for that purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Donkeys—License for.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That a license for donkey service in the Central Park be granted to John Lucas, during the pleasure of this Board, upon his agreeing to pay as license fee a sum equal to five per cent. of his gross receipts from said service, and that the Treasurer be authorized to enter into an agreement with Mr. Lucas for that purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Carrousel—License.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That a license to maintain and operate the Carrousel in Central Park be granted to Isidor Isaac, for three years, commencing May 1, 1887, upon his agreeing to pay as license fee a sum equal to ten per cent. of his gross receipts, and that the Treasurer be authorized to enter into an agreement with Mr. Isaac for that purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Goat carriages—License.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That a license for the goat-carriage service on the Mall in Central Park be granted to Isidor Isaac, for one year, commencing May 1, 1887, upon his agreeing to pay as license fee a sum equal to five per cent. of his gross receipts from said service, and that the Treasurer be

authorized to enter into an agreement with Mr. Isaac for that purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Adjournment.

On motion, at 11.45 A. M., the Executive Session arose, and the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, 23d inst., at 11 A. M., for the purpose of receiving proposals for police uniforms.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1887.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.  
“                  POWERS.

Proposals.

At the hour of eleven o'clock, Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for furnishing Parkkeepers' uniforms.

Adjourned.

Table of Bids for Parkkeepers' Uniforms.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	LOUIS STERN.		A. RAYMOND & Co.					
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Uniform Body Coat for Captain.....	1	\$22 50	\$22 50	\$23 00	\$23 00	....	....	....	....
do do Sergeants.....	6	22 00	132 00	23 50	141 00	....	....	....	....
do do Roundsmen.....	9	16 00	144 00	19 50	175 50	....	....	....	....
do do Parkkeepers.....	135	14 87	2,007 45	14 75	1,991 25	....	....	....	....
do do Mounted Parkkeepers.	15	15 00	225 00	14 25	213 75	....	....	....	....
Uniform Pants for Captain and Sergeants.	7	7 00	49 00	6 30	44 10	....	....	....	....
do do Mounted Parkkeepers..	15	8 00	120 00	7 50	112 50	....	....	....	....
do do Parkkeepers.....	144	5 87	845 28	5 65	813 60	....	....	....	....
Totals .....			\$3,545 23		\$3,514 70				

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
Secretary.

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1887.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.  
“ POWERS.

A quorum not being present,

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1887.**

SPECIAL MEETING—11 A. M.

Pursuant to the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, March 2, 1887. }

Mr. CHARLES DE F. BURNS, *Secretary*:

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board of Parks, to be held on Friday, 4th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN.

*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

A quorum not being present,

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,

*Secretary.*

**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1887.**

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

Pursuant to the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, March 4, 1887. }

Mr. CHARLES DE F. BURNS, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held on Monday, 7th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented.

Respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

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

The following communications were received:

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following ordinances :

St. Ann's avenue—Ordinance to grade.

1st. An ordinance to regulate, grade, etc., St. Ann's avenue, from Southern Boulevard to Clifton street.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Room in City Hall—Permission to occupy.

2d. Resolution permitting the Department to occupy room No. 7 in the basement of the City Hall.

Filed.

Vanderbilt avenue—Petition to improve.

From Richard Turner, Henry Weyman, Jr., and others, asking that Vanderbilt avenue, West, between 176th and 178th streets, be macadamized and improved.

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

148th street—Petition for sewer in.

From W. E. Wheelock & Co. and others, petitioning for the construction of a sewer in 148th street.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in 23d and 24th Wards.

Schoolmaster, Isaac—Soda water stand.

From Isaac Schoolmaster, applying for permission to erect and maintain a soda water stand on the Central Park.

Denied.

Radford, W. H.—Restaurant at Arsenal.

From William H. Radford, proposing to erect a suitable building near the Arsenal in Central Park in order to continue the sale of refreshments in that vicinity, the building heretofore used for that purpose being required for other purposes.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter was referred to the President by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Transfer of appropriation.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Appor-

tionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution transferring the sum of \$139 from the appropriation "Surveys, Maps and Plans," 1886, to the appropriation "Surveying, laying out," etc., 1886.

Filed.

Bailey avenue—Opening.

From the Clerk of Street Openings, notifying the Department of the confirmation, on 4th inst., of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of opening Bailey avenue, from Sedgwick avenue to Boston avenue.

Filed.

Treasurer's Statement.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received and deposited by him with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, February 28, 1887.*

LICENSES.

1887.			
Feby. 1.	August Braun.....	\$101 25	
" 5.	W. H. Radford.....	320 34	
" 5.	Isidor Isaac.....	2 81	
" 14.	Chas. Schwarz.....	34 27	
" 16.	Pierre A. Bernard.....	18 10	
			\$476 77

PERMITS.

Feby. 1.	W. H. Bormann.....	\$10 00	
" 2.	Jas. Hannigan.....	10 00	
" 7.	Chas. Bruno.....	10 00	
" 14.	Mrs. W. Ronner.....	10 00	
" 23.	I. Lahn.....	10 00	
" 23.	Mrs. Handibode.....	10 00	
" 24.	Carl Kunz.....	10 00	
" 28.	Burke & Waters.....	50 00	
			\$120 00

SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

Feby. 2.	Thomas C. Andrews.....	\$10 00
" 8.	J. M. Burke.....	6 00
" 12.	" ".....	4 00

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Feby. 17. Geo. Steele.....	\$4 00
“ 23. Dan'l Malone.....	10 00
“ 23. Geo. Smith.....	10 00
	\$44 00
	\$640 77

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six hundred and forty dollars and seventy-seven cents.

### From the Topographical Engineer :

Bergen avenue—Proposed closing.

1st. Reporting upon a petition from Stephen A. Bassford, Anton Loeffler and others, for closing that portion of Bergen avenue lying between 147th and 148th streets.

Laid over.

Railroad avenue—Grade.

2d. Returning the map showing proposed change of grade of Railroad avenue, East, from East 156th to East 158th streets, in the 23d Ward, and stating that the same had been placed on exhibition, and that no objection had been made to its adoption.

Laid over.

164th street—Plan for sewer.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of the Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, submitting a plan and specifications for the construction of a sewer in 164th street, between Washington and Third avenues, with a branch in Third avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications for a sewer and appurtenances in 164th street, between Washington and Third avenues, with a branch in Third avenue, etc., this day received, be approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.



Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Police uniforms—Contract awarded.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the contract for furnishing police uniforms, for which proposals were received on 23d ult., be awarded to A. Raymond & Co., at \$3,514.70, they being the lowest bidders; that their proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

National Iron Fence Company—Bill of.

The Treasurer, to whom was referred the matter of a bill of the National Iron Fence Company, amounting to \$110, for services of foremen in setting iron fencing in the Parks, made a verbal report, and recommended that the same be paid.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the bill of the National Iron Fence Company, amounting to \$110, for services of foremen in setting iron fencing in the Parks, be and the same hereby is audited and approved, and that the same be transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Audit.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, 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 :

Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, rent 49 and 51 Chambers street, January, 1887.....	Rent and Repairs.	\$541 66
Marquand, H. G., Treas., salaries and wages, February.....	Maint. Museums...	1,683 82
Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$67 25
	Zoological Dept..	22 11
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	16 07
		<hr/> 105 43
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 5.....	Reg., etc., Boston Road from Jef- ferson St. to Lo- cust Ave.....	4,200 00
McQuade, Jno., Estimate No. 17.....	Reg., etc., Brook ave. from N. Y. & H. R. R. to a point 487 feet southerly from 132d St., etc...	1,083 60
		<hr/> <hr/> \$7,614 51

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$67 25
Zoological Department.....	22 11
Maintenance Museums.....	1,683 82
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	16 07
Rents and Repairs.....	541 66
Local Improvement Fund, Chap. 420, Laws 1886.....	1,083 60
Fund for Local Improvements, Chap. 174, Laws 1885.....	4,200 00
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seven thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty-one cents.

NEW YORK, March 4, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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:

Abeel Bros., iron and steel.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		\$70 11
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$69 63	
	Zoological Dept.	247 24	
		<hr/>	316 87
Boyle, Jno., twine .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		69
Bradley & Currier Co., Limited, hot-bed sashes glazed .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		350 00
Belloni & Co., cement .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$52 00	
	Riverside Park & Ave., etc.....	26 00	
		<hr/>	78 00
Champion Odorless Disinfectant Com- pany, Limited, urinal tablets.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		6 00
Colgate & Co., soap.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$11 06	
	Zoological Dept....	91	
	Police .....	4 29	
	Harlem R. Bdges., etc.....	1 44	
	Surveys, Maps & Plans.....	29	
		<hr/>	17 99
Coffin, Paul C., brass bolts.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		2 50
Fayerweather & Ladew, belting and leather.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$10 20	
	Harlem R. Bdges., etc.....	2 88	
		<hr/>	13 08
Harmer, Hays & Co., blankets.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		15 00
Home of Industry, dusters, brooms and brushes .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$38 45	
	Police .....	1 00	
	Zoological Dept. ..	1 38	
	Harlem R. Bridges, etc.....	3 17	
		<hr/>	44 00
Moffat, David & Co., kip skin.....	Police .....		8 90
Motley, Thoruton N., clamps .....	Labor, Maint., etc.		7 32
Pridgeon's Hamilton Bakery, bread....	Zoological Dept....		58 13
Perry, W. B. & Son, fruit and vegetables..	Zoological Dept....		25 00
Patterson Bros., horseshoe nails, cotton waste, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$56 18	
	Harlem R. Bridges, etc.....	8 38	
		<hr/>	64 56

Scott, D., fish.....	Zoological Dept...	\$46 50
Thompson, Frank J., American owl and American rails.....	Zoological Dept...	21 00
Weber, Adam, brick.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	42 00
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		\$1,187 65

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Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$731 14
Zoological Department.....	400 16
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc.....	26 00
Police.....	14 19
Harlem River Bridges, etc.....	15 87
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	29
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	\$1,187 65

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and sixty-five cents.

NEW YORK, March 4, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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. Tel. Co., Messenger Ser- vices during January.....	Labor, Maint., etc..	\$7 92
Boyle, Jno., gymnasium mattress, etc...	Labor, Maint., etc..	\$3 90
	Police.....	25 00
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		28 90
Consolidated Gas Co., gas, February...	Labor, Maint., etc..	\$37 37
	Police.....	63 00
	Harlem River Bridges, etc...	11 25
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		111 62
Dunham, Thos. C., colors, oil, etc.....	Zoological Dept..	52 27
	Labor, Maint., etc.	7 50
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		59 77

Edwards, Jos. & Co., grate bars.....	Harlem River		
	Bridges, etc...	\$20	30
Ferris, Edwin & Co., salt. . . . .	Zoological Dept...	2	00
Harmer, Hays & Co., thread.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	1	70
Hazard Powder Company, powder.....	Maint. 23d and 24th		
	Wards, 1886....	17	50
Liautard, A. F., services. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	10	00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, street washer			
covers.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	9	00
Manning, Jno. & Lott Connell, painting			
Central Bridge.....	Harlem River		
	Bridges, etc....	165	00
McKesson & Robbins, horse liniment...	Labor, Maint., etc.	3	00
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., salaries and			
wages, January.....	Maint. Museums...	1,576	30
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, Feb'y.	Labor, Maint., etc.	33	62
O'Donnell & Treanor, coal.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$19	00
	Zoological Dept.	2	00
	Harlem River		
	Bridges, etc....	50	
	Riverside Park		
	and Ave., etc...	2	00
	Police.....	1	50
		25	00
Patterson Bros., screws, nails and bolts.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$15	95
	Zoological Dept...	1	56
	Maint. 23d and 24th		
	Wards .....	12	75
		30	26
Perry, W. B. & Son, vegetables.....	Zoological Dept...	165	00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., colors, oil, etc. . .	Zoological Dept...	39	73
Stackpole & Bro., repairing level... .	Surveys, Maps and		
	Plans.....	4	00
Thornburn, Jas. M. & Co., peat . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	7	50
Whitman Saddle Co., saddle, bridle, etc. .	Police.....	33	25
		\$2,351	37

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$156	46
Zoological Department. . . . .	262	56
Harlem River Bridges, etc. . . . .	197	05
Riverside Park and Avenue, etc. . . . .	2	00
Police .....	122	75
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	4	00
Maintenance Museums.....	1,576	30

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards., 1886.....	\$17 50	
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 75	
		\$2,351 37

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty-one dollars and thirty-seven cents.

New York, March 7, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Parkkeepers appointed.

From the Captain of Police, reporting as to the efficiency of persons employed as Parkkeepers on probation.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That Thomas C. Williams, Jno. F. Mooney, William Parker, Henry Andereya, James Dillon, Edward Gilon, Jr., Henry Farley, George Hampshire, Michael J. Shea, W. J. O'Connor, and Charles E. Bartram be and they hereby are appointed Parkkeepers in accordance with Civil Service Regulation 35.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Scannel, M. J.—Dropped.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that Michael J. Scannel, Parkkeeper on probation, be dropped from the roll, his term of probationary service not having been satisfactory.

Which was carried by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Hume, J. C.—Pay for lost time.

From John C. Hume, Computer, asking to be allowed pay for time lost by him on account of sickness.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, pay was allowed Mr. Hume for six and one-half days lost time, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Hopper, J. J.—Pay for lost time.

From John J. Hopper, Assistant Engineer, asking to be allowed pay for time lost on account of sickness.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, pay was allowed Mr. Hopper for ten and one-half days lost time, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Laborers in Menagerie.—To increase pay.

From the Director of the Menagerie recommending that the pay of certain laborers in the Menagerie be increased.

Cook, Jacob—Pay fixed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the pay of Jacob Cook, laborer in Menagerie, was fixed at \$2.25 per day by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Committee on Police—Report of.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges preferred against certain Parkkeepers, and disposed of the same as follows:

Brady, P. J.—Fined.

Peter J. Brady. Absent from roll call. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

McGlone, Patrick—Charge dismissed.

Patrick McGlone. Absent without leave. Charge dismissed.

Sullivan, J.—Fined.

Jeremiah Sullivan. Off post. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Diamond, J. E.—Fined.

James E. Diamond. Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Carter, G. E.—Charge dismissed.

George E. Carter. Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge dismissed for want of evidence.

Farley, Henry—Fined.

Henry Farley. Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Andereya, Henry—Fined.

Henry Andereya. Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

On motion, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Appointments, restorations, etc.

The PRESIDENT reported the following appointments, restorations and suspensions made by him since the last meeting of the Board :

*Appointments and Restorations.*

John Smith, as Laborer on Parks, at \$2 per day; James Murray, as Painter; Lott Connell, as Painter; Louis Schmidt, as Laborer on Parks, at \$2 per day; John Tyler, Acting Foreman of Stables, for 30 days; Patrick Smith, Cottage Laborer; Charles Hoff, Laborer, 23d and 24th Wards; Richard A. Berry, Foreman, with two teams and ten laborers, for repairs to roads in the 24th Ward.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.



In explanation of his vote, Commissioner POWERS stated that, in his opinion, the President had no power to direct such employment.

Smith, John, }  
Schmidt, Louis, } Appointed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, John Smith and Louis Schmidt were appointed Laborers on the Parks, at \$2 per day each, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Murray, James, }  
Connell, Lott, } Appointed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, James Murray and Lott Connell were appointed Painters, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Smith, Patrick—Appointed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, Patrick Smith was appointed a Cottage Laborer, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Tyler, John—Appointed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, John Tyler was appointed to act as Foreman of the Stables for 30 days, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Hoff, Chas.—Appointed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, Charles Hoff was appointed a Laborer in the 23d and 24th Wards, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Berry, Richard A.—Appointed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, Richard A. Berry was appointed a Foreman in the 23d and 24th Wards, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins--2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers--1.

Teams and Laborers—Employment authorized.

On motion, the President was authorized to employ two double teams and ten laborers for work in the 23d and 24th Wards, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins--2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers--1.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, at 11 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1887.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

24th Ward Association—Hearing.

Messrs. W. C. Crane, Henry Bracken, R. B. Hamilton, H. E. Droz, S. D. Bonfils, R. L. Anderton, C. A. Becker, L. Eickwort and C. L. Black, a committee from the 24th Ward Tax-payers' Association, appeared before the Board in relation to the proposed depression of the tracks of the New York and Harlem Railroad in the annexed district.

Messrs. Crane and Hamilton were heard in relation to the same.

The minutes of the meetings of February 2d and 16th were read and approved.

The minutes of February 18th were read, whereupon Commissioner POWERS protested against the same as read.

The PRESIDENT requested Commissioner Powers to state his reason for such objection, which Commissioner Powers declined to do.

The minutes as read were then approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

The minutes of the meeting of March 2d were read and approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

The minutes of the meeting of March 4th were read and approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

The minutes of the meeting of March 7th were read and approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

The following communications were received:

Park buildings—Insurance.

From the Counsel to the Corporation stating, in reply to the request of this Department, that in his opinion this Board has authority to cause the principal park buildings to be insured against loss by fire.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to procure insurance upon the following named buildings of the Department for the amount in each case as designated, viz.:

Mount St. Vincent, Refreshment building.	\$20,000
Claremont, in Riverside Park .....	10,000
High Bridge Park Hotel .....	7,500
Dairy, in Central Park .....	3,000
Mineral Water building, in Central Park.	3,000
Buildings of Zoological Collection .....	
Arsenal building .....	10,000

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Central Gas Co.—As to claims of.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the claims of the Central Gas Light Company for removing

and replacing their pipes, which were disturbed by the regulating and grading of certain streets, and stating that the same may be properly charged in the assessment lists.

Filed.

Derr, H. H.—Lost time.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to allowing pay to H. H. Derr, a per diem employee, for time lost on account of sickness.

Filed.

Eagle avenue—As to change of grade.

From the Chairman of the Committee on Lands and Places, etc., of the Board of Aldermen, referring to this Department a petition of property owners for changing the grade of Eagle avenue.

Filed.

Prospect avenue—Petition to improve.

From W. J. Reynolds, M. P. Casey and others, asking that Prospect avenue, from Samuel street to Fremont avenue, be macadamized or repaired with broken stone.

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

Bergen avenue—Protest against closing.

From Jacob Cohen, protesting against the proposed closing of Bergen avenue, between 147th and 148th streets.

Laid over.

Munson, H.—To let boats at Third Avenue Bridge.

From Harry Munson, applying for the privilege of mooring a float and letting boats at the southerly end of the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem River.

Laid over.

Lamadrid, Mrs. J. M.—To erect booths.

From Mrs. J. M. Lamadrid, asking permission to erect

and maintain two booths or coffee stands on the sidewalk of Battery Park.

Denied.

Auction sale of horses—Statement.

From the Property Clerk, submitting a statement of the auction sale of horses on 8th inst., amounting to \$270.

Filed.

Engineer of Construction.

From the Engineer of Construction :

Harlem River Bridge—Report on.

1st. Reporting upon the condition of the Harlem River bridges, and recommending that certain repairs be made to the McComb's Dam Bridge and its approaches.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications for repairing McComb's Dam Bridge and its approaches, as recommended in his report, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Jeannette Park—Mould and filling.

2d. Recommending that arrangements be made for procuring garden mould and filling for Jeannette Park.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to make requisition for the filling and mould required for Jeannette Park, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Riverside Drive—As to completion of.

3d. Reporting in relation to the proposed completion of Riverside Drive, between 85th and 88th streets, and asking

to be advised as to the disposition to be made of the materials in the temporary trestle bridge, walls, etc., now located at that point, the expense of which has been included in the amount to be paid by assessment.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the matter was ordered referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion, by the the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Plaza—Plan for paving.

4th. Submitting a plan and estimate of quantities for paving and laying crosswalks upon that portion of the Plaza at Fifth avenue and 59th street, south of the railroad tracks, where not already paved.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the plan this day presented by M. A. Kellogg, Engineer of Construction, and dated March 15, 1887, for laying crosswalks and paving the Plaza with granite pavement, between 58th and 59th streets and Fifth avenue, be forwarded to Gen. John Newton, Commissioner of Public Works, with the request that, if there is a sufficient balance to the appropriation for the pavement of Fifth avenue to repave this part of the roadway contiguous to the pavement lately laid under his direction, he consent to the enactment of a law providing for the transfer of a sum of money from the said appropriation for paving Fifth avenue to an account to be created for the completion of the pavement and crosswalks within the areas as shown upon the said map.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Third Avenue Bridge—Report on lighting.

From the Engineer of Construction and Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting in relation to the lighting of the

Third Avenue Bridge by the Harlem Electric Illuminating Company.

On motion, said report was ordered filed and a copy to be sent to the Gas Commission.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards:

135th Street Sewer.

1st. Reporting upon communications from W. R. Brown, Esq., and L. A. Risse, C. E., respecting the grade of the sewer constructed by the owners of property in East 135th street, between Brook avenue and Brown place.

Filed.

Fencing vacant lots—Plans for.

2d. Submitting plans and specifications for fencing vacant lots on the west side of Willis avenue, between 134th and 135th streets, and for constructing receiving-basins and connections at the northeast corner of Third avenue and 135th street, and at the northeast and southeast corners of Morris avenue and 144th street.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to procure estimates for erecting a fence and constructing receiving-basins in accordance with the plans submitted by the Engineer and present them to the Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

148th street—Plan for sewer in.

3d. Submitting plans and specifications for constructing a sewer in 148th street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenue, with a branch in St. Ann's avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications this day received for constructing a sewer in 148th street, between



Brook and St. Ann's avenues, with a branch in St. Ann's avenue, be and the same hereby are approved, and the specifications and form of contract ordered printed; and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Westchester avenue—Plan for paving.

4th. Submitting plans and specifications for paving, with trap-block pavement, Westchester avenue, from Third avenue to Brook avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications this day submitted for paving Westchester avenue, between Third and Brook avenues, be approved and the specifications ordered printed; and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Derr, H. C.—Bill for services.

5th. Forwarding a bill of H. C. Derr, amounting to \$42.50, for services rendered the Department as a Chainman.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the bill of Henry C. Derr, amounting to \$42.50, for services rendered the Department as Acting Chainman, be and the same hereby is audited and approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

## Sewerage District 33B—Plan.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan of drainage for part of Sewerage District No. 33B, showing sewers and connections in Third avenue, between East 165th and 170th streets, in the 23d Ward; and

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards, recommending the adoption of the same.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the map or plan entitled "Plan of drainage for part of Sewerage District No. 33B, showing sewers and connections in Third avenue, between East 165th and East 170th streets, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York," dated "New York, March 15, 1887," and signed "S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," be and the same is hereby adopted; and that the President of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be prepared five (5) similar copies of said map to be certified to by him and filed as required by law.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

## Supt. 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards:

## Vanderbilt ave.—Report on petition to improve.

1st. Reporting upon the petition of Richard Turner and others for the improvement of Vanderbilt avenue (West), between 176th and 178th streets, and recommending that the portion of the avenue referred to be repaired with earth filling, and the macadamizing postponed until such time as there is material at hand for that purpose.

On motion, said recommendation was approved and ordered carried out by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

## Myers' Road—Report on petition to use.

2d. Reporting in relation to Myers' Road in the 24th

Ward, and recommending that the same be not opened for public use at this time.

On motion, said recommendation was approved. \*

Working Force—To increase.

3d. Recommending the restoration of three gangs of men, with their foremen, for work on roads and avenues.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President with power by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Judson, T. A.—Resignation.

From T. A. Judson, resigning his position of Park-keeper.

On motion, said resignation was accepted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

O'Hare, Patrick—For employment.

From Patrick O'Hare, applying for employment as a Steam Engineer.

Filed.

Mapes, C. A.—Pay for lost time.

From Chas. A. Mapes, Assistant Engineer, asking to be allowed pay for three days' time lost by him on account of sickness.

On motion, the application of Mr. Mapes was granted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Leugers, Chas.—Pay for lost time.

From Charles Leugers, Computer, asking to be allowed pay for five days' lost time on account of sickness.

On motion, the application of Mr. Leugers was granted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Perez, J. F.—Leave of absence.

From J. F. Perez, Skilled Laborer, applying for leave of absence from March 23d to May 1st next.

Denied.

Committee on Police—Report.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges preferred against certain Parkkeepers, and disposed of the same as follows :

Campbell, R. A.—Charge dismissed.

Robert A. Campbell. Absent from roll call. Charge dismissed.

Ging, J. H.—Fined

James H. Ging. Off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Higgins, Joseph—Fined.

Joseph Higgins. Absent from roll call. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

On motion, the action of the Committee on Police was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Daly, Daniel—Promoted.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Daniel Daly be and he hereby is promoted from the grade of Bridge Tender to the grade and pay of Fireman.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Keely, John—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John Keely be and he hereby is appointed a Laborer for duty on the Harlem River Bridges.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Audit.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, 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 :

Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber . . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	\$28 10
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements . . . . .	Surveying, Laying out, etc. . . . .	\$23 60
	Surveys, Maps and Plans . . . . .	3 45
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		27 05
Coffin, Paul C., forks, locks, etc. . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	35 42
Champion Disinfectant Co., Limited, disinfectant powder . . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	45 00
Hopper, Henry, hammer handles, etc. . . . .	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards . . . . .	16 60
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., salaries and wages, February . . . . .	Maint. Museums . . . . .	1,576 30
Myers, Chas. H., petty disbursements . . . . .	Surveys, Maps and Plans . . . . .	11 53
Moffat, David & Co., leather . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	11 82
Patterson Bros., pulley blocks . . . . .	Zoological Dept. . . . .	5 25
Phelps, Dodge & Co. sheet tin . . . . .	Labor, Maint., etc.	13 75
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		\$1,770 82
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc. . . . .	\$60 99
Zoological Department . . . . .	78 35
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards . . . . .	16 60
Maintenance Museums . . . . .	1,576 30

[Wednesday,

Surveying, Laying out, etc.....	\$23 60	
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	14 98	
		<u>\$1,770 82</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-two cents.

NEW YORK, March 16, 1887.

M. C. D. BORDEN, } *Auditing*  
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

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:

O'Grady, Wm., J., estimate No. 3.....Sewer in 169th St.,	
bet. 3d and	
Franklin Ave..	<u>\$1,218 70</u>

#### RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, Chap. 174, Laws 1885.....	<u>\$1,218 70</u>
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Amounting to the sum of one thousand two hundred and eighteen dollars and seventy cents.

NEW YORK, March 16, 1887.

M. C. D. BORDEN, } *Auditing*  
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioner Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Taylor, Truxton, Sr. and Jr.—Bills for services.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the bills of Truxton Taylor and Truxton

Taylor Jr., aggregating the sum of \$112, for night service on Central Bridge from February 1, 1887, to March 1, 1887, be and the same hereby is approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 12.50 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

President reports action.

The PRESIDENT reported the following action taken by him since the last meeting of the Board:

Heyer, A.—Suspended and discharged.

1st. That he had suspended Adolph Heyer, Skilled Laborer in 23d and 24th Wards, for improper conduct, and that a hearing had been granted to said Heyer.

On motion, the action of the President was approved, and said Heyer was discharged from the employ of the Department by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Horan, Thos. F.—Suspended and discharged.

2d. That he had suspended Thomas F. Horan, Foreman of the Stables, for neglect of duty and disobedience of orders, and that a hearing had been given said Horan.

On motion, the action of the President was approved, and said Horan was discharged from the employ of the Department by the following vote:

*ye* —Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Rich, August, }  
Hook, J. W., } Appointed.

3d. That he had appointed August Rich and Joseph W. Hook, Laborers, at \$2 per diem each.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Laborers 23d and 24th Wards—Appointed.

4th. That he had appointed the following named men as Laborers in 23d and 24th Wards:

John Keating, Thomas Thornton, Patrick J. Cassidy, Terence Sheridan, Arthur Lynch.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

The following communications were received:

McDonald, Jas.—Pay fixed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the pay of James McDonald, Skilled Laborer, be increased to \$3 per day.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the pay of James McDonald be fixed at \$3 per day.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

McQuade, T. F.—Pay fixed.

From Thomas F. McQuade, Laborer, asking for an increase of pay.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the pay of Thomas F. McQuade be fixed at \$2.50 per day.



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Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Adjournment

On motion, at 1.35 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

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*Secretary.*

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1887.**

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STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.  
“ CRIMMINS.

A quorum not being present,

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1887.**

SPECIAL MEETING—11 A. M.

Pursuant to the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, April 6, 1887. }

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Esq., *Secretary, etc.*:

SIR—In view of the fact of there being no quorum at the stated meeting of the Board this day, and there being important matters requiring early consideration, you will please issue notices for a meeting to be held on Thursday, 7th inst., at eleven A. M.

Respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN, }  
JOHN D. CRIMMINS, } *Commissioners*  
JESSE W. POWERS, } *of Public Parks.*

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

“ CRIMMINS.

“ POWERS.

The minutes of the meetings of March 16th and April 6th were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

Aldermen, Board of.

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:

135th street—Ordinance to grade amended.

1st. Ordinance amending an ordinance, adopted Septem-

ber 8, 1886, and approved September 25, 1886, for regulating and grading 135th street, from Willis avenue to Brown place.

Southern Boulevard—Ordinance to pave.

2d. Ordinance for paving the Southern Boulevard, from Third avenue to Willis avenue.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Telephone service—Contract.

3d. Resolution authorizing this Department to contract for telephonic service for the year 1887, without public letting.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company for telephonic service during the year 1887, at a cost not to exceed the amount of the appropriation, under authority given by the Board of Aldermen.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Jerome avenue—Proposed widening.

4th. Resolution requesting this Department to consider the propriety or advisability of widening Jerome avenue, from Harlem River to Jerome Park.

Filed.

Corporation Counsel—140th street.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, giving his opinion respecting the records in the matter of the laying out and opening of 140th street, from Boston road (now Third avenue) to Willis avenue.

Filed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the opinion received from the Counsel to the Corporation was ordered printed as a document of this Board, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

(See Document No. 109.)

Comr. of Public Works—Paving of Plaza.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to the proposed paving of the Plaza at Fifth avenue and 59th street, and giving his consent to the enactment of a law to provide for the transfer of a sum to cover the cost of such pavement from the balance of the appropriation for repaving Fifth avenue.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, a copy of the communication from the Commissioner of Public Works was ordered sent to the Counsel to the Corporation, with the request that he prepare a bill for presentation to the Legislature to authorize and provide for the pavement of the 59th street Plaza in the manner described, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Civil Service Regulations—Amendment.

From the Secretary, etc., of the Civil Service Supervisory and Examining Boards, transmitting copies of resolutions amending certain of the civil service regulations.

Filed.

Board of Health—Mott Haven Canal.

From the Secretary of the Health Department, transmitting copies of communication respecting the sanitary condition of the Mott Haven Canal; also a copy of a resolution of the Board of Health, requesting that action be taken to abate the nuisance complained of.

Mott Haven Canal—Money for dredging.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of dredging the Mott Haven Canal as required by the Board of Health.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Grant Tomb—Permission to decorate.

From the Commander of U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., asking permission to decorate the tomb of General Grant on Decoration Day next.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the President was authorized to issue a permit to U. S. Grant Post, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

148th street—Petition for sewer in.

From J. A. Fitzsimmons, Patrick Hughes and others, petitioning for the construction of a sewer in 148th street, between Courtland and Railroad avenues.

Referred to Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards to report upon.

Cox, Jno. & Co.—Pipe across Riverside Drive.

From John Cox & Co., applying for permission to lay a water pipe across the Riverside Drive at 96th street for the purpose of supplying water to an engine on their dock at the foot of that street.

On motion, said application was referred to the President with power, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

England, J. W.—To retain gift.

From Sergeant John W. England, asking permission to retain a gold-headed cane presented to him by the Park Police Endowment Association.

Granted.

E. T. Wood—Float at Third Avenue Bridge.

From E. T. Wood, asking permission for Henry Phillips to moor a float for the purpose of letting boats at the southerly end of Harlem Bridge.

Filed.

Treasurer's Statement.

The TREASURER presented a statement of moneys received and deposited by him in the City Treasury.

Which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows:

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, March 31, 1887.*

1887.		LICENSES.	
March 8.	Isidor Isaac.....		\$4 75
	8. W. H. Radford.....		137 73
	12. P. A. Bernard.....		23 42
	14. Oscar H. Riker.....		15
	15. Chas. Schwarz.....		14 51
	17. August Braun.....		7 00
			\$187 56
		FOUND.	
March 1.	Property Clerk—Receipts, January.....		\$17 80
		SUNDRY RECEIPTS.	
March 16.	Van Tassel & Kearney.....		\$243 00
		PERMITS.	
March 4.	Jno. A. Knox.....		\$30 00
	8. J. & M. Haffen.....		10 00
	10. Jas. T. Meagher.....		50 00
	12. Henry Mullen.....		30 00
	16. Mary A. Ahearn ..		10 00

March 18.	Mr. Campbell .....	\$30 00	
28.	Mr. Mason .....	10 00	
28.	Board of Education.....	10 00	
28.	T. A. Hemmer .....	10 00	
29.	Fred. Starke.....	10 00	
29.	Henry Schmidt.....	10 00	
			\$210 00

## SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

March 16.	Geo. W. Flood.....	\$10 00	
17.	W. C. Herriott.....	6 00	
17.	W. C. Herriott.....	6 00	
18.	P. G. Decker .....	6 00	
22.	W. H. Robinson.....	4 00	
24.	P. G. Decker.....	6 00	
28.	T. C. Andrews.....	6 00	
28.	Daniel Malone.....	6 00	
			\$50 00
			\$708 06

Amounting<sup>a</sup> in the aggregate to the sum of seven hundred and eight dollars and six cents.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards:

Southern Boulevard—Plan for sewer.

1st. Submitting plans and specifications for a sewer on the south side of the Southern Boulevard, between Lincoln and Willis avenues.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications this day received for constructing a sewer and appurtenances on the south side of the Southern Boulevard, between Lincoln and Willis avenues, be approved and the specifications ordered printed; and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Westchester avenue—Resumption of work.

2d. Recommending that the work of regulating and



grading Westchester avenue, between Prospect avenue and Southern Boulevard, be resumed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered the work to proceed in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Westchester avenue—Closing.

3d. Recommending that Westchester avenue, between Prospect avenue and the Southern Boulevard, be closed during the progress of the work of regulating and grading the same.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, the portion of Westchester avenue under contract for grading, etc., was ordered closed to public travel for thirty days, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Boston Road—Work resumed.

4th. Recommending that the work of regulating, grading, etc., Boston road, from Third avenue to Jefferson street, be resumed.

On motion, said recommendation was approved.

Street improvements—President to direct resumption of.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the President was authorized to direct the resumption of all works under contract and to restore inspectors when required, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

149th street—Overtime on contract for grading.

5th. Reporting the completion of the work of regulating, etc., East 149th street, between Third avenue and Southern

Boulevard, and recommending that the penalty for 95½ days' overtime be charged against the contractor.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

From the Engineer of Construction :

East River Park sea-wall—Inspector.

1st. Recommending that the work of constructing a sea-wall at East River Park be resumed, and that an inspector be appointed.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the President was authorized to appoint an inspector, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Central Bridge—Plans for repairs.

2d. Submitting plans and specifications for the renewal of the superstructure of the easterly approach to the Central Bridge over the Harlem River, with an estimate of the cost.

Referred back to the Engineer for additional report.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards:

Prospect avenue—Report on petition to improve.

1st. Reporting upon a petition for the improvement of Prospect avenue, from Tremont avenue to Samuel street.

Filed.

Condition of pavement over sewer connections, etc.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of pavement in the streets of the 23d Ward at points where excavations have been made for the purpose of making sewers and water

connections, and suggesting that the work of restoring the pavement at such points be done hereafter by pavers employed by the Department.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Temporary suspensions.

3d. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams on account of stormy weather.

Approved.

Statute of Garibaldi.

Commissioner CRIMMINS called up the matter of the statute of General Giuseppe Garibaldi, proposed to be erected on the Central Park by the Garibaldi Monument Committee, and offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Presidents of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Academy of Design, and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects be requested to examine the statute of Garibaldi, proposed to be erected on the Central Park, and report to this Board as to its merits as a work of art.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Fencing vacant lots, }  
Receiving basins, } Estimates for.

The TREASURER presented the following estimates, procured by him in accordance with the action of the Board of 16th ultimo:

For fencing vacant lots on the west side of Willis avenue, between 134th and 135th streets:

Charles B. Trimble.....	\$295 00
B. C. Murray.....	306 00
Cornelius O'Grady .....	350 40

For constructing receiving basins at the northeast corner of Third avenue and 130th street:

Charles B. Trimble.....	\$240 00
B. C. Murray.....	250 00
Cornelius O'Grady.....	270 00
Bernard Mahon.....	255 00
J. S. Masterson.....	225 00

For constructing receiving basins at the northeast and southeast corner of Morris avenue and 144th street (2 basins):

Charles B. Trimble.....	\$470 00
B. C. Murray.....	520 00
Cornelius O'Grady.....	540 00
Bernard Mahon.....	500 00
J. S. Masterson.....	450 00

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders to the lowest bidders for doing the work.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Inspectors—President to appoint.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That hereafter on all contracts by private or public letting, where an inspector is required, the President be authorized to appoint such inspector.

Which was carried by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

72d street—Petition to change grade.

From James Rufus Smith, forwarding a copy of a petition with accompanying papers relating to a change of the grade of that portion of 72d street lying between Riverside

Drive and the Hudson River Railroad, and requesting that the same receive the approval of this Board.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the proposed change of grade was given the approval of this Board, and the Commissioner of Public Works was ordered informed thereof, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Taylor, Truxton, Sr. and Jr.—Bills audited.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the bills of Truxton Taylor and Truxton Taylor, Jr., aggregating the sum of \$124, for night service on Central Bridge from March 1, 1887, to April 1, 1887, be and the same hereby are approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Audit.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, 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 :

American District Tel. Co., messenger service during February.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$3	83
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., axle grease, brooms and dusters.....	Labor, Maint., etc. Zoological Dept....	\$10 00 21 75	
Brandis, Fred. E., detail paper.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards..		31 75 2 00
Bucki, Chas. L. & Co., lumber.....	Zoological Dept....		18 69
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1886....		10 13
Colwell Lead Co., steam pipe and brass sockets.....	Sewers and Drains, 1886.....		47 45
Colwell Lead Co., iron pipe, ells and globe valves.....	Harlem R. Bridges, etc.....		8 07

Coffin, Paul C., bolts, washers and oak pails.....	Labor, Maint., etc. Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$2 25  3 76	
			\$6 01
Fitzgerald, Jas., coal.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....		5 00
Moonan, Jno., oats and corn.....	Zoological Dept..		11 30
Moonan, Jno., oats.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....		55 00
Moonan, Jno., salt, hay, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc. Zoological Dept... Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$50 82 3 50  1 80	
			56 12
Moonan, Jno., forage, estimate No. 1....	Labor, Maint., etc. Police..... Zoological Dept... Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$1,260 03 239 77 474 64  30 07	
			2,004 51
Mansfield, Wm., estimate No. 4.....	Constructing Mill Brook Drains from 144th St. to Westchester Ave.		2,004 97
McArthur, J. & Co., steel brooms.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		81 00
Motley, Thornton N., injector and lubri- cator.....	Harlem R. Bridges. etc.....		51 30
Perry, W. B. & Son, turnips.....	Zoological Dept...		110 00
Perry, W. B. & Son, apples and carrots..	Zoological Dept...		25 00
Patterson Bros., horseshoes, files and nails.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		38 18
Scott, D., fish.....	Zoological Dept...		40 50
Thompson, Frank J., old horses.....	Zoological Dept...		30 00
			<u>\$4,637 81</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$1,446 11
Zoological Department.....	735 38
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	56 37
Police.....	239 77
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	37 63
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1886.....	10 13
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1886.....	55 00
Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	47 45

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Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	\$5 00	
Street Improvement Fund, Chap. 680, Laws 1886.....	2,004 97	
		\$4,637 81

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand six hundred and thirty seven dollars and eighty-one cents.

New York, April 7, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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:

Bertine, Edwin R., flags.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$140 00
Brandis, Fred. E., tapes, triangles and regrading scales.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	70 78
Drummond, M. J., estimate No. 1, cast-iron water pipes.....	Labor, Maint., etc., 1886.....	3,627 90
Murray, B. C., estimate No. 6.....	Reg., etc., Boston Road, bet. Jeffer- erson St., and Locust Ave....	1,921 50
Marquand, H. G., Treas., salaries and wages, March.....	Maint. Museums...	1,620 72
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., salaries and wages, March.....	Maint. Museums..	1,576 30
Mason, F. H. D., petty disbursements...	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$119 60
	Zoological Dept., 1886.....	14 54
	Zoological Dept., 1886.....	14
	Police.....	30 95
	Harlem R. Bridges, etc.....	2 00

Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$20 14	
		\$187 37
O'Brien, Ellen, milk, Jany. and Feby... Zoological Dept...		28 80
		<u>\$9,173 32</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1886.....	\$3,627 90
Zoological Department, 1886.....	14
Surveys, Maps and Plans, 1886.....	70 73
Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	259 60
Zoological Department.....	43 34
Harlem River Bridges, etc.....	2 00
Police.....	30 95
Maintenance Museums.....	3,197 02
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	20 14
Fund for Local Improvements, Chap. 174, Laws 1885.....	1,921 50
	<u>\$9,173 32</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nine thousand one hundred and seventy-three dollars and thirty-two cents.

NEW YORK, April 7, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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:

Boyle, Jno., grommets.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$0 80
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., chamois, sponges, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	3 65
Colwell Lead Co., pipe, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	110 22
Coffin, Paul C., key blanks, bolts, twine, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$24 27
	Zoological Dept...	4 05
		<u>28 32</u>



Crouch & Fitzgerald, handbag for Paymaster's use.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$4 25
Chalfin, S. F., petty disbursements.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	\$1 44
	Surveying, Laying out, etc.....	20 73
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Denning, E. J. & Co., sewing silk, etc....	Police.....	56 99
Fitzgerald, Jas., coal.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	16 50
Fayerweather & Ladew, belting.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	16 56
Harmer, Hays & Co., thread, tacks, etc....	Labor, Maint., etc.	21 86
Murray, B. C., rubble stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	75 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, grate, hopper and urinals.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	28 10
Moffat, David & Co., harness leather....	Labor, Maint., etc.	14 40
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, paint brushes....	Zoological Dept...	11 75
Pridgeon's Hamilton Bakery, bread....	Zoological Dept...	52 50
Patterson Bros., dumb-bells.....	Police.....	44 80
Smith, Clifford E., pipe boxes.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	13 68
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., cannas and lilies.	Labor, Maint., etc.	120 00
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		\$641 55
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$354 14
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	95 15
Zoological Department.....	68 30
Police.....	101 79
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	1 44
Surveying, Laying Out, etc.....	20 73
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	\$641 55
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six hundred and forty-one dollars and fifty-five cents.

NEW YORK, April 7, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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:

Lynch, Edw. N., payment on acceptance. . Reg., etc., 149th St., bet. N. Third Ave. and the South- ern Boulevard . . . . .	\$7,247 25
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RECAPITULATION.

Fund for Local Improvements, Chap. 174, Laws 1885. . . . .	\$7,247 25
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seven thousand two hundred and forty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents.

NEW YORK, April 7, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Executive Session.

On motion, at 12.25 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received:

Crueger, H.—Pay for lost time.

From Herman Crueger, Draughtsman, asking to be allowed pay for six days' time lost on account of sickness.

On motion, the request of Mr. Crueger was granted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Meyer, F. L.—Pay for lost time.

From F. L. Meyer, Computer, asking to be allowed pay for one day's time lost by him on account of sickness.

On motion, the request of Mr. Meyer was granted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Kelly, Rob't, }  
Collins, C. C., } Reduced in rank.

From the Captain of Police, recommending that Roundsmen Robert Kelly and Christopher C. Collins be reduced to the ranks.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, Robert Kelly was reduced from the grade of Roundsman to that of Parkkeeper, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, Christopher C. Collins was reduced from the grade of Roundsman to that of Parkkeeper, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Fanning, Patrick—Appointed confirmatorily.

From the Captain of Police, reporting favorably upon the probationary service of Patrick Fanning, Parkkeeper.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Patrick Fanning be and he is hereby appointed a Parkkeeper, in accordance with Civil Service Regulation 35.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Driscoll, Jas.—Applying for promotion.

From James Driscoll, Parkkeeper, applying for promotion to the grade of Roundsman.

On motion, the Captain of Police was directed to notify all Parkkeepers desiring to enter into a competitive examination for the position of Roundsman to make application therefor.

## Committee on Police—Report on charges.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges preferred against certain members of the Police force, and disposed of the same as follows :

Fitz, James E.—Fined.

James E. Fitz. Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Guilty. Fined ten days' pay.

Hampshire, Geo.—Fined.

George Hampshire. Off post and violation of rules. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Hampshire, Geo.—Fined.

George Hampshire. Off post. Guilty. Fined two days' pay.

Maguire, John—Fined.

John Maguire. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Lehane, E. E.—Fined.

Eugene E. Lehane. Sleeping on post and gross neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Flynn, P. J.—Fined.

Patrick J. Flynn. Absent from duty without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Frawley, Jas.—Fined.

James Frawley. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Andereya, Henry—Fined.

Henry Andereya. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

O'Connor, W. J.—Fined.

William J. O'Connor. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Williams, T. C.—Fined.

Thomas C. Williams. Absent without leave. Guilty.  
Fined one day's pay.

McMullen, H. J.—Fined.

Henry J. McMullen. Absent without leave. Guilty.  
Fined two days' pay.

Marrin, P. J.—Charge dismissed.

Phillip J. Marrin. Violation of rules. Charge dismissed.

Lehane, E. E.—Fined.

Eugene E. Lehane. Violation of rules and gross neglect  
of duty. Guilty. Fined ten days' day.

On motion the action of the Committee on Police was  
approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Munckwitz, J. F., Jr.—Asks change of title.

From Julius F. Munckwitz, Jr., asking that his designation  
be changed from Skilled Laborer to Draughtsman.

Laid over.

Draper, D.—Asks leave of absence.

From Daniel Draper, Meteorologist, applying for leave  
of absence for two weeks, with pay.

Granted.

Donohue, Thos.—For increase of pay.

From Thomas Donohue, Laborer in Menagerie, applying  
for an increase of pay.

Laid over.

President reports his action—Permits issued.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had issued a permit to  
the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company to  
replace three poles at the Circle at 59th street and Eighth  
avenue, for which said company had received permission  
from the Electrical Subway Commission; also that he had  
issued a permit to the Harlem Illuminating Company to

place, temporarily, electric lamp posts on Third avenue, from 133d to 170th streets, under permission of the Electrical Subway Commission, and had appointed Robert B. Doane as Inspector of the work at \$4 per day, payable from moneys deposited with the Department by said company for the purpose.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Suspensions, appointments and restorations.

The PRESIDENT reported the following suspension, appointments and restorations made by him since the last meeting of the Board.

*Suspension.*

John Rehm, Carpenter.

Which was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

*Appointments and Restorations.*

Fred. Wagner, Laborer, at \$2.50 per day; Charles Bulot, Jas. Worrell, Pat'k McKuen, James McShane and John Cox, as Gardeners.

Chas. E. Pearn and John Dugan, as Carpenters.

Patrick McGrath, Laborer.

Joseph T. Woodruff, Skilled Laborer, at \$2.50 per day; Peter Fallen and Lawrence McKay, as Painters.

Which were approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

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*In 23d and 24th Wards.*

Michael McMahon, Skilled Laborer, \$2.50 per day; 11 double teams, 4 carts, 1 painter and 29 laborers.

Which were approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

The PRESIDENT also stated that he had employed James Livingston as a Parkkeeper on probation.

Which was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Adjournment.

On motion, at 12.52 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**DOCUMENT No. 109.**

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**BOARD**

OF THE

**Department of Public Parks.**

APRIL 7, 1887.

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On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS an opinion received from the Counsel to the Corporation respecting the records in the matter of the laying out and opening of One Hundred and Fortieth street, from Boston road (now Third avenue) to Willis avenue, was ordered printed as a Document of the Board.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*



LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

NEW YORK, March 18, 1887.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Esq.,  
*Secretary of the Department of Public Parks.*

SIR :

I am in receipt of your communication of 10th instant, enclosing copies of the records in the matter of laying out and opening One Hundred and Fortieth street, from the Boston road (now Third avenue), to Willis avenue, as a public street or highway, by the Board of Trustees of the late Town of Morrisania, in which you state that assessment lists have been approved for regulating and grading the portion of One Hundred and Fortieth street above referred to, and also for a sewer which has been constructed between Third and Alexander avenues, and that you are directed to ask my opinion as to whether the records in question show that title has been legally acquired by the city to the land over which the portion of the street was thereby laid out.

You further state that nothing has been found on record to support the assertion contained in the preamble on the 4th page of the papers in question that, "the land through which such street passes \* \* \* had been voluntarily and in legal form ceded and dedicated to public use as a street or highway by said owners."

The papers submitted appear to be a copy of a petition of owners of land fronting on the streets in question that the same be legally laid out and opened as a public street or highway, sixty feet wide, as shown on map of sections A and B of North New York, R. Hemwood, Surveyor, dated July 20, 1863. A corporation notice in the matter of laying out and opening said street, that the Board of Trustees of the Town of Morrisania would meet December 15, 1869, to act upon the prayer of said petition, together with

a proof of the publication of the said notice in the *Westchester County Journal* for three weeks, and a resolution or order of said Board of Trustees reciting the foregoing facts and declaring that said street is legally laid out and opened as a public street or highway, adopted December 15, 1869.

I find nothing in any of the papers furnished me that is equivalent to a cession or grant to the city of title to the land over which the portion of the street in question was thereby laid out. The whole proceeding is a mere dedication to the public use, an acceptance of the same and a formal opening of the street as such. My opinion is that for anything that appears in the papers submitted, the title to the land still remains in the adjacent owners or in other persons, but not in the city.

I herewith return the papers enclosed.

Very respectfully yours,

E. HENRY LACOMBE,  
*Counsel to the Corporation.*

*Saturday, April 16, 1887.] 503*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1887.**

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SPECIAL MEETING—11 A. M.

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Pursuant to the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, April 14, 1887. }

Mr. CHARLES DE F. BURNS, *Secretary, etc.* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held on Monday, 16th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

M. C. D. BORDEN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.

CRIMMINS.

A quorum not being present,

Adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1887.**

STATED MEETING—11 A. M.

Present—Commissioner BORDEN, President.  
“ CRIMMINS.  
“ POWERS.

Proposals.

At the hour of eleven o'clock, Mr. E. G. Marsh, 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 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 accordance with advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the following works :

*For furnishing and setting Curb-stones around Jeannette Park, at Coenties Slip, between South and Front Streets.*

NAMES OF BIDDERS.	CURB-STONES, 700 LINEAL FEET. Price per L. ft.	AMOUNT.
George F. Masterson.....	\$2 00	\$1,400 00
A. E. Moran.....	1 98	1,386 00

*For furnishing and delivering Screened Gravel, of the quality known as Roa Hook Gravel, where required on the Central Park and Riverside Park and Avenue, in the City of New York.*

NAMES OF BIDDERS.	SCREENED GRAVEL, 5,000 CUB. YDS. Price per C. Yd.	AMOUNT.
James Slattery.....	\$1 82	\$9,100 00
Brown & Fleming.....	1 65	8,250 00
George F. Doak.....	1 77	8,850 00

*For furnishing and delivering where required, Broken Trap-rock Stone and Trap-rock Screenings, along certain Roads, Avenues and Streets in the 23d and 24th Wards, in the City of New York.*

NAMES OF BIDDERS.	TRAP-ROCK STONE, 2½", 5,425 CUB. YDS. Price per C. Yd.	TRAP-ROCK SCREENINGS, 2,575 CUB. YDS. Price per C. Yd.	AMOUNT.
John S. Howell.....	\$2 75	\$2 75	\$22,000 00
Brown & Fleming.....	2 35½	2 35½	18,840 00
John A. Bouker.....	2 62	2 62	20,960 00

On motion, the reading of the minutes of previous meetings was dispensed with.

The following communications were received:

Mayor—Incumbrances.

From the Mayor, forwarding a copy of an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the power of this Department to remove obstructions from the public streets in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Filed.

Hewitt ave. } Named.  
Stebbins ave. }

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution designating certain avenues in the 23d Ward as "Hewitt" and "Stebbins" avenues.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Topographical Engineer was directed to cause the avenues referred to to be so designated on the maps of the 23d Ward, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Chittenden, L. E.—Stone for macadamizing.

From L. E. Chittenden, calling attention to a certain kind of stone deemed by him as being superior for macadamizing purposes.

Filed.

Crimmins, T. E.—Stone in Transverse road.

From Thomas E. Crimmins, desiring permission to remove a quantity of stone from the Central Park Transverse road at 85th street.

Filed.

Forest ave.—Extension of time on contract.

From George F. Masterson, applying for an extension of the time for commencing work on his contract for flagging, etc., Forest avenue.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that the time for the commencement of the work of flagging Forest avenue be extended to May 1 next.

Which was carried by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers -3.

Inspectors of Masonry—Eligible list.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, transmitting the following list of persons eligible for appointment as Inspectors of Masonry:

Joseph Ridgway.

Robert Montgomery.

John R. Soper.

Filed.

138th street—Grade of.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting a map showing a proposed change of grade of East 138th street, between St. Ann's avenue and the Southern Boulevard, in the 23d Ward.

On motion, said map was ordered placed on exhibition for ten days in the office of the Topographical Engineer, and the Secretary was directed to insert a notice in the *City Record* inviting parties interested in the proposed change to examine the map and express their views in relation thereto.

From the Engineer of Construction:

East River Park—Sea-wall.

1st. Recommending that work be resumed on the East River Park sea-wall, and that an Inspector be appointed in place of Patrick O'Brien, who had procured other employment.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered the resumption of the work, and appointed Robert Montgomery as Inspector.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Central Bridge—Repairs.

2d. Reporting in relation to the condition of the approaches to Central Bridge and the repairs necessary to be made to put the same in safe condition, with an estimate of the cost.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the Treasurer was authorized to procure estimates for doing the work recommended in the report of the Engineer, and submit them to the Board, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

City Hall Park—Widening walk.

3d. Submitting a plan and estimate for widening the walk at the northerly end of the Hall of Records in the City Hall Park.

On motion of Commissioner BORDEN, said plan was approved and the Treasurer was authorized to issue an order for doing the work, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

From the Engineer of Construction in charge of Streets and Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards:

148th street—Report on petition for Sewer.

1st. Reporting upon a petition of J. A. Fitzsimmons, Patrick Hughes and others for a sewer in 148th street, between Courtland and Railroad avenues.

Filed.

Flagging Forest avenue—Inspector.

2d. Recommending the appointment of an Inspector on the work of flagging Forest avenue, from Westchester avenue to Home street.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had restored Robert Danfield, Jr., to duty as an Inspector, and assigned him to that work.

On motion, the action of the President was approved, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

135th street, Grading, etc., } Plans, etc.  
139th street, Crosswalks, }

3d. Submitting plans and specifications for regulating and grading, etc., East 135th street, from Willis avenue to the easterly line of Brown place, and for laying crosswalks in East 149th street, between Third avenue and the Southern Boulevard.



Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications this day submitted, for regulating, etc., East 135th street, from Willis avenue to the easterly line of Brown place, and for laying crosswalks in East 149th street, between Third avenue and the Southern Boulevard, be approved and the specifications ordered printed; and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Gustaveson, E.—Report on claim of.

4th. Reporting in relation to a claim of E. Gustaveson against the contractor for constructing the Mill Brook Drains.

Filed.

Mill Brook Drains—Overtime on contract.

5th. Enclosing certificate for payment on acceptance of work of constructing the Mill Brook Drains, and recommending that penalty for sixty-three days' overtime be charged against the contractor.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Slattery, James—Bill for mould.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding a bill of James Slattery, amounting to \$78.50, for mould furnished the Department for Riverside Park and Drive in 1886.

Laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner CRIMMINS, 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:

Allen, R. H. Co., hay cutter.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$29 25
Belloni & Co., cement.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	143 00
Colwell Lead Co., sheet lead, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	24 10
Coffin, Paul C., Yale locks... ..	Labor, Maint., etc.	6 50
Cheney, Geo. W. & Son, grate bars... ..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	15 70
Dahlman, J. H., gray horse.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	325 00
Gates, Church E. & Co., lumber.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	296 00
Humphreys Homœopathic Medicine Co., medicines .....	Labor, Maint., etc.	28 42
Keuffel & Esser, drawing paper.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans .....	16 00
Leahy, M. J., restoring pavement.....	Special Fund—Repaving.....	224 50
Myers, Chas. H., petty disbursements... ..	Surveys, Maps and Plans .....	16 32
McKinless, Jno. A., chamois.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	10 00
New, T. Mfg. Co., roofing felt, etc.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	24 50
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, March.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	32 75
Pratt Manufacturing Co., astral oil.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	7 81
Sylvester, Hilton & Co., gloves.....	Police .....	160 55
Steadman, Jas. M., Estate of, castings... ..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	10 20
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		\$1,370 60

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$895 02
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	58 21
Police .....	160 55
Surveys, Maps and Plans... ..	32 32
Special Fund—Repaving .....	224 50
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	\$1,370 60

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand three hundred and seventy dollars and sixty cents.

New York, April 20, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—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, R. H. Co., repairs to lawn-			
mowers, etc.....	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$368 50	
	Maint, 23d and 24th		
	Wards. ....	3 35	
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Abeel Bros., hoop iron.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		3 33
Brown, Martin B., binding four volumes			
Assessment Lists.....	Surveys, Maps and		
	Plans.....		12 50
Barron, Jas. S. & Co., brooms and pails.	Labor, Maint., etc.		11 50
Coffin, Paul C., horseshoes, copper wire, etc.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$72 32	
	Maint, 23d and 24th		
	Wards. ....	8 35	
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Coffin, Paul C., brackets, bolts, nails, etc.	Labor, Maint., etc.	\$71 90	
	Zoological Dept. ...	3 50	
		<hr/>	75 40
Colwell Lead Co., gas pipe.....	Zoological Dept. ...		3 33
Dunham, Thos. C., glass.....	Zoological Dept. ..		7 50
Fayerweather & Ladew, valve leather..	Maint, 23d and 24th		
	Wards. ....		7 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., brass rings, etc...	Labor, Maint., etc.		7 05
Liautard, A. F., services and medicines..	Labor, Maint., etc.		13 00
McKesson & Robbins, sheep's wool			
sponges.....	Labor, Maint., etc.		25 00
Murray, Bernard C., estimate No. 2....	Sewer in West-		
	chester Ave. from		
	St. Ann's to Trin-		
	ity Ave.....		1,464 02
Thornburn, Jas. M. & Co., bird food..	Zoological Dept. ...		8 00
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			<u>\$2,085 65</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.....	\$567 60
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	19 20
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	12 50
Zoological Department.....	22 33
Street Improvement Fund, Chap. 680, Laws of 1886.....	1,464 02
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	<u>\$2,085 65</u>

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

NEW YORK, April 20, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
Auditing Committee.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

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:

McQuade, John, Estimate No. 18. . . . .	Regulating, etc., Brook Ave. from a point 487 ft. southerly from 132d St., etc. . . . .	<u>\$1,682 10</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Local Improvement Fund, Chap. 420, Laws 1886 . . . . .	<u>\$1,682 10</u>
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand six hundred and eighty-two dollars and ten cents.

NEW YORK, April 20, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

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 :

Mansfield, Wm., payment on acceptance. Constructing Mill Brook Drains from 144th St. to Westchester Ave	<u>\$2,594 13</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Street Improvement Fund, Chap. 680, Laws 1886. . . . .	<u>\$2,594 13</u>
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Amounting to the sum of two thousand five hundred and ninety-four dollars and thirteen cents.

NEW YORK, April 20, 1887.

JOHN D. CRIMMINS,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, on motion of the PRESIDENT the same was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Jeannette Park—Contract for curb-stones.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the contract for furnishing and setting curb-stones around Jeannette Park, for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded to A. E. Moran, at \$1,386, he being the lowest bidder; that the proposal of Mr. Moran be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Gravel—Contract awarded.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the contract for furnishing and delivering screened gravel, for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded to Brown & Fleming, at \$8,250, they being the lowest bidders; that their proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Broken Stone—Contract awarded.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the contract for furnishing and delivering broken trap-rock stone and screenings, for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded to Brown & Fleming, at \$18,840, they being the lowest bidders; that

their proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Olmstead, F. L.—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That Fred. Law Olmstead be and he hereby is appointed Landscape Architect Advisory to this Board, and that the President be authorized to confer with Mr. Olmstead in relation to Park improvements.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

H. B., M. & F. R. R.—*In re* permit to lay tracks.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Whereas*, The Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railway Company have not complied with the terms of the permits given them for laying car tracks in 138th and other streets in the Annexed District; therefore

*Resolved*, That no permit be issued to said company to lay tracks in Westchester avenue, as heretofore authorized by resolution of this Board, until further order.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Meeting of December 10, 1885—Ratified.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Whereas*, The legality of the meeting of the Board held on December 10, 1885, has been questioned, owing to Commissioner Powers not being notified to attend the same; therefore

*Resolved*, That all the acts and votes of the Commissioners of this Department at the meeting held December

10, 1885, be and the same are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed as the action of this Board.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

O'Neil, John—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the pay of John O'Neil, Blacksmith's Helper, be and the same hereby is fixed at \$1.50 per day.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers.

Sheehy, Jas., } Promoted.  
Carroll, Michael, }

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, James Sheehy and Michael Carroll were promoted from the grade of Laborers to that of Drivers, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Meeting of February 18, 1887—Action ratified.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Whereas*, Some doubts have arisen as to the legality of the action by two Commissioners of this Board upon certain communications and resolutions, at the meeting held on February 18, 1887, arising from the absence of Commissioner Powers from the meeting at the time of such action being taken; therefore

*Resolved*, That all the acts and votes of Commissioners Borden and Crimmins, in executive session, at the meeting of the Board of Parks held February 18, 1887, as described and recorded on pages 435 to 442, inclusive, of the printed minutes, be and the same are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed as the action of said Board.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Appointments, etc.—President to make.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the President be and he hereby is authorized and empowered, in the interval between meetings of the Board, to make such appointments, restorations and suspensions in the working force of the Department as in his judgment the necessities of the service may require, all such appointments, restorations and suspensions to be reported to the Board at its next meeting.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Music.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the subject of music for the Central and city parks during the coming season be referred to the President for recommendation as to the locations for and number of concerts, and by whom furnished.

Commissioner POWERS offered the following as a substitute:

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to designate the number of musicians to be employed for each concert to be given on the several parks, and that three estimates be obtained for furnishing music for each park; that each Commissioner designate such parties as he may desire to so estimate.

Which was lost by the following vote:

*Aye*—Commissioner Powers—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

The resolution offered by Commissioner Crimmins was then adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.



Railroad ave.—Change of grade.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Parks, deeming such change required, does hereby modify the grade of Railroad avenue, east, between East 156th and 158th streets, as shown on a map entitled "Plan and profile showing change of grade on Railroad avenue, east, from East 156th street to East 158th street, in the 23d Ward of the City of New York," dated New York, January 29, 1887, and signed S. F. Chalfin, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P., and that the President of said Department be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause three similar maps, plans and profiles to be made, to certify to the same, and cause them to be filed as provided by chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Appointments, restorations, etc.

The PRESIDENT reported the following appointments, restorations and suspensions made by him since the last meeting of the Board:

*Appointments.*

Samuel Benson, Philip Ryan, Thomas Larkin and Jeremiah McCarthy, Laborers, in 23d and 24th Wards.

Which were approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Michael Ryan, Michael Garry, Patrick Moynihan, Laborers on Parks, and two Monitors on Riverside Drive.

Which were approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

*Restorations.*

Thomas Doran, Blacksmith.  
Thomas Murphy, Driver.  
Cornelius Bennett, Laborer.

Which were approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

*Suspensions.*

Thomas Potts and John Fagan, Laborers in Menagerie;  
Joseph Maher, Laborer on Parks.  
Thomas Brennan, Painter.  
C. C. O'Rourke, Inspector.

Which were approved by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

Livingston, Jas.—Confirmatory appointment.

From the Captain of Police, reporting favorably upon the probationary service of James Livingston, Parkkeeper.

Commissioner BORDEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That James Livingston be and he hereby is appointed a Parkkeeper in accordance with Civil Service Regulation 35.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Zingsem, R. R.—Pay for lost time.

From R. R. Zingsem, Draughtsman, asking to be allowed pay for time lost on account of sickness.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the request of Mr. Zingsem was granted, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Commissioner CRIMMINS then moved that the matter of

allowing pay to R. R. Zingsem, Draughtsman, be reconsidered.

Which was carried by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that half-pay be allowed to Mr. Zingsem for the time lost by him on account of sickness.

Which was carried by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Bausch, Paul—Pay for lost time.

From Paul Bausch, Draughtsman, asking that pay be allowed him for time lost on account of sickness.

Commissioner CRIMMINS moved that half-pay be allowed Mr. Bausch for the time lost by him on account of sickness.

Which was carried by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Hopper, J. J.—Pay for lost time.

From John J. Hopper, Assistant Engineer, asking to be allowed pay for time lost on account of sickness.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer for his recommendation.

Committee on Police—Report on charges.

From the Committee on Police, reporting that they had investigated charges against certain Parkkeepers, and disposed of the same as follows:

Purcell, J. F.—Fined.

John F. Purcell. Violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Guilty. Fined ten days' pay.

Purcell, J. F.—Charge dismissed.

John F. Purcell. Violation of rules. Charge dismissed.

McMullen, Henry—Reprimanded.

Henry McMullen. Violation of rules. Guilty. Reprimanded.

Bertram, C. E.—Fined.

Charles E. Bertram. Absent from duty without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

McGonigal, J. F.—Fined.

James F. McGonigal. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Parker, Wm.—Fined.

William Parker. Absent without leave. Guilty. Fined one day's pay.

Fitting, August—Fined.

August Fitting. Violation of rules and neglect of duty. Guilty. Fined three days' pay.

Doolady, J. J.—Fined.

John J. Doolady. Not properly patrolling. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

Stone, W. B.—Fined.

William B. Stone. Off post. Guilty. Fined five days' pay.

On motion, the action of the Committee on Police was approved, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Clark, J. J.—Dismissed.

From the Committee on Police, reporting upon the case of Parkkeeper James J. Clark, charged with conduct un-

becoming an officer, and recommending his dismissal from the force.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee on Police was approved, and James J. Clark was dismissed from the force, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

McCabe, W. F.—Pay increased.

From William F. McCabe, Skilled Laborer, applying for an increase of pay.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the pay of William F. McCabe, Skilled Laborer, was fixed at \$3 per day, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

Turley, Richard, }  
Smith, Patrick, } Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That Richard Turley and Patrick Smith be appointed Laborers under the Superintendent of Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Duggan, Daniel, }  
Wagner, Peter, } Appointed.  
Sullivan, John, }

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That Daniel Duggan, Peter Wagner and John Sullivan be and are hereby appointed Laborers under Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

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Saul, John—Appointed.

Commissioner CRIMMINS offered the following:

*Resolved*, That John Saul be and he is hereby appointed as Skilled Laborer under the Superintendent of Parks, at \$2.75 per day.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins—2.

*No*—Commissioner Powers—1.

Painter—President to appoint.

On motion of Commissioner CRIMMINS, the President was authorized to appoint a painter for duty under the Superintendent of Parks, by the following vote:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Borden, Crimmins, Powers—3.

On motion, at 12.45 P. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS,  
*Secretary.*