

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

Department of Public Parks

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1874.



NEW YORK:

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1874.

MONDAY, MAY 26, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING, 2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square. }

May 23d, 1873.

F. W. WHITTEMORE, Esq.,
Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday, 26th inst., at two o'clock, P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions, resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., *President.*

Mr. BLATCHFORD,

Mr. WALES.

The minutes of the previous meeting, April 16th, were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the question submitted to him of the right of the persons holding office as members of the Board prior to the passage of the Charter, April 30, 1873, to continue to act as such members until their successors shall be qualified.

Mr. WALES moved that said opinion be entered at length on the minutes, and placed on file.

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

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

Copy of Opinion of Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION. }

May 22, 1873.

Hon. HENRY G. STEBBINS,

President Department of Parks :

Dear Sir,—The provisions of the Act commonly called the new Charter do not repeal the provisions of the Revised Statutes continuing the powers of public officers until their successors are qualified and enter upon their official duties.

Yours, very truly,

(Signed)

E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

The PRESIDENT stated that Peter Cooper, Esq., had just called at the office of the Board to request the Department to loan certain plants and flowers for the annual exhibition of the School of Art at Cooper Institute.

Mr. WALES moved that the Landscape Architect be authorized to grant the request of Mr. Cooper, provided that he relieve the Department from all expense attending the carrying out of his request.

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

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

Mr. WALES, from the Special Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Accounts, appointed at the last meeting, reported that he had carefully examined said accounts from October 31, 1871, the date at which they were last audited, to March 31, 1873, and found they were correct in every particular, and expressed his approval of the thorough manner in which both the books and vouchers were kept.

Said report was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. WALES, appointed at the last meeting as a Special Committee to report on the possibility of retrenching the expenses of the Department, reported verbally that, in consequence of the opinion that prevailed until recently, that his functions as member of the Board ceased on the passage of the Charter, he had taken no action on the subject referred to him.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the report of G. S. Greene, Consulting-Engineer on the plan for the proposed tunnel under Harlem river, prepared by W. H. Grant, Engineer, said report embodying General Greene's reply to the objections to his plan made by W. H. Grant, in a communication laid before the Board at a previous meeting, and by it referred to General Greene for examination and report.

On motion of Mr. WALES, laid on the table for further consideration.

A communication was received from the Landscape Architect reporting that the Bethesda Fountain is ready, suggesting that arrangements be made for public display, and recommending the employment of a band of sixty performers to play on a day to be fixed for such display.

Whereupon Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, which may be used under the direction of the Landscape Architect, in providing music and other suitable arrangements on the occasion of the first complete display of the Bethesda Fountain, and that public notification thereof shall be given in the usual manner.

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

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

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby authorized to be expended in providing accommodations for the audience at concerts on the Mall at Central Park, according to the general plans submitted at the Board by the Landscape Architect, on the 18th September, 1872, of which sum one thousand dollars shall be charged to account of maintenance, and that the work proceed with all practicable despatch.

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication from C. Vaux, Consulting Landscape Architect, with accompanying plans of the First Section of the Natural History Museum building, and results of estimates for the construction of said building. After discussion as to the powers of the Board, under the new Charter,

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the construction of the American Museum of Natural History, in accordance with the working plans presented this day by Mr. Vaux, is hereby ordered, and the Treasurer is authorized and directed to execute contracts according to law, for the masonry, granite and iron work of the same, with all practicable despatch.

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

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

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board instructed the Secretary to request the Corporation Counsel to give an opinion as to the authority of this Board to execute a contract for the construction of the building for Museum of Natural History upon the estimates already received.

The following communications were received :

From S. R. Calvert, with sundry endorsements, requesting employment as policeman in Central Park.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Daniel Mooney, requesting lease of High Bridge Hotel on certain terms.

Referred to the Treasurer.

From John J. Halloran, offering to sell a miniature ship.

Referred to Landscape Architect.

From A. B. Cooper, offering to sell a pelican.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From George Finley, offering to sell improved ornamental fountain.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From B. R. Kissan, complaining of injury resulting from the manner in which wire is placed around grass plats.

Referred to the Superintendent.

From the Tax-payers and Citizens' Protective Union, requesting that the Common at Mount Morris Park be thrown open to children one day in each week.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

From the Treasurer, reporting the receipt of \$82.72 for injury done to the Battery wall by the steamer *Northfield*.

Ordered filed.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows:

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square.

May 26, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of Treasurer\$3,518 65

Respectfully,

(Signed) FREDK. W. WHITTEMORE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

Mr. BLATCHFORD, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

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| Bill of Austin, Baldwin & Co., freight on nine cases foreign plants..... | \$121 40 |
| “ Campbell, Henry P., custom duties on twenty- one packages foreign plants..... | 232 20 |
| “ Campbell, Henry P., custom duties on four cases foreign plants..... | 20 45 |
| “ Kraft, Wm., Belgian paving-blocks..... | 360 04 |
| “ Kunhardt & Co., freight on twelve cases and one bale foreign plants..... | 183 33 |
| “ Evans, Isaac, petty cash expenses to May 26th..... | 121 57 |
| “ Evening Post, printing, &c., Second Annual Report..... | 4,739 95 |

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| Bill of Fischer, W. L., plants..... | \$725 00 |
| “ Marvin & Co., quarter’s rent 265 Broadway, to May 1, 1873..... | 2,135 00 |
| “ Morris, L. W., freight on four cases of foreign plants..... | 23 92 |
| “ Reilley, Chas. H., filling on Manhattan Square..... | 1,459 45 |
| “ Schmidt, Max, services, making maps of plane table surveys..... | 78 00 |
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| | \$10,190 31 |

Amounting to the aggregate sum of ten thousand one hundred and ninety dollars and thirty-one cents.

New York, May 26th, 1873.

(Signed) R. M. BLATCHFORD,
Auditing Committee.

MR. BLATCHFORD moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

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

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

The following communications were received :

From Carl Vogel, with endorsements of six Aldermen, requesting appointment as Assistant Landscape Gardener.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

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From the Treasurer, recommending that leave of absence be granted Isaac Evans, Assistant Secretary, for one month, from eleventh day of June, prox.

The PRESIDENT moved that the application of Isaac Evans, Assistant Secretary, for leave of absence for one month, from June 11, 1873, be granted, and the question of compensation be referred to the Treasurer, with power to carry out the usual custom of the Board in such cases.

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

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

Two from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of city of New York, dated April 28th, and May 10th, respectively informing the Board of the amounts available for construction.

Mr. WALES moved that said communications from the Comptroller be entered at length on the minutes, and placed on file.

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

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

Copy of communications from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 28th, 1873. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

I deem it proper to inform the Department of Public Parks,

[Monday,

that under the provisions of Chap. 739 of the Laws of 1872, the authority for the issue of stock for the improvement of the several parks, squares and places, is limited to seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000); of which amount there has been issued the sum of six hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$680,000), leaving balance unissued of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000).

It will thus be seen that the amount for which expenses can be incurred by your department for the objects stated, is limited to the balance unexpended under the said law.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

AND. H. GREEN,

Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
May 10, 1873. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

Referring to my communication of April 28th last, advising you that the balance of stock remaining unissued on account of construction under Chapter 739, Laws of 1872, was \$70,000. I desire to inform the Park Department that the pay-roll ending April 26th, amounting to \$26,355.86, and chargeable to that account, reduces the credit-balance to \$43,644.14.

There is no authority to raise more moneys for the construction of these works. I deem it important that the Park Department should be advised of the condition of its funds for future work, in order that it may regulate their works accordingly.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

AND. H. GREEN.

Comptroller.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board approves of the issue of a certificate for services in full to date to Max Schmidt as draughtsman in engineers' department for (\$66) sixty-six dollars, and the treasurer is hereby authorized to transmit the same to the Finance Department for payment.

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

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

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the report of the Director of the Menagerie for the month of April, 1873.

Ordered filed.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that an appropriation be made of \$1,500 for additional work on the foundation of the Boat Landing, Central Park.

Mr. WALES moved that the additional sum of fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated for the foundation of the Boat Landing, and the Treasurer be authorized to charge the same to Construction.

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

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

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Secretary was authorized to sign permits to play base ball on Central Park until the further order of the Board.

The Landscape Architect submitted new designs for lighting the Mall on Fifty-ninth street, whereupon

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board approves the design for lighting the Mall on Fifty-ninth street, this day presented, and authorizes its substitution for that adopted November 20, 1872, and directs that estimates of the same be procured.

Adopted.

The TREASURER recommended that the compensation of D. P. Lord, clerk in his department, be fixed at \$2,500 per annum, from the date of his appointment.

The PRESIDENT moved that said recommendation be approved by the Board, and the Treasurer authorized to pay.

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

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

MR. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the question of providing music during the coming season be referred to the President, with power.

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

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

On motion of Mr. WALES, at four o'clock and ten minutes, the Board adjourned.

FREDK. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1873.

MEETING, 10 A. M.

City and County of New York, ss. :

By W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor of the City of New York.

WARRANT.

No. 80.

To all to whom these presents shall come, *greeting*:

Know ye, that by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, I do, by and with the consent of the Board of Aldermen of the city of New York, as provided in Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, commission and appoint *Salem H. Wales*, residing at number 520 in Fifth avenue, in the city of New York, a *Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks*, of the said city of New York, to hold office for the term of *two years*, ending *May 1, 1875*.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Mayoralty to be affixed, this 22d day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

(Signed,)

W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor.

{ Seal of the }
{ Mayoralty. }

(Copy)

OATH.

I, Salem H. Wales, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York; and that I will faithfully dis-

Wednesday,

charge the duties of the office of Park Commissioner of the city of New York, according to the best of my ability.

(Signed,)

SALEM H. WALES.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
 this 26th day of May, 1873, }
 (Signed,)

W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor,

and filed in the Mayor's Office, this 26th day of May, A. D. 1873, according to ordinance.

(Signed,)

D. S. WENDELL,
 Chief Clerk.

City and County of New York, ss. :

By W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor of the City of New York.

WARRANT.

No. 81.

To all to whom these presents shall come, *greeting* :

Know ye, that by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, I do, by and with the consent of the Board of Aldermen of the city of New York, as provided in Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, Commission and appoint *Philip Bissinger*, residing at number 104 in Fourth avenue, in the city of New York, a *Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks* of the said city of New York, to hold said office for the term of *four years*, ending *May 1, 1877*.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Mayoralty to be affixed, this 22d day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

(Signed,)

W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor.

{ Seal of the }
 { Mayoralty. }

(Copy)

OATH.

I, Phillip Bissinger, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Park Commissioner of the city of New York, according to the best of my ability.

(Signed,) PHILIP BISSINGER.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
this 26th day of May, 1873, }

(Signed,) W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor,

and filed in the Mayor's Office, this 26th day of May, A. D. 1873, according to ordinance.

(Signed,) D. S. WENDELL,
Chief Clerk.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq.,

Mr. WALES.

“ BISSINGER.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board went into temporary organization for the transaction of business.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, H. G. Stebbins, Esq., was elected President *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, May 26, was dispensed with.

On motion of the PRESIDENT *pro tem*.

Resolved, That D. Porter Lord be, and he is hereby, appointed Assistant Secretary *pro tem*. during the leave of absence of Isaac Evans, Assistant Secretary.

The following communications were received :

From Frederick W. Whittemore, resigning the position of Treasurer and Secretary.

On motion of Mr. WALES :

Accepted, and ordered filed.

From Calvert Vaux, resigning the position of Consulting Landscape Architect.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, referred to Mr. WALES to report thereon to the Board.

From James Davis, offering to sell a pair of grey swamp wolves.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From G. Noble, offering to sell a bear, and some snakes and alligators.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From George W. McCoy, applying for the position of Foreman or Assistant-Superintendent, with recommendations from William Haw, Jr., and others.

Ordered filed.

From W. J. Donor, M. D., applying for the position of Police Surgeon, and enclosing three communications certifying as to his fitness for the same.

Ordered filed.

From O. D. Munn and others, together with a certificate signed by Drs. Markoe, Van Buren, Willard Parker and others, recommending the appointment of J. Varnum Mott, M. D., as Police Surgeon.

Ordered filed.

From Superintendent Ryan, stating that the Treasurer had

declined to pay Francis Hogan and George W. Snow, Assistant-Foremen.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Francis Hogan and George W. Snow, Assistant-Foremen, withheld from the pay-rolls of April 26th, May 10th and 24th, be allowed.

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

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

From Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, notifying the Board of the designation by the Mayor and Chamberlain of the Merchants' National Bank in which all moneys of the Mayor, &c., shall be deposited.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication from the Comptroller be entered at length on the minutes, and placed on file.

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

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

Copy of communication from the Comptroller.

“CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
May 28, 1873. } ”

“ *To the Department of Public Parks :*

“This department having received notice of the designation, by the Mayor and Chamberlain of the ‘Merchant’s National Bank’, in which all moneys of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city and county of New York shall be deposited you are hereby notified that you are required to deposit all such moneys therein on and after this date.

“Respectfully,

(Signed)

“AND. H. GREEN,

Comptroller.”

From Andrew H. Green Comptroller, transmitting copy of extract of the provisions of law contained in Chap. 335, Laws 1873, relative to the disposition of moneys received by the Department.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication from the Comptroller be entered at length on the minutes, and placed on file.

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

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

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Copy of communication from the Comptroller.

Circular, No. 11.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
May 28th, 1873. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

Your attention is directed to the following provisions of law contained in Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, relative to the "Returns" to be filed "weekly" in this department of all "moneys" received by you, together with the receipt of the Chamberlain showing the payment of the same into the City Treasury, to wit :

SECTION 92. * * * * "The proceeds of all sales made "under and by virtue of this act shall, except as provided in "Section Sixty-five hereof, be by the officer receiving the same "immediately deposited with the Chamberlain; and the ac- "count of sales, verified by the officer making the sales, shall "be immediately filed in the office of the Comptroller." * * *

SECTION 96. "No officer of the City Government shall have "or receive to his own use any fees, perquisites or commis- "sions, or any percentage; but every such officer shall be paid "by a fixed salary, and all fees, percentages and commissions "received by any such officer shall be the property of the City. "And every officer who shall receive any fees, perquisites, com- "missions, percentages, or other money which should be paid "over to the City, shall, before he shall be entitled to receive "any salary, make under oath a detailed return to the Comp- "troller, showing the amount of all such fees, commissions, "percentages, perquisites and moneys received by him since "the last preceding report, the person from whom received, and "the reason for its payment, and shall produce the receipt of "the Chamberlain, showing the payment to him, by said officer,

“ of the aggregate amount thereof. All sums received as above
 “ or for licenses or permits shall be paid over weekly, without
 “ deduction by the officers or department receiving them, to the
 “ Chamberlain, and a detailed return under oath shall at the
 “ same time be made in such form as the Comptroller shall
 “ prescribe, stating when and from whom, and for what use
 “ such moneys were received.”

The prescribed form of return will be furnished upon application at this department.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

AND. H. GREEN,
 Comptroller.

From ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller, transmitting copy of resolution of Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication from the Comptroller be entered at length on the minutes, and placed on file.

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

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

Copy of communication from the Comptroller.

Circular No. 9.

CITY OF NEW YORK
 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 May 19, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, created by Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, held May 16, 1873, the following resolution was adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to notify the various Departments and Officers of the City and County Governments, and the officers of all institutions which may be entitled, by law, to allowances from the City or County of New York, to furnish, forthwith, an estimate "of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York," in each of their respective departments and offices for the year 1873.

In compliance with the foregoing resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I request you to furnish, forthwith, in writing, an estimate, as provided by Section 112 of the law aforesaid, in the following words, to wit :

"Of the amount of expenditure, specifying in detail the objects thereof, required in their respective departments, including a statement of each of the salaries of their officers, clerks, employés and subordinates."

Yours, very respectfully,

AND. H. GREEN,

Comptroller.

From A. B. Deming, requesting the Board to designate a place to make an ascension in his mammoth balloon on the fourth of July next.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT presented to the Board two bills of Isaac Jerome, general foreman, for car fares incurred during the months of April and May respectively, and amounting to \$8 each.

Mr. WALES moved that the Board approve of bills of Isaac Jerome, amounting to sixteen dollars, and the assistant secretary is hereby authorized to transmit the same to the Finance Department for payment.

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

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

The following communications were received :

From the Assistant Secretary, reporting the receipt of \$1,038.64, from different sources and desiring the action of the Board thereon.

On motion of Mr. WALES :

Resolved, That the said sum of \$1,038.64, received from licenses, &c., be deposited with the Chamberlain and the returns filed in the office of the Comptroller, as directed by Chap. 335, Sec. 92, Laws 1873.

From the Assistant Secretary, showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered on the minutes, and placed on file as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square.

June 4, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Assistant Secretary respectfully reports that there is in the bank, to credit of the Treasurer of the Board, the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty-six $\frac{26}{100}$ dollars (\$1, 456 $\frac{26}{100}$).

Respectfully,

(Signed)

ISAAC EVANS,
Assist. Sec'y.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to endorse, in behalf of this Board, all checks made payable to the late Treasurer, and he is also hereby empowered to withdraw the amount now standing to the credit of the said Treasurer in the Third National Bank, and cause the same to be deposited, and the returns filed according to law.

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

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

From D. Tone & Co., requesting that the stone to be used in the construction of the Park wall, now lying at certain points on the Eighth avenue, be removed, to enable them to proceed with the work of grading the second section of Eighth avenue.

Referred to the Superintendent.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the amount of compensation of Frederick W. Whittemore, late Treasurer and Secretary, and Frederick Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect, for the month ending May 31st, 1873, be, and is hereby, fixed at the rate of \$6,500 per annum each.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That the President procure the necessary estimates for filling required in the improvements on the Mall.

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

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

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to obtain estimates for the bronze finial of the City Hall fountain, as soon as possible, and submit them to the Board.

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

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

•On motion of Mr. BISSINGER :

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday next, the 6th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A communication from James Lee, complaining that visitors to the Central Park on Sunday are prohibited walking on the grass.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect and Topographical Engineer furnish a full and complete statement of all work now going on, and such as has been commenced and is at present suspended.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, at twelve o'clock and five minutes the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President *pro tem.*

Mr. WALES,

“ BISSINGER.

The minutes of the previous meetings, May 26th, and June 4th, were read and approved.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and eighty dollars, is hereby authorized to be expended in providing suitable awnings for twenty-two windows in offices of the Board, 36 Union Square.

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

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

The President *pro tem.* offered the following :

Resolved, That the applications for lease of High Bridge Hotel be, and are hereby, referred to Mr. Wales, with power.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger—3. ●

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of seventy-five dollars is hereby appropriated to cover the requisition of the Landscape Architect, for materials required to complete the Bethesda Fountain, and that the said sum be charged to Construction Account.

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

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

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER—

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Saturday next, the 7th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of the President *pro tem.*, Mr. WALES was appointed Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, to examine and audit all bills, claims and accounts, and certify as to their correctness before submitting the same to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* laid before the Board a communication from the Landscape Architect nominating J. T. Aldrich for the position of Assistant Engineer.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, at ten o'clock and forty-five minutes, the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President *pro tem.*,
Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER.

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

The following communications were received :

From the Fire Department, requesting permission to place a telegraph pole on the Fourth avenue side of Union Square, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, whereupon

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That said communication from the Fire Department requesting permission to place a telegraph pole on the Fourth avenue side of Union Square, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, be referred to the Landscape Architect to reply, granting the request, provided that the general design of said pole be similar to that adopted by this Board, November 20th, 1872, p. 574 of the Minutes.

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

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

From T. R. Hart and S. Baker, offering three young eagles for sale.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Peter Miller, requesting permission to place a pleasure revolving-swing on any of the Parks.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From John Middleton & Co., offering for sale a curious bell found in Japan.

On motion of Mr. WALES, the Assistant Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board has no use for said bell, and suggest that application be made to the Trustees of Museum of Art.

From Wm. H. McKinstry proposing to put up on Central Park a pleasure establishment consisting of wooden horses and carriage-bodies to run in a circle, propelled by six horse power steam engine.

Referred to Landscape Architect.

The Landscape Architect presented a revised estimate of amounts of moneys required for the maintenance of the parks, squares and places for the present year.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That the said revised estimate of expenses for maintenance for the year 1873, prepared in compliance with resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, adopted May 16, copy of which was received in the communication of the Comptroller, and found on page 20 of the Minutes; be accepted and approved, and the President instructed to transmit the same to the Finance Department.

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

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

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Whereas, The lease executed in the year 1870, by this Department, with Marvin & Co. requires that certain repairs be done to the premises 265 Broadway, lately vacated by it, therefore :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

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

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

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and five dollars is hereby appropriated to cover the requisitions of the Landscape Architect, for speaking-tubes for communication between offices and sixty brass plates for stairs in the premises 36 Union square.

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

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

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* laid before the Board a communication from the Superintendent, enclosing \$222, being amount of cash received by him during the month of May from sales of materials, fines on broken carriages and pound fees.

Ordered filed.

On motion of Mr. WALES :

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, the 10th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* stated that Arthur Leary had made a verbal request for permission to place a century plant on Union square for public exhibition.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* moved that said request be referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

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

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

On motion of Mr. WALES, at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER.

A quorum not being present, adjourned to meet on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 10 A. M.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President *pro tem.*,
MR. WALES,
“ BISSINGER.

The minutes of the previous meeting, 7th and 10th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Lichtenstein Brothers & Co., and thirty-three other firms, recommending Ignatz Scheier for the position of policeman.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From R. F. Jones, requesting the Department to exchange a young fawn for a young alligator.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Geo. S. Greene, Consulting Engineer, relative to the damaged condition of the sea wall at the Battery in consequence of hawsers from vessels or the floating baths being attached to the railing posts which are inserted in the coping of said wall ; and making certain suggestions in relation to fixing suitable mooring posts.

Also from Superintendent Ryan, reporting on said communication from the Consulting Engineer, and stating that the moorings of the floating baths were secured by anchors at the foot of the wall and that the displacement of some of the stones therein was caused by the action of the water consequent upon the loose manner in which the wall was built.

Mr. WALES moved that the said communications from the Consulting Engineer and the Superintendent be referred to the President.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES reported verbally that he had made a personal examination of the High Bridge Hotel, and found it in such a condition as to require extensive repairs, and submitted a report of the Superintendent of Architectural Constructions giving detail estimate of cost of said repairs.

Whereupon Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to make application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the appropriation of an additional sum of six thousand dollars above the amount specified in the revised estimate for maintenance, accepted and approved on the 7th instant, p. 28 of the Minutes, said sum being necessary to put said Hotel in a good tenantable condition, to secure thereby the maximum rent.

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

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

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* offered the following :

Resolved, That the execution of leases of buildings situated on the Riverside Park be referred to Mr. WALES and Mr. BISSINGER, with power.

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

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

Mr. WALES submitted draft of lease to Jesse G. Keator, of building on Riverside Park, and moved that the Board approve of the covenants therein contained, as the basis of future leases of buildings on said Park.

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

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

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* laid before the Board the Monthly Report of Columbus Ryan, giving a statement of the gross receipts of moneys at Mount St. Vincent and the Casino for the month of May, and enclosing his check for \$876.72, being amount of percentage due for rent.

On motion of Mr. WALES, the report was ordered on file, and the check deposited according to law.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the President *pro tem.* be authorized to request Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, to inform the

Board whether the proceeds of the sale of bonds of the town of Kingsbridge, under the provisions of Chap. 89, Sec. 3, Laws of 1873, will be determined by the provisions of Chap. 335, Laws 1873.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect verbally reported progress in the matter of the request of Arthur Leary, for permission to exhibit a century plant on Union Square, suggesting certain conditions on which the permission should be given, and that the matter should now be referred to a Committee of the Board, with power.

Whereupon Mr. WALES moved that the suggestions of the Landscape Architect be approved, and the President *pro tem.* be authorized to act with the Landscape Architect, in the matter.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WALES, at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING, 10 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square. }

June 13, 1873.

Mr. ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Saturday, 14th inst., at ten o'clock, P. M., for the consideration of miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,
President pro tem. D. P. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., *President pro tem.*

Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER.

The minutes of the previous meeting, 11th inst., were read and approved.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Francis Hagan and George W.

Snow, Assistant Foremen of laborers, for six and thirteen days respectively, at \$3 per day, withheld from the pay-roll ending the 7th inst. be allowed; and certificates for the same are hereby directed to be transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That the PRESIDENT *pro tem.* be and is hereby authorized to procure stone for filling in the excavations on the Mall, according to plans, the amount not to exceed one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that the President *pro tem.* be authorized to purchase for the use of the Department one copy of Johnson's Atlas, the cost not to exceed twenty dollars.

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

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

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The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* submitted a communication from the Landscape Architect, nominating Jesse G. Keator as special policeman.

Mr. WALES moved that said nomination of Jesse G. Keator, lessee of the "Claremont Hotel," on Riverside Park, for special policeman, without pay, be confirmed, with the view to protect the property of the Department and preserve order among the frequenters of the premises.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WALES, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING, 10 A. M.

City and County of New York, ss. :

By W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor of the City of New York.

WARRANT.

No. 82.

To all to whom these presents shall come, *greeting* :

Know ye, that by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, I do, by and with the consent of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, as provided in Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, commission and appoint DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, residing at No. 56, in Broadway, in the City of New York, a Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks of the said City of New York, to hold said office for the term of three years, ending May 1, 1876.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Mayoralty to be affixed, this 12th day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

(Signed)

W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor.

{ Seal of the }
{ Mayoralty. }

(Copy)

OATH.

I, David B. Williamson, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York ; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Park Commissioner of the City of New York, according to the best of my ability.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
 this 16th day of June, 1873, }

(Signed) W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor,

and filed in the Mayor's office, this 16th day of June, A. D. 1873, according to ordinance.

(Signed) D. S. WENDELL,
Chief Clerk.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President *pro tem.*,

Mr. WALES,

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting, June 14, were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* presented a memorandum or note, and expressed a desire that it might be entered on the minutes, whereupon

Mr. WALES moved that said note be entered at length on the minutes.

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

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

NOTE.

The PRESIDENT asks that he be permitted to record on the minutes that, in accepting the position of President *pro tem.*, he did not intend to waive any right he might possess to continue in the office of President, to which he was elected October 24, 1872, and "until his successor was appointed," or to any that may exist under the provisions of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873.

The following communications were received :

From Thos. J. Dunn, offering for sale one doe with two fawns.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

From Superintendent Ryan, inquiring whether the pedestal for the Shakespeare monument is to be set by the contractor or the Department.

Referred to the President *pro tem.*

From the Counsel to the Corporation, giving his opinion as to the authority of this Board to execute a contract for the construction of the building for Museum of Natural History, upon the estimates received prior to the passage of chapter 335, Laws 1873.

Laid on the table.

From G. W. BAXTER, offering three orphans of the Goshawk.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

From Superintendent Ryan notifying the Board that he had suspended Foremen Delehant and Hodges for preferring charges against General Foreman Manning to the Finance Department instead of this Department.

On motion of Mr. WALES laid, on the table.

Mr. WALES verbally reported the result of his examination of General Foreman Manning in the matter of the charges preferred against him by Foremen James Hodges and Patrick Delehant to the Finance Department; also Foremen Mollard, Gill and Nolan, and laborers John Cogan, Walter White, Jas. Dearman, Thomas Alpin, Martin Carmen and Patrick King, whose pay was suspended by said Department on the testimony of the above mentioned Hodges and Delehant, as being implicated in said charges, and moved the following :

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed by the Chair to make further investigation into the charges preferred against Foreman Manning and others and to report at the next meeting of the board.

Adopted.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT *pro tem.* appointed Mr. Wales and Mr. Williamson such Committee.

Mr. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee *pro tem.* begs leave to report that he has examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submits the same to the Board for approval :

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| Bill of Affleck, Wm. H., oats, meal and hay | \$451 64 |
| “ Allen, R. H. & Co., grass seed | 297 70 |
| “ Bartlett, J. W., lamps, chimnies, &c. | 89 00 |
| “ Beeching, S., <i>Times, World, Herald and Sun.</i> | 25 34 |
| “ Barron, J. S. & Co., brushes, brooms and blacking | 24 25 |

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| Bill of Barron, J. S & Co., dusters and brooms | \$37 00 |
| “ Colgate & Co., soap | 6 75 |
| “ Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire | 29 11 |
| “ Dugan, Francis, repairing roof of Menagerie | 80 00 |
| “ Dewhurst, John, centre-pieces for 36 Union square | 3 50 |
| “ Darcy, T. F., awnings for 36 Union square | 176 00 |
| “ <i>Evening Post</i> , advertising ordinances | 112 80 |
| “ Fernald & Sise, brass padlocks | 7 50 |
| “ Gray, Wm. H., saddle and saddle-trees | 35 50 |
| “ Gifford, Beach & Co., curry-combs, carriage bolts and soaps | 21 86 |
| “ Gifford, Beach & Co, carriage hardware | 120 93 |
| “ Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas, transverse road, lake and Mount St. Vincent | 124 50 |
| “ Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas lamps on trans- verse road, lake, Central Park and Harlem bridge | 984 75 |
| “ Hanna, E. C., strap poles | 7 50 |
| “ Losee, Francis, grain, feed, hay, &c. | 342 59 |
| “ Lawrie, P. W. & Co., meat | 237 30 |
| “ Labagh, Wm. O., salt | 2 25 |
| “ Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas for Arsenal, Lake and Pond | 258 50 |
| “ Metropolitan Gas Light Company, gas for Arsenal | 169 12 |
| “ Riddle, Brintnall & Co., coal | 141 00 |
| “ Reeves & Co., rakes | 18 00 |
| “ Raynolds, C. T., & Co., sponges, oil, paints, &c. | 31 60 |
| “ Ryder, Frank, gravel | 2,600 00 |
| “ Simpson, A., bread, March | 84 98 |
| “ Stewart, A. T. & Co., gloves and drilling | 66 87 |

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| Bill of Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, belts and pouches..... | \$40 00 |
| “ Schaarbach, Chas., harness, leather | 18 13 |
| “ Tyson, David G., Jr., vegetables..... | 2,907 97 |
| “ Whitlock, Wm. S. & Co., rope..... | 16 62 |
| “ Walton Bros., whistles and oil cans | 10 13 |
| “ West, John G., repairing locks | 21 44 |
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| Maintenance..... | \$9,602 13 |
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| Bill of Cooper, Peter, glue factory, glue..... | \$36 42 |
| “ Colwells, Shaw & Willard Manufacturing Co., lead pipe..... | 295 84 |
| “ Gatchell, A. S., gum-packing..... | 14 00 |
| “ Gerster, Anton, cedar-posts..... | 1,358 70 |
| “ Henderson, Peter, plants..... | 61 00 |
| “ Menzies, Wm. & Son, lumber..... | 472 99 |
| “ Menzies, Wm. & Son, do. | 536 28 |
| “ Meehan, Thos., plants..... | 153 25 |
| “ Queen, Jas. W. & Co., tracing-cloth..... | 137 00 |
| “ Such, Geo., propagating sand..... | 8 75 |
| “ Smith & Crane, patterns for drinking-foun- tains..... | 250 00 |
| “ Stewart & Co., drain-pipe..... | 252 48 |
| “ Tone, Theo. T., coal for blacksmiths..... | 104 00 |
| “ Thorburn, J. M. & Co., plants..... | 177 81 |
| “ Wilson, W. C., plants, trees, &c..... | 374 00 |
| “ Worrall & Co., gig-saw blades..... | 2 40 |
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| Construction..... | \$4,234 92 |
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MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—CONSTRUCTION.

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| Bill of Eccentric Lock Co., locks..... | | \$3 50 |
| “ Prentiss & Ward, glass..... | | 37 80 |
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| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
| Bill of Bartlett, J. W., lamps, globes and bolts..... | \$54 00 | \$39 05 |
| “ Davis & Johnson, cement, lime, lath, plaster, &c..... | 116 50 | 798 85 |
| “ Davis & Johnson, brick, lime, lath, plaster, &c..... | 73 10 | 264 00 |
| “ Holbrook, E. F. & Bro., glass. | 11 40 | 28 80 |
| “ Lord, D. P., petty cash ex- penses..... | 20 54 | 12 07 |
| “ Evening Post, stationery and printing..... | 1,344 16 | 646 73 |
| “ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, grates, castings, &c..... | 571 50 | 178 09 |
| “ Watrous & Willson, lumber... | 270 03 | 269 00 |
| “ Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery..... | 316 64 | 27 44 |
| “ Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery..... | 112 04 | 43 22 |
| “ Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery..... | 19 94 | 101 41 |
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RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance | \$9,602 13 |
| Construction | 4,234 92 |
| Museum of Natural History | 41 30 |
| Maintenance and Construction | 5,738 12 |
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen thousand six hundred and sixteen dollars and forty-seven cents.

New York, June 18, 1873.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,
Auditing Committee,
Pro tem.

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

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

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

The following communications were presented to the Board.

From Marvin & Co., requesting that the gas fixtures removed by this department from the rooms on the third floor of the premises 265 Broadway, be replaced, whereupon,

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the said fixtures removed by the first

Board of this Department on taking possession of said premises, in 1870, be replaced by the same number of gas brackets, equally as cheap as those removed.

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

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

From W. H. Grant, Engineer, recommending that Mr. Croes, Division Engineer, be allowed the eleven days in April returned as absent; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That J. J. R. Croes, Division Engineer, be and is hereby allowed pay for the eleven days in April returned absent, while removing his family, he having availed himself of that time in consequence of his inability to perform service in the office, consequent upon the disarrangements in removing from 265 Broadway to Mt. St. Vincent.

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

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

From George Kuster and others, a committee of the Tax-payers' Association of the Tenth and Seventeenth Wards, stating that Tompkins Square had become a resort for idlers and

other objectionable characters, and requested an efficient police force for said square.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* laid before the Board a certified copy of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the apportionment of the indebtedness incurred in the late town of Yonkers by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, under Chap. 534 of the Laws of 1871, and to provide for the payment thereof."

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* presented to the Board a statement showing the amount of indebtedness of the town of Yonkers to this Department for expenditures and liabilities incurred previous to the passage of Chap. 89, Laws of 1873, whereupon

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* offered the following, to lie over until the next meeting :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chap. 677 of the Laws of 1873, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby makes requisition on the Mayor of the city of Yonkers, and the Supervisor of the town of Kingsbridge, for the issuing and delivery to said Board of Commissioners of the certificates of indebtedness of the said city of Yonkers and of the said town of Kingsbridge, for the sum of
said sum being the amount of the lawful indebtedness existing and incurred by said Board, under Chap. 534 of the Laws of 1871, previous to the passage of Chap. 89 of the Laws of 1873, for surveys made within the boundaries of the former town of Yonkers.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* submitted an estimate of printing, stationery, blank-books and blanks required for the year 1873 in the office of the Disbursing Clerk, as requested by his Honor the Mayor in pursuance of Sec. 111, Chap. 335, Laws 1873.

Ordered filed.

The following communications were received :

From the Disbursing Clerk, reporting he had suspended Chas. Throckmorton, Acting Clerk in his office, for neglect of duty.

Referred to the President *pro tem.*

From G. Henry Witthaus, requesting that flowers be planted in all the beds in Park Avenue Parks.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report thereon to the Board.

The Landscape Architect reported, verbally, that he had the previous day, at the request of the President *pro tem.*, visited the Rhododendron show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, on Boston Common, and had found it very attractive, successful and instructive. He also delivered photographs of the show, presented by the Society, and expressed his acknowledgment of the attentions and hospitality with which, as representative of the Department, he had been entertained.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the President *pro tem.* appoint a Special Committee on By-Laws, to consist of three members of the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* thereupon appointed Messrs. Wales, Bissinger and Williamson such Committee.

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Mr. WALES moved that the President *pro tem.* be, and is hereby, appointed a member of the Special Committee on By-Laws just constituted.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WALES, at twelve o'clock and fifteen minutes, the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING, 10 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square,

June 20th, 1873.

Mr. ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary:

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday, 23d instant, at ten o'clock, A. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions, resolutions and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,

President pro tem.

City and County of New York, ss. :

By W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor of the City of New York.

WARRANT.

No. 83.

To all to whom these presents shall come, *greeting* :

Know ye, that by virtue of the power and authority vested

in me by law, I do, by and with the consent of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, as provided in Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, commission and appoint SAMUEL HALL, residing at No. 176 in West Tenth Street, in the City of New York, a *Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks* of the said City of New York, to hold said office, for the term of one year, ending May 1st, 1874.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Mayoralty to be affixed, this 19th day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

(Signed) W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

{ Seal of the }
{ Mayoralty. }

(Copy.)

OATH.

I, Samuel Hall, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Park Commissioner of the City of New York, according to the best of my ability.

(Signed) SAMUEL HALL.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
this 21st day of June, 1873, }

(Signed) SAM'L B. H. VANCE,
Acting Mayor,

and filed in the Mayor's office this 21st day of June, A. D. 1873, according to ordinance.

(Signed) D. S. WENDELL,
Chief Clerk.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President *pro tem*.

Mr. WALES.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting, June 18, were read, and on motion of Mr. BISSINGER, amended by adding after the word “removed,” on line 3, page 49, the words “and not to exceed in cost the sum of thirty dollars,” and on motion of Mr. WALES, amended on the last two lines of page 51 by striking out the words “Wales” and “Bissinger,” and insert in lieu thereof the words “Bissinger” and “Wales,” respectively, and as amended were approved.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Assistant Secretary notify the Corporation Counsel to furnish this Department, at his earliest convenience, with a detailed statement of all proceedings now pending in his office in relation to the opening and laying out of all streets, boulevards, &c., and of all other matters or proceedings instituted by or under the direction of this department, or relating to, or affecting it.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Assistant Secretary prepare, for the information of the Board, a memorandum of all existing leases and other contracts affecting the interests of this Department, specifying the dates and terms of each, together with the names of the contracting parties.

Adopted.

The following communications were received :

From Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, requesting this Board, in conformity with the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 565 of the Laws of 1865, to authorize and direct him to provide the means for the payment of the damages awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of the opening of a road or public drive northward, from the southerly line of 155th street to the intersection of the Kingsbridge road with a street known and designated as Inwood street, whereupon

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby direct that the public fund or stock, authorized and directed to be created by Sec. 7 of Chapter 555 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24, 1865, shall be issued at such time or times, and in such manner, of such description and in such amounts, as the Comptroller of the city of New York, in compliance with the provisions of said section, shall, from time to time, find to be necessary to provide funds for the payment of the damages awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and of the expenses, charges and disbursements in a certain proceeding instituted by virtue of said Chapter, to wit :

In the matter of the application of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks and the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, relative to laying out " a road or public drive northward from the southerly line of " 155th street, in the city of New York, to the intersection of " the Kingsbridge road with a street known and designated on " the map of the Department of Public Parks as Inwood " street ;" such public fund or stock shall be payable not more than forty years from the date of issue thereof, and shall bear interest, payable half-yearly, at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and the total amount of such fund or stock

hereby directed to be issued shall not exceed the sum of one million dollars, and shall be issued in sums composed of even hundreds of dollars, and for not less than the par value thereof.

Proposals for said fund or stock shall be invited by said Comptroller, by advertisement for the period of ten days, and the fund or stock shall be awarded by the Comptroller to the person or persons, corporation or corporations, who shall offer the highest premium for the same, except that said fund or stock, or any portion thereof, may be subscribed for and awarded to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the city of New York, without proposals being invited for the same in the manner aforesaid; and said Comptroller shall, upon the payment of the price for which said fund or stock shall be so awarded, issue certificates therefor, in such form as said Comptroller may direct, and, as nearly as may be, in the usual form of stock of the county of New York heretofore issued.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From Superintendent RYAN, enclosing bill of Hoffmire, Kelsey and Cornwell, amounting to \$170, for repairing twenty hobby-horses of the Carrousel.

Mr. WALES moved that the said bill of Hoffmire, Kelsey and Cornwell for one hundred and seventy dollars be approved, and when certified, as to its correctness by the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller, as requested on the 11th inst., p. 35 of the minutes, replying that the moneys raised under the authority of Chap. 89 of the Laws of 1873, for the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, are not required to be deposited with the Comptroller.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and he is hereby, requested to send to the Department of Public Parks all maps, contracts, documents and papers relative to the property lately under his control on the public drive and streets adjacent to the parks, squares and public places above Fifty-ninth street, which are to be transferred to the Department of Public Parks, under the provisions of Chap. 335, Laws of 1873.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* laid before the Board copy of Chap. 756, Laws of 1873, entitled "An Act to make further provisions for the payment of further expenses of the local government of the city of New York," when

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested, under the provisions of Sec. 6, Chap. 756 of the

Laws of 1873, to issue, to an amount not exceeding the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) of the public fund or stock, to be denominated the "City Parks Improvement Fund," for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and public places which by law now are or may hereafter be under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks, and also for the construction and equipment of a meteorological and astronomical observatory on Central Park.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The Landscape Architect, as requested by resolution adopted 4th inst., page 24 of the minutes, submitted a report giving statement exhibiting the present standing of the principal undertakings of the department under his supervision, and such as are thought to require the early attention of the Board, with tables of estimates thereof.

MR. HALL moved that said report, just presented by the Landscape Architect, be accepted and printed as a document of the Board.

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

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

See Document 44.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, the 25th inst., at ten o'clock, A. M.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect submitted a report showing the disposition made of the communications which have been referred to him by the Board, from March 22 to June 18.

Ordered filed.

The Landscape Architect submitted a report on the communication received from George Kuster and others, relative to Tompkins Square, which was referred to him on the 18th inst., p. 49 of the minutes, and enclosed printed slip entitled "Arrangements for keeping the small Parks."

Laid on the table.

The Landscape Architect presented a communication from Henry Koster, captain, enclosing a memorandum from W. B. Greene to Park-keeper Phillips presenting him \$2 for assistance rendered at a carriage accident in Central Park on May 30, and requested the Board to instruct him in the premises.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Park-keeper Phillips be allowed to receive the said donation of two dollars.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect presented the report of W. A. Conklin, director of the menagerie, giving list of animals on exhibition in the Central Park.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, at twelve o'clock and forty-five minutes, the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President *pro tem.*,
Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting, 23d instant, were read and approved.

Mr. WALES moved that the communication from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, relative to moneys raised for the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, as stated on p. 58 of the minutes, be entered at length on the same.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Copy of communication from the Comptroller :

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }

June 18, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

I have received your communication of the 14th instant, relative to the issue of bonds under the provisions of Chapter 89 of the Laws of 1873, being "An Act relative to the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester," and think, upon examination of the act, that the moneys to be raised under its authority are not required to be deposited with the Comptroller.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

The following communications were received :

From Edward Lange, offering to present a male goat.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

From E. Whitney, desiring to purchase 244 feet of iron fence with stone base.

Referred to the Superintendent.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* laid before the Board a circular of J. G. Taylor & Co., describing "Taylor's Inclined Railway."

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

Mr. WALES submitted various papers in reference to a claim of Casper Kurtz, late gate-keeper, for back pay for time returned by the captain as absent on leave, and without leave by reason of sickness incurred in the discharge of his duties while in the employ of the Department.

Mr. HALL moved that the whole question, relative to the claim of Casper Kurtz be referred to a Special Committee, with power, to consist of three members of the Board, appointed by the President *pro tem.*

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* thereupon appointed Messrs. Hall, Bissinger and Williamson such Special Committee.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* presented to the Board the report of the Topographical Engineer relative to the state of all works under his direction, as requested by resolution adopted on the 4th inst., p. 24 of the minutes, whereupon

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of the Topographical Engineer, and all documents referring thereto, be received, and ordered to be printed for the use of this Board.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

See Doc. 45.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* laid before the Board a communication from Calvert Vaux relative to certain modifications in the plans of the building for Museum of Natural History, and giving the results of the lowest estimates for the different works of said building.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That said communication of Calvert Vaux, relative to the drawings, estimates and other papers appertaining to the building for Museum of Natural History, be referred to a special committee, appointed by the Chair, to examine and report thereon to the Board.

Adopted.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT *pro tem.* appointed Mr. Bissinger and Mr. Hall such special committee.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* submitted a communication from C. Vaux, requesting the payment of \$5,000, on account of his commission for preparing the working plans of the building for Museum of Natural History, when

Mr. HALL moved that the sum of five thousand dollars be, and is hereby, directed to be paid to Calvert Vaux on account of his commission of 2½ per cent. upon the cost of the building for the Museum of Natural History, said sum to be charged to the

fund issued for the construction of said building, under the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 290, Laws 1871.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The following communications were received :

From the Assistant Secretary, giving statement of existing leases and other contracts affecting the interest of this Department, with the dates and terms thereof, as required by resolution adopted June 23, p. 55 of the minutes.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER :

Ordered filed, and a copy of the same transmitted to each member of the Board.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, enclosing a detailed statement of all proceedings now pending in his office in relation to the opening and laying-out of all streets, boulevards, &c., and all other matters instituted by this Department.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON :

Ordered filed, and copy of said detailed statement transmitted to each member of the Board.

Mr. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee *pro tem.* beg leave to report, that

they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

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| Affleck, Wm. & Co., hay, oats, corn, &c. | \$728 84 |
| Allen, R. H. & Co., side-hill plow | 19 80 |
| Brooks Bros., clothing for Police | 994 00 |
| Donaldson, J. & T., gas bracket | 19 00 |
| Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, Transverse Road, Central Park and Harlem Bridge..... | 328 25 |
| Harlem Gas Light Co., gas for Mt. St. Vincent and stables..... | 51 30 |
| Labagh, Wm. O., rock salt | 15 35 |
| Lawrie, P. W. & Co., meat..... | 194 40 |
| Ruhe, Louis, mocking birds' food..... | 8 00 |
| Watrous & Willson, ash lumber | 131 42 |
| Walton Bros., caps..... | 182 25 |

Maintenance ..\$2,672 61

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| Hinch, Thos. J., filling on Manhattan square.... | 1,032 75 |
| Wagner, Henry, do. do. do. | 1,390 22 |

Construction Museum Natural History ..\$2,422 97

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| Draper, Danl., petty expenses, <i>Observatory</i> <i>construction</i> | 25 68 |
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| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line..... | \$119 80 | \$119 81 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and steel | 192 86 | 10 78 |
| Lord, D. P., petty cash expenses... | 14 50 | 7 73 |
| Tone, Theodore F., coal..... | 223 75 | 176 50 |
| | <u>\$550 91</u> | <u>\$314 82</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

| | | | |
|--|-------|---------|------------|
| Maintenance | | \$2,672 | 61 |
| Construction Museum Natural His- tory | | 2,422 | 97 |
| Observatory | | 25 | 68 |
| Maintenance | \$550 | 91 | |
| Construction | 314 | 82 | 865 73 |
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| | | | \$5,986 99 |

Amounting to the aggregate sum of fifty-nine hundred and eighty-six dollars and ninety-nine cents.

New York, June 25, 1873.

(Signed) S. H. WALES,

Auditing Committee pro tem.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* submitted an estimate of printing, stationery, blank-books and blanks required for the year 1873 in the office of the Superintendent and Property Clerk, as re-

quested by his Honor the Mayor, in pursuance of Sec. 111, Chap. 335, Laws 1873.

Ordered filed.

Mr. HALL moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday next, the 27th inst., at ten o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.*, as requested on June 4, p. 24 of the minutes, presented estimates for the bronze finial of the City Hall fountain, submitted by Geo. Fischer & Bro., Ames Manufacturing Co., L. A. Amouroux, and the Composite Iron Works.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, to report.

Mr. WALES presented a petition, signed by N. Jarvis, Jr., Dudley Field, and others, requesting that the necessary steps be forthwith taken to improve Reservoir square, at High Bridge, and in this connection stated that P. A. Lespinasse had offered to take a lease of High Bridge Hotel and the surrounding grounds for five years, at fifteen hundred dollars per annum, provided said building be repaired, or to take the same in its present condition, agreeing to expend fifteen hundred dollars per annum in the improvement of the buildings and the grounds around the same during the continuance of the lease.

Referred back, with instructions to act.

Mr. WALES presented a communication from Frederick Law Olmsted, relative to distinguishing the earnings of the employes of the Department as expenses of construction or maintenance, and offered the following ;

Resolved, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars shall be charged to "Maintenance" from the accounts known on the books of the Department as "Expense" and "Incidental Expense," for the period of seven months after May, 1873, of which amount \$8,500 shall be charged to the Central Park, \$2,000 to the small parks and places, and \$500 to the bridges over Harlem river; also that upon the pay-rolls and bills which are chargeable to the said "Expense" and "Incidental Expense" accounts there shall be certified to the Comptroller, in each month, one-seventh of the above-named sum of eleven thousand dollars, and that said one-seventh part shall be apportioned *pro rata* to each of the payees on said pay-rolls and bills.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* presented a communication from the Mayor of New Orleans to his Honor the Mayor of this city, and referred by him to this Department, requesting, on behalf of the citizens of New Orleans, to be furnished with a few dozens of sparrows.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, at twelve o'clock and ten minutes, the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President *pro tem.*

Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting, June 25th, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller, stating that the Board of Apportionment had appropriated to this Department \$10,000 for fireworks, &c., whereupon

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to make arrangements for the usual exhibition of fireworks and performance of music on the 4th of July next, the expense thereof not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars allowed by the Board of Apportionment for said purpose.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From S. H. INGERSOLL, requesting permission to re-cover with a light coat of tar and gravel the Ingersoll Wood Pavement on Washington square, at the expense of the Department.

Also :

From Superintendent RYAN, reporting favorably on the said request.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented to the Board a communication from Martin R. Beam, requesting to be reinstated in his former position of Sergeant of Police in Central Park.

Laid on the table.

The following communications were received :

From DANIEL DRAPER, director, presenting the annual report of the Meteorological Observatory, and suggesting that five hundred copies of the same be printed for distribution to domestic and foreign scientific institutions.

Referred to the President *pro tem.* for report.

From ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller, respecting the requisition made upon him on the 23d inst., p. 58 of the minutes, for a specified sum, under the authority of Chap. 756, Laws 1873.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication be entered at length on the minutes, which was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

To the Hon. HENRY G. STEBBINS,
Department of Public Parks :

Sir,—Your communication of the 23d inst., covering a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, of same date, requesting the Comptroller of the city of New York “to issue under the provisions of Sec. 6, Chap. 756 of the Laws of 1873, to an amount not exceeding the sum of three hundred thousand dollars of the public fund or stock, to be denominated the City Parks Improvement Fund Stock,” was duly received, and at a meeting yesterday of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I presented a resolution authorizing the issue of said stock accordingly, which was adopted.

Measures will be taken immediately for advertising proposals for the issue of said stock, and the amount of the proceeds thereof called for by the resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks will be applied in payment of such expenses as they may incur for the object contemplated by the law, when the pay-rolls or bills for supplies, properly certified, are presented, and have been audited by this Department.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

From ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller, prescribing by virtue of the authority of Section 29 of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, that the Department keep a Book of Record, wherein shall be entered, under its proper head of Appropriation, before the same is issued, every order for materials, &c., and every expense whatsoever, which is or may become a charge against any appropriation.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication be entered at length on the minutes, which was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

(Circular No. 12.)

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }

NEW YORK, June 24, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

By Section 112 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873 provision is made requiring each department and bureau to keep its liabilities within the appropriation made therefor by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as follows, to wit :

“ No department or officer shall incur any expense in excess of (the) sum appropriated.”

For the purpose of more effectually securing the object intended, I hereby prescribe, by virtue of the authority conferred on the Department of Finance, by Section 29 of the

same law, that each department and officer of the city government shall keep a Book of Record or Order Book, in which shall be entered, under its proper head of Appropriation, before the same is issued or any liability is incurred, every order for materials or supplies to be furnished or work to be done, and every expense whatsoever, which is or may become a charge against any appropriation; and in a column for figures shall also be entered, opposite each order or item of liability incurred, the actual cost or estimated amount of the charge, so that the said Order Book shall show at all times the balance of each and every appropriation made for the department or purpose remaining to the credit thereof and unexpended, and the amount of liability which has been incurred by the department or officer. And each department and officer is requested to furnish the Department of Finance, on every Monday, a statement showing the amount of said liability, and the balance to the credit of each appropriation at the end of the preceding week.

Respectfully,

AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

From Dexter A. Hawkins, requesting that an appropriation be made to indemnify him for his services in the matter of the passage of the act making provision for the permanent improvement of the several parks, squares and places.

Debate was had thereon, when Mr. HALL offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby directed to be paid Dexter A. Hawkins for legal services in Albany, rendered to this Department in urging the passage of Chap. 756, Laws of 1873.

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WALES moved that the bill of George S. Green, Consulting Engineer, amounting to twenty-one (\$21) dollars, for his expenses in Albany, be approved, and directed to be sent to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. HALL, from the Special Committee on the claim of Casper Kurtz, submitted the documents relating thereto, and verbally reported, approving said claim, and offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and is hereby, allowed Casper Kurtz, late Gate-keeper, in full liquidation of his claim for back pay for time returned by the captain as absent on leave, and absent without leave by reason of sickness, and that the sum of seventy dollars, hitherto paid him on account of said claim, be deducted from the said sum of five hundred dollars.

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

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President *pro tem.* be requested to have bound, in convenient form for the use of the Board, one copy of the minutes and documents of the late Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, and also have bound, in like convenient form, twelve copies of the minutes and documents of the Board of the Department of Public Parks from the date of organization up to May 1st, 1873, the cost thereof not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Further, where copies of minutes or documents are missing, that said copies be printed.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall,
—5.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President *pro tem.* is hereby authorized and instructed to execute a lease of the Carrousel, and for running the goat carriages on Central Park, to Isidor Isaacs for a term not exceeding two years, and the charge for said privilege is hereby fixed at the rate of twenty-five per centum on the sworn gross receipts.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall,
—5.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* laid before the Board the application of Captain R. C. Morgan, for the position of Treasurer, with accompanying recommendations from General John A. Dix and others.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* submitted a communication from Gustavus Wagner, enclosing three other communications endorsing his application for a re-engagement in the Engineer Corps of this department.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a communication from R. Heber Newton, Rector of the Anthon Memorial P. E. Church, recommending Robert Channer for the position of Veterinary Surgeon.

Laid on the table.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That Mr. Olmsted be requested to report to this Board the occasion for the changes recently made in the management of the Keeper's force, and his observations in regard to the working of that system, and also his views as to what improvements were desirable.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* laid before the Board a memorandum

of Assistant Alderman G. T. Codington, relative to the flagging of the side-walks around Jackson square, which was ordered to be laid, November 20, 1872, p. 575 of the minutes.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

On motion of Mr. HALL, it was—

Ordered, That the Board do now proceed to the election of President by ballot.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* appointed Mr. Wales teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President.

Whereupon, the teller announced the result as follows :

For President, H. G. Stebbins received 4 votes.

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

Mr. HALL moved that Mr. Williamson be nominated for Vice-President of the Board.

At the request of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following .

Resolved, That two standing committees be, and are hereby, constituted, and denominated respectively *Auditing Committee* and *Executive Committee*, which shall be appointed by the President.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That Isaac Evans be, and is hereby, appointed Secretary, at the rate of \$4,000 per annum.

Laid on the table.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That D. P. Lord be, and he is hereby, appointed Assistant Secretary.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now proceed to the election of Treasurer.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday next the 30th inst., at eight o'clock and thirty minutes, A. M.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That authority is hereby given to go on with the following works, viz. : Carousel, Casino, Fountains and Eighth avenue walls and slopes, and to employ the necessary force for the purpose, provided the wages of the same shall not exceed an amount of one thousand dollars per diem.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting certain information necessary to make up sundry assessments.

Referred to the President to grant the same.

On motion of Mr. WALES, at twelve o'clock the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 30th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8.30 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.

Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting, 27th inst., were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Superintendent Ryan, suggesting that the execution of certain specified works be resumed.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report.

Mr. WALES presented two petitions signed by working-boys, requesting that a portion of the Battery Park or Tompkins Square be set apart for the use of that class of boys wherein to play base ball; and enclosed therewith four communications signed by citizens of New York, endorsing the same.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

Mr. WILLIAMSON laid before the Board the three following communications :

From J. VAN SCHAICK, with endorsement of O. P. C. Billings, recommending the appointment of M. J. Mendel to a Clerkship in this Department.

Ordered filed.

From C. CROLIUS and others recommending John P. Groshon for the position of Clerk.

Ordered filed.

From JOHN D. TOWNSEND recommending John Mooney for a position in the Police Force.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication from W. H. Dikeman, Clerk, transmitting a petition addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund signed by Rev. J. H. Slinger, P. P., and others, on behalf of St. Vincent Ferrer's Temperance Benevolent Society, requesting permission to erect a frame building on Hamilton square, to be used as a practice-room for the Band composed of the members of said Society, which was referred by said Commissioners to this Department.

Referred to Landscape Architect, for report.

The Board then proceeded to consider the several recommendations of the Landscape Architect contained in his report accepted the 23d instant, p. 59 of the minutes. (See document No. 44.)

After debate was had thereon—

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Landscape Architect be adopted as to the following undertakings, and the expenditure of the following sums named is hereby authorized to be charged to construction account :

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| I. | Eighth avenue wall (to procure bids)..... | |
| IV. | Entrance at Eighty-fifth street (to complete)..... | \$3,000 |
| V. | Entrance at 100th street (to complete)..... | 2,000 |
| VI. | New system of walks in S. E. quarter of park..... | 70,450 |
| VII. | Concert ground on the Mall (to complete)..... | 8,500 |
| IX. | Pergola..... | 1,000 |
| X. | Casino..... | 9,000 |
| XI. | Carrousel..... | 4,500 |
| XII. | Cottage at Farmers' Gate (to complete)..... | 500 |
| XXI. | Urinals, seats and drinking fountains..... | 5,000 |
| XXIX. | City Hall Park (procure estimates)..... | |
| XXX. | Five Points Park..... | 16,000 |
| XXXI. | Jackson Square (flagging)..... | 2,500 |
| XXXII. | Washington Square..... | 3,800 |
| XXXIII. | Union Square (procure bids for bronze work) | |
| | “ “ “ lodge fountains, drinking fountains, iron and stone work (to complete)..... | 19,600 |
| XXXIV. | Madison Square and Worth Monument..... | 26,500 |

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

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

The PRESIDENT moved that the Landscape Architect be directed to prepare plans for Deer Paddock, and for Ladies' Cottage to be erected on Mount Morris Square.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Frederick Law Olmsted be and is hereby fixed at the rate of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) per annum from and after June 1st, 1873.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the report of Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, relative to apportioning the pay of certain employes to the accounts of Construction and Maintenance, be taken from the table.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES presented a communication from the Secretary of War replying that no trophies would be sold at the then approaching sale of ordnance stores at Watervliet Arsenal.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication from the Landscape Architect, reporting that Charles Devlin, in disregard of the orders and remonstrance of the Assistant Engineer in

charge, had delivered 869 cubic yards of filling on Manhattan Square in excess of the order authorized March 10, p. 699 of the minutes.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Hall be appointed a member of the Special Committee on By-Laws, constituted on the 18th inst.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next the 9th inst, at 10 A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WALES, the Board adjourned, at eleven o'clock and ten minutes.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.

Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting, June 30, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Superintendent RYAN, as requested, June 25, reporting that certain iron railing, with stone base, removed from City Parks, remains stored on Manhattan square, and recommended that same be sold, whereupon,

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President is hereby directed to sell by

auction all the iron railing, with stone base, now lying on N. E. corner of Manhattan square, after due public notice thereof shall have been given in the *City Record*, under the provisions of Section 92, Chap. 335, Laws 1873.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From the Superintendent Western Union Telegraph Company, requesting permission to set two telegraph poles on the sidewalks adjoining the Battery Park.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From W. H. Grant, suggesting that the printer to the House of the Assembly be instructed to strike off five hundred copies of the Annual Report of the Department to the Legislature, dated December 31, 1872, whereupon

Mr. WALES moved that the President be requested to instruct the printer of the documents of the Legislature to furnish five hundred copies of the last annual report of this Department to the Legislature on the surveys in Westchester county, under the direction of this Board, together with fifty copies of the accompanying map, the whole cost of the same not to exceed forty-five dollars.

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From Austin D. Ewen and others, property owners in the town of Kingsbridge and vicinity, stating that Tibbitt's brook could be made available for dockage and wharfage purposes, and suggesting that said brook be widened and straightened to a width of one hundred feet from the mouth at Spuyten Duyvil creek to Van Cortlandt lake.

Referred to the Engineer to report thereon.

From John H. Platt, Receiver in Bankruptcy of the estate of Christian Kolle, requesting that the sum of \$3,203.78, due said Kolle by this Department; said sum being the estimated value of the Carrousel, with the appurtenances thereof, less the amount of arrears of rent as adjusted under the provisions of resolution adopted September 4, 1872.

Laid over.

Mr. WILLIAMSON laid before the Board the two following communications :

From Alfred A. Sebring, making application for employment as book-keeper, or in some other such capacity, with the endorsement of William C. Greig and others.

Ordered filed.

From Thomas L. Hanna, applying for a clerkship in this Department.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WALES presented the two following communications :

From William B. Dyer, making application for the position of clerk, and enclosing communications from Senator Ferry, Hon. W. D. Bishop, Ockerhausen Brothers, and others, recommending the same.

Ordered filed.

From John Knox, on behalf of the New York Caledonia and New York Athletic clubs, requesting that a specified portion of lawn at the lower end of Central Park be reserved for the purposes of physical culture.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report.

Mr. WALES stated that W. P. Powell, Louis Williams and John J. Freeman, a committee of the colored working men, had made application in person, requesting that some of their people be employed upon the works of the Department.

Mr. BISSINGER presented numerous applications for employment as clerks, mechanics, laborers, &c., which were *ordered* to be entered in a suitable book for reference.

Mr. WALES submitted copy of resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted July 3, requesting all heads of Departments to furnish to said Board a statement of the names and residences of all clerks, &c., and employés in their respective Departments.

Referred to the President to furnish the information.

Mr. WALES presented a communication from James A. Deering, endorsing the application of N. A. Lespinasse for a lease of the Highbridge Hotel, together with a communication signed by Wm. B. Ogden and others, also recommending said application, whereupon

Mr. Hall moved that Mr. Wales be instructed to prepare a lease of Highbridge Hotel to N. A. Lespinasse, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report :

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

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| Bill of Bartlett, J. W., globes for lamps..... | \$54 00 |
| “ Barron, J. S., & Co., brooms, brushes, wick and twine | 62 30 |
| “ Cook, Ebenezer, sponges and soap..... | 21 47 |
| “ Dodworth’s Band, music at Bethesda fountain. | 310 00 |
| “ Dodworth’s Band, music at Park..... | 265 00 |
| “ Gross, Michael, & Son, iron column..... | 28 00 |
| “ Harlem Gas-light Co., gas for Transverse road Central Park and Harlem Bridge..... | 328 25 |
| “ Hilton, E. G., Empire couplings..... | 27 00 |
| “ Lord, D. P., petty cash expenses..... | 16 77 |
| “ Ruhe, Louis, bird food..... | 12 00 |
| “ Roosevelt, Sam’l, & Co., drinking cups..... | 11 50 |
| “ Raynolds, C. T., & Co., Kerosene oil..... | 5 50 |
| “ Shepard & Dudley, rubber hose..... | 171 00 |
| “ Thurber, H. K., & Co., rice..... | 3 46 |
| “ Tomes, Melvain & Co., American flags..... | 61 20 |
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| Maintenance..... | \$1,377 45 |
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| “ Devlin, Charles, filling on Manhattan square.. | \$3,250 00 |
| “ Fischer, W. L., plants..... | 31 00 |
| “ Hicks & Smith, bronze finial, on fountain.... | 1,550 00 |
| “ Parry, Henry, granite..... | 752 00 |
| “ Thornhill & Co., Harlem Bridge..... | 550 00 |
| “ Warner, Wyllys & Co., heating apparatus.... | 191 80 |
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| Construction..... | 6,324 80 |

| | Maintenance. | Construct'n. |
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| Bill of Evening Post | \$121 17 | \$30 33 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance, | | 1,377 45 |
| Construction | | 6,324 80 |
| Maintenance | 121 17 | |
| Construction | 30 33— | 151 50 |
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| | | \$7,853 75 |

Amounting to the aggregate sum of seven thousand eight hundred and fifty-three dollars and seventy-five cents.

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(Signed)

S. H. WALES.

Aud'g Com., pro tem.

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

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

Yeas—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT presented two communications, numerous signed, by Samuel Campbell and others, and Joseph J. Potter and others, respectively, all owners of property in the Twelfth Ward, urging the Board to take immediate steps to acquire title to lands required for the parade ground, as laid out on map, adopted February 10, p. 671 of the minutes.

Laid over.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communications :

From J. M. Bundy and others recommending the appointment of Col. J. Edwards Clark as Secretary of the Department.

Ordered filed.

From John A. Stewart, with endorsement of J. M. Halsted, recommending William Irwin for the position of Chief Clerk.

Ordered filed.

From Superintendent RYAN, reporting on the enclosed communication from Charles Devlin, relative to the delivery of 860 cubic yards of filling on Manhattan square, in excess of the order authorized March 10, p. 699 of the minutes.

Laid over.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Whereas, a contract having been executed with Wm. J. Fryer, Jr., & Co., for furnishing a series of ornamental bases and lamp-posts, connected with flagstaff decorations on Union square, and said Fryer being unable to complete said work, therefore

Resolved, That the President be, and is hereby, authorized to execute a contract with a responsible party to complete said bases and lamp-posts; the total expenditure therefor shall not exceed one thousand dollars more than the amount of the contract made with said W. J. Fryer & Co. for same work.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The Landscape Architect presented a report modifying the proposition of his previous report adopted June 23, p. 59, of the minutes, in regard to the Eighth avenue wall, in so far as relates to about 805 lineal feet of the same, the material for which he recommended, for reasons given, should be obtained by contract, but laid by Park force, instead of by contract, as originally advised.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON :

Resolved, That the report be filed and that authority be, and is hereby, given to obtain stone for not exceeding 850 lineal feet of the Eighth avenue upper wall, by contract and for laying the same by Park force, *provided* the cost of the amount of the work to be so executed shall not exceed \$10,000, nor the cost of all the work on said wall to be done during the year \$115,000 as before authorized.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and is hereby, authorized to sign the contract made with Messrs. Parry and Deeves, for furnishing all the granite work and masonry of the Inscope arch, as approved January 15, p. 638 of the minutes.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next, the 10th inst., at 10 A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WALES, the Board adjourned at twelve o'clock.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

THURSDAY, JULY 10th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.

Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

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

Mr. BISSINGER submitted a communication from Knutz Forsberg, recently Draughtsman and Modeller in the employ of this Department, remonstrating against his suspension by Mr. Bogart, Engineer, and enclosed therein a bill of charges for services rendered during over-time, amounting to \$568.10.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, to report thereon to the Board.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Mr. Bissinger and Mr. Williamson be authorized, until the adoption of by-laws, to instruct the Superintendent as to the disposition of the employes recently suspended.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect, as requested June 30th, reported on the communication from the St. Vincent Ferrer's Temperance Benevolent Society, and stated that Hamilton square was discontinued in 1868 by act of the Legislature, Chap. 885.

The Landscape Architect submitted report on the two petitions signed by working-boys, referred to him June 30, p. 83 of the Minutes.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the report just submitted be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Mr. Bissinger and Mr. Williamson, to confer with the Superintendent and report thereon to the Board.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect, pursuant to the request of the Board, p. 83 of the Minutes, reported, recommending that certain work be resumed, as suggested by the Superintendent; whereupon

Mr. WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That an expenditure not exceeding five thousand dollars, to be charged to Maintenance Account, is hereby authorized to be used, at the discretion of the Superintendent of Public Parks, in the repair of concrete walks, and, when approved by the Executive Committee, in the laying of concrete on existing gravel walks.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT called up the resolution laid over June 18, p. 50 of the Minutes, and moved its adoption as follows :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chap. 667 of the Laws of 1873, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby makes requisition on the Mayor of the city of Yonkers and the Supervisor of the town of Kingsbridge for the issuing and delivery to said Board of Commissioners of the certificates of indebtedness of the said city of Yonkers and of the said town of Kingsbridge, for the sum of twenty-one thousand six hundred and ninety-six dollars and forty-five cents (\$21,696.45), said sum being the amount of the lawful indebtedness existing and incurred by said Board, under Chap. 534 of the Laws of 1871, previous to the passage of Chap. 89 of the Laws of 1873, for surveys made within the boundaries of the former town of Yonkers.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and is hereby, requested to advertise in the *City Record* for proposals for the whole or any part of the sum of ten thousand dollars of the bonds of the town of Kingsbridge, delivered to this Department upon the requisition of the Board, April 2, 1873, p. 719 of the Minutes.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Consulting Engineer had not received his salary for the months of May and June, in consequence of some doubt as to which account said salary is chargeable.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, referred to Mr. Wales, to report thereon to the Board.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That the book-keeper furnish this Board, at its next meeting, with a statement of the amounts expended on each account, and of the balance remaining to the credit of said accounts.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of Mr. Olmsted on the present police system on file be referred to a Special Committee of two, and that the committee be authorized to devise and prepare a plan for the reorganization of the Park-keepers' Department, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT nominated Mr. Hall and Mr. Bissinger such Committee.

Adopted.

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The PRESIDENT submitted the application of George W. Tooker for the Secretaryship, accompanied with numerous recommendations.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WALES, from the Committee appointed June 18, p. 44 of the Minutes, to investigate the charges preferred against Foreman Manning, verbally reported progress in the matter.

William H. Grant, Topographical Engineer, by request, appeared before the Board, and made sundry explanations in relation to his report on the progress of the works under his direction.

Mr. WALES moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday next, the 11th instant, at nine o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, at twelve o'clock the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.

Mr. WALES,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting, 10th inst., were read and approved.

W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, by request, appeared before the Board to continue the explanations offered by him at the last meeting, p. 103 of the Minutes, when it was

Ordered, that said Engineer indicate on the lithograph map of north end of the island all the works in that vicinity now under the consideration of the Board, and each Commissioner be furnished with a copy of the same.

As directed at the last meeting, page 102 of the Minutes, a report, prepared by the book-keeper, was presented, showing the balance of maintenance and construction accounts.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, from the committee to instruct the Superintendent as to the disposition of the employés temporarily suspended for lack of funds, reported progress.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Special Committee on By-laws, reported progress.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that a book be kept for the use of the Board, which shall exhibit the balance of maintenance and construction accounts, and also the balance of any other appropriation made for the Department, and said balances shall be the amounts existing at the end of the day preceding the day of meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES, as requested July 10, p. 102 of the Minutes, verbally reported as to which accounts or appropriation were chargeable with the pay of the Consulting Engineer.

Laid on the table.

Mr. HALL moved that authority be given to cause the Central Bridge to be lighted with gas.

Referred to the Superintendent, to report thereon to the Board.

Mr. WALES moved that the question of the care of Central Bridge be referred to Mr. Hall, to report thereon to the Board.

Adopted.

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On motion of Mr. HALL, Mr. Wales was requested to act with Mr. Hall on said question relative to Central Bridge.

Mr. WALES moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, the 16th inst., at nine o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, at eleven o'clock and twenty minutes, the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.

Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting, 11th inst., were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT submitted several applications from employés of the Department for leave of absence.

Mr. WALES moved that applications for leave of absence be referred to the President, with power, until the adoption of the by-laws.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WALES, in compliance with the request on p. 102 of the

Minutes, presented a report recommending that the name of George S. Greene, Consulting Engineer, be placed on the payroll, and certificates for the amount of salary due him from May 1st to July 1st, inclusive, be forwarded to the Finance Department, and that the amount so paid said Greene, and which may hereafter be paid him, shall be charged to Maintenance and Construction Accounts, in the same proportion as the general clerical force.

Mr. HALL moved that the report just submitted be accepted and adopted :

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered an amendment, as follows :

That the Board dissent from the recommendations of said report, so far as refer to the payment of said salary from the general funds appropriated for maintenance and construction.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson—2.

Nays—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Hall—3.

The question recurring on the original motion :

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Hall—3.

Nays—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson—2.

Mr. WALES presented the following communications :

From August F. Smith, Louis B. Rader and others, recommending that the necessary steps be taken to acquire title to lands required for Fort Washington Ridge Road.

Ordered filed.

From Sophia Burnett, owner of a frame building situated on south-east corner Eighty-seventh street and Twelfth avenue, which was omitted on the valuation made for damage on taking lands for Riverside Drive, requesting permission to remove said building on to land adjoining on the Twelfth avenue, there to remain, with the use of the same, until the opening and grading of said Twelfth avenue.

Referred to Landscape Architect.

From John D. Tracy, offering \$33.33 per month each for the three houses on Riverside Park, now occupied by Wiley, Dick and Peary, respectively.

Referred to Mr. Wales and Mr. Bissinger as empowered, June 11, p. 35 of the Minutes.

From W. A. Haines, 1st Vice-Pres., Theodore Roosevelt, 2d Vice-Pres., and W. T. Blodgett, Secretary, urging immediate action in regard to the new building for the American Museum of Natural History.

Referred to Special Committee appointed June 25, p. 64 of the Minutes.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, in response to resolution of the Board, adopted June 23, p. 58 of the Minutes.

Ordered filed.

From Charles Roome, president, stating that the bills of the Manhattan Gas-light Company from January 1st to July 31st, 1872, had been rendered in error and without authority, and requested permission to withdraw the same.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to return the bills rendered by the Manhattan Gas-light Co.

Adopted.

From Mothers in the 11th and 17th Wards, protesting against the use of Tompkins square as a base ball ground for working boys.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

Mr. WALES, Chairman of the Committee to investigate the charges preferred against General Foreman Manning by Foremen Hodges and Delahant, appointed June 18, p. 44, submitted report of said Committee, recommending the discharge of said Hodges and Delahant.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, from said Committee, submitted a dissenting report, upon the grounds that the resolution limited the power of the Committee to ascertain whether the charges were true, and though the Committee might possess the power claimed by the Chairman, the recommendations were too severe in their character.

Mr. HALL moved that the recommendations in the report of the Chairman, just presented, be adopted, and that Foremen Hodges and Delahant be, and are hereby, discharged, and permission is hereby granted the Superintendent to re-employ said Delahant, if, in his opinion, the interests of the Department will not be injured thereby.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Hall—3.

Noes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson—2.

MR. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee *pro tem.* beg leave to report that they have examined, audited, and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

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| J. S. Barron & Co., brooms..... | \$16 00 |
| Dodworth's Band, music..... | 900 00 |
| Dodworth's Band, "..... | 240 00 |
| Wm. V. Crissey & Co., matches..... | 3 25 |
| Gifford, Beach & Co., hardware..... | 8 99 |
| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas..... | 33 90 |
| E. F. Holbrook & Bro., glass..... | 7 50 |
| James L. Jackson & Bro., repairing cages..... | 58 70 |
| Wm. O. Labagh, salt..... | 15 00 |
| C. A. Lewis & Co., fish..... | 289 94 |
| Francis Losee, oats and straw..... | 223 49 |
| Francis Losee, hay, oats and feed..... | 718 84 |
| James H. Noe & Sons, dusters..... | 16 88 |
| Jesse Ryder, gravel..... | 1,225 00 |
| Shepard & Dudley, hose..... | 36 00 |
| Charles Scharbach, leather..... | 22 20 |
| Walton Bros., soap-stone packing..... | 22 63 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | 164 78 |
| Maintenance account..... | \$4,003 10 |

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|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Over | | | \$4,003 10 |
| | Construction. | Maintenance. | |
| C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints | \$30.25 | \$30.25.. | \$60 50 |
| Total | | | \$4,063 60 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance account..... | \$4,033 35 |
| Construction " | 30 25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,063 60 |

Amounting to the sum of four thousand and sixty-three dollars and sixty cents.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES, { *Auditing*
 { *Committee.*

New York, July 15, 1873.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson,
Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from George A. Foster, complaining of delay in filing map laying out streets in the town of Kingsbridge.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Francis Hagan and George W. Snow, Assistant-Foremen, withheld from the pay-rolls of June 21 and July 5, be allowed, and certificates for the same are hereby directed to be sent to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson and Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, from the Committee on the subject in relation to the application of the working boys to be allowed to play ball on Tompkins' Square and Battery Park, reports that the whole subject be referred to the Landscape Architect to confer with the Superintendent as to devising a plan to carry into effect the suggestions made by him in his previous report presented July 10, p. 100 of the Minutes.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES, as requested July 9, p. 92 of the Minutes, submitted draft of lease of High Bridge Hotel to N. A. Lespinasse.

Mr. HALL moved that the Board do now approve of said lease of High Bridge Hotel to N. A. Lespinasse, and the President is hereby authorized to sign the same on behalf of the Board.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect is hereby directed to provide means for securing sparrows, by traps or otherwise, for distribution, as the Board may direct.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. HALL, from the Special Committee, appointed July 10, p. 102 of the Minutes, to devise a plan for the reorganization of the police force, presented a preliminary report, and offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board do now approve so much of the report as relates to the position of police surgeon ; and it is further

Resolved, That there shall be appointed in this Department two police surgeons, at a compensation not exceeding \$1,250 each.

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

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

At this point the Board went into Executive Session, when

Mr. Williamson was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, who reported as the result of said session the following proceedings :

Dr. Roberts and Dr. Hunter were appointed Police Surgeons.

On the Ayes and Noes being called, their salaries were fixed at the rate of \$1,250 each per annum.

Mr. William Irwin was duly appointed Secretary of this Board.

On the Ayes and Noes being called, his salary was fixed at the rate of \$4,500 per annum.

Mr. Isaac Evans was duly appointed Assistant Secretary of this Board.

On the Ayes and Noes being called, his salary was fixed at the rate of \$3,000 per annum.

Mr. D. P. Lord was duly appointed Chief Clerk of this Board.

On the Ayes and Noes being called, his salary was fixed at \$2,500 per annum.

Dated July 16th, 1873.

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Secretary pro tem.

The Board then resumed its regular session.

Mr. WALES, appointed June 4, p. 16 of the Minutes, to report on the communication of Calvert Vaux, resigning the position

of Consulting Landscape Architect, recommended that the resignation be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES presented a communication from Calvert Vaux, enclosing a bill of charges for professional services during the month of June, amounting to \$400.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said bill of Calvert Vaux for services be referred to Mr. Wales and Mr. Hall to report thereon.

Mr. HALL moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next, the 17th inst., at 10 A. M., for the consideration of business in relation to the proposed building for the Museum of Natural History.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, at twelve o'clock, the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

THURSDAY, JULY 17th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.

Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, 16th instant, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the PRESIDENT presented a communication from his Honor the Mayor, requesting the Board to make a report to him of the operations and actions of the Department for the three months ending July 31, 1873, in pursuance of Sec. 27, Chap. 335, Laws 1873.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication be accepted and entered at length on the minutes, and that the President be instructed to comply with the request therein contained.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

[Copy of communication from his Honor the Mayor.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
CITY HALL. }

NEW YORK, July 16th, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

Section 27, of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873 provides that "The said Department shall, once in three months, and at such other times as the Mayor may direct, make to him, in such form and under such rules as he may prescribe, reports of the operations and action of the same, and each of them, which reports shall be published in the *City Record*."

In pursuance of this requirement, you are instructed to make a report to me of the operations and actions of your Department for the three months ending July 31st, 1873, in such form as the spirit and intent of this provision of law suggests.

(Signed)

W. F. HAVEMEYER,

Mayor.

Mr. HALL called up the question of business in relation to the erection of the building for the Museum of Natural History, made a special order at the last meeting; whereupon

Mr. BISSINGER, from the Special Committee on the proposed building for Museum of Natural History, appointed June 25, p. 64 of the Minutes, reported progress, and asked that the committee be excused from further consideration of the subject, and discharged.

On motion, said request was granted.

The PRESIDENT called up the communication of Calvert Vaux, presented June 25, p. 64 of the Minutes, relative to the Museum building.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication from Calvert Vaux be accepted and entered at length on the minutes.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

NEW YORK, June 21, 1873.

Hon. H. G. STEBBINS,

President Department Public Parks :

Sir—In reference to the estimates for the first section of the Natural History Museum, the proceedings have been as follows :

After the general design was approved, August 7th, 1872, and while the working plans were being prepared, considerable fluctuations in price occurred in iron, and in order to carry out the views of the Trustees, in regard to future students' rooms, it was found expedient to design the iron-work of the upper or roof story with a more expensive construction than was at first intended. This made the iron contract the ruling element in the work to be done, as the use of this material in a fire-proof building could not be reduced beyond certain definable limits, while the other parts of the design admitted of modification.

Estimates were therefore first invited for the iron-work, and

six bids were opened March 28th, the lowest being from Janes & Kirtland, who offered to do the work for Two hundred and twelve thousand four hundred and ten dollars. As this seemed too high a proportional amount with reference to the masonry and other work, to admit of all the iron-work being carried out precisely as indicated, definite reductions were arranged in certain items that did not affect the integrity of the construction, and Janes & Kirtland revised their bid accordingly, and on April 16th reduced the amount to One hundred and eighty thousand two hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$180,224.)

Estimates were in the meantime requested for the mason's and also for the granite work.

Bids were received from five parties for the mason's work, which were opened April 17th, the lowest being from Weeks & Son, whose estimate was One hundred and thirty-five thousand one hundred and fifty-eight dollars (\$135,158).

Modifications in certain items were arranged and possible deductions made from this amount to the extent of Seven thousand two hundred and sixty-four dollars, leaving the estimate One hundred and twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and ninety-four dollars (\$127,894).

Five estimates were received and opened at the same time for the granite-work, the lowest being from Deeves & Parry, whose price was One hundred and thirty thousand and forty-nine dollars (\$130,049).

Messrs. Deeves & Parry, on being informed that their bid was the lowest, notified the Department that, having framed their estimate for granite in conjunction with an estimate they had presented for masonry, and the masonry contract not being awarded to them, they desired to withdraw their proposal for granite.

The next bid above theirs was that of T. W. Rollins, at One hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars (\$131,000).

Possible modifications in some items of the design were arranged and Mr. Rollins' estimate was thereby reduced Seven thousand Six hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$7,695), leaving it at One hundred and twenty-three thousand three hundred and five dollars (\$123,305).

When invited to bid on the granite, Mr. Rollins asked permission to present also an estimate for the iron-work which could, he thought, be advantageously executed in conjunction with the stone-work. He was informed precisely in regard to the extent of the work as modified, and forwarded a letter to the Department when presenting his granite bid, offering to execute the iron-work (in conjunction with the granite), for One hundred and sixty-eight thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$168,734), which was Eleven thousand four hundred and ninety dollars (\$11,490) lower than Janes and Kirtland's revised bid.

At the meeting of the Board on May 26th, the various reductions in the work corresponding with the reductions in the estimates were explained and approved, and the Treasurer was instructed to prepare contracts according to the law. The lowest estimates as they now stand are.

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| Mason's work, Weeks & Son..... | | \$127,894 |
| Granite " T. W. Rollins..... | | 123,305 |
| Iron " T. W. Rollins..... | | \$168,734 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$419,933 |

This will leave about Eighty thousand dollars of the appropriation of Five hundred thousand, which it is calculated will be sufficient for the wood-work, slating, plastering and other items needed to prepare the building for the occupation of the Museum.

I append a letter received to-day from Messrs. Cooper,

Hewitt & Co., giving me their judgment as manufacturers, in regard to the expediency, under certain circumstances, of connecting an iron with a masonry contract.

Respectfully,
 CALVERT VAUX,
Architect.

(Signed)

COOPER, HEWITT & Co., }
 No. 17 Burling Slip, }
 New York, June 21, 1873.

CALVERT VAUX, Esq. :

Dear Sir—We beg leave to say that it is a very common practice for the mason who contracts to erect buildings also to contract to put up the iron-work, and in our experience we have always found that this plan works well, and is economical, because there is no delay or waste of effort such as is apt to occur when two operations which should proceed together are committed to a divided management.

We have heretofore furnished beams for buildings erected by Mr. T. W. Rollins, and we have no doubt of his ability to execute any contract he may make for mason or iron-work to your entire satisfaction.

Respectfully yours,
 (Signed) COOPER, HEWITT & Co.

Mr. WILLIAMSON called up the communication of the Secretary to the Counsel to the Corporation, authorized May 26, p. 5 of the Minutes, and moved that the reply of said Counsel thereto, presented June 18, p. 43 of the Minutes, be taken from the table.

Adopted.

Whereupon Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the said communica-

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tion from the Secretary and said reply thereto, be entered at length on the Minutes.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

[Copy of the communication from the Secretary.]

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square,

MAY 29th, 1873.

E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Esq.,

Counsel to the Corporation :

Sir—I am instructed by the Board to request you to furnish this Department with your opinion on its right to proceed to make a contract for the construction of the Natural History Museum buildings, upon bids received prior to the passage of Chap. 335, Laws 1873.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary, D. P. P.

[Copy of the communication from the Counsel to the Corporation.]

CITY OF NEW YORK,
Law Department, }
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION. }

JUNE 16, 1873.

To the Commissioners of the Department of Parks :

Gentlemen—The letter of Mr. Whittemore to the Counsel

to the Corporation, asking his opinion as to your right to make a contract for the construction of the Natural History Museum building upon bids received prior to the passage of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, was duly received.

As the question submitted is not free from difficulty, and as the pressure of business upon this office is very great, the answer to Mr. Whittemore's letter has been necessarily delayed. After a careful consideration of the matter, the Counsel to the Corporation is of the opinion that if the bids referred to were *opened* prior to the passage of the new Charter, the contract must be deemed to have been confirmed in and to the lowest bidder, with adequate security, at the time of such opening, and should be awarded to him.

See Section 1, Chapter 308, Laws of 1861.

If the bids were not *opened* until after the passage of the new charter, or have not yet been opened, it will be necessary for you to re-advertise for bids, and otherwise comply with the provisions of the Charter, in reference to the making of contracts.

Mr. Smith is absent from the city, and I therefore answer on his behalf.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours, very respectfully,

(Signed) GEORGE P. ANDREWS,
Asst. Counsel to the Corporation.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to execute contracts upon the estimates already received for the completion of the masonry, granite and iron work of the building for the Museum of Natural History.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered an amendment, as follows :

That the word "Treasurer," in resolution adopted May 26, p. 5 of the Minutes, be struck out, and the word "President" inserted in lieu thereof, and the resolution as amended be adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the construction of the American Museum of Natural History, in accordance with the working plans presented this day by Mr. Vaux, is hereby ordered, and the President is authorized and directed to execute contracts according to law for the masonry, granite and iron work of the same, with all practicable dispatch.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

By unanimous consent, the Board proceeded with the following business :

The PRESIDENT submitted the report of the Special Committee on Statues and Monuments on the Central and other Parks, appointed February 19, p. 683 of the Minutes.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

See Document 46.

Mr. WALES presented a form of advertisement for insertion in the *City Record*, for proposals for furnishing 275 feet of iron railing, and moved that the Board approve the same.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES submitted a form of contract for the approval of the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES presented the report of the Landscape Architect on the communication of the New York Model Yacht Club.

Laid on the table.

Also the report of Landscape Architect on the result of the investigation into the charges preferred against Park-keepers Loeffel, Munson and McCormick.

Referred to Special Committee on the Reorganization of the Park-keeper's Force.

Mr. WALES presented the report of the Landscape Architect on the changes recently made in the management of the Keeper's Force, &c., in compliance with resolution adopted June 27th, p. 78 of the Minutes, and moved that the same be accepted and printed as a document of the Board.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson and Hall—5.

See Document 47.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday next, the 18th instant, at 10 A. M.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL offered the following :

Resolved, That the police surgeons be instructed to proceed at once to make a careful examination of the whole police force of this Department, and report thereon, in writing, to this Board.

On motion of Mr. HALL, at eleven o'clock and forty minutes, the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

FRIDAY, JULY 18th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.

Mr. WALES,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting, July 17th, were read and approved.

Mr. BISSINGER, from the Special Committee on By-Laws, appointed June 18, p. 51 of the Minutes, presented a report.

Mr. HALL moved that said report be received, and a copy of the same engrossed for each member of the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT submitted a report from the Superintendent, as requested, July 11, p. 106 of the Minutes.

Mr. HALL moved that said report be referred to Mr. Wales, with power, to cause eight lamp-posts, with lamps, to be erected to light the Central Bridge with gas, the total expense thereof not to exceed the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That after each meeting of this Board, the Secretary prepare for the press a brief statement in writing of such business as may be proper for publication, and that he keep a copy thereof to be laid before the Board at the next succeeding meeting.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That until the further orders of the Board, the Superintendent notify the President of any labor that he may require on the works in the discharge of his duties.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT submitted an estimate of printing, stationery, blank-books and blanks required for the year 1873, in the office of the Landscape Architect, as requested by his Honor the Mayor, in pursuance of Sec. 111, Chap. 335, Laws 1873.

Ordered filed.

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Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, the 22d inst., at 10 A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. HALL, the Board adjourned, at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

TUESDAY, JULY 22d, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.

Mr. WALES,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting, July 18th, were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT read a letter from Andrew H. Green, Esq., Comptroller, stating that the request, contained in Circular No. 12, from the Finance Department, had not been complied with.

See Minutes, June 27, page 74.

Mr. WALES explained that, in the absence of the President, he had directed the Secretary to reply to the Comptroller that, as soon as the necessary book is procured, the request contained in Circular No. 12 shall be complied with.

The PRESIDENT read a letter from the Superintendent, reporting that the Department had on hand sufficient blue-stone flag for the sidewalk at Jackson square.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that it be referred to the Superintendent, to report at next meeting of the Board, the separate items of expense connected with the laying down of the flags.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT read a letter from Mr. Jacob Weeks, complaining of truck-men at Fifty-eighth street and Fifth avenue.

Referred to the Superintendent to report thereon.

From mothers of Seventeenth and Eighteenth Wards, thanking the Board for not allowing Tompkins square to be used as a base-ball ground, and protesting against its use as such on any terms.

Referred to Landscape Architect.

Letter from Mr. O. P. Buel, Attorney for the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, read, and

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Letter from Mr. W. P. Bensel, offering an animal, one part dog and three parts wolf.

Referred to Mr. W. A. Conklin, Director of the Menagerie.

Letter from Mr. William H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, dated July 17, 1873, as to work done by Mr. George S. Green, Jr., read, and

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT read a petition from Patrick Baxter, James Baxter, John Reynolds, Martin Tracy, Michael Tracy, Michael

Lennon, Thomas Lennon, Francis Fanner, Patrick Brady, Edward Bourke and William Stevens, truck-men, lately removed from the stand at the Park, corner of Thirty-fifth street and Sixth avenue, praying to be allowed to reoccupy their former stand.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WALES moved that the truck-men be allowed to reoccupy their former stand, so long as they keep the same perfectly clean, and subject to such regulations as the Board shall direct.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a form of proposal for contract work, with the necessary bond for sureties annexed, and moved that it be the form used in this Department.

Adopted.

Various applications for appointments were submitted to the Board and ordered to be recorded.

Mr. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee *pro tem.* beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

| | MAINTENANCE. | CONSTRUCTION. | TOTAL. |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------|
| R. H. Allen & Co., scythes..... | \$30 00 | | \$30 00 |
| Dodworth's Band, music..... | 455 00 | | 455 00 |
| Charles Pratt, oil..... | 71 17 | | 71 17 |
| Francis Losee, corn..... | 32 50 | | 32 50 |
| Keuffel & Esser, rules and drawing- paper..... | | \$56 00 | 56 00 |
| Norris & Williams, plumbing..... | | 318 75 | 318 75 |
| J. & J. Smith, filling..... | | 3,250 00 | 3,250 00 |
| Thorburn & Waterbury, flag-staffs..... | | 525 00 | 525 00 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | | 102 18 | 102 18 |
| F. W. Christern, subscription..... | 3 35 | 12 75 | 16 10 |
| Colwell's, Shaw & Willard Manufac- turing Co., pipes..... | 50 00 | 24 86 | 74 86 |
| C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints..... | 61 20 | 6 25 | 67 45 |
| Theodore F. Tone, coal..... | 42 50 | 42 50 | 85 00 |
| <i>Maintenance</i> | \$745 72 | | |
| <i>Construction</i> | | \$4,338 29 | |
| <i>Total</i> | | | \$5,084 01 |

New York, July 22d, 1873.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,
Auditing Committee pro tem.

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

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

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

Mr. WALES, reported that the Harlem Gas-light Company refused to lay the pipes on Central Bridge at their expense.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to reconsider the motion moved by Mr. Hall, as to lighting Central Bridge with gas—July 18th, page 132 of Minutes.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that the motion to light Central Bridge be amended to the effect that the total expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that advertisements be inserted in the *City Record* for bids for the completion of a series of orna-

mental bases and lamp-posts, connected with flagstaff decorations on Union square.

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

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

The PRESIDENT moved that all pay-rolls connected with this Department shall be prepared, certified to, and if not inconsistent with the requirements of the Charter and the directions of the Finance Department, paid by the Disbursing Clerk.

All returns of time of persons paid on the monthly rolls shall be made weekly, by those authorized, to the President of the Department, duplicates thereof being sent at the same time direct to the Disbursing Clerk. Returns of time for mechanics, laborers and others paid fortnightly must be made to the Disbursing Clerk, as heretofore.

Referred to Mr. Wales and Mr. Williamson to report.

Mr. WALES moved that it be referred to a committee of three to determine as to the advisability of commencing work in connection with the Riverside and Morningside parks, and to report thereon to the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Wales, Mr. Bissinger and Mr. Williamson, the Committee.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that an estimate of the amounts necessary for the laying out of the north end of the Island

during the current year, ending with December 31st, 1873, be prepared by Mr. W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, and submitted at the next Board meeting.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday the 31st day of July, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Book-keeper furnish this Board, at every regular meeting, with a statement setting forth in detail the names of the several parties who are chargeable with the payment of moneys to this Department, the amounts in which each is indebted, the character of the indebtedness, the sums paid by each, with the date of payment and the manner of the disposition of the funds after such payments.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WALES, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock, M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary.

THURSDAY, JULY 31st, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.
Mr. WALES,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, July 22d, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the following circular (No. 14) of the Finance Department was read :

Circular No. 14.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
July 19th, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, created by Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, held July 15th, 1873, the following resolution was adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to notify each

of the Departments and officers of the city and county governments, and the officers of all institutions which may be entitled by law to allowances of money from the city or county of New York, as required by Section 112 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, on or before the first day of September next, to "send to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, an estimate, in writing, herein called a departmental estimate, of the amount of expenditure, specifying in detail the objects thereof, required in their respective departments," for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, including a statement of each of the salaries of their officers, clerks, employés and subordinates.

"The same statement as to salaries and expenditures shall be made by all other officers, persons and boards having power to fix or authorize them."

In compliance with the foregoing resolution, I request you to furnish, on or before the first day of September next, an estimate, in writing, conforming to all the requirements of section 112 of the law referred to in said resolution.

Respectfully,

(Signed) ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication be accepted and entered at length on the Minutes, and that it be referred to the President to prepare the estimates requested therein.

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

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

The following letter from the Supervisor of the *City Record* was also read :

OFFICE OF THE "CITY RECORD," }
No. 2 City Hall, }
NEW YORK, July 25th, 1873. }

To Department of Public Parks :

At a meeting of the Board of the *City Record*, &c., held July 24th, 1873, the following resolutions were adopted :

"That the Supervisor of the *City Record* be directed to publish such brief abstracts of advertisements as appear in the *City Record* of contracts to be awarded, or bonds to be sold, as may be furnished him, in such form and in such of the papers designated for that purpose as the various Departments may direct." Also—

"That the Supervisor of the *City Record* be directed to furnish to the appropriate Departments, at the expiration of ten days, a proper affidavit of any advertisements which may have been published for such period of time in the *City Record*, and the designated Corporation papers."

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

A. DISBECKER,

Supervisor City Record.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said letter be accepted and entered at length upon the Minutes.

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

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

The following communications were then read :

From W. W. Wilcox, Jr., offering two barn-owls to the Department.

From George the Count Joannes, offering an "Iguana," which Mr. Wm. T. Travis offered to present to the Department through him.

Both referred to the Director of the Menagerie.

From Mr. J. Hart, complaining of the woman in charge of the ladies' retiring room in the Central Park.

Referred to the Superintendent to report.

From Mr. A. E. Patton, complaining of starter of carriages at Fifty-ninth street and Fifth Avenue, and Superintendent's report that the starter had been withdrawn.

Ordered filed.

From Messrs. Burt, Hayes & Co., complaining that their lighter was injured while passing through the Fourth avenue bridge, and asking \$60 compensation; and the report of the Superintendent, that the Fourth avenue bridge was not in the jurisdiction of the Department.

Ordered filed, and that the Secretary reply to Messrs. Burt, Hayes & Co., as reported by the Superintendent.

From Mr. B. L. Ackerman, requesting the Board to take immediate action on the report of Mr. W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, as to the laying out of a street on the Ridge at Inwood.

Minutes of 2d November, 1872, page 554, and of 16th October, 1872, page 531.

Laid on the table.

From Mr. A. Beebe, making a proposition to fertilize the public grounds of the city.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

The PRESIDENT reported that F. G. Guirmaraes, Esq., had presented a "Tapir" to the Department, which he had directed to be sent to the Menagerie.

The donation was accepted.

The PRESIDENT read a report of the Superintendent, estimating the cost of laying the flagging on the sidewalks at Jackson square at \$885, and which stated that about two hundred feet more of blue-stone flagging would be required in addition to the amount already on hand.

(Minutes, 22d July, 1873, page 136.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the report be accepted, and that the Superintendent be directed to procure the additional flagging in the usual manner, and proceed with the work.

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

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

The PRESIDENT read a report of the Superintendent, on the complaint of Mr. Jacob Weeks (Minutes, 22d July, 1873,

page 136), which stated that the truckmen and carters at the corner of Fifty-eighth street and Fifth avenue were not employed on the Park, and that they were ordered to remove elsewhere.

Accepted and ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT read a report of Mr. W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, estimating the amount necessary for laying out the north end of the Island, for the year ending 31st December, 1873, at \$15,000.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT moved that the *New York Evening Post* be directed to bind in the usual manner fifteen copies of the Minutes and Documents of the Board, for the year ending May, 1873.

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

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

The PRESIDENT read an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated July 25th, 1873, on the power of the Department to make leases of premises under its control, which, after reciting the various acts conferring power on the Department, ends as follows:

“ There is, I am confident, no act which deprives your Department of the right to lease buildings situate on lands under its control, given by the Act of April 17, 1857, and none

which require your Department to advertise for bids or proposals for such leases.”

Ordered filed.

Mr. HALL, chairman of the committee appointed to make arrangements for the care of Central Bridge,

(Minutes, July 11th, 1873, pages 106 and 107,)

reported that Mr. Wm. E. Smith had offered to keep said bridge clean and to attend to the opening of the draw for \$1,500 per annum, the Department furnishing brooms and barrows, and moved that the matter be referred to Mr. Wales, with power to close an arrangement with Mr. Smith.

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

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

Mr. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report :

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

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| Cooper Hewitt & Co., wire..... | \$42 80 |
| Conklin, W. A., petty cash expenses..... | 11 50 |
| Draper, Dan'l, petty cash expenses..... | 25 78 |
| Dodworth's Band, music..... | 645 00 |
| Dodworth's Band, music..... | 635 00 |
| Dugan, Francis, repairs to sundry buildings..... | 47 00 |

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| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas, Transverse road, Park and Harlem Bridge | \$328 25 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron | 173 12 |
| Gifford, Beach & Co., harness rings and thread | 4 56 |
| Lawrie P. W. & Co., meat | 216 00 |
| Labagh, W. O., salt | 5 85 |
| Marvin & Co., moving safes and heating | 262 25 |
| Manhattan Gas-light Co., labor and materials | 37 66 |
| Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at Arsenal | 188 92 |
| New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at office and parks and squares | 671 58 |
| <i>New York Times</i> , advertising ordinances | 186 00 |
| <i>New York Tribune</i> , " " " " | 204 00 |
| Pratt, Chas., kerosene | 3 80 |
| Place, George & Co., belting | 14 45 |
| Ryder, Jesse, gravel | 715 20 |
| Raynolds, C. T., & Co., sponges | 20 00 |
| Raynolds, C. T., & Co., white-lead, &c. | 129 00 |
| Roux & Co., lounge, 36 Union square | 85 00 |
| Ruhe, Louis, mocking-bird food | 8 00 |
| Sloane, W. & J., carpets, linoleum and labor | 311 92 |
| Simpson, A., bread, April and May | 106 20 |
| Seaman & Brother, head-stalls | 2 75 |
| United Farmers' Milk Co., milk, April | 15 36 |
| Winants, J. J., & Co., dump tickets | 30 00 |
| Maintenance | <u>\$5,126 95</u> |
| Booth, James & Son, foreign plants (<i>gold</i>) | \$258 74 |
| Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe | 57 47 |
| Davis & Johnson, brick | 117 00 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber | 92 00 |
| Construction | <u>\$525 21</u> |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Coffin, Paul & Co., hardware..... | \$51 20 | \$146 86 |
| “ “ “ | 229 80 | 105 88 |
| “ “ “ | 179 52 | 59 30 |
| “ “ “ | 93 96 | 33 00 |
| Evans, Isaac, petty cash expenses..... | 42 84 | 42 85 |
| Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line | 31 25 | 31 25 |
| Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery and printing..... | 12 85 | 6 30 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | 50 75 | 54 00 |
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| | \$692 17 | \$479 44 |
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RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance..... | \$5,126 95 |
| Construction..... | 525 21 |
| Maintenance..... | \$692 17 |
| Construction..... | 479 44 |
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| | 1,171 61 |
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| | \$6,823 77 |
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Amounting to the aggregate sum of sixty-eight hundred and twenty-three dollars and seventy-seven cents.

NEW YORK, July 31st, 1873.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,
Auditing Comm. pro tem.

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

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

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that the action of the Board, at a meeting held September 4th, 1872, in auditing two bills of W. C. Bryant & Co. for \$849 and \$343.15, respectively, be, and the same are hereby, rescinded, and that the amount of these bills, as corrected, to wit, respectively, the sums of \$832.50 and \$321.65, be, and the same are hereby, audited and allowed as a substitute.

(Minutes, Sept. 4th, 1872, page 499.)

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

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

Mr. WALES presented the report of the Landscape Architect, on the request of S. H. Ingersoll, of the Ingersoll Wood Pavement Company,

(Minutes, June 27, 1873, page 72.)

recommending that the suggestion of the Company to re-cover with a light coat of tar and gravel the Ingersoll Wood Pavement on Washington square be adopted, and that the repairs be authorized to be executed by the Company, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

Accepted, and ordered filed.

Mr. WALES moved that the Ingersoll Pavement Company be authorized to execute the repairs, in accordance with the report of the Landscape Architect, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

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

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

The PRESIDENT moved that, on the requisition of the Landscape Architect, an order be issued by the Secretary for labor and materials to lay Croton water pipe from the Central Park to Manhattan square ; the same to be used during the erection of the Museum of Natural History, and the work to be done, under the direction of the Chief-Engineer, by the Park force.

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

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

Mr. WALES presented a letter of the Landscape Architect, recommending that the posts and chains bordering the walks on Washington square be removed.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WALES moved that the recommendation of the Landscape Architect be adopted, and that the posts and chains on Washington square be removed.

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

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

Mr. WALES presented the report of the Landscape Architect on the letter of Mr. O. P. Buel, attorney for the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company.

(Minutes, 22d July, 1873, page 136.)

Accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. HALL moved that it be referred to Mr. Williamson, to confer with the Chief-Engineer of the Department and the attorney for the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, as to a settlement of the claim of the company, and to report thereon.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES presented the report of the Landscape Architect with reference to the suspension of Mr. Knutz Forsberg, lately employed in the engineering division of his office.

Accepted, and ordered filed.

(See Minutes, 10th July, 1873, page 99.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Mr. Forsberg be notified by the Secretary to appear and make such explanation as he can of the charges brought against him, at an adjourned meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES presented a report of Mr. W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, on the petition of A. D. Ewen and others, on the subject of widening and straightening Tibbett's brook for dockage and wharfage purposes.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WALES presented a letter from G. S. Greene, Jr., relative to payment for the work done under his contract with this Department, dated 23d April, 1872, and requesting the Board to pass a resolution that he should be paid out of the funds obtained from the Supervisor of Westchester county, pursuant to Chap. 534, Laws of 1871, in priority to any other claims against that fund.

And also the certificate of Mr. W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, as to the amount of work done by said G. S. Greene, Jr.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WALES moved that the entire subject of the claim of Mr. George S. Greene, Jr., be referred to Mr. Williamson to report upon.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES presented a letter, dated July 29, 1873, of Mr. R. W. Rodman, Vice-President of the Harlem Gas Company, relative to the lighting of the interior of the Central Park with gas.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of Engineer M. A. Kellogg, dated 28th May, 1872 relative to the claim of Cath-

arine M. Graham, executrix of the estate of Frederick L. Yates, deceased, for damage to property on Ninety-seventh street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues; also a notice dated June 15, 1873, from Messrs. Miller & Coates, claiming, on behalf of said Catharine M. Graham, any unpaid award for said damage.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT moved that it be referred to Mr. Williamson to examine the claim of the said Catharine M. Graham, as executrix, with power to settle same for a sum not exceeding \$1,026.62, and interest, as claimed.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that the sum of twenty dollars be appropriated, in addition to the forty-five dollars heretofore appropriated (Minutes, 9th July, 1873, page 90), for the printing of five hundred copies of the last Annual Report of this Department to the Legislature, together with fifty copies of the accompanying map.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the asphalt pave-

ments on Washington square, their condition and repairs, be referred to the Landscape Architect.

Adopted.

Several communications, asking that the applicants might be heard before the Board and Special Committee on the opening of work connected with Riverside and Morningside Parks, were referred to Mr. Wales, of the Special Committee, to reply to the same.

Mr. WALES moved that one month's leave of absence, from the first day of August, 1873, be granted to Frederick Law Olmsted, the Landscape Architect.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the statement of the Book-keeper, as called for by the

Minutes, 22d July, 1873, page 141,

be referred to Mr. Wales to take such action as might be necessary to secure the prompt payment of the arrears now due the Department.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of Mr. W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, together with two maps, showing the proposed laying out of roads in the Town of

Kingsbridge, and also a copy of the resolution of July 24, 1873, of the Board of Town Auditors of the Town of Kingsbridge, requesting the Department to make any necessary alterations and modifications of the plans for the laying out of the roads at Spuyten Duyvil and vicinity, and to have same executed as soon as the same can conveniently be done.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report and maps, and all documents relating to the laying out of the roads in the Town of Kingsbridge, be laid on the table until the next regular meeting.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported that proposals for \$10,000 of bonds of the Town of Kingsbridge had been duly advertised for in the *City Record* and other Corporation papers,

(Minutes, 10 July, 1873, page 101.)

but that no bids had been received in answer thereto. He had, in consequence, made arrangements with Mr. Henry F. Spaulding for the sale to him of the whole of said bonds at par and accrued interest, that being the best price that he could obtain for the same.

Mr. HALL moved that the President be authorized to sell said \$10,000 of bonds of the Town of Kingsbridge to Mr. Henry F. Spaulding, at par and accrued interest.

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

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

Hon. H. G. STEBBINS then tendered his resignation of the position of President of the Board, and requested the acceptance of the same by the Board.

Mr. WALES moved that the resignation of the President be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS having then vacated the chair,

Mr. WALES moved that Mr. Williamson, take the chair *pro tem.*

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON having taken the chair,

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the Board do now proceed to the election of a President by ballot.

On a count of the votes, the motion was declared not carried.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, chairman *pro tem.*, moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on the first day of August, 1873, at half-past nine o'clock, A. M., for the special purpose of opening the bids received in answer to the advertisements for proposals for screened gravel, and for grate coal, and that the Secretary be directed to notify the Comptroller of said adjourned meeting, and the purpose thereof.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at a quarter-past one o'clock, P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

In pursuance of notice given to the Comptroller,

(Minutes, 31 July, 1873, page 159.)

he attended for the purpose of being present at the opening of the bids received for four months' supply of screened gravel and for five hundred and fifty tons of grate coal, but owing to informalities, the same were not opened.

The SECRETARY then called the roll.

Present—Messrs. Wales, Williamson and Hall.

Mr. WALES moved that Mr. Williamson take the Chair *pro tem*.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES then moved that the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the advertisements for five hundred and fifty tons of grate coal and for four months' supply of screened gravel be republished according to the form adopted by the Board, and mentioning that the bids heretofore sent in would not be opened or acted upon, owing to informality, and also that the Secretary be directed to enclose the bids received in answer to each of said advertisements heretofore published in separate envelopes, sealed and endorsed, and file same.

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

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

Mr. WALES presented a certified check of Mr. Henry F. Spaulding, for \$10,175, proceeds of the Kingsbridge bonds,

(Minutes of 31st July, 1873, page 158,)

which the late President had received and endorsed, and moved that the Secretary be directed to deposit the same in the United States Trust Company, in the name of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, and subject to the order of the Board of this Department.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that with each advertisement ordered to be published, the Secretary furnish a short abstract to the Supervisor of the *City Record*, with instructions to insert it in the following five Corporation papers, viz.: *New York Times*,

New York Tribune, Staats Zeitung, Commercial Advertiser and Evening Post.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the Hon. Henry G. Stebbins our sincere thanks for the courtesy he has uniformly manifested as presiding officer of this Board ; that we have thoroughly appreciated his valuable services as an efficient President, and trust that, while he has for personal reasons resigned his official position, he will continue to aid us with his knowledge and experience in reference to matters connected with this Department.

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

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

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

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th, 1873.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of opening bids for the following works :

1. Enclosing wall, Central Park.
2. Iron railing at Union Square.
3. Base stone.
4. Ashlar and coping for Park wall.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS.
“ WALES,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL,
and the COMPTROLLER.

In pursuance of notice to the Commissioners, to the Comptroller, and as published in the *City Record*, the bids received in answer to the advertisements for proposals for the above mentioned works were publicly opened, with the following result :

I.—For “ Enclosing wall, Central Park”, seven bids were received, as follows :

1. Cornelius B. De Baum, \$13.40 per foot, Ohio stone.
2. { Wm. H. Crommelin, \$14.37 per foot, New Brunswick stone.
Do. \$13.66 per foot, Ohio stone.

3. Frances Martin, \$13.85 per foot, Ohio stone.
4. John Doyle, \$16.75 “ “
5. { Purcell & Brennan, \$15.85 “ New Bruns-
 wick stone.
- Do. \$14.73 “ Ohio stone.
6. Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., \$13.25 per foot, Ohio stone.
7. Cook & Cheseborough, \$14.50 per foot, Ohio stone.

II.—For “Iron railing at Union Square,” two bids were received, as follows :

1. James L. Jackson & Bro. \$1,193 00
2. Valentine Cook, \$5.18 per foot 1,424 50

Mr. WALES presented a communication from Irah Chase, Vice-President of the Composite Iron Works Company, submitting a plan of railing somewhat different from the specifications, and which he offered to construct for \$975.

III.—For “Base stone,” three bids were received, as follows :

1. Bigelow Blue Stone Co.
Two faced, \$3.60 per foot.
One “ \$2.60 “ \$13,060 00
2. Robert Darragh.
Two faced, \$3.95 “
One “ \$2.65 “ 14,167 50
3. Henry Parry.
Two faced, \$3.74 per foot.
One “ \$3.15 “ 13,927 00

IV.—For “Ashlar and coping for Park wall,” four bids were received, as follows :

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| 1. Cornelius B. De Baum, Ohio stone. | | |
| Ashlar..... | \$3 50 per foot. | |
| Coping..... | 3 00 “ “ | |
| | ————— | \$7,300 00 |
| 2. Cook & Cheseborough, Ohio stone..... | | 9,560 00 |
| 3. { Wm. H. Crommelin, New Brunswick stone : | | |
| Ashlar..... | \$2 25 per foot. | |
| Coping..... | 2 54 “ “ | |
| | ————— | 5,182 00 |
| 3. { Do., Ohio stone : | | |
| Ashlar..... | \$2 17 per foot. | |
| Coping..... | 2 51 “ “ | |
| | ————— | 5,046 00 |
| 4. Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., Ohio stone : | | |
| Ashlar..... | \$2 75 per foot. | |
| Coping..... | 1 75 “ “ | |
| | ————— | 5,250 00 |

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal of Messrs. Purcell & Brennan, No. 5, for “Enclosing wall of Central Park,” be rejected, as same is informal.

Adopted.

The Board then met in regular session and

The SECRETARY called the roll.

Present—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Williamson and Hall.

Mr. WALES moved that Mr. Stebbins take the chair *pro tem*.

Adopted.

The minutes of the previous meetings, of 31st July and 1st August, 1873, were read and approved.

Mr. STEBBINS read letter of the Landscape Architect, dated 4th August, 1873, presenting the report of the Director of the Menagerie, and a communication from Mr. Anthony Waterer, of England, as to an exhibition of rhododendrons in 1874.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WALES moved that the report of the Director of the Menagerie be filed for the purposes of the annual report.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that the letter of Mr. Anthony Waterer be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS presented the report of the Landscape Architect, on the following matters referred to him :

To provide exhibitions of fireworks and promenade concerts on July 4th, 1873.

(Minutes of June 27th, 1873, page 71.)

On two applications for leave to plant telegraph poles on small parks.

(Minutes of July 9th, 1873, page 90.)

On two communications from "Mothers of the 11th and 17th Wards."

(Minutes of July 16th and 22d, 1873, pages 112 and 136.)

On the application of Joseph Jukes to supply song-birds to the Central Park.

(Minutes of April 16th, 1873, page 724.)

On two references with regard to procuring sparrows for the city of New Orleans.

(Minutes of July 16th, 1873, page 116.)

On the memorial of Mr. John Knox, on behalf of certain clubs, asking that a small portion of the lower part of the Central Park be prepared and devoted to the purposes of encouraging and facilitating athletic exercises.

(Minutes of July 9th, 1873, page 92.)

Accompanying the report there was a digest of the proceedings and operations of the Department, from 1st May to 1st August, 1873, prepared by the Landscape Architect, at the request of the late President of the Board, for transmission to his Honor the Mayor.

(Minutes of July 17th, 1873, page 119.)

Received and laid on the table.

Mr. STEBBINS moved, that so much of the preceding report of the Landscape Architect as refers to the application of John Knox, to prepare a small portion of the Central Park for encouraging and facilitating athletic exercises, be taken from the table and adopted, and that the application be denied, as recommended by the Landscape Architect.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved, that so much of said preceding report of the Landscape Architect as refers to the digest of the proceedings of the Department for the three months from 1st May to 1st August, 1873, be taken from the table; that said digest be adopted as the report of this Department, in pursuance of Section 27, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873 and of the request of his Honor the Mayor, dated July 16th, 1873, and that the Secretary be directed to sign and transmit same to his Honor the Mayor.

(Minutes, July 17th, 1873, pages 119 and 120.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS presented the report of the Superintendent on the complaint of Mr. J. Hart.

(Minutes, July 31st, page 146.)

Ordered filed.

Mr. STEBBINS presented a petition signed by Mr. George Cavanagh, on behalf of the Workingmen's Central Council, protesting against the employment of unskilled labor in the parks.

Laid on the table.

The SECRETARY reported that he had deposited in the United States Trust Company, in the name of the Department and subject to the order of the Board, the certified check of Mr. Henry F. Spaulding for \$10,175.

(Minutes, 1st August, 1873, page 162.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Mr. Stebbins, Chairman *pro tem.*, be authorized to draw out of the United States Trust Company, the sum of five thousand three hundred and twenty-three dollars and ninety-two cents (\$5,323.92), same being portion of the \$10,175, proceeds of the bonds of the Town of Kingsbridge, deposited on the 1st August, 1873, as reported by the Secretary.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that the said sum of \$5,323.92 directed to be withdrawn from the United States Trust Co. be applied to the payment of the Topographical Engineering Staff, for work done in the Town of Kingsbridge during the four months of April, May, June and July, 1873, as shown by the pay-rolls of that Department.

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS read a letter from the Secretary of the Fire Department, dated July 31st, 1873, stating that it would be absolutely necessary to place two additional poles on the Bat-

tery sidewalk, and moved that the matter be referred to John Bogart, Chief-Engineer, with power.

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

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

Mr. WALES, Chairman of the Committee appointed to report on the bill of Calvert Vaux for services during the month of June,

(Minutes, July 16th., 1873, page 118,)

verbally reported in favor of allowing same, and moved that said Calvert Vaux be paid the sum of \$400 for such services.

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS presented the third estimate of John Bogart, Chief-Engineer, to August 4th, 1873, of the filling of Manhattan Square, executed by Henry Wagner under order of February 20th, 1873, which showed that there is now due \$3,651.83, and moved that said Henry Wagner be paid that amount.

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the resolution adopted July 10th, 1873, for a requisition on the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, and the Supervisor of the Town of Kingsbridge,

(Minutes, July 10th, 1873, page 101.)

be amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 677 of the Laws of 1873, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby makes requisition on the Mayor of the city of Yonkers, and the Supervisor of the Town of Kingsbridge, for the issuing and delivery to said Board of Commissioners of the certificates of indebtedness of the said city of Yonkers, and of the said Town of Kingsbridge, for the sum of twenty-one thousand six hundred and ninety-six dollars and forty-five cents (\$21,696.45), said sum being the amount of the lawful indebtedness existing and incurred by said Board under Chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, previous to the passage of Chapter 89 of the Laws of 1873, for surveys made within the boundaries of the former town of Yonkers, as shown in the annexed Schedule.

Statement of Indebtedness of the Town of Yonkers on the 17th March, 1873, to the Department of Public Parks for expenditures and liabilities incurred previous to March 17, 1873 :

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| Balance of expenditures and receipts for surveys and laying out by Engineers of the Department | \$2,580 40 |
| Proportion of salaries of Engineers and Clerks | 170 00 |
| Amount due and unpaid William Rumble for surveys in town of Yonkers | 9,510 01 |
| Amount due and unpaid Thos. C. Cornell for surveys in town of Yonkers | 6,836 04 |
| Amount of unpaid bills for materials, &c., used in surveys in town of Yonkers | 100 00 |
| Bill of Thos. C. Cornell for laying out | 2,500 00 |
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| | \$21,696 45 |

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

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

Mr. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee *pro tem.* beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

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| Bryant, Wm. C. & Co., printing for fireworks..... | \$6 00 |
| Edge, J. G. & L, fireworks, July 4th..... | 4,438 50 |
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| | \$4,444 50 |
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| Tone, Theodore F., coal, Boulevards..... | \$60 50 |
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| Chandler, Chas. F., services analyzing pavement... | \$50 00 |
| Devoe, F. W. & Co., turpentine, paints, &c..... | 200 07 |
| Mason, J., subscription to <i>Tribune</i> | 12 50 |
| Scribner, J. Hilton, two Laws, 1873..... | 10 00 |
| Thees, John D., repairs to clothing..... | 25 00 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | 28 44 |
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| Maintenance..... | \$326 01 |
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| Dugan, Francis, reslating earth closet..... | \$124 37 |
| Davis & Johnson, bricks..... | 18 90 |
| Hardwick, C. H., & Co., granite, Park fountain.... | 229 16 |
| Hardwick, C. H., & Co., extra work on same..... | 550 00 |

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| Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber..... | \$412 20 |
| Parry, Henry, granite and blue-stone..... | 1,350 00 |
| Stewart & Co., drain pipe..... | 38 24 |
| Slattery, James, sand..... | 130 00 |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, drinking fountains.... | 900 00 |
| Construction..... | <u>\$3,752 87</u> |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
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| Evans, Isaac, petty cash expenses..... | \$20 33 | \$17 67 |
| Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line, July..... | 31 25 | 31 25 |
| The New York Mutual Gas-light Co., rent to August 1st..... | 541 66 | 1,083 34 |
| | <u>\$593 24</u> | <u>\$1,132 26</u> |

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| Fireworks..... | | \$4,444 50 |
| Boulevards..... | | 60 50 |
| Maintenance..... | \$326 01 | |
| Maintenance..... | 593 24 | |
| | | 919 25 |
| Construction..... | \$3,752 87 | |
| Construction..... | 1,132 26 | |
| | | 4,885 13 |
| | | <u>\$10,309 38</u> |

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand three hundred and nine dollars and thirty-eight cents.

New York, August 6th, 1873.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES.

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*Auditing
Committee
pro tem.*

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

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS presented a letter of His Hon. the Mayor, requesting that permission be given to Mr. George W. Maddox to address a public meeting from the platform on the plaza, north side of Union square.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WALES moved that permission be granted to Mr. Maddox, as requested by His Honor the Mayor.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON reported verbally, that he had an interview with the attorney for the Schillinger Artificial Stone Co. and the Chief-Engineer,

(Minutes, 31st July, 1873, page 154.)

and recommended that a re-survey be made of the pavement work done by that company.

Accepted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Chief-Engineer be directed

to make a re-survey of the pavement done by the Schillinger Artificial Stone Co.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON reported that, as Chairman *pro tem.*, he had executed a lease, dated August 1st, 1873, of certain buildings on Riverside Drive, to W. L. Wiley, and moved that his action in the premises be approved and ratified.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON also reported that, as Chairman *pro tem.*, he had signed two receipts for money due the Department, viz. :

From J. Worster Hale, for sixty dollars.

“ W. L. Wiley, for forty dollars.

and moved that his action in the premises be adopted and ratified, and that the moneys be transmitted to the Chamberlain.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON read a letter of Mr. A. B. Wright, complaining, that having a letter of introduction from him (Mr. Williamson) he applied to the Superintendent, who gave him a ticket of restoration, and referred him to Foreman Treadwell, but that he would not employ him.

Mr. WALES moved that it be referred to Mr. Williamson, to

investigate the conduct of Foreman Treadwell, and to report, if he deemed it necessary to do so.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON reported progress in the matter of the claim of Catharine M. Graham, executrix, referred to him,

(Minutes, 31st July, 1873, page 156.)

and also in the matter of the claim of George S. Greene, Jr., referred to him.

(Minutes, 31st July, 1873, page 155.)

Mr. HALL moved that the Superintendent be directed to report, as soon as possible, all useless property which is in his charge belonging to the Department.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES reported progress in the matter of the securing prompt payment of arrears now due to the Department.

(Minutes, 31st July, 1873, page 157.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., for the special purpose of making awards of contracts on the bids opened this day.

Adopted.

Mr. Knutz Forsberg appeared, in pursuance of an order to that effect, to make such explanation as he could concerning

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the charges brought against him in the report of the Landscape Architect,

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but failed to make any satisfactory explanation.

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

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

Mr. HALL moved that Mr. Wales take the Chair *pro tem*.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the reading of the previous minutes be dispensed with.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that the bid of the Wilson & Hughes Stone Company (No. 6), for “ Enclosing wall of Central Park,” be accepted as the lowest bid.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the bid of the Bigelow Blue Stone Company (No. 1), for supplying “ Base stone,” be accepted as the lowest bid.

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

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

Mr. HALL moved that the bid of Wm. H. Crommelin (No. 3), for supplying "Ashlar and Coping" of Ohio stone, be accepted as the lowest bid.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that all the bids received for the iron railing on Union Square be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare a statement of the facts connected with the bids received for the iron railing on Union square, not giving the names of the bidders, and submit the same to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice in the matter.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES, Chairman of the Committee appointed.

(Minutes, July 22d, 1873, page 140.)

reported in favor of the resolution then offered by the late

President of the Board, concerning the pay-rolls and the returns of time, and moved accordingly; that pay-rolls connected with this Department be prepared, certified to, and if not inconsistent with the requirements of the Charter and the directions of the Finance Department, paid by the Disbursing Clerk; and that all returns of time of persons paid on the monthly rolls be made weekly, by those authorized, to the President of the Department, duplicates thereof being sent at the same time direct to the Disbursing Clerk. Returns of time for mechanics, laborers and others paid fortnightly, to be made to the Disbursing Clerk, as heretofore.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1873, at the hour of 9:30 A. M.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the bids received for the completion of a series of ornamental bases and lamp-posts, connected with flag-staff decorations on Union Square, and for bronze work on the City Hall fountain, be opened at 9.30 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, the 12th August, 1873, and that the Secretary insert a public notice thereof in the *City Record*, and also notify the Commissioners and the Comptroller.

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

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be directed in all cases to transmit to the Comptroller the names of the lowest bidders for contract works, as soon as possible after the same are ascertained by the Board, together with the original proposals of such lowest bidders, the bonds to be entered into by the sureties, duplicates of the contracts as settled by the Corporation Counsel, and all other necessary documents.

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

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

Mr. HALL moved that Mrs. Joanna Decker be appointed the ladies' maid in charge of the cottage on Washington square, at the salary of ten dollars and fifty cents per week, to commence from the date of the completion of said cottage.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that Mrs. Julia Malone, of No. 516 Tenth avenue, New York, be appointed the ladies' maid in charge of the cottage on Union Square, at the salary of ten dollars and fifty cents per week, to commence from the date of the completion of said cottage.

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

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

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1873.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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

1. The completion of a series of ornamental bases and lamp-posts connected with flag-staff decorations on Union square.
2. The bronze work for completion of a fountain in City Hall Park.

There were present, in pursuance of notice to the Commissioners, the Comptroller, and as published in the *City Record* :

Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Williamson and Hall, Commissioners, and the Comptroller.

I. For "the completion of a series of ornamental bases and lamp-posts connected with flag-staff decorations on Union Square," one bid was received from

1. Messrs. Wm. L. Miller & Co., at \$4,000.

II. For "the bronze work for completion of a fountain in City Hall Park," three bids were received, as follows

1. Messrs. George Fischer & Brother, at \$3,000.

2. The Composite Iron Works Company, at \$4,550.
 3. George H. Tucker, at \$16,500.
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The Board then met in adjourned session, and the Secretary called the roll.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS.

“ WALES,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

Mr. WALES moved that Mr. Stebbins take the Chair *pro tem*.

Adopted.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 6th and 7th days of August, 1873, were read and approved.

Mr. STEBBINS read the following communications :

From Mr. Geo. P. Andrews, Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, requesting to be informed if any map of the Kingsbridge Road, from Inwood street to the Harlem river, had been made and filed, as directed by Sec. 20, Chapter 565, Laws of 1865.

Referred to W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, to report.

From Mr. Valentine M. Francis, presenting a Marmoset monkey.

Donation accepted.

From W. A. Conklin, Menagerie Director, requesting that

two hundred and fifty copies of his annual report be printed for distribution.

Laid on the table.

From Messrs. Burt, Hayes & Co., stating that in their previous communication

(July 31st, 1873, page 146)

they made a mistake in stating that it was at the Fourth Avenue Bridge their lighter was injured, that the damage was done at the Third Avenue Bridge, and asking \$60 compensation.

Referred to the Superintendent, to report.

From N. A. Lespinasse, stating, in detail a number of repairs executed by him under agreement dated 15th July, 1873.

Referred to the Superintendent and to the Superintending Architect, to report.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to reconsider the motion moved by Mr. Stebbins as to the payment of \$3,651.83 to Henry Wagner on the third estimate of the Chief-Engineer.

(August 6th, 1873, page 172.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said third estimate of the Chief-Engineer be referred to the Auditing Committee.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS stated that he had mistaken the intention of Mr. F. G. Guimaraes as to the presentation of a Tapir,

(July 31st, 1873, page 147),

that that gentleman had since informed him he only meant it as a loan, and he now moved that the acceptance of the donation be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the Secretary notify Mr. Guimaraes that the Tapir had been received for safe keeping.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that it be referred to the Secretary, to devise a plan for the proper arrangement and keeping of the maps on file in the Department, and to report.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES read a communication from the Chief-Engineer, stating that it would require \$75 to put the Cottage on Washington square in order, and moved that the necessary work, not involving a greater expense than \$75, be authorized.

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

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

Mr. WALES read the report of the Superintendent, giving a list of useless property now in his charge,

(August 6th, 1873, page 178.)

and moved that all the property therein specified be sold at public auction, except the Devonshire Bull, the disposal of which be left to the judgment of the Superintendent.

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

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

Mr. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report.

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

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| Barron, J. S., & Co., brooms, twine, &c..... | \$82 40 |
| Dodworth's band, music..... | 455 00 |
| Gray, W. H., bit..... | 3 00 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron..... | 14 88 |
| Hussey's Special Message Post, delivering reports. | 14 78 |
| McCracken & Co., McCracken's Harness Soap..... | 6 50 |
| Reeves & Co., lawn mowers, &c..... | 55 20 |
| Reeves, Robt. C., hardware, &c..... | 40 40 |
| United Farmers' Milk Co., milk—May and June... | 39 04 |
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| Maintenance | \$711 20 |
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| Babcock, Brainard & Co., granite for fountains.... | \$1,115 | 84 |
| New York Cement Co., cement..... | 925 | 00 |
| Slattery, James, building stone..... | 194 | 75 |
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| Construction..... | \$2,235 | 59 |
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| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
| Carle & Grener, stationery..... | \$9 92 | \$19 83 |
| Evans Isaac, petty cash expenses..... | 9 13 | 10 86 |
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| | \$19 05 | \$30 69 |
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| | Maintenance. | Maintenance of Museum of Natural History. |
| Holbrook, E. F., & Bro., glass..... | \$16 70 | \$283 61 |
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| Maintenance..... | \$711 20 | |
| do..... | 19 05 | |
| do..... | 16 70 | |
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| | | \$746 95 |
| Construction..... | \$2,235 59 | |
| do..... | 30 69 | |
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| | | \$2,266 28 |
| Maintenance Museum of Natural History..... | | 283 61 |
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| | | \$3,296 84 |
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Amounting to the aggregate sum of thirty-two hundred and ninety six dollars and eighty-four cents.

New York, August 12th 1873.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES.

} *Auditing
Committee
pro tem.*

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

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented the following report :

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned, to whom was referred the claim of Catharine M. Graham, executrix, &c., of Frederick L. Yates, deceased, respectfully reports :

That by the report of M. A. Kellogg, Esq., Engineer of this Department, to Hon. Henry G. Stebbins, President and Treasurer, and bearing date May 28th, 1872, it appears that the excavation complained of was made in the year 1865, and that Messrs. Miller & Coates are entitled to the sum of \$132.84, and that Mrs. Graham, as executrix of the estate of Mr. Yates, is entitled to the sum of \$893.75.

The undersigned further reports, that there is on file, in the office of this Department, a document purporting to be signed by Messrs. Miller & Coates, whereby they relinquish their claim for damages in favor of Mrs. Graham, and consent that whatever amount may be due them be paid to her. That Mr. Morris S. Miller consents, on behalf of his client, Mrs. Graham, to accept in full of all claims for damages sustained

by reason of the said excavation the sum of.....\$132 84
 so reported due to Miller & Coates, and the sum of... 893 78
 reported due to his client, with seven years' interest... 503 02

Making a total of.....\$1,529 64

The undersigned, therefore, recommends the adoption by the Board of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be, and he hereby is, directed to pay to Catharine M. Graham, executrix of the last will of Frederick L. Yates, deceased, or to her attorney, the sum of \$1,529.64, being the amount found due her for principal and interest on a claim for damages to the property of the said Yates, deceased, situated on Ninety-seventh street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, in the city of New York.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.

Dated August 11th, 1873.

(July 31st, 1873, page 156.)

Mr. WALES moved that the report of Mr. Williamson on the claim of Catharine M. Graham, as executrix of Frederick L. Yates, be adopted, and printed at length in the Minutes.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that the Comptroller of the city of New York be, and he hereby is, directed to pay to Catharine M. Graham, executrix of the last will of Frederick L. Yates, deceased, or to her attorney, the sum of \$1,529.64, being the amount found due her, for principal and interest, on a claim for damages to the property of the said Yates, deceased, situated on Ninety-seventh street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, in the city of New York.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a report on the claim of Mr. George S. Greene, Jr., referred to him

(July 31st, 1873, page 155.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested, under the provisions of Sec. 6, Chap. 756 of the Laws of 1873, to issue to an amount not exceeding the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) of the public fund or stock to be denominated the "City Parks Improvement Fund" for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and public places which by law now are, or may hereafter be, under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks, and also for the construction and equipment of a meteorological and astronomical observatory on Central Park.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, that the High Bridge be lighted with gas, and that Mr. Vaux be, and he hereby is, employed to prepare plans therefor, and that he report the same to this Board as soon as practicable.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect is hereby directed to confer with Mr. Vaux, who is hereby employed for that purpose, with the view to devise plans for the improvement of High Bridge Park, and that he report to the Board as soon as practicable.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WALES moved that the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. William L. Miller & Co. be declared the lowest bid for the completion of a series of ornamental bases and lamp-posts connected with flag-staff decorations on Union square.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. George Fischer & Brother be declared the lowest bid for the bronze work for completion of a fountain in City Hall Park.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that the contract for “the completion of a series of ornamental bases and lamp-posts connected with flag-staff decorations in Union square,” and that for “the bronze work for completion of a fountain in the City Hall Park,” be awarded respectively to Messrs. Wm. L. Miller & Co. and Messrs. George Fischer & Brother.

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS moved that when the Board adjourns, it ad-

journ to meet at 9.30 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday, the 14th inst.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at 11.45 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS,
“ WALES,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

Mr. HALL moved that Mr. Stebbins take the Chair *pro tem*.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with.

Adopted.

The following communications were presented and read :

From Mr. A. N. Lawrence, requesting that a drinking-fountain be placed in each of the Stuyvesant Parks.

Referred to the Chief-Engineer, to report.

From Mr. W. W. Averell, President of the Grahamite Asphalt Pavement Co., as to repairs of the walks in Central Park, Washington Square and City Hall Park.

Referred to the Chief-Engineer, to report.

From Mr. J. M. Jacks, as to making an arrangement to keep two Angola goats at the Menagerie.

Referred to the Menagerie Director.

Mr. WALES presented a communication from the Tax-payers' Association of the 10th, 11th and 17th Wards, signed by Carl Becker as president, and Henry Bauer as secretary, complaining that Tompkins Square was rendered dangerous to women and children by rough and idle characters congregating there at night-time, and stating that ball playing in the square was a dangerous nuisance.

Referred to the Superintendent, to report.

The following opinion of the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, in answer to a statement of facts connected with the proposals for iron-railing on Union Square, was presented and read.

(Minutes, August 7th, 1873, page 182.)

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }

August 11th, 1873.

WILLIAM IRWIN, Esq.,

Secretary Department of Public Parks :

Sir—Your letter to the Counsel to the Corporation, of the 8th instant, with its enclosures, asking his opinion upon the various points connected with the awarding of contracts, was duly received.

You inquire whether the Department has the right, under existing laws, to reject all bids made in pursuance of public advertisement, and award the contract to none of the bidders. Section 1 of Chapter 308 of the Laws of 1861 provides as follows :

“ All contracts by or on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen

and Commonalty of the city of New York shall be awarded to the lowest bidder for the same respectively, with adequate security, and every such contract shall be deemed confirmed in and to such lowest bidder, at the time of the opening of the bids, estimates or proposals therefor, and such contract shall be forthwith duly executed in the name of said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, by the head of the Department having cognizance thereof, with such lowest bidder."

This provision, so far as I am aware, has never been repealed, and the Department cannot therefore, lawfully reject all bids, but must award the contract to the lowest bidder whose bid, in other respects, is made in conformity with the laws and ordinances now in force.

You inquire further whether the Department can reject any, and if so which, of the bids contained in the statement transmitted with your letter.

The irregularities in reference to the first and third bids are so manifest, that I have no doubt that it is the right and duty of the Department to reject both of them. It has been judicially determined that the failure of a bidder to name the sureties, as required by the ordinances of the Common Council, is a defect of substance which renders the bid wholly null.

Russ vs. The Mayor, &c.

12 Legal Observer, 38.

Unless there is some other irregularity in reference to the second bid than that stated by you, I see no grounds upon which it can be rejected.

The third inquiry made by you is, whether it is legal to receive proposals at the Office of the Department after the hour publicly named for the closing of bids, and what course should be pursued in regard to the same.

I do not think that the Department has the right to receive such proposals.

The ordinances provide that advertisements for bids shall (among other things) require that the person making the bid shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to the head of the appropriate department, at his office, on or before a day and hour therein named. It would, therefore, be clearly irregular to receive bids after the hour mentioned in the advertisement for closing the same, and I think they should be laid aside unopened, or returned to the parties offering them.

In this connection I would respectfully call your attention to the fact, that the ordinances require that advertisements for bids shall state that the bids received will be publicly opened by the head of the department issuing the advertisement, at his office, at a day and hour therein mentioned.

I am, sir,

Yours, very respectfully,

(Signed) GEORGE P. ANDREWS,

Assistant Counsel to the Corporation.

Mr. WALES moved that said opinion be entered at length on the minutes, and filed.

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

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

Mr. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report :

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

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| Dodworth's Band, music | \$640 00 |
| Fernald & Sise, padlocks..... | 17 10 |
| New York Mutual Gaslight Co., gas at monuments and squares..... | 1,339 20 |
| Taylor, A. S., <i>Times, Tribune, Herald, World and Sun</i> | 14 42 |

MAINTENANCE \$2,010 72

| | |
|---|----------|
| Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber..... | \$40 04 |
| Smith, A. E., & Son, flower pots..... | 437 26 |
| Wagner, Henry, filling on Manhattan square..... | 3,651 83 |

CONSTRUCTION..... \$4,129 13

Hadfield, J. W., fire-works..... \$4,254 47

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Bartlett, J. W., lamps..... 52 00

MAINTENANCE OF BRIDGES.

| | Maintenance. | Maintenance of Bridges. |
|--|--------------|----------------------------|
| Harlem Gaslight Co., gas at Central Park, Transverse Road and Harlem Bridge.... | \$224 25 | \$104 00 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance | \$2,010 72 | |
| Do | 224 25 | |
| | | 2,234 97 |
| Construction..... | | 4,129 13 |
| Independence Day..... | | 4,254 47 |
| Maintenance of Bridges | \$52 00 | |
| Do | 104 00 | |
| | | 156 00 |
| | | <u>\$10,774 57</u> |

Amounting to the aggregate sum of ten thousand seven hundred and seventy-four dollars and fifty-seven cents.

NEW YORK, August 14th, 1873.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

Auditing Comm. pro tem.

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

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

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

Mr. WALES moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works be, and is hereby, requested to loan to this Department all maps and surveys made by said Department, of the streets and avenues adjacent to the Morningside and Riverside Parks, and of Fifth avenue from 90th street to Mount Morris square, and that the Chief-Engineer of this Department cause a careful examination of said maps and surveys to be made, and to report as early as practicable to this Board of the present condition of said avenues, together with an estimate of the cost of working said streets and avenues to their required grade.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief-Engineer of this Department be, and he is hereby, directed to make a careful examination of the condition of the sidewalks and fences adjacent to and surrounding Mount Morris Park, and to report to this Board what work, if any, is necessary to put the same in proper condition, together with an estimate of the cost of the same.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That John H. Platt, Receiver in bankruptcy of the estate of Christian Kolle, be paid the sum of three thousand two hundred and three dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$3,203.78), being the amount of the estimated value of the Carrousel, with the appurtenances thereof, less the amount of arrears of rent due by said Christian Kolle, as same have been ascertained and adjusted, in pursuance of resolution of September 4th, 1872, page 500.

(See Minutes, July 9th, 1873, page 91.)

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

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

Mr. WALES moved the following resolution :

Whereas, the persons described in the following resolution render services to this Department, which are continuous and not limited to certain hours in each day, therefore

Resolved, That the President, the Secretary, the Landscape Architect and his principal clerk, the Chief-Engineer, the Consulting Engineer, the Civil and Topographical Engineer, the Associate Architect, the Superintendent of Architectural Constructions and the Superintendent of Public Parks, be excepted from the operation of the Resolution of the Board, passed 7th inst. (Minutes, page 183), requiring returns of time to be made weekly to the President and the Disbursing Clerk ; that the amounts due them for their services shall be duly certified to the Comptroller at the end of each month, or at such other times as the President may direct ; and that such certificates shall be transmitted to the Finance Department for payment in the same manner as are the monthly pay-rolls.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that the whole matter of the claim of Mr. Knutz Forsberg and of those employed by him be referred to Mr. Wales.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to remove E. Herbert from possession of High Bridge Hotel as soon as possible, using all legal means for that purpose.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS stated that the late draw-tender, (Dennis Hanley), of the Third avenue bridge having died, he directed the

Superintendent to appoint Benjamin Bates temporarily in charge, and moved that his action in the premises be ratified and adopted.

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS stated that it became necessary to employ an assistant clerk in the office of the Landscape Architect, and he had temporarily appointed Wm. B. Dyer to that position on the 10th July, 1873, and moved that the Board now ratify and adopt his action in the premises, and that the pay of said assistant clerk be fixed at three dollars and fifty cents a day, to commence from the date of his temporary appointment.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that it be referred to the Chief-Engineer, to report as to the present state of the fountain in Washington square, and when same is likely to be completed.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, requested to inform this Board whether there remains any

balance of moneys unexpended for the improvement of the avenues and streets adjacent to the Morningside Park, Riverside Park, and the Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth street to Mount Morris square.

Adopted.

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

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1873.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of opening proposals for the following supplies :

- I. Four months' supply of screened gravel, for roads and walks.
- II. Five hundred and fifty tons of coal.

There were present, in pursuance of notice to the Commissioners, the Comptroller, and as published in the *City Record*:

Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson and Hall, Commissioners, and the Comptroller.

I. For "four months' supply of screened gravel, for roads and walks," three bids were received, as follows :

1. Daniel E. Donovan, at \$2.90 per cubic yard.
 2. James Clark, at \$2.35 per cubic yard.
 3. Jesse Ryder
and
Egbert H. Fairchild, } at \$2.60 per cubic yard.
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II. For "five hundred and fifty tons of coal," two bids were received, as follows :

1. Messrs. Caldwell, Weston & Co. :

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| Primrose, broken..... | at \$6.15 per ton. |
| " egg | " 6.15 " |
| Locust Mountain, broken..... | " 6.00 " |
| " egg..... | " 6.00 " |
| Pittston, broken..... | " 5.90 " |
| " egg..... | " 6.00 " |

2. Henry Sherwin :

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| Scranton, furnace size..... | " 6.10 " |
| " grate | " 6.40 " |
| Pittston, furnace | " 6.10 " |
| " grate, | " 6.20 " |

The Board then met, at 10 o'clock A. M., in regular session, and the Secretary called the roll.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS,
 " WALES,
 " BISSINGER,
 " WILLIAMSON,
 " HALL.

Mr. HALL moved that Mr. Stebbins take the chair *pro tem*.

Adopted.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 12th and 14th days of August, 1873, were read and approved.

The following communications were read :

From Mr. Wm. H. Johnston, accompanied by a bill of \$36, for laying 300 feet of bituminous walk in the year 1864, and an affidavit.

Laid on the table.

From Mr. James O. Friel, as to his claim for paving done in the year 1869.

Referred to Mr. Bissinger to report.

The following reports were read :

From the Secretary as to devising a plan for the proper arrangement and keeping of the maps on file.

(Minutes, August 12th, 1873, page 190.)

Received and ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved, in pursuance of the foregoing report, that the Secretary be, and he hereby is, directed to have all maps now on file arranged and numbered, from No. 1 up; that he prepare an index of the same, showing the number of each map, the localities to which they refer, and the date and page of the Minutes ordering them to be adopted and filed, and that he have the same entered in a suitable book for that purpose.

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

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

From the Chief Engineer, with reference to drinking fountains in Stuyvesant Park.

(Minutes, August 14th, 1873, page 199.)

Received and ordered filed.

Mr. WALES moved, in pursuance of said report, that a drinking fountain be placed in each of the Stuyvesant Parks, the cost of each not to exceed \$90.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From the Chief-Engineer, as to the present state of the fountain in Washington square.

(Minutes, August 14th, 1873, page 207.)

Received and ordered filed.

From the Superintendent, as to damage done to the lighter of Messrs. Burt, Hayes & Co., at Fourth avenue bridge.

(Minutes, August 12th, 1873, page 189.)

Adopted and ordered filed.

From the Superintendent, as to the communication from the Tax-payers' Association of the 10th, 11th and 17th wards, with reference to Tompkins Square.

(Minutes, August 14th, 1873, page 200.)

Referred to the Special Committee on Police.

From the Director of the Menagerie, as to the offer of Mr. Jack to place two "Angola goats" for safe keeping in the Park, by which it appears that, owing to the rank smell of such animals, it would not be advisable to accept of the offer.

Adopted and ordered filed.

Mr. WALES stated that he had given a written permission to George P. Schaaff (a watchman on Riverside Park) to occupy the house at Ninety-sixth street, on Riverside Park drive, known as the Sheridan House, at a rental not to exceed \$10, per month, on condition of his taking good care of said house, and his quitting same on ten days' notice, and moved that his action be adopted and ratified.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES, the Auditing Committee *pro tem.*, presented the following report :

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

MAINTENANCE.

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| Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass..... | \$20 40 |
| Harlem Gaslight Co., gas stables and Mt. St. Vincent. | 45 00 |
| Losee, Francis, hay, corn, oats, &c..... | 639 70 |
| Tilden & Co., bromo chloralum..... | 62 00 |
| Vanderbilt Bros, mats for cottages..... | 7 50 |
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| | \$774 60 |
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CONSTRUCTION.

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| Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe..... | | \$111 99 |
| Davis & Johnson, brick..... | | 5 00 |
| Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials..... | | 59 83 |
| Slattery, James, pavement at Union square..... | 1,664 | 60 |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, waste-cocks and covers..... | | 36 95 |
| | | <u>\$1,878 37</u> |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| Coffin, P. C., and Co., hardware..... | \$16 50 | \$4 00 |
| Evans, Isaac, petty cash expenses..... | 18 12 | 10 62 |
| Jerome, Isaac, car fare..... | 5 34 | 10 66 |
| | | <u>\$25 28</u> |

| | | Maintenance of Bridges. |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber..... | 96 14 | \$63 38 |
| Tone, Theo. F., coal..... | 7 00 | 21 00 |
| | <u>\$143 10</u> | <u>\$84 38</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Maintenance..... | \$774 60 | |
| Do. | 143 10 | |
| | <u>917 70</u> | |
| Construction..... | 1,878 37 | |
| Do. | 25 28 | |
| | <u>1,903 65</u> | |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | | 84 38 |
| | | <u>\$2,905 73</u> |

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

New York, August 20, 1873.

(Signed)

S. H. WALES, } *Auditing
Committee
pro tem.*

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. HALL moved that Mrs. Joanna Decker, ladies' maid in charge of the cottage on Washington square, be transferred to the same position at the cottage on Union square, and that Mrs. Julia Malone, ladies' maid in charge of the latter, be transferred to the same position in the former cottage.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES, as Chairman of Committee on Buildings on Riverside Park and Drive, reported that he had executed the following leases :

David H. Dick, dated August 1st, 1873.

Jonas Sonneborn & Co., dated August 12th, 1873.

Alexander Hughes, " 14th "

Francis Branty, " 16th "

and moved that his action in the premises be approved and ratified.

(Minutes, June 11th, 1873, page 35.)

Adopted.

Mr. WALES reported that Bernard Wierth had been

employed by Mr. Knutz Forsberg, and that although he was so employed without authority, he had rendered services to the Department to the value of twenty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$25.50), and moved that he be paid that amount.

(Minutes, August 14th, 1873, page 206.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. HALL moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the hour of 3.30 o'clock P.M.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS then left the Chair, and moved that Mr. Bissinger take his place for the remainder of the session.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a letter, dated August 19th, 1873, signed by Mr. B. L. Ackerman on behalf of himself and others, requesting that the Board suspend taking any action on the laying out of a public street or road at Inwood, until a memorial now in preparation, of the owners of property fronting on said street, is presented to the Board.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WALES presented a letter of the Superintendent of

Architectural Constructions, recommending that an enclosure of canvas be put up, by the Park force, round the gasoliers at Madison Square during the completion of the bronze work thereon, and moved that such an enclosure be put up, and that a sum not exceeding thirty-five dollars (\$35) be appropriated for that purpose.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that the Comptroller be, and he hereby is, directed to pay Francis Hagan, as assistant-foreman, two sums of thirty-six dollars each ; and to George W. Snow, as assistant-foreman, two sums of forty-two dollars each, being the amount returned as due to them, respectively, on the pay-rolls of July 19th and August 2d, 1873.

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

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

Mr. WALES moved that the Board now proceed to declare the lowest bidder for the "iron railing on Union square."

Not carried.

Mr. BISSINGER moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the cutting down and destruction of trees in

the Central Park, or any City Park, be stopped, and that no trees be permitted to be cut down, except by the special order of the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that the Superintendent be, and he hereby is, directed to report to this Board by whose authority trees are being, or have been cut down since the 1st May, 1873, upon the Central Park.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. HALL, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock, noon.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1873.

3.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS.

- “ WALES,
- “ BISSINGER,
- “ WILLIAMSON,
- “ HALL.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Mr. Stebbins take the chair *pro tem*.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the reading of the minutes of previous meeting be dispensed with.

Adopted.

A communication from the Comptroller was read, requesting that the bond of the sureties be filed in his office, along with the contract of the Wilson & Hughes Stone Company, for the construction of the enclosing wall, Central Park, on the line of the Eighth avenue; and the Secretary requested the instructions of the Board in the matter; whereupon—

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the Secretary be authorized and directed, in all cases, to transmit to the Finance Department, along with the duplicate contract, and for the purposes of being filed in said Department, the original bond entered into by the sureties for the faithful performance of such contract.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that permission be granted to Mr. Alfred Edwards to place small tin sparrow-houses, similar to a sample submitted, on the trees in the City Parks, in such a manner as not to injure or deface the trees.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that the bid or proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. Caldwell & Weston, for 550 tons of coal, be rejected as informal.

(Minutes, August 20th, 1873, page 210.)

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that the bid or proposal (No. 2) of Henry Sherwin, for 550 tons of coal, at \$6.10 for "Scranton" furnace coal and \$6.20 for "Pittston" grate coal, be declared the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to him.

(Minutes, August 20th, 1873, page 210.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON read the report of the Superintendent, endorsed by the Chief-Engineer, on the samples of screened gravel submitted with the proposals for a four months' supply of the same, and moved that the bid or proposal (No. 2,) of James Clark be rejected, as the sample is not suitable for the purposes for which same is required by the Department.

(Minutes, August 20th, 1873, page 209.)

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved that all the bids or proposals received for the construction of a light iron railing on Union square, be rejected, on account of informality.

(Minutes, 6th August, 1873, page 166.)

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved, that the Secretary be directed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to inform the Board as to the proper method to be adopted, under the existing laws, for raising money to defray the expenses of laying out streets, avenues and squares north of 155th street, in the city of New York.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved, that the *New York Evening Post* be directed to print 500 copies of the Meteorological Report of Professor Draper, the cost, exclusive of the lithographer's charges, not to exceed two hundred and thirty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents, (\$238.95).

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WALES moved that the *New York Evening Post* be directed to print 250 copies of the Menagerie Report, the cost not to exceed forty dollars (\$40.00).

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. STEBBINS moved the following resolution :

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the Board do now go into a Committee of the Whole on the report of the Special Committee on By-Laws.

(Minutes, 18th July, 1873, page 131.)

Adopted.

The Board then, in Committee of the Whole, took into consideration the report of the Special Committee on By-Laws.

The Board having resumed,

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, the 27th day of August, 1873, at the hour of 7.30 P. M.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that a committee of three be appointed to examine and report as to the reappointment of the personal force necessary to carry on the business of the Department.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS, as Chairman *pro tem.*, nominated Mr. Bissinger, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Hall, such committee.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 9 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1873.

7.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS.

- “ WALES,
- “ BISSINGER,
- “ WILLIAMSON.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Mr. Stebbins take the chair *pro tem*.

Adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 20th, 1873, were read and approved; and the minutes of the previous meeting of August 21st, 1873, were read and approved, with the following amendment, which was

Moved by Mr. STEBBINS, viz.: That immediately after the figure “5,” and preceding the words “Mr. Stebbins moved the following resolution,” on page 222, there be inserted

“At this point Mr. John Taylor Johnston, the President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, with Mr. Theodore Roose-

“velt, Trustee, appeared before the Board, and requested that
 “some action, in relation to the \$15,000 appropriated under
 “Sec. 7, Chap. 756, Laws of 1873, for the keeping, preservation
 “and exhibition of collections, be taken, to enable them to col-
 “lect said sum from the Finance Department, whereupon”.

The following communication was received from the Comptroller :

“CITY OF NEW YORK, }
 “DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, “COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE, }
 “August 25, 1873.

“*To the Department of Public Parks :*

“The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at their meet-
 “ing held Saturday, August 23d, inst., adopted a resolution
 “authorizing the Comptroller to issue, from time to time, as
 “may be required, three hundred thousand dollars of ‘City
 “‘Parks Improvement Fund Stock,’ as authorized by Sec. 6
 “of Chap. 756 of the Laws of 1873, in accordance with reso-
 “lution of your Board passed August 12th, 1873, making re-
 “quisition on Comptroller for said amount.

“Respectfully,

(Signed,)

“AND. H. GREEN,

“*Comptroller.*”

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said communication be received and entered at length on the minutes.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson

A communication was read from Mr. W. A. Haines, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that a line of table cases be constructed through the centre of the upper hall of the Museum building.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said communication be referred to Mr. Wales to report.

Adopted.

A number of applications from employes of the Department for an increase of pay were presented, and referred to the committee appointed August 21st, 1873, on the reappointment of the personal force of the Department.

Mr. BISSINGER presented a petition from a number of property holders and residents of Bloomingdale, requesting that the carriage entrance to the west side of the Central Park, between 106th and 107th streets, be completed without any unnecessary delay.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report.

The opinion of the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation as to the proper method to be adopted, under the existing laws, for raising money to defray the expenses of laying out streets, avenues and squares north of 155th street, in the city of New York, was presented and

(Minutes, August 21st, 1873, page 221.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the said opinion be accepted and printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 48.)

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

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

Mr. WALES, in compliance with said opinion of the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, presented the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas it is, in the judgment of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, necessary to raise, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1873, the sum of \$15,000 to defray the expenses required to carry on the work of laying out that portion of the City and County of New York north of 155th street :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he hereby is, requested to issue Fifteen thousand dollars of the public funds or stock of the county of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of Sec. 7, Chap. 565 of the Laws of 1865, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses incurred, or to be incurred, during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1873, in laying out streets, avenues and squares north of 155th street, in the city of New York.

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

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

A communication was received from the Civil and Topo-

graphical Engineer, accompanying a preliminary map of streets proposed in the Town of Kingsbridge, south of Yonkers city line and west of Riverdale avenue.

Received and laid on the table.

Mr. BISSINGER, one of the Committee on Buildings on Riverside Park and Drive, reported that he and Mr. Hall had executed a lease to Dennis Lane, dated August 22d, 1873, of a house on Riverside Park, at a rent of \$8 per month, and moved that his action in the premises be approved and ratified.

(Minutes, June 11th, 1873, page 35.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Committee on the re-appointment of the personal force of the Department, reported progress.

The following reports were received :

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that a map of the Kingsbridge Road, from Inwood street to the Harlem River, had been adopted, but that no map had been filed in the Department in compliance with the law, as far as he could ascertain.

(Minutes, August 12th, 1873, page 188.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be received and laid on the table, and that the Secretary be directed to inform the Counsel to the Corporation of the contents thereof.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, as to the cutting down of trees on Central Park since 1st May, 1873.

(Minutes, August 20th, 1873, page 218.)

Received and ordered filed.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the bid or proposal (No. 3) of Messrs. Jesse Ryder and Egbert H. Fairchild be declared the lowest bid for four months' supply of screened gravel for roads and walks, and that the contract for the same be awarded to them, the gravel to be furnished from the Roa Hook bank.

(Minutes, August 20th and 21st, 1873, pages 209 and 221.)

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That Messrs. Bogart and Ryan ascertain what work is necessary in the matter of removal of rock, &c., on the northerly side of 110th street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, and that Mr. Ryan be, and he hereby is, authorized to proceed with such work, the same not to exceed in cost the sum of one thousand dollars.

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

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

Mr. WALES then read the proposed By-Laws, as amended in the committee of the whole, and

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the By-Laws, as read, be adopted, and printed for the use of the Department, and that a proof be submitted to the Board at the next meeting.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday the 29th August, 1873, at the hour of 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at 10.15 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—7.30 P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS,
“ WALES,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Mr. Stebbins take the chair,
pro tem.

Adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 27th, 1873,
were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the property owners on Sedgwick avenue, in the town of West Farms, are desirous of having monument stones placed along the line of said avenue, as heretofore laid out ; and that they had offered to defray all the expenses of the same, if a small force

from the Topographical Department were detailed to execute the work.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WALES moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be, and he hereby is, authorized to detail a sufficient force from his department to place monument stones on the line of Sedgwick avenue, in the town of West Farms, as heretofore laid out; all the expenses thereof, including the pay of the force while so employed, being borne by the property owners along said avenue.

Adopted.

From several parties, offering to sell animals and birds to the Department.

Referred to the Secretary, to answer.

From Mr. O. Zollikoffer, President of the Metropolitan Gas-light Co., to Mr. Bissinger, requesting that he be accorded an interview with the Commissioners, on the subject of lighting the parks.

Ordered filed.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the Secretary be directed to notify Mr. O. Zollikoffer that the Board will grant him an interview at its next meeting.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Special Committee on the

reorganization of the Park-keepers' Department, presented a report.

(Minutes, July 10th, 1873, page 102.)

Mr. WALES moved that said report be accepted and filed.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved the division of said report.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved, that so much of said report as recommends "that the number of patrol-keepers in the Central Park be increased from thirty-nine to fifty-six, and the number of City park-keepers from nine to fifteen," be adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the remainder of said report be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, it has been found necessary to increase the keepers' force on the Central and the City Parks, therefore ;

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be

requested to appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to defray the expenses to be incurred by such increase, from the 1st of September to the 31st of December, 1873.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. BISSINGER, to whom the claim of Mr. James O. Friel was referred, reported progress.

(Minutes, August 20th, 1873, page 211).

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that it be referred to the Superintendent to report how many watering carts of the kind known as "Bancroft's Patent Monitor Sprinkler" the Department now has, and when same were made; and also as to the practicability and advantage of adopting the recent improvements of said patent.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Engineer report at the next meeting, what construction works can be advantageously commenced, so as to employ a portion of the maintenance force; and that the Superintendent also report at the same meeting, what maintenance work can be suspended.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, This Board, under the authority of Section 2,

Chap. 290, Laws 1871, indicated a site for the proposed building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and some doubt exists as to the authority of the Board then to make such designation, therefore ;

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the authority conferred by Section 3, Chapter 756 of the Laws of 1873, the Department of Public Parks hereby approves the site for the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as designated by said Department on the twentieth day of March, 1872, and recorded on page 329 of the Minutes, to wit, on that part of the Central Park between Seventy-ninth street and Eighty-fourth street, and the Fifth avenue and the drive.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WALES moved that Mr. Calvert Vaux be, and he hereby is, authorized to proceed at once with the preparation of the working plans of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as same have been heretofore approved.

(Minutes, July 17th, 1872, page 455.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WALES moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That an invitation be extended to the Officers and Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and to the Comptroller of the City of New York, to be present at an informal meeting of the Commissioners, on Tuesday, the 9th September, 1873, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., to confer, in reference to the subject of the erection of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Adopted.

Mr. WALES moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be directed to make an examination of the condition of the pavements in the City Hall Park, and report to this Board thereon ; together with suggestions respecting the best method for reconstructing said pavement, and an estimate of the cost of the same.

Adopted.

The SECRETARY then read a proof of the By-Laws and

(Minutes, August 27, 1873, page 231.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that same be printed in, and incorporated as part of, the minutes.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The following are the By-Laws, as adopted August 27th, 1873, for the government of the Department.

(Minutes, August 27, 1873, page 231.)

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. All meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks shall be held at their office, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

SEC. 2. Stated meetings shall be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Other meetings may be held by adjournment, on the call of the President, or at the written request of two members. The notices of the meetings called by the President, or by any two members, shall state the matter to be presented at such proposed meeting, and no other matter shall be acted on at such meetings, except by the consent of a majority of the members then present.

SEC. 3. Meetings of the Board shall be held at 10 o'clock A. M., unless the Board otherwise orders.

SEC. 4. Notices of meetings shall be sent to each Commissioner, at his place of address, by the Secretary, at least two days before the day of the meeting for which notice is given.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Board shall be as follows :

- 1st. A President.
- 2d. A Vice-President.
- 3d. A Treasurer.

Each of whom shall hold office until the first day of May next succeeding his election, and until his successor is elected.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall, at the regular meeting next succeeding his election, appoint and announce all the standing committees.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, preside.

The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall perform such duties as may, from time to time, be indicated by the Board, and may receive such compensation as may be determined by the Board.

In the event of the death, resignation or removal, of any of the officers of the Board, a successor may be elected at the regular meeting next succeeding such death, resignation or removal.

SEC. 2. There shall be an Office of Design and Superintendence, through which all orders for the service of the Department in Parks and Places, and not relating to payments and financial

accounts, shall be given, and their execution supervised and controlled, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

There shall be a Landscape Architect, who shall be at the head of the Office of Design and Superintendence; and all persons required in the preparation and execution of plans not directly appointed by the Board, and not foremen, assistant-foremen, mechanics or laborers, may, if their compensation is to exceed a rate of three dollars per day, be nominated by him to the Board for confirmation.

The meetings of the Board shall be open to the Landscape Architect.

SEC. 3. There shall be a Superintendent of Parks, whose duty it shall be to supervise all the actual labor employed in the construction and management of the Parks, except such labor as shall be required by the Landscape Gardener in the usual performance of his duties.

SEC. 4. There shall be a Property Clerk, who shall have charge of, and be responsible for, all tools, implements and material of the Department, and shall, on the first days of January and July, submit to the Board an inventory of such property, and the condition thereof. The Property Clerk shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may require.

SEC. 5. There shall be a Landscape Gardener, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the Landscape Architect, to superintend the ornamentation and embellishment of the Parks and Places under the control of the Board, and with the aid of assistants, to personally superintend the carrying into effect such plans as may be adopted, and as may be indicated for his use. He shall have sole control of the exotic and propagating departments.

SEC. 6. There shall be a Secretary, an Assistant-Secretary, and a Disbursing Clerk, the last of whom shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may require; and such other employés as may be determined by the Board, all of whom shall perform such services as, from time to time, may be required by the Board.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board, shall issue the notices for such meetings, and shall perform such duties as shall be required by the Board; and in his absence, the Assistant-Secretary shall act in his stead.

SEC. 8. There shall be a Civil and Topographical Engineer connected with this Department, in charge of the works relating to the laying out of streets and avenues, as may be directed by the Board; as also the improvement of the navigation of Harlem river, and the construction of tunnels and bridges connected with the same.

SEC. 9. There shall be a Captain of Police, whose duty it shall be to direct and supervise the various Park-keepers in the employ of the Department, and to report daily to the Board everything relating to the force under his command, in the form, manner, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Board, and furnish a copy of such report to the Landscape Architect.

SEC. 10. There shall be five Sergeants of Police, whose number may, from time to time, be increased as may be required, and who shall assist the Captain in the discharge of his duties.

All appointments to, and removals from this force, shall be by order of the Board; and all trials of Park-keepers for

violation of the rules and regulations of the Department shall be conducted by the President, or by a Commissioner designated by him for that purpose.

ARTICLE III.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 1. No person in the service of the Board shall be absent from duty without an excuse therefor satisfactory to the President.

SEC. 2. No committee, officer or member of this Department, or person employed by this Board, shall make any purchases, give any order, incur any liability, or exercise any authority over, or in relation to the Parks, officers or employes, unless in pursuance of power delegated by the order of the Board, or by the act by which it is organized.

SEC. 3. Any employé of the Department may at any time be suspended from duty, by writing signed by two members of the Board; but such suspension shall not continue beyond the next meeting of the Board, unless otherwise directed.

SEC. 4. All Foremen and Assistant-Foremen shall be appointed by the Board, and all other appointments, including Gardeners, except those made directly by the Board, or otherwise provided for in these By-Laws, may be nominated by the Landscape Architect to the Board for confirmation.

ARTICLE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. There shall be an Executive Committee, an Auditing Committee, each to consist of two members, and such other Standing Committees as may, from time to time, be determined upon.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall act on such subjects, and perform such duties, as shall be specially, from time to time, referred to it by the Board.

SEC. 3. All bills, claims and accounts, before being submitted to the Board for approval, shall be examined and audited by at least one member of the Auditing Committee; and the authority for such purchases or indebtedness shall be certified thereon by the Secretary.

The President shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Executive and Auditing Committees.

ARTICLE V.

RULES OF ORDER.

The order of business at meetings of the Board, except otherwise ordered, shall be :

- 1st. Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting.
- 2d. Communications.
- 3d. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 4th. Reports of Special Committees.
- 5th. Motions and Resolutions.
- 6th. Miscellaneous Business.

The Ayes and Noes shall be called and recorded, on all appropriations of money, and on all other questions, at the request of one Commissioner.

All resolutions shall be in writing, with the name of the mover thereon.

All reports shall be in writing, unless otherwise agreed to, and signed by a majority of the committee to whom the matter was referred, and shall state the facts upon which the same is based and their conclusions thereon.

The Board shall be governed by the common parliamentary law, as far as applicable, as laid down in Cushing's Manual.

All resolutions and propositions presented to the Board, for altering in any manner the adopted design or plan of the Central Park improvement, or for any structure upon the Parks, shall be referred to a special committee, who shall report upon the same, before any further action thereon is had by the Board.

No by-law shall be altered, repealed or adopted, without the report of a committee thereon, nor without the assent of a majority of the whole Board, nor at the same meeting at which it is proposed, unless by the unanimous consent of all the members of the Board.

On motion of Mr. HALL it was

Ordered, That the Board do now proceed to the election of a President.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Mr. Stebbins and Mr. Bissinger be appointed a Committee on Organization, that they retire and report to the Board immediately.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS and Mr. BISSINGER then retired, and subsequently reported, recommending the following as the officers of the Board :

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| For President..... | Mr. S. H. Wales. |
| For Vice-President..... | “ H. G. Stebbins. |
| For Treasurer..... | “ David B. Williamson. |

Mr. HALL moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be adopted, and that the Commissioners therein recommended as the Officers of the Board be declared duly elected to the offices therein mentioned.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. STEBBINS then left, and Mr. Wales, President, took the chair.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be directed to call a Special Meeting of the Board, to be held on Tuesday the 9th September, 1873, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration the erection of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 9.45 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3d, 1873.

10 O'CLOCK A. M.

REGULAR MEETING.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER.

A quorum not being present, the meeting adjourned without transacting any business.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 1873.

7.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Meeting called in pursuance of resolution of August 29th, 1873 (page of Minutes, 247), for the purpose of taking into consideration the erection of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 29th August and 3d September, 1873, be dispensed with.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on the 10th September, 1873, at 9 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of the general business of the Department.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 9.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 o'clock A. M.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,
“ STEBBINS,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meetings of August 29th, September 3d and 9th, 1873, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From Andrew H. Green, Esq., stating that a correspondent of his had four live Moose, and offering to put the Department in communication with him, if the animals were needed.

The SECRETARY was directed to reply to Mr. Green, and request him to put the Department in communication with his correspondent.

From Mr. W. A. Conklin, requesting permission to exchange a buck for a doe.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had given the permission to Mr. Conklin, and moved that his action in the premises be approved.

Adopted.

From Mr. Charles Place, Secretary and Treasurer of the New York Mutual Gas-light Co., requesting an order to make connection with and light (as per contract) the City Hall Park, Bowling Green and Battery.

Laid on the table.

From Mr. Carl Struver, giving notice of the termination of his lease of 20th June, 1873, to take effect on 1st October next.

Referred to the committee on the execution of leases of buildings on Riverside Park.

(Minutes, June 11th, 1873, page 35.)

From Jacob Weinig, Park-keeper, requesting to be allowed full pay during the time he has been off duty, in consequence of an accident which happened to him on the 3d July, 1873, while in the discharge of his duty, accompanied with a report of the Captain of Police.

Ordered filed.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the request of Jacob Weinig be acceded to, and that he be allowed full pay for all the time he was off duty, by reason of said accident.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

From the Superintendent, stating that the flagging on the side-walk of Jackson square was completed.

(Minutes, July 31st, 1873, page 147.)

Ordered filed.

From Mr. N. A. Lespinasse, lessee of High Bridge Hotel, asking permission for Charles Schedler, of No. 24 Broad street, to occupy and keep said hotel.

Permission granted.

From the Citizens' Civil Rights Committee, by W. P. Powell and others, asking that a share of public employment be given to colored citizens.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the communication be referred to the President.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, reporting that there is no maintenance work which can be dispensed with at present.

(Minutes, August 29th, 1873, page 236.)

Ordered filed.

From the Superintendent, reporting that the Department has twenty-one (21) of "Bancroft's Patent Monitor Sprinklers," and that the recent improvements of said patent are useless to the Department.

(Minutes, August 29th, 1873, page 236.)

Ordered filed, and referred to Mr. Williamson.

From Mr. Wm. A. Conklin, suggesting—

1st. That the present wooden floors of the bear cages be re-

moved, and replaced by asphalt ; that the cages containing the wolves, foxes and raccoon, be removed to the unfinished ground adjoining the sheep-fold ; and that the bisons' cage be enlarged.

2d. That another building be erected, to enable the herbi-vora and carnivora animals to be kept separate.

Ordered filed.

Mr. HALL moved that the first part of said communication be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the second portion of said communication be referred to the Landscape Architect, to report upon.

Adopted.

From the "Frear Stone Company," requesting that experts be appointed to examine into the intrinsic merits of the stone supplied by said company, and its adaptability to the use of the Department.

Referred to the Engineer, to report upon.

From Mr. Edward E. Quimby, suggesting that lightning-rods be placed on the buildings in the Central Park.

Laid on the table.

From the Superintendent, complaining of adults playing base-ball on the play-ground in Central Park, on Saturdays ; that the hackmen at Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue and at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, come into the Central Park to solicit passengers, contrary to the rules ; and that venders of small wares come on the walks adjoining the Central Park at Fifty-ninth street. That special men are unable to correct these irregularities, and that on application to Captain Koster, he is informed by that officer that he cannot spare additional men for the purpose.

Ordered filed.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, with a bill for \$400, on account of professional services during the month of July, 1873.

Referred to Mr. Bissinger, to report.

(Minutes August 21st, 1873, p. 223.)

From the Commissioner of Public Works, stating that he proposed to proceed immediately, under authority of Chapter 528, Laws of 1873, with the work of regulating, grading, and otherwise improving One Hundred and Tenth street, from a point 250 feet west of Eighth avenue to Riverside avenue, and asking for any suggestions this Department may have to make regarding the same, and also as to the improvement of said street along the northerly boundary of the Central Park, between Fifth and Eighth avenues.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be referred to the President, with a request that he obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the authority of this

Department over streets, &c., adjoining the parks and places in the control of the Department, and particularly over One Hundred and Tenth street.

Adopted.

From Mr. B. L. Ackerman and others, requesting that the streets or avenues at Inwood, on the easterly side of Fourteenth avenue, be laid out.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT stated, that the Superintendent had requested to be relieved from the duty of dispossessing E. Herbert from the High Bridge Hotel,

(Minutes, August 14th, 1873, page 206,)

which request he had granted; and that he had, since the last meeting of the Board, obtained the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the means to be adopted for the removal of said E. Herbert; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the action of the President in the premises be approved and ratified, and that he be authorized to take all legal measures to remove said E. Herbert from the High Bridge Hotel.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that it be referred to the Landscape Architect to report what shrubs and trees, &c., should be planted in Jackson square.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported that Mr. Zollikoffer, President of the Metropolitan Gas-light Company, had attended for the

purpose of having an interview with the Commissioners at the meeting of the 3d inst.,

(Minutes, August 29th, 1873, page 234.)

but as a quorum did not attend, he had received him, and would report the result of the interview at the next meeting.

Mr. BISSINGER moved, that Mr. Henry G. Stebbins be, and he hereby is, authorized to draw out of the United States Trust Company all the funds deposited therein, to the credit of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, and that he thereupon pay the same over to the Treasurer.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Chief-Engineer on the condition of the pavements in the City Hall Park, and as to the best method to reconstruct the same.

● (Minutes, August 14th and 29th, 1873, pages 199 and 238.)

Received and laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Treasurer, presented the following account, which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer :

1873.

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| | | | |
|------------|------------------------|---------|------------|
| August 29. | By balance, acct. Town | | |
| | of Kingsbridge..... | \$4,351 | 08 |
| “ | By balance from sundry | | |
| | receipts | * 897 | 50 |
| | Total balance August | | |
| | 29th, 1873..... | ----- | \$5,748 58 |

* The items thus marked on the credit side of the account are those that compose the amount so marked on the debit side.

[*Wednesday,*

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| | Brought forward..... | \$5,748 58 |
| Sept. 1. | By cash from Jesse G. Keator, rent.....* | \$100 00 |
| 4. | “ “ George H. Peary rent.....* | 25 00 |
| 8. | “ “ George A. Tyce, rent..... | 6 00 |
| “ | “ “ Joseph Tyce, rent..... | 6 00 |
| “ | “ “ Alex. Hughes, rent..... | 5 00 |
| “ | “ “ Carl Struver, rent..... | 41 67 |
| “ | “ “ Isidor Isaac, car- rousel and goat carriages | 314 45 |
| “ | “ “ Sale of sundries | 90 00 |
| “ | “ “ Pound receipts. | 14 50 |
| 9. | “ “ C. Ryan, refresh- ment license fee..... | 1,169 71 |
| | | <u>\$7,520 91</u> |

1873.

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| Sept. | 9. | To amount paid into City Treasury.....* | \$1,022 50 |
| | | To balance, acct. Town of Kingsbridge..... | \$4,851 08 |
| | | To balance, acct. general fund..... | 1,647 33 |
| | | | <u>6,498 41</u> |
| | | | <u>\$7,520 91</u> |

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Sept. 9. By balance brought down \$6,498 41
say sixty-four hundred
and ninety-eight $\frac{41}{100}$
dollars.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer Dept. Pub. Parks.

New York, September 9th, 1873, four P. M.

At this point Mr. Hall left the meeting.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the funds of this Department, not especially disposed of under the authority of the charter, be deposited in the Bank of the Metropolis, to the credit of the "Department of Public Parks," to be drawn only on the proper order, signed by the Treasurer.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated, that he had laid a full statement of the facts connected with the contract for the mason work of the building for the Museum of Natural History, entered into with Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, before the Counsel to the Corporation, and obtained his opinion, to the effect, that the contract was entered into in accordance with the requirements of the law, and moved that said statement and opinion be received and printed as a document of the Department.

(Minutes, July 17th, 1873, page 127.)

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

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

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

(See Document No. 49.)

The PRESIDENT moved that it be referred to the Treasurer, to take such action, from time to time, as may be necessary to secure the prompt payment of all moneys due to the Department.

(Minutes, July 31st, 1873, page 157.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT, by the unanimous consent of all the members present, announced the following Standing Committees :

Executive Committee.

Mr. Bissinger,
“ Stebbins.

Auditing Committee.

Mr. Williamson,
“ Hall.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report from the Auditing Committee :

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

MAINTENANCE.

| | |
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| Allen, R. H., & Co., mower parts | \$46 56 |
| Arnold, Constable & Co., jean | 8 64 |

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|---|------------|
| Barron, J. S., & Co., blacking, baskets and brooms. | 40 00 |
| Becker Bros., mirrors..... | 20 00 |
| Dodworth's band, music..... | 1,030 00 |
| Gifford, Beach & Co., carriage trimmings and hardware..... | 44 35 |
| Jackson, James L., & Co., punch boxes..... | 310 50 |
| Koch, Sons & Co., binders..... | 5 00 |
| Lawrie, P. W., & Co., meat, July..... | 234 00 |
| Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at Arsenal..... | 58 57 |
| Pratt, Chas., & Co., astral oil..... | 11 95 |
| Ryder, Frank, gravel..... | 720 00 |
| Reiche, Chas., & Bro., bird food..... | 8 00 |
| Scharbach, Chas., leather..... | 6 86 |
| Scharbach, Chas., leather..... | \$11 78 |
| Simpson, A., bread, May and July..... | 132 06 |
| Stewart, A. T., & Co., drygoods..... | 12 08 |
| The <i>Journal of Commerce</i> , subscription, 1873..... | 15 00 |
| United Farmers' Milk Co., milk, July..... | 23 28 |
| Warren Chemical Manufacturing Co., pitch and tar for walks..... | 523 55 |
| Ziegler & Co., chairs..... | 108 00 |
| Ziegler & Co., labor and materials at General Office | 371 75 |
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| | \$3,741 93 |

CONSTRUCTION.

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe..... | \$14 37 |
| Hazard Powder Co., fuse..... | 56 00 |
| See, A., & Son, steel shovels..... | 24 30 |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, altering models and basin curbs..... | 101 32 |
| Watrous & Wilson, lumber..... | 152 75 |
| Watrous & Wilson..... | 139 47 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$488 21 |
| Haage, Frederick Adolph, Jr., plants, thalers..... | 618 00 $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{6}$ |

| | Maintenance Museum Natural History. | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|---|--------------|---------------|
| Merriam, Richardson & Co., laths, | | \$50 00 | \$50 00 |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash | | 18 42 | 26 36 |
| Thorburn, J. M., & Co., seeds | | 5 00 | 162 05 |
| New York Cement Co., cement . . . | \$394 05 | 85 10 | 445 85 |
| Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paint and shellac | 20 00 | 8 25 | 17 50 |
| American Shelving Co., ratchets . . | 3 00 | | |
| Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass . . . | 6 00 | | |
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| | | \$423 05 | \$701 76 |
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RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance | \$3,741 93 | |
| Do. | 166 77 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,908 70 |
| Construction | \$488 21 | |
| Do. | 701 76 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,189 97 |
| Do. thalers | 618 $\frac{21}{100}$ | |
| Maintenance Museum Natural History, | | 423 05 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Thalers | 618 $\frac{21}{100}$ | \$5,521 72 |
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Amounting to the aggregate sum of fifty-five hundred and twenty-one dollars and seventy-two cents, and six hundred and eighteen $\frac{21}{100}$ Prussian thalers.

(Signed,)

S. H. WALES, } *Auditing*
 } *Committee.*

New York, September 10th, 1873.

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

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, be, and he is hereby, empowered to confer with the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as the work of the building for said Museum progresses, and to co-operate with them whenever possible, in order to meet their reasonable wishes, and at the same time to keep the expenses within the proper limits.

Adopted.

At this point Mr. Stebbins left the meeting.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the matter of the Treasurer's order for filling, given to John D. Tracy and dated September 24th, 1872, be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had tried the following post-keepers and park-keepers for violations of the rules, namely :
Post-keepers, Casper Antes, James Cross and John Steinert.
Park-keepers, Robert D. Murphy, James McGinn, Thomas Frawley, Frederick Vanni, Philip Corcoran and Thomas McKowen.

That the penalties inflicted in each case had been duly communicated to the captain of the police, and that the proper entries had been made in a book kept for that purpose.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the charge against post-keeper John McCormick be referred to the committee on the re-appointment of the personal force.

(Minutes August 21, 1873, page 223.)

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

Monday, September 15, 1873.] 267

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square, N. Y. }
September 12th, 1873.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

Sir,—Please call a meeting of the Board for 10 o'clock A. M. on Monday, the 15th September, 1873, to receive the report of the committee appointed August 21st, 1873, on the reappointment of the personal force ; and for the transaction of the general business of the Department.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,

“ STEBBINS,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 10th, 1873, were read, and on motion of Mr. Bissinger amended, by striking out on line 11, page 254, the word "Weinig," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Weinnig," and on motion of the President, by striking out on line 26, page 257, the word "filed," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "laid on the table," and as amended, approved.

Mr. BISSINGER, chairman of the committee appointed August 21st, 1873, page 223, presented a partial report, and stated that the committee was not yet in a position to make a final one, whereupon

Mr. STEBBINS moved that so much of the report as was presented be re-committed to the committee.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the resolution on page 206, and passed August 14th, 1873, exempting certain officers and employes from making a return of their time, be re-considered.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That all pay-rolls connected with this department be prepared, and, if not inconsistent with the requirements of the charter and finance department, paid by the disbursing clerk.

That all officers and employes of this Department shall be

paid on such rolls, which shall be certified to by said disbursing clerk, and in such other manner and form as may be directed by the President and Treasurer; and that the President and Treasurer shall designate proper persons to make returns of time to the President or Treasurer weekly, duplicates thereof being sent at the same time to the disbursing clerk, and it shall be the duty of those making such returns to state thereon to what appropriation, and in what proportion the time of each employe named is to be charged.

Returns of time for mechanics, laborers and others paid fortnightly to be made to the disbursing clerk as heretofore.

Adopted.

The TREASURER reported that in pursuance of the directions of the Board on the 10th September, page 259, Mr. Stebbins had drawn from the United States Trust Company all the funds deposited therein to the credit of this Department, namely :

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| Principal..... | \$4,851 08 |
| Interest..... | 25 70 |
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| | \$4,876 78 |

All of which belonged to the "Kingsbridge fund," and that same was now on deposit in the Bank of the Metropolis, as directed by resolution of 10th September, 1873, page 261.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to withdraw from the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of fifteen hundred and seventy-one $\frac{4}{100}$ dollars, being the amount due employes on Kingsbridge account for the month of August, 1873.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Board adjourned at 11.45 o'clock
A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The PRESIDENT moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be suspended, until a deputation of property owners, adjacent to the proposed continuation of the street termed “F” street, connecting Inwood with Bolton Road, be received and heard.

(Minutes, April 16th, 1873, page 734.)

Adopted.

The deputation, consisting of nine of the principal property owners, was then received, and Mr. Cumings and Mr. Barry, of the deputation, were heard at length. They having retired,

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 15th, 1873, were read, and as read approved.

Mr. Thomas Stanton and Mr. Peter Rafferty, a deputation from the “Journeyman Brown Stone Cutters,” were then, at the written request of the president and secretary of that asso-

ciation, received. They complained that the contract system, under the present Charter, obliged the Department to give a large amount of work outside of the State, and asked if it were possible to prevent work going out of the State.

The PRESIDENT then read a communication from the Landscape Architect, enclosing a letter of the Chief-Engineer, stating that a quicksand had been discovered while excavating for the foundation of the "Inscope Arch," and that it would be necessary to adopt a system of piling, to make a proper foundation; whereupon

Mr. HALL moved that the matter be referred to the Landscape Architect, with power to take such action as shall make the foundation suitable for the proposed Arch.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Bigelow Blue-stone Co., blue-stone base | | |
| Eighth avenue wall..... | | \$2,596 41 |
| Colgate & Co., soap..... | \$6 19 | |
| Cook, Ebenezer, sponges..... | 17 50 | |
| Cleary, Philip, carriages..... | 3 50 | 10 50 |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe..... | \$9 27 | \$36 29 |
| Dodworth's Band, music..... | 1,275 00 | |
| Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line, August..... | 31 25 | 31 25 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron..... | 54 38 | |
| Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass..... | 7 50 | 16 33 |
| Hazard Powder Co., powder..... | 210 00 | 3,290 00 |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | 43 97 | 30 21 |
| Jerome, Isaac, car fare, August..... | 2 00 | 6 00 |
| Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials..... | | 138 83 |
| Lawrie, P. W., & Co., meat, August.... | 216 00 | |
| Locke & Munroe, plumbing work..... | | 783 00 |
| Losee, Francis, Jr., oats, corn and straw. | 285 83 | |
| Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at Ar- senal..... | 60 50 | |
| Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials.... | 31 81 | |
| Pratt, Chas., & Co., turpentine and oil.. | 54 00 | |
| Reisser, Geo., vegetables..... | 223 94 | |
| Raynolds, C. T., & Co., linseed oil..... | 22 17 | 19 80 |
| Ryder, Jesse, screened gravel..... | 640 80 | |
| Stewart & Co., vitrified pipe bends, &c.. | | 25 38 |
| Simpson, A., bread and crackers..... | 103 75 | |
| Salamander Fire Brick Works, fire clay gutters..... | | 270 00 |
| Slattery, James, building sand..... | 37 50 | 42 50 |
| The "Hills Archimedean" Lawn Mower Co., lawn mowers..... | 280 00 | |
| Terry, J. J., vegetables..... | 89 00 | |
| Tone, T. F., coal..... | 7 00 | 7 00 |
| Warren Chemical Manufacturing Co., paving pitch..... | 433 17 | |
| Watrous & Wilson, lumber..... | 199 00 | |
| Whitlock, W., S., & Co., sash cord..... | | 17 22 |
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| | \$4,345 03 | \$7,320 72 |

OBSERVATORY.

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| Draper, Daniel..... | \$26 55 | |
| | <hr/> | \$26 55 |

MAINTENANCE OF BRIDGES.

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| Harlem Gas-light Co., labor and materials..... | \$258 30 | |
| Pratt, Chas., & Co., oil..... | 46 80 | |
| | <hr/> | \$305 10 |

CONSTRUCTION MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials.... | \$166 18 | |
| Slattery, James, building sand..... | 420 00 | |
| Weeks, D. C., & Son, brick..... | 4,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,586 18 |

KINGSBRIDGE.

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|--|--------|--------|
| Whitlock, W. S., & Co., rope, chain and locks..... | \$5 77 | |
| | <hr/> | \$5 77 |

RECAPITULATION.

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|---|-------------|
| Construction..... | \$7,320 72 |
| Maintenance..... | 4,345 03 |
| Observatory..... | 26 55 |
| Maintenance of bridge..... | 305 10 |
| Construction Museum National History..... | 4,586 18 |
| Kingsbridge..... | 5 77 |
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| | \$16,589 35 |

Amounting to the aggregate sum of sixteen thousand five hundred and eighty-nine dollars and thirty-five cents.

New York, September 17, 1873.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 } *Committee.*

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

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

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

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer :

1873.

CR.

| | | | |
|----------|---|------------|-------------|
| Sept. 9. | By balance acct. Town of Kingsbridge | \$4,851 08 | |
| | By balance from sundry receipts.....* | 1,647 33 | |
| | Total balance September 9th, 1873..... | ————— | \$6,498 41 |
| 10. | By interest on Kingsbridge funds..... | | 25 70 |
| 13. | By cash received from sale of bull's hide.....* | | 5 00 |
| | By cash received for keep of tapir* | | 75 |
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| | | | \$6,529 86 |
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1873.

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| Sept. 15. | To amount paid into City Treasury.....* | \$1,653 08 |
| | To cash paid Engineers payroll acct. Town of Kingsbridge..... | 1,571 04 |
| 17. | To balance acct. Town of Kingsbridge..... | 3,305 74 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$6,529 86 |
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1873.

CR.

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|-----------|---|------------|
| Sept. 17. | By balance acct. Town of Kingsbridge | \$3,305 74 |
| | Say thirty-three hundred and five $\frac{74}{100}$ dollars. | |

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treas. Dept. Pub. Parks.

New York, September 17th, 1873, 9.45 A. M.

The PRESIDENT read a letter of the Superintendent reporting the completion of all the stone and mason work of the fountain in Washington square.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a letter from Mr. Wm. Rumble, stating that the County Treasurer of Westchester county had promised to pay to the Department, this week, about \$4,000, portion of the balance of the requisition for \$10,000 for the year 1872, and asking that the claims of Mr. Cornell and him-

* The items thus marked on the credit side of the account are those that compose the amount so marked on the debit side.

self should be liquidated in priority to other debts chargeable against said fund.

Laid on the table.

Applications from Mr. William Rumble and Mr. Charles H. Haswell, engineers, for employment, were presented and

Referred to the Committee on the Re-appointment of the Personal Force.

(Minutes August 21st, 1873, page 223.)

The TREASURER read a letter from the Comptroller, dated September 11th, 1873, stating that the cash balance of the Construction Fund is \$170,000, and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had authorized an issue of \$300,000 of stock in addition, which would be issued whenever required.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That D. Porter Lord be, and he is hereby, appointed Assistant-Secretary *pro tem.* during the leave of absence of Isaac Evans, Assistant Secretary.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be, and he hereby is, directed to examine the walks around the drinking fountains in Madison square, and to report thereon ; and if repairs are needed, to recommend the kind of pavement most suitable for the purpose.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be, and he hereby is, directed to examine the walks leading to the Music Stand, in Madison square, and that he devise some plan for the improvement thereof.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet this evening, the 17th September, 1873, at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

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

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING.—8 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

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

The PRESIDENT presented the following communications :

From the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting that the stone placed on the Eighth avenue by the contractors who are building the Park wall be removed, as same hindered the setting of the curb on the east side of said avenue.

Referred to the Superintendent, with power.

From the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, stating that the foundation walls of the building for the Museum of Natural History, below the sub-cellar, were completed to the level of 71.50, and that the contractors have delivered 500,000 brick for the building.

Ordered filed.

From the Comptroller, in answer to resolution of

August 14th, 1873, pages 207 and 208,

stating that there are no moneys unexpended in the Treasury applicable to the improvements named in said resolution, but if same are to be paid for by assessments, that assessment bonds can be issued for the purpose, if authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. D. H. Bumpas offered to sell a South American Condor to the Department for \$150.

The SECRETARY was directed to inform Mr. Bumpas that the Department does not purchase specimens for the menagerie.

The PRESIDENT called the attention of the Board to the contract entered into by the Department with the New York Mutual Gas-light Company, dated April 30th, 1873, for the lighting of the public parks.

(Minutes April 2d, 1873, page 720.)

The PRESIDENT further stated that he had received a communication from Mr. O. Zollikoffer, President of the Metropolitan Gas-light Company, the result of the interview had with him,

(Minutes, September 10th, 1873, page 258),

and of a letter which he had written to him; and also a communication from the President of the New York Gas-light Company, by which communications it appears that neither of said companies are willing to dispose of their pipes in the parks and squares; whereupon

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said contract of the 30th April, 1873, and made with the New York Mutual Gas-light Company, be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, with a request that he will advise the Board, at as early a day as possible, whether same has been legally entered into, and is now binding and valid.

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

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

Noes—Mr. Wales—1.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of the Consulting Engineer, and also of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, accompanied by a joint supplemental report by both, upon the condition of Battery sea-wall, and recommending certain repairs.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT presented a form of certificate of appointment, which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The PRESIDENT presented a petition from John McCaulay and Charles Devlin, asking to be paid for filling which they delivered at Manhattan square, in excess of the order given to them by the Department.

Laid on the table.

Mr. HALL moved that said petition be referred to the Treasurer, to investigate and report upon.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, It has become absolutely necessary that there should be a reduction of the maintenance force ; and

Whereas, The Superintendent has reported that there is no maintenance work which can be dispensed with at present ; therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to the Landscape Architect and the Superintendent to examine further into the matter, and report at the next meeting whether some of the maintenance work cannot be suspended, without detriment to the interests of this Department.

Adopted.

At this point Mr. Stebbins entered the meeting.

The PRESIDENT presented the resignation of Mr. F. L. Olmsted as Landscape Architect.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to lay the resignation of Mr. Olmsted on the table, and to refer it to the President and Mr. Stebbins to report upon.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Committee on the re-appointment of the personal force of the Department,

(Minutes, August 21, 1873, and September 15th, 1873, pages 223 and 268),

presented a report as to re-appointments and promotions on the Park Keepers' force, and asked further time for the remainder of the report.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that so much of said report as relates

to the re-appointment of Captain Henry Koster, be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the remainder of said report of re-appointments and promotions on the Park Keepers' force be received and adopted, to take effect on the 1st October, 1873.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to sign the certificates of appointment of all persons employed by the Board and to deliver the same to such employes.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square.

20th September, 1873.

MR. WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary.

Sir :—You will call a special meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., to take into consideration the proposed maps for the laying out of Kingsbridge, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) S. H. WALES,
President D. P. P.

Present—MR. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the

17th inst. was suspended, until a number of the property owners of the town of Kingsbridge were received, and their views in regard to the proposed maps for laying out the streets and avenues in said town were ascertained.

The following property owners attended :

A. E. Putnam, W. B. Sage, I. G. Johnston, J. C. Buckhout (representing the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Co.); J. Reilly, C. Van Winckle, J. M. Morrison, J. A. Hayden, John Ewen, Edward Ewen (representing also A. D. Ewen and the estate of D. Ewen); William Sergeant, J. R. Whiting, W. C. Wetmore, O. P. Strang, Hiram Barney, A. Rogers, Wm. Burling, R. M. Bassett (representing the estate of M. Bassett); and Julius Johnston.

General John Ewen presented a map which he had prepared, showing a different plan from that of the maps prepared by the Civil and Topographical Engineer of the Department.

Mr. BISSINGER left the meeting at this point.

The deputation having retired, the minutes of the two previous meetings of the 17th September, 1873, were read, and,

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, amended, by striking out the words "laid on the table," on line 25, page 281, and as amended, approved.

The PRESIDENT presented a letter of the Landscape Architect, forwarding a communication of Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, and as recommended therein, moved that the necessary work be proceeded with to ascertain the section of rock surface on all the lines of the foundations for the proposed building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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

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

A communication was received from the Landscape Architect, submitting a plan to improve the urinal in Astor Place.

Laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Landscape Architect, submitting a plan for a pavilion on the summit of Mount Morris.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT moved to reconsider the resolution passed April 16th, 1873, page 734, laying out the continuation of "F" street.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the said resolution, laying out the continuation of "F" street, be rescinded.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby lay out the street or road, fifty feet wide, in continuation northerly, from a street known as "F" street, the southerly end of said street or road hereby laid out being 272⁶³/₁₀₀.

feet from the northerly side of Inwood street, as measured on the centre line of said "F" street, and extending northerly from said "F" street 308 $\frac{37}{100}$ feet to or near the southerly side of a street or road known as Bolton Road. Said street or road hereby laid out being shown by red color and figures on a map entitled "Map and Profile of the extension of a street known as "F" street, to a point in a street known as Bolton Road, opposite to another street known as "Prescott Avenue." Dated "New York, June 26th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

And that the said Board of Commissioners do hereby lay out and establish the grade of said above laid-out street or road, and also the grade of said "F" street, of which said new street or road is a continuation, as the same is shown by red lines and figures on the aforesaid map and profile, dated "New York, June 26th, 1873, and signed Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer." And that the President of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to cause to be prepared for filing in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, maps, plans, profiles and locations of said street or road, and profiles of said "F" street, and submit the same to this Board.

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

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

The PRESIDENT presented the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the validity of the contract of the 30th April, 1873, entered into with the New York Mutual Gas-light Co., which opinion concludes as follows :

"There can be no doubt, in my judgment, that the contract "has been legally entered into and is now binding and valid; "indeed, nothing whatever appears to question this conclusion."

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

Received and ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT moved that the New York Mutual Gas-light Company be, and they are hereby, permitted to enter into and upon the City Hall Park, the Bowling Green and the Battery, and to lay their main and service pipes in said Park, Green and Battery; they doing no injury thereby, and not interfering with the pipes heretofore laid therein by other companies

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Allen, R. H., & Co., scythe rifles..... | \$3 00 | |
| Barron, J. S., & Co., brooms | 24 00 | |
| Bigelow Blue Stone Co., labor and materials..... | | \$3,933 70 |
| Dodworth's band, music..... | 635 00 | |
| Dugan, Francis, slating..... | | 30 71 |
| Grube, Henry, labor and materials..... | | 1,645 00 |
| Hobbe, Wm. H., atlas..... | 6 66 | 13 34 |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | 13 84 | 5 13 |
| Losee, Francis, oats and oilmeal..... | 140 10 | |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|-------------------|---------------|
| Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials.... | | \$5 01 |
| Reiche, Chas., & Bro., bird food..... | \$8 00 | |
| Ryder & Fairchild, gravel..... | 2,600 00 | |
| Ryder, Jesse, do. | 79 20 | |
| Raynolds, C. T., & Co., oil and paint... | 26 35 | |
| Tone, J. Della, oars..... | 2 00 | |
| United Farmers' Milk Co., milk for March | 25 11 | |
| Warren Chemical Mf'g Co., paving pitch | 920 15 | |
| | <u>\$4,483 41</u> | |

| | Construction of Museum Nat'l History. | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Vaux, Calvert, services, June..... | \$200 00 | 200 00 |
| | <u>\$200 00</u> | <u>5,832 89</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Maintenance | \$4,483 41 |
| Construction..... | 5,832 89 |
| Construction Museum Natural History..... | 200 00 |
| | <u>\$10,516 30</u> |

Amounting to the aggregate sum of ten thousand five hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
SAMUEL HALL,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, September 24th, 1873.

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT presented a petition from Robert P. Schofield, accompanied by a recommendation from Mr. John Graham, asking to be appointed as Sergeant on the Park Keepers' Force.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT presented a petition, signed by Thomas H. Thornell and a number of others, asking that Wm. Brandon be employed by the Department.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented the petition of Thomas Beaty, asking to be reappointed to his former position as Sergeant on the Park Keepers' Force.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is, directed to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation in reference to the claim of George S. Greene, Jr., and to obtain his opinion as to whether this Department would be justified in paying the same out of the first moneys to be received on account of the funds provided by the Supervisors of the County of Westchester, pursuant to Chapter 534 of Laws of 1871.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that the President be authorized to have the necessary specifications and plans for the wall of the Central Park on 110th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues, prepared, and that all necessary proceedings be taken to have same completed as soon as possible.

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

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

Mr. HALL moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. HALL, the Board adjourned at 1.10 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—7.30 o'clock P. M.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,
“ STEBBINS,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

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

The following communications were presented :

From the Landscape Architect relative to the present condition of the Merchants' Gate on the Central Park, and as to the bids received by the Department for the completion of the same; and enclosing a letter of the Associate Architect on the same subject.

Laid on the table.

From the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, reporting the progress of the building for the Museum of Natural History.

Ordered filed.

From the Superintendent, stating that since last year he had, in pursuance of a verbal order of the then President, supplied horses and a wagon to the City Paymaster, whenever he had occasion to pay the workmen on the Boulevards; that it cost more than \$1,000 per annum to do so, and asking for a written order if he be directed to continue to supply same.

Referred to the President, with power.

From the Landscape Gardener giving an account of various parks and gardens lately visited by him in Philadelphia and Cincinnati.

Laid on the table.

From the Captain of Police, recommending certain changes in the system and regulations of the Park-keepers' duties,

Referred to Committee on the re-organization of the Park-keeper's Department, appointed July 10th, 1873, page 102.

The following reports were received :

From the Landscape Architect, presenting a list of shrubs and trees to be planted in Jackson square.

(Minutes, September 10th, 1873, page 258.)

Received.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be adopted, and that the trees and shrubs therein recommended be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$54.50.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

From the Landscape Architect, verbally, upon the question of reducing the maintenance expenses.

(Minutes, September 17th, 1873, page 282.)

From the Superintendent, as to the reduction of the maintenance force, and suspension of maintenance work.

(Minutes, September 17th, 1873, page 282.)

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had caused the estimates for the year 1874 to be prepared, amounting to the sum of \$687,000, and he now presented to the Board a statement of said estimates in detail.

(Minutes, July 31st, 1873, pages 143 and 144.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the estimates for the year 1874, and the statement presented by the President, be accepted and adopted, and that the President be authorized to sign and transmit same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that so much of the report of the

Special Committee on the re-organization of the Park-keeper's Department as was laid on the table on the 29th August, 1873,

(See minutes, page 235.)

be taken therefrom.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the report be divided, so that each recommendation therein be voted on separately.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that so much of said report as recommends that the "Round System" be changed, and the "Beat System" re-established, be adopted.

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

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

Noes—Mr. Stebbins—1.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that so much of said report as recommends that the Park-keepers be provided with suitable clubs, be adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to lay the remainder of said report on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed 29th August, 1873, on the re-organization of the Park-keeper's Department, moved that the Committee be discharged, and that the further consideration of the subject be referred to the Executive Committee.

(Minutes, August 29th, 1873, page 235.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be directed to proceed, without delay, with the work of preparing plans for the Riverside and Morningside Parks, and that he be relieved from the duties of superintendence until further orders.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that the foundations of the wall of the Central Park on One hundred and tenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, in consequence of the change of the grade of Seventh and Eighth avenues, require to be raised considerably higher ; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the continuance of the work of filling and grading on the Central Park adjoining One Hundred and Tenth street is hereby directed, and that the Superintendent of Parks is hereby authorized to purchase material for this purpose, and for continuing the embankment and slopes, required by changes of grades on Eighth avenue, to an amount the cost of which shall not exceed \$1,000.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT stated that Division Gardener Frederick Lorenzen had preferred very serious charges in writing against the Landscape Gardener, affecting the integrity of that officer, and moved that the matter be referred to the President and Treasurer to investigate and report the evidence thereof to the Special Committee on the reappointment of the personal force of the Department.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that in answer to a communication addressed to the Hon. Andrew H. Green by the Secretary, as directed,

September 10th, 1873, page 253,

he had been referred by that gentleman to Mr. Charles Hallock, the editor of the *Forest and Stream*, who had informed him that he could procure a male and female Moose for the Department at a cost, when delivered, of about \$400; whereupon

Mr. HALL moved that it be referred to the President, with power to purchase said pair of Moose at a cost to the Department, when delivered, not exceeding \$400.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5

The PRESIDENT read two letters of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, relative to the defects of the draw and the cylinders of the bridge at Third avenue, over the Harlem river, dated, respectively, November 20th, 1872, and March 31st, 1873, and which had been laid before the Board at the meetings held on these dates; whereupon

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer report to the Board, at the next meeting, the estimated cost of the necessary repairs to said Bridge.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that it be referred to the Treasurer, to make application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to transfer the balances to the credit of the several special appropriations made to this Department to the credit of the appropriation for the general maintenance of Parks and Places.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to employ as large a force as practicable in continuing the construction of the base of the enclosing wall on Eighth avenue, and to go on with the work on the Pergola, the road steps at the south end of the Mall, and on the drive near the Dairy.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The Landscape Architect presented, and submitted for the approval of the Board, the drawings and preliminary plans for an additional building to enable the herbivora and carnivora animals to be kept separately, the cost of which he estimates at \$4,000.

(Minutes, September 10th, 1873, page 256.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said preliminary drawings and plans be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the working plans and specifications for said building be prepared and the work be proceeded with without delay.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the report of the Landscape Architect on a plan for a pavilion on the summit of Mount Morris be taken from the table.

(Minutes, 24th September, 1873, page 287.)

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect then presented the drawings and preliminary plans for said pavilion, and submitted them to the

Board for approval, stating that the estimate cost of said pavilion was \$10,000 ; whereupon

Mr. HALL moved that said drawings and preliminary plans be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday the 29th day of September, 1873, at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 24th and 25th September, 1873, be dispensed with.

Adopted.

At the request of the PRESIDENT, Mr. Wm. H. Grant, the Civil and Topographical Engineer, attended and explained the plans prepared by him for laying out the lower half of the Town of Kingsbridge, and the feasibility of adopting certain changes recommended by General J. Ewen.

After considerable discussion, the matter was laid over for further consideration.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 10-45 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,
“ STEBBINS,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 24th, 25th and 29th days of September, 1873, were read and approved.

Mr. STEBBINS presented a communication from Major-General Shaler, enclosing a bill rendered by James C. Hoe & Co., amounting to \$400, for the construction of a review stand at Union Square, in June, 1873, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Grand Plaza, and moved that the matter be referred to the Treasurer to investigate and report upon.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

| | MAINTENANCE. | CONSTRUCTION. |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Allen, R. H., & Co., scythe-stones and Mower parts..... | \$43 60 | |
| Arnold, Constable & Co., toweling..... | 6 35 | |
| Barrow, James S., & Co., combs, brushes, dusters, &c..... | 14 80 | |
| Colwell Lead Co., sheet-lead..... | 116 72 | |
| Davis, John L., brick and sand..... | | \$50 40 |
| Duparquet & Huot, range and boiler... | | 321 00 |
| Griffith & Beach, carriage bolts..... | 52 28 | |
| Hoag, C. W., milk..... | 21 60 | |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | 9 73 | 6 98 |
| Darcy Bros., awning..... | 125 00 | |
| Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber..... | 522 20 | 61 80 |
| Miller & Coates, tiles for cottages..... | | 193 95 |
| Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving cement | 432 02 | |
| Reiche, Chas., & Bro., canary seed..... | 2 50 | |
| Raynolds, C. T., & Co., putty..... | | 3 57 |
| Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., hardware..... | 53 17 | |
| Rogers, H. A., & Co., galvanized staples | 1 25 | |
| Sidley, J., medicines for animals..... | 24 80 | |
| Slattery, James, building-stone, Lincoln monument..... | | 150 00 |
| Tomes, Melvain & Co., flag..... | 13 50 | |
| Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., printing and stationery..... | 43 00 | 128 98 |
| | <u>\$1,482 52</u> | <u>\$916 68</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Maintenance..... | \$1,482 52 |
| Construction..... | 916 68 |
| | <u>\$2,399 20</u> |

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

New York, October 1st, 1873.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing
Committee.*

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

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

Department of Public Parks

In account with David B. Williamson, Treasurer :

| | | |
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| 1873. | CR. | |
| Sept. 17. | By balance acct. Town of Kingsbridge | \$3,305 74 |
| 22. | By cash from J. Worster Hale, rent. | 30 00 |
| 22. | By cash from C. Delancy rent..... | 75 00 |
| 30. | By cash from Gerard Betts & Co., sales at auction..... | 1,394 39 |
| 30. | By cash from Denis Lane, rent..... | 8 00 |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> |
| | | \$4,813 13 |

| 1873. | | DR. | | |
|-------|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Sept. | 29. | To cash paid into City Treasury... | | \$105 00 |
| | 30. | To cash paid into City Treasury... | | 1,394 39 |
| Oct. | 1. | To balance, | { | |
| | | | Acct. Town of Kingsbridge. | \$3,305 74 |
| | | | Acct. General Fund.... | 8 00 |
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| | | | | \$3,313 74 |
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| | | | | \$4,813 13 |
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| 1873. | | CR. | | |
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| Oct. | 1. | By balance brought down..... | | \$3,313 74 |
| | | Say thirty-three hundred and thirteen $\frac{74}{100}$ dollars. | | |

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

New York, October 1st, 1873, 9.30 A. M.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the maps of the lower half of the Town of Kingsbridge, prepared by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and also the map presented by General John Ewen, be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer with instructions to prepare a new map, which shall include all practicable changes suggested by the property owners, and which are not detrimental to the public interest, and that he submit same to the Board as soon as possible, with a report thereon.

(Minutes, September 24th, 1873, page 286.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the services of the extra keepers be dispensed

with, and that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to re-employ them only as occasion shall require.

That Wm. F. Leonard, Martin Philbin, James Farley and George P. Schaaf be reinstated as patrolmen at \$3 per day.

That the services of George S. Greene, Consulting Engineer, and of Isaac Jerome, General Foreman, be dispensed with.

And that the action of the President suspending, until further order, the following gardeners, viz.: Emile T. Lagrave, Frederick Lorenzen, George Lische and George Stritter, be approved and ratified.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT moved that the bill of Mr. Wm. H. Johnson, amounting to \$36, for laying 300 feet of bituminous walk in the year 1864, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, August 20th, 1873, page 211.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said bill of Wm. H. Johnson be referred to the President and the Treasurer to investigate and report.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet this evening, the 1st of October, 1873, at seven o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at 11:25 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—7 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ HALL.

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

The following communications were presented :

From the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, reporting the progress of the building for the Museum of Natural History.

Ordered filed.

From William C. Roberts, M. D., Police Surgeon, reporting as to his examination of Mrs. Chapman, who was lately injured in the Central Park by being knocked down by a camel.

Laid on the table.

From W. J. Budington, requesting permission to exhibit an ice-propelling apparatus on the ponds in the Central Park during the winter.

The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Budington that the Board does not deem it advisable to grant such permission.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the estimated cost of the repairs to the draw of the bridge at Third avenue over the Harlem river, and stated that the said engineer requested further time to report as to the cost of the repairs of the cylinders of the bridge.

(Minutes, September 25th, 1873, page 299.)

Received.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be referred back to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, with instructions and authority to have the repairs to the draw of said bridge, specified therein, executed as soon as possible—the cost of the same not to exceed \$448.

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

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

The PRESIDENT moved that the report of the Chief Engineer on the pavements of the City Hall Park, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, September 10th, 1873, page 259.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER entered the meeting at this point.

The PRESIDENT then read the said report of the Chief Engineer, whereupon

Mr. STEBBINS moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to obtain estimates of the cost of repaving the walks in the City Hall Park from General Averell, of the Grahamite Asphalt Pavement Company, from the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, from Mr. H. A. Gunther and from Mr. Leonard F. Beckwith; and that he request Mr. Beckwith to call at the office of the Department and explain the process employed in the manufacture of the pavement which he would propose to lay.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had seen the Comptroller, who had agreed to pay the Department for the use of horses, wagon and attendance supplied by this Department to the City Paymaster, and moved that he be authorized to direct the Superintendent to continue to supply horses and a wagon to the City Paymaster, as heretofore.

(Minutes, September 25th, 1873, page 294.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a report on the claim of Messrs. Bancroft & Yetter, against the Department, for the use of "Bancroft's Patent Monitor Sprinklers," without the necessary permission from the patentees ;

(Minutes, September 10th, 1873, page 255.)

and which report was accompanied by a communication from Messrs. Bancroft & Yetter, offering to grant the Department

the full right to manufacture and use all the watering carts required on the Central Park, with their various patents attached, for the sum of nine hundred dollars ; and also by a communication from the Superintendent, dated September 19th, 1873. Said report recommended that the offer of Messrs. Bancroft & Yetter be accepted, or that they be paid the sum of \$750 in full discharge of their claim against the Department for the manufacture and use of fifteen Monitor Watering Carts heretofore built by, and now in the possession of, the Department.

Received.

The PRESIDENT moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That Messrs. Bancroft & Yetter be paid the sum of nine hundred dollars, as recommended in said report, for the right to build and use on the Central Park and all the city parks, all watering carts which may be needed thereon, of the kind known as "Bancroft's Patent Monitor Sprinkler," with all improvements of said patent ; and as full compensation and payment for any and all claims which said Bancroft & Yetter may now have against the Department. But that said sum of nine hundred dollars shall not be paid to said Bancroft & Yetter until they furnish an affidavit, and such satisfactory evidence as may be required by the Board, that they were at the time of the building of the watering carts now used by the Department with their patent attached, and still are, the sole owners of the said patents for the city and county of New York.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The TREASURER presented a report on the claim of John McCaulay and Charles Devlin, for filling.

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

Laid on the table.

Mr. BISSINGER moved to reconsider the resolution of June 11th, 1873, on page 35 of the Minutes, referring the leasing of buildings on Riverside Park to Mr. Wales and Mr. Bissinger, with power.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the execution of leases of buildings situated on the Riverside and Morningside Parks be referred to the President and Treasurer, with power.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved to take up the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Statues and Monuments, on the Central and other Parks, and which report is printed as Document No. 46.

(Minutes, July 17th, 1873, pages 127 and 128.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT accordingly moved, that the following be adopted as the rules regulating the action of the Board in accepting Statues and Monuments, and placing same in the Central and other Parks, namely:

First.—Before any engagement is made to place a statue, or allow a statue to be placed, on the Central Park, it shall be seen in a finished condition, or in the form of a finished model, and a judgment as to its merits, as a work of art, shall have been requested of the respective Presidents of the American Academy of Design, the American Museum of Art, and the American Institute of Architects.

Second.—The determination of a site for any statue shall be reserved until after its acceptance.

Third.—On each side of the main walk of the Mall, on a line with the statue of Scott, now placed, a series of statues may be ranged, commemorative of men and of events of far-reaching and permanent interest. At or near each of the gates of the Park, portrait or commemorative statues may also be placed, appropriate to the name of the gate. Portrait or memorial statues shall hereafter be placed nowhere else in the Central Park.

Fourth.—Statues or sculptured works designed to represent objects of beauty, or dramatic and poetic interest, may be placed at any points in the Park where they shall not dominate a landscape, or, when seen in front, divide the view over an expanse, lawn or glade.

Fifth.—A statue commemorative of any person shall not be placed in the Central Park, nor accepted with a condition that it shall be placed in the Central Park, until after a period of at least five years from the death of the person represented.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to obtain and adjust the bill of expenses incurred by the Landscape Architect in going to Boston, in June, 1873, at the instance of the then President *pro tem.*, for the

purpose of visiting the Rhododendron show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

(Minutes, June 18th, 1873, page 51.)

Adopted.

Mr. HALL presented applications from James McVey and Edward S. Lord, for positions as Park-keepers.

Laid on the table.

Mr. HALL presented a letter from Robert P. Schofield, enclosing a communication to the Board.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said application and communication be laid on the table.

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

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

Noes—Mr. Hall—1.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 9.40 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—9:30 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS. }
3d October, 1873.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary:

Sir:—You will please call a special meeting of the Board, to meet on Monday, the 6th instant, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as shall be brought before it.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) S. H. WALES,
President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 1st October, 1873, were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented the resignation of Emile T. La-grave, gardener, to take effect on the 1st October, 1873.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said resignation be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

| | MAINTENANCE. | CONSTRUCTION. |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Barron, James S. & Co., brooms..... | \$24 00 | |
| Bartlett, J. W., lamp globes..... | 54 00 | |
| Donaldson, J. & T., gas fixtures..... | | \$51 15 |
| Dodworth's Band, music..... | 635 00 | |
| Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line..... | 31 25 | 31 25 |
| Hobbs & Oliver, painting cottage, Union square..... | | 575 00 |
| Jerome, Isaac, car fare..... | 2 00 | 6 00 |
| Irwin, Wm..... | 14 48 | 22 68 |
| Laurie, P. W., & Co., meat..... | 192 00 | |
| Losee, Francis, Jr., barley, hay and straw..... | 299 71 | |
| Penrhyn Slate Co., mantels, hearths, &c. | | 132 50 |
| Salamander Works, clay gutter..... | | 170 25 |
| The New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas for city parks, August..... | 1,333 00 | |
| The New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas for city parks, September..... | 1,357 20 | |
| The Argus Company, printing reports.. | | 65 00 |
| | <u>\$3,942 64</u> | <u>\$1,053 83</u> |

KINGSBRIDGE.

Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery..... \$26 04

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Maintenance..... | \$3,942 64 |
| Construction..... | 1,053 83 |
| Kingsbridge..... | 26 04 |
| | \$5,022 51 |

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

New York, October 6th, 1873.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing
Committee.*

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT reported verbally on the following matters :

That he had seen the Counsel to the Corporation with reference to the authority of the department over One hundred and tenth street, as requested by the Board.

(September 10th, 1873, page 257.)

And that he had been informed by the Counsel to the Corporation, that, in his opinion, the department had no authority

under the law as it now exists to execute any work on said street.

That the stone and filling which was on One hundred and tenth street, and which the Superintendent was authorized to purchase,

(See resolution September 25, 1873, page 297.)

had been sold to a third party in the meantime, who now refused to sell to the department, unless at an advanced price, and that he had therefore directed said purchase not to be made until further orders.

That on examination he ascertained that if the department should make a charge against the Comptroller for supplying horses and a wagon to the city Paymaster, the amount received would have to be remitted to the Chamberlain, to the credit of the city, and that, therefore, he had directed no charge to be made.

(Minutes, October 1st, 1873, page 313.)

That he had received a letter from Mr. C. L. Everitt, President of the New York City Gas-light Co., notifying him that said company will hold the department responsible for all loss and damage which may be caused to that company, by reason of the permission given to the New York Mutual Gas-light Co., to lay their pipes in the City Hall Park, Bowling Green and the Battery.

(Minutes, September 24th, 1873, page 239.)

And that he had sent a copy of Mr. Everitt's letter to the Comptroller.

That it had become necessary to remove the lamp-posts now at the Five Points, and to supply gas to the new location of the lamp-posts. That he had obtained a letter from the Secretary and Treasurer of the New York Mutual Gas-light Co., stating that said company could not supply gas at

the Five Points this year, and that he had therefore directed the New York Gas-light Co. to supply the same.

Mr. HALL then moved that the action of the President, in the aforesaid several matters, be ratified and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the services of the following gardeners be dispensed with, namely: Frederick Lorenzen, George Lische and George Stritter.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to withdraw from the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine dollars and forty-seven cents (\$1,879.47), being the amount due employes on Kings-bridge account for the month of September, 1873, and the further sum of five dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$5.77) being amount due W. S. Whitlock & Co. for materials, and duly audited.

(See Minutes, September 17, page 274.)

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby makes requisition on the Super-

visor and Town Clerk of the Town of Kingsbridge, County of Westchester, for the issuing and delivery to it of the bonds of said town, to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the said sum being required by said Board of Commissioners to carry out the provisions of Chapter 89, Laws of 1873.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON reported, verbally, that he had made application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer the credit balances of the special appropriations to the appropriation for the maintenance of parks and places, and that he was informed by the Comptroller that the following resolution had been adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at its last meeting.

(Minutes, September 25th, 1873, page 299.)

“ *Resolved*, That the sum of \$15,000 be, and the same is hereby, apportioned under the head of Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places; said amount to be transferred from the appropriation ‘Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art, maintenance of’, \$10,000, and ‘Harlem River Bridges, Maintenance and Government of’ \$5,000, the above being a transfer from one appropriation to another, in the same department.”

At this point the Board suspended its session, and received Messrs. Bancroft and Yetter,

(Minutes, October 1st, 1873, page 313,)

who exhibited the following patents connected with “Bancroft’s Patent Monitor Sprinkler” :

| <i>Date of Patent.</i> | <i>No.</i> |
|------------------------|------------|
| 3d April, 1866..... | 53,557 |
| 3rd March, 1868..... | 75,111 |
| 12th April, 1870..... | 101,700 |

| <i>Date of Patent.</i> | <i>No.</i> |
|------------------------|------------|
| 19th March, 1872..... | 124,657 |
| 18th March, 1873..... | 5,325 |

The last of which is a reissue to Edward Quimby as trustee.

Messrs. Bancroft and Yetter having explained at length their views with regard to granting the Department the right to build and use watering carts, with said patents attached, retired, and the Board resumed.

Mr. HALL moved to reconsider the resolution as to the payment of \$900 to Messrs. Bancroft and Yetter, entered on page 314 of the Minutes, and passed October 1st, 1873.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved to refer the whole matter of the claim of said Messrs. Bancroft and Yetter, and the report of Mr. Williamson thereon

(Minutes, October 1st, 1873, page 313.)

to the President and Treasurer with power.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Committee on the Reappointment of the Personal Force of the Department, presented a partial report,

(Minutes, August 21st, 1873, page 223.)

and also presented a letter from the Landscape Architect to

the President, requesting that he be given the assistance of an engineer, in the work of laying out Riverside and Morningside Parks.

Mr. HALL moved that said report and letter be received.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that so much of said report as recommends the appointment of J. T. Aldrich as Assistant Landscape Engineer, at a salary of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175) a month, be adopted by the Board.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER moved to lay the remainder of said report on the table.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at eleven o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square, N. Y. }
7th October, 1873.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

Sir :—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Thursday, the 9th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before it.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 6th October 1873, were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Chief Engineer, stating that the Bigelow Blue-stone Co. desired to know whether the Department required the delivery of more two-faced base-stone than their contract called for ; and also stating that the foundations for the Eighth avenue wall were

so far advanced, that there would be use for at least 1,500 feet more of said base-stone this fall, or early next spring.

(Minutes, 6th and 7th August, 1873, pages 166, and 181.)

Received.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the necessary specifications for the remainder of the Eighth avenue wall, not now contracted for, be prepared and submitted to the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented the certificate of John C. Acheson, M. D., endorsed by Wm. C. Roberts, M. D., Police Surgeon, certifying to the illness of Post-keeper Francis McLaughlin, for 18 days prior to the 24th September, 1873, from intermittent fever. The President stated that the illness of said Post-keeper had been contracted while on duty in the Central Park; that he had been on duty one of said eighteen days, although ill, and that he had made application to be allowed full pay for the remaining seventeen days, and also for twenty days, which he was off duty from a similar cause during 1872.

Received.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Post-keeper Francis McLaughlin be allowed full pay for 17 days in the month of September, 1873, during which time he was absent on account of illness, contracted while on duty.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the application of said Francis McLaughlin for full pay for the 20 days he was absent from duty in 1872, be laid on the table.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a statement of the various bills for gas incurred during 1872, and from January to June, 1873, together with the bills of the Metropolitan Gas-light Co. for the months of July and August, 1873, amounting in all to \$63,987.86; and also a letter which he proposed to send to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, concerning the same; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to sign said letter and statement and transmit same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Conklin, W. A., petty cash expenses | \$27 | 75 |
| Cook, Ebenezer, chamois skins, soap and acid | | 11 32 |

MAINTENANCE. CONSTRUCTION.

| | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ingersoll, S. H., labor and materials for repairs to pavement, Washington Square.. | \$995 50 | |
| Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials..... | 5 88 | \$2 26 |
| Sherwin, Henry, coal for museum..... | 2,356 88 | 1,098 00 |
| Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., labor and materials for Eighth avenue wall..... | | 6,353 97 |
| | <u>\$3,397 33</u> | <u>\$7,454 23</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Maintenance | \$3,397 33 |
| Construction..... | 7,454 23 |
| | <u>\$10,851 56</u> |

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

New York, October 9, 1873.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.

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

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

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

At this point the Board suspended its session, and received Mr. Eugene McLean, of the U. S. Post Office Service, who presented a letter, dated October 8th, 1873, from Mr. C. T. Hulburd, superintendent of the New U. S. Post Office and Court House, accompanied by a plan for the side walk and area on the side of said building, fronting on City Hall Park.

Mr. McLean then retired, and the Board resumed.

Mr. BISSINGER presented a report on the claim of Mr. James O. Friel, which was referred to him,

(Minutes, August 20th, 1873, page 211.)

and which report concludes as follows :

“ Mr. Ryan, superintendent, and Mr. Bogart, engineer, state that the ‘ vulcanized bitumen ’ referred to in this petition, did not prove satisfactory to the Department ; that it was an experiment, laid at the risk of Mr. Friel, and that the gravel used in its construction, and some of the labor, was furnished by this Department, and that Mr. Friel was not entitled to payment for the same.”

Received and ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT moved that the claim of Mr. James O. Friel be rejected.

Adopted.

The TREASURER presented a report, stating that he had obtained the bill of expenses of the Landscape Architect incurred in going to Boston in June, 1873, and had adjusted the same at twenty dollars.

(Minutes, October 1st, 1873, page 316.)

Received and adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 9th October, 1873, were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Mr. S. B. Parsons addressed to the Landscape Architect, on the subject of the erection of a flower market by the Department.

Referred to the President.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the communication of the Landscape Architect submitting a plan for the improvement of the urinal in Astor Place, and heretofore laid on the table, be taken therefrom.

(Minutes, September 24th, 1873, page 287.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the plan presented by the Landscape Architect for the improvement of said urinal be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer, be and he is hereby, authorized to withdraw from the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of twenty-six dollars and four cents, being the amount due Van Kleeck, Clark & Co. for stationery, for Kingsbridge account the sum having been duly audited, October 6, 1873.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins Wales, Williamson—3.

Mr. BISSINGER entered the meeting at this point.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the Landscape Architect be, and he hereby is relieved from the duty of reporting upon a suitable site for a statute of the poet Fitz Greene Halleck, inasmuch as such matters are now regulated by rules adopted by the Board.

(Minutes, November 20th, 1872, page 569.)

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect verbally reported a plan for the improvement of the walks leading to the music stand on Madison Square, and presented two drawings, one for a cottage on said square and the other making alteration in the plaza, to which place he proposed to move the music stand.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Board do now take up the consideration of the plans for the laying out of Morning-side Park.

(Minutes, September 25th, 1873, page 297.)

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect then submitted the plans prepared by him for the laying out of said Park, with a report and estimate of the cost of carrying same into effect.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said plans, report and estimate, be received.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report and estimate be printed as a document of the Board, and that photo-lithographs of the landscape plan presented be also taken and bound with said document.

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

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

(See Document, No. 50.)

The Landscape Architect then presented and read a report, recommending the erection on the Plaza, shown on the landscape plan of Morningside Park, of a building for certain of the animals in the zoological collection.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and printed as a document of the Board.

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

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

(See Document, No. 51.)

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

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1873.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

I. The construction and erection of the mason and stonecutter's work of the Outset arch on the Central Park.

II. The construction and erection of the iron, carpenter's and painter's work of the said Outset arch.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON.

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

For the mason and stonecutter's work, one proposal was received, namely :

I. William Fettretch.....\$11,900

For the iron, carpenter's and painter's work, one proposal (in duplicate) was received, namely :

I. Architectural Iron Works.....\$18,612

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

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 11th, 1873, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in answer to a letter addressed to him by the President, stating that in his opinion, the Board has authority to designate a salary to be paid to the Treasurer, provided same does not exceed the limit prescribed in Section 12, Chap. 290, Laws of 1871.

Laid on the table.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to ejecting Mr. E. Herbert from High Bridge Hotel, which concludes as follows : “ It is my opinion that it would be proper for the Department of Public Parks to direct a portion of their police force, sufficient for the purpose, to immediately remove Mr. Herbert and his effects from the said hotel and park.”

(Minutes September 10th, 1873, page 258).

Ordered filed.

Also a letter from Mr. N. A. Lespinasse (lessee of said hotel), stating that on the 13th inst., he had demanded the keys of said hotel from Mr. E. Herbert, and that said Herbert answered him as follows : “ If I am bought out, I will go, if I am not bought out I will stay. Nobody has the right to put me out, and I will not go.”

Ordered filed.

Mr. BISSINGER then moved that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to take and use all necessary means to

have said E. Herbert removed from said High Bridge Hotel, and to detail a sufficient number of the park-keeper's force, if found necessary, to forcibly eject said Herbert and his effects.

Adopted.

From the Comptroller of the City of New York, informing the Board that the heads of the departments of the city and county governments are invited to be present at the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the purpose of considering their respective estimates for the year 1874.

Ordered filed.

From the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, reporting the progress of the Museum of Natural History building.

Ordered filed.

From the Superintendent, stating that 3 rams, each one year old, 28 rams, each six months old, and 18 old sheep, now on the Central Park, should be sold.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the matter of the disposal of said rams and sheep be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

From H. C. Crane, stating that he was directed by Thomas C. Durant, Esq., to present to the Department the young lion, owned by that gentleman, and now at the menagerie.

Ordered filed.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the donation of Mr. Durant be accepted, and that whatever charges are now due to the department for the keep of said lion be remitted.

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

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

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

From a majority of the property holders between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, on Livingston place, petitioning the Department to relay and improve the sidewalk on the park side of Livingston place, between said streets, in the same manner as the sidewalk between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets has been heretofore relaid and improved.

Ordered filed.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said sidewalk be relaid and improved as requested in said petition.

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

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

The PRESIDENT stated that the Property Clerk *pro tem.*, had applied to him for instructions as to the disposal of "lost property," found on the parks, and requested the directions of the Board on the matter, whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the disposal of "lost property" found on the Parks, be laid on the table.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a profile, showing the grade to which it is proposed to raise the Five Points Park, and moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the profile showing the proposed change of

grade at the Five Points Park be adopted, and that the work on said park, now in progress, proceed in accordance therewith.

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

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

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was received and directed to be printed in the Minutes.

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

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| October 1. | By balance,..... | | \$3,313 74 |
| " | " " " Cash from Carl Struver, rent..... | | 41 67 |
| " | 2 " " " " Jesse G. Keator..... | | 100 00 |
| " | 3 " " " " Keep of two Leopards. | | 15 90 |
| " | 8 " " " " Pound receipts..... | | 13 50 |
| " | " " " " " Sale of grass..... | | 361 00 |
| " | " " " " " Isador Isaacs, license fee | | 251 94 |
| " | " " " " " Sale of sheep..... | | 89 00 |
| " | " " " " " Sale of calf's hide..... | | 2 50 |
| " | " " " " " Alexander Hughes, rent | | 5 00 |
| " | " " " " " Mary C. Dunphy..... | | 5 00 |
| " | " " " " " George H. Peavy..... | | 23 50 |
| " | " " " " " John Tyce..... | | 6 00 |
| " | " " " " " George A. Tyce..... | | 6 00 |
| " | " " " " " Joseph Tyce..... | | 6 00 |
| " | " " " " " C. Ryan, license fee.... | | 904 48 |
| " | 10 " " " " Sale of horse hide..... | | 2 00 |
| " | 13 " " " " J. Worster Hale, rent.. | | 30 00 |
| | | | \$5,177 23 |

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| October 6. | To amount paid into City Treasury... | \$165 57 |
| " " " " | " " to W. S. Whitlock & Co., acct., Kingsbridge..... | 5 77 |
| " " " | To Eng. pay-roll, Sept..... | 1,879 47 |
| " 9 " | " " " into City Treasury.... | 1,673 92 |
| " 13 " | " " " to Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., acct. Kingsbridge..... | 26 04 |
| | Balance..... | 1,426 46 |
| | | <u>\$5,177 23</u> |

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| October 15. | By Balance account town of Kingsbridge..... | \$1,394 46 |
| " " " | Balance account, General Fund..... | 32 00 |
| | | <u>\$1,426 46</u> |

Say Fourteen hundred and twenty six dollars and forty-six cents.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

New York, October 15th, 1873,

Nine and a-half o'clock A. M.

Mr. BISSINGER moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be, and he hereby is, directed to present to the Board, as soon as possible, all the plans for the Conservatory, together with a report upon the present condition of the work in connection therewith.

(Minutes, October 24th, 1872, page 546.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Landscape Gardener be, and he hereby is, directed to examine the trees and planting in Tompkins square, and to report to the Board a plan to improve same.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that Park-keeper John Culty requested to be transferred from Stuyvesant Square to the City Hall Park, and moved that said application be referred to Executive Committee.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the matter of granting permits to take photographs, sketches, &c., on the parks, and to exhibit same or other pictures on the Central Park, be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a requisition from the Landscape Gardener, dated August 18th, 1873, for flower bulbs and tuberous plants, the estimated cost of which amount to \$310.85, and requested the directions of the Board in the matter, whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized and requested to approve of said requisition.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect presented a requisition of the Landscape Gardener for trees for the undergrowth planting on

the winter drive, Central Park, the estimate cost of which is \$705, and the President requested the directions of the Board in the matter, whereupon

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the President be authorized and requested to approve of said requisition.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect then presented a report recommending that 4,000 young trees be procured at once, and grown in the nurseries of the Department for future use.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be received, and that the trees mentioned therein be purchased under the supervision of the Landscape Gardener, and that the cost of the same be charged to Construction.

Adopted.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday the 16th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock, A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 15th inst. was dispensed with.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
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| Arnold, Constable & Co., toweling | \$8 70 | |
| Bigelow Blue Stone Co., tiles | | 252 00 |
| Davis, John L., cement, plaster, &c. | 163 75 | 47 25 |
| Deeves & Parry, red granite | | 500 00 |
| Dodworth's Band, music | 635 00 | |
| Grube, Henry, labor and materials at Union Square | | 661 00 |
| Holbrook, E. F. & Co, glass | 36 00 | 62 48 |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses | 11 25 | 23 69 |
| Menzies, Wm. & Son, saw dust | 15 00 | |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| New York Cement Co., cement | | 925 00 |
| Olmsted, F. L., traveling expenses | | 20 00 |
| Parry, Henry | | 1,145 00 |
| Ryder & Fairchild, screened gravel | \$2,600 00 | \$2,600 00 |
| Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food | 8 00 | |
| Schaarbach, Chas. leather and thread.... | 13 20 | |
| Stewart & Co., vitrified pipe | 5 87 | 39 33 |
| Terry, J. J., vegetables, Aug. & Sept. | 142 10 | |
| Warren Chemical Works, paving, pitch... | | 506 24 |
| Winants, J. J., dump tickets | 37 50 | |
| | <u>\$3,676 37</u> | <u>\$6,781 99</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance | \$3,676 37 |
| Construction | 6,781 99 |
| | <u>\$10,458 36</u> |

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

New York, October 16, 1873.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plans for Morningside Park, as presented by the Landscape Architect, be, and they hereby are, adopted in principle and substance, subject to such changes and modifications in the details thereof as may from time to time be suggested; and that the Landscape Architect report what work can now be progressed with in said Park.

(Minutes, October 11th, 1873, page 334.)

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

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

The Landscape Architect presented two plans of a design for the treatment of Union Square fountain, and the PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plans for the treatment of the Union Square fountain, presented by the Landscape Architect, are hereby approved and adopted, and that the work be ordered to be done in accordance with them, under the direction of the Landscape Gardener.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet this evening, at the hour of 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

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

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—7.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 15th and 16th insts. was dispensed with.

Mr. STEBBINS requested, and by the unanimous consent of all the members present, was permitted, to record his vote in the affirmative for the adoption of the plans for laying out Morningside Park, as presented by the Landscape Architect.

(Minutes of this date, page 347.)

The PRESIDENT presented and read the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and laid before the Board a new map of the lower half of the town of Kingsbridge, prepared in pursuance of the directions of the Board.

(Minutes, October 1st, 1873, page 308.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer be accepted.

Adopted.

After a lengthened examination of said map of the lower half of the town of Kingsbridge, and after considerable discussion of the subject,

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the surveys of the lower half of the town of Kingsbridge, with all the accompanying maps prepared under the direction of the Board, in pursuance of a resolution passed October 1st, 1873, to meet the views of the property owners generally, be, and the same are hereby, referred to John J. Serrell, Engineer, with a request that he report thereon without delay.

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

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

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board then took up the consideration of the map prepared by the Civil and Topographical Engineer for the laying out of Riverdale, or the upper half of the town of Kingsbridge, and the President read letters suggesting modifications and changes in the same, from the following property owners, namely : N. L. Atherton, George H. Forster, F. M. Bacon, Robert Colgate and D. Willis James, which last is signed by fourteen other property owners.

After debate and examination of the said map,

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to invite the property owners of Riverdale, or the upper half of the town of Kingsbridge, to meet the Board, as soon as possible, for the purpose of obtaining their views with respect to the plan for laying-out said district.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented the designs prepared by the Architect, for an ornamental railing round the Lincoln enclosure on Union Square,

(Minutes, November 22d, 1870, page 273.)

and after same were examined—

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said designs be referred back to the Architect, with a request that he prepare designs of a simpler and less expensive railing for said enclosure.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then stated that Mr. Henry Parry had, under the authority of an order given by the Department, on the 26th July, 1871, furnished and delivered all the granite for the Lincoln enclosure, except the vases, which are to be made of red Scotch granite, and which have not been yet received from Scotland. That all said granite, which had been delivered, had been set, and that said Parry had made application for a payment on account of the granite so delivered, whereupon,

Mr. STEBBINS moved it be referred to the President and Treasurer to obtain from said Henry Parry security, satisfactory to them, that the balance of the granite for the Lincoln enclosure shall be duly delivered on or before the first day of April, 1874, and that on his furnishing such security, that he be paid, on account, fifty per cent. of the estimated cost of the granite already delivered.

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

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

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 9.30 o'clock, to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22d, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS. }

20th October, 1873.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

Sir :—You will please call a meeting of the Board, to be held on Wednesday morning, the 22d instant, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of hearing a report upon concretes ; and for the transaction of any business that may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meetings of October 15th, and 16th, were read and approved.

At the request of the PRESIDENT, Mr. John Bogart, Chief Engineer, made a verbal report on Concrete pavements ; during the discussion and explanation of the various pavements Mr. Hall appeared and took his seat.

Mr. BISSINGER finally moved that Mr. Bogart, Chief Engineer, be instructed to report at as early a date as possible, and in the fullest manner, on the subject of the respective merits of hydraulic and bituminous concrete pavements, and particularly embodying the following points :

Atmospheric influence ; wear and tear ; climatic influence ; durability when used for sidewalks ; the same when used as a roadway ; atmospheric influence when not subjected to either foot passengers or horses and wagons ; experience of this department in the use of the two kinds of pavements ; relative expenses in keeping the two kinds in repair ; relative costs of the two kinds, taking into consideration their merits.

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

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

Mr. WALES called up the matter of bids on mason and stone-cutter's work of Outset arch ; also bids on iron and carpenter and plumbing work on the same.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that all bids in the matter of the Outset arch be, and they are hereby, rejected on account of informality in the said bids.

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT read a communication from Edward Roberts and several others, requesting the appointment of Thomas Beaty as police sergeant.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON read a report on the communication from Major-General Shaler.

(Minutes, October 1, 1873, page 305).

Adopted and ordered filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be requested to confer with the Superintendent to ascertain and report at the next meeting, what means can be adopted to reduce the labor force to be paid out of the maintenance fund.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 11:30 A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

D. P. LORD,

Assistant Secretary pro tem.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 o'clock, P. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
October 23d, 1873.

MR. D. P. LORD,

Assistant Secretary pro tem., D. P. P.

SIR—Please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to be held on Saturday, the 25th inst., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at their office, to hear suggestions from property owners at Riverdale, in regard to the maps prepared by the engineers of the Department, pending their final adoption by the Board,

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) S. H. WALES,
President.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,

“ STEBBINS,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting, October 22, was suspended.

A number of property owners, from the upper part of Kingsbridge, Riverdale, appeared and expressed their views as to

the avenues and streets to be laid out, as shown on map presented by the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Messrs. Colgate, Forster, Delafield, Duke, Mott, Atherton, Bacon, Coleman, representing D. Willis James, Mrs. Jones and several others of the property owners were represented.

After the withdrawal of the property owners, on motion of Mr. Williamson, at 4.30 the Board adjourned, to meet on Monday morning, Oct. 27th, at 9.30 A. M.

D. P. LORD,
Asst. Secy. Pro Tem.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

The minutes of the meeting of October 22d, read and approved; those of October 25 read and amended by inserting after the word Coleman, the words “representing D. Willis James,” and as amended, approved.

The PRESIDENT, as Special Committee to report on the reduction of labor force to be paid out of maintenance fund,

(See Minutes, October 22d, 1873.)

presented a report.

Adopted and ordered filed.

Here Mr. BISSINGER appeared and took his seat.

Whereupon, Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, “That the Superintendent is hereby authorized to employ a force of laborers, not to exceed in cost the sum of two hundred and eighty-eight dollars per day, upon the maintenance of the Parks and Places during the remainder of the year.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The following communications were presented :

From Fred. Law Olmsted, L. A., requesting the Board to visit Riverside Park, so that a proper explanation might be given of plan for laying out said Park and Avenue.

Received.

From the same,

Recommending certain work on Morningside Park.

(Minutes, October 16, p. 347.)

Whereupon, Mr. STEBBINS moved, that so much of the report of Mr. Olmsted on Morningside Park be accepted as will give employment to laborers now engaged on maintenance work. That the same be transferred to work on Morningside Park and to be charged to construction.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From Mr. Serrell, Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that illness would prevent his calling at this office, but would reply to communications in writing.

Referred to President.

From Mr. Geo. M. Van Nort, Commissioner of Public Works, replying to communication of the President, Oct. 25, 1873, and stating he would aid this Department in the contemplated improvements at Morningside Park.

Ordered filed.

From the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, reporting the progress of the Museum of Natural History building.

Ordered filed.

From Stephen Angell, desiring his bill for services to be audited, amounting to \$42.

Referred to Treasurer.

From the New York *Era*, requesting to be included in the official list of papers for advertising proposals, sales, &c.

Laid on the table.

From his Honor the Mayor, calling attention to the requirements of Sec. 27, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the same be entered in full upon the minutes and that the President be instructed to have the report prepared as required, and transmitted to his Honor the Mayor.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }

October 17th, 1873.

To the Department of Parks :

Sec. 27 of Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, provides that " the said Department shall, once in three months, and at such other

times as the Mayor may direct, make to him, in such form and under such rules as he may prescribe, reports of the operations and action of the same, and each of them, which reports shall be published in the *City Record*."

In pursuance of this requirement, you are instructed to make a report to me of the operations and actions of your Department for the three months ending October 31, 1873, in such form as the spirit and intent of this provision of law suggests.

Very respectfully,
 (Signed) W. F. HAVEMEYER,
 Mayor.

Mr. STEBBINS moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the President and Treasurer to confer with the Comptroller, to ascertain how much of the \$300,000
 (Minutes, August 12th, 1873, page 195,) may be made available for construction purposes.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved as follows :

Resolved, That the work of building the Boat House on the Central Park, which was suspended in May last, is hereby directed to be continued in accordance with the plans heretofore adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
 —5.

The PRESIDENT moved that the salary of the Treasurer of the Department be, and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars per annum, the same to be paid to said Treasurer from the date of his appointment.

(Minutes, August 29th, 1873, page 246.)

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the following expenditures, during the year 1873 have been charged to "maintenance of Parks and Places, which might properly have been charged to "the construction and improvement of Parks and Places," to wit :

The sum of \$9,359.88, which was expended for the propagating department, and which has been charged to maintenance, in consequence of the limit created by a resolution of the Board of November 20th, 1872. (Minutes, p. 573,) and of 5th March, 1873, (Minutes, p. 693.)

The sum of one thousand dollars which was expended for the construction of the new system of walks and seats on the Mall, and charged to maintenance, in pursuance of a resolution of the Board of 26th May, 1873. (Minutes, p. 4.)

Therefore *Resolved*, That the book-keeper is hereby directed to transfer upon the books of this Department the said several sums, amounting in the aggregate to \$10,359.88, from the debit of the maintenance account to the debit of the construction account, and in order that the books may agree with those of the Finance Department, the Secretary is hereby directed to certify to the Comptroller, upon the pay-rolls for the remainder of the year, an amount equal to said amount of \$10,359.88, as construction, out of the maintenance accounts.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The TREASURER moved as follows :

“ *Resolved*, That a committee of two, to be appointed by the President, examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and report thereon at the next regular meeting.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Hall and Bissinger such committee.

Mr. BISSINGER requested that he be excused, and requested that the President act in his stead, to which the President consented.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following :

Resolved, That the walks in and around the City Hall Park be repaired with a bituminous concrete, except where a hydraulic concrete is now laid, and that the President cause the necessary specifications to be prepared and proposals advertised according to the statute in such case made and provided.

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

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

Noes—Mr. Bissinger—1.

Mr. BISSINGER explained his position by saying that he voted against the above resolution for the reason that the report of the Chief Engineer, called for by resolution, Oct. 22, 1873, p. 354, has not yet been received.

Mr. HALL moved that the partial report of the Committee on the Personal Force relating to Assistant Engineers.

(Minutes, Oct. 6, p. 325),

be taken up.

Adopted.

Whereupon, Mr. HALL moved that Isaac Walker Maclay be and he is hereby appointed Assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, at a salary of four thousand (4,000) dollars per annum, the same to commence when he reports to W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. BISSINGER, chairman of the Committee on the Personal Force, reported verbally in favor of the following appointments.

Mr. C. Ryan, Superintendent, salary to be the same as at present.

Mr. Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, salary to remain the same as at present.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the same be adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

At this point Mr STEBBINS retired.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

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| Bigelow Blue Stone Co., base course..... | \$6,482 38 |
| Coleman, James & Co., pump..... | 30 00 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron..... | 15 38 |
| Locke & Munroe, candelabra..... | 2,700 00 |
| Parry, Henry, granite for Lincoln Monument..... | 2,650 00 |
| Parry Henry, setting granite..... | 469 00 |
| Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., padlocks..... | 7 00 |
| Staab, C. P., & Co., artists' materials..... | 42 73 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | 90 00 |
| Wagner, Henry, filling..... | 4,521 32 |

CONSTRUCTION. \$17,007 81

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| Tracy, J. D., sand, construction Mus. Nat. History..... | 500 00 |
| Florence, W. H., keeper of draw Central Bridge { | 208 33 |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | |

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| Museum Nat. History..... | \$500 00 |
| Construction..... | 17,007 81 |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | 208 33 |

\$17,716 14

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventeen thousand seven hundred and sixteen dollars and fourteen cents.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25, 1873.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT read a report of Mr. John Bogart, Chief Engineer, on the communication of the Superintendent of the U. S. Post Office and Court House, for an increase of area of basement,

(Minutes, October 9, 1873, p. 331.)

and referred by the President to the Chief Engineer to report thereon, recommending that the permission asked be granted, on the conditions designated in said report by Chief Engineer.

Received and adopted.

The Executive Committee then made a verbal report adverse to the application of John Culty,

(Minutes, October 15, 1873, p. 343.)

to be transferred from Stuyvesant square to City Hall Park.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 11.40 A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

D. P. LORD,
Assistant Secretary pro tem.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING AT CLAREMONT HOTEL.

RIVERSIDE PARK—5 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

Mr. D. P. LORD,

Assistant Secretary, pro tem.:

Sir :—You will please call a meeting of the Board, to be held on Thursday, the 30th instant, at the Claremont Hotel at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering the plans of Riverside Park.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

Having previously carefully proceeded over Riverside Park, and examined, in company with Mr. Olmsted, Landscape Architect, main points of the ground, the Board convened at the Claremont Hotel, when Mr. Olmsted made a full verbal report, having been precluded by the condition of his eyes from making a written one, of his views of the treatment of Riverside Park, explaining them by various diagrams.

After considerable discussion and explanation, Mr. Bissinger offered the following resolution :

Resolved—That the Landscape Architect is hereby directed to prepare plans for the immediate improvement of that portion of Riverside Park and Riverside Avenue which lies between 72d and 79th streets, and which shall be in harmony with the general features suggested in his verbal report, and report at the earliest moment practicable. The said plans to be in advance of the general one for the whole Park.

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

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

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 6:30.

D. P. LORD,
Assistant Secretary pro tem.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square.

October 29, 1873.

Mr. D. P. LORD,

Assistant Secretary pro tem. :

SIR,—You will please call a meeting of the Board to be held on Friday morning the 31st instant, at 9.30 A. M., for the purpose of transacting any business that may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

During the reading of the minutes, Mr. Hall appeared and took his seat.

Minutes of October 27 were read, and amended by inserting

on page 367, line 12, the words "for an increase of area for basement," and as amended, approved.

Minutes of October 30th also read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From Prof. Daniel Draper, asking that the purchase of certain articles therein enumerated, for the use of the Meteorological Observatory, be authorized.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to approve of the requisition for the instruments desired for the Meteorological Observatory.

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

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

The PRESIDENT made a statement in reference to laying of bituminous concrete in City Hall Park. That the time of the year would preclude the use of any material in which the water was not all evaporated ; that in certain parts such material would be subjected to the passage of heavy vehicles, and asked authority to advertise for the laying of said pavement along the Centre and Chambers street walks.

Whereupon Mr. HALL moved that the President be, and is hereby, instructed to advertise for proposals to lay a bituminous concrete pavement at the City Hall Park, on the walks adjacent to Centre and Chambers streets.

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

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

Nay—Mr. Bissinger—1.

Mr. Dexter A. Hawkins by consent here appeared before the Board and called attention to Maps of Kingsbridge Road from 155th North to Inwood street, and from Inwood street to Harlem River.

The Board requested Mr. Hawkins to present his statement in writing, which he promised to do at a future meeting.

After his withdrawal a communication from the Chief Engineer was presented, stating that changes of drainage pipe were necessary at Pier No. 1, N. R., in consequence of filling now being made under the direction of Department of Docks, and recommending that the work be done by the Park force, and that the cost would not exceed one thousand dollars.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that it be referred to the President, with power.

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

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

The PRESIDENT presented a verbal report adverse to the suggestion of S. B. Parsons to establish a flower market on Madison square.

(Minutes, Oct. 11, p. 333.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Ryder & Fairchild, gravel (construction). \$2,430.48

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Two thousand four hundred and thirty dollars and forty-eight cents.

New York, October 31st, 1873.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON from the Committee appointed to confer with the Comptroller, reported verbally that they had waited

on the Comptroller, and he had stated that he did not deem it expedient to attempt to raise money by selling bonds at the present time, but would confer again with the Committee on the subject after the first of November.

Accepted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to prepare a full and complete statement, for the information of this Board, of the different kinds of Bituminous and Hydraulic Pavements, and the respective costs thereof, that have been laid by the Commissioners of the Central Park and the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be requested to report to this Board the durability of the pavements so laid, and the repairs made thereon.

Adopted.

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

D. P. LORD,

Assistant Secretary pro tem.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of October 31st, 1873, was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned, without transacting any business, to meet this evening at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—7.30 o'clock P. M.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President.

- “ BISSINGER,
- “ WILLIAMSON.
- “ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meetings of October 31st and November 5th, 1873, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, reporting the progress of the building for the Museum of Natural History.

Filed.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting that he had purchased a Tapir for \$50, and that the cartage of same to the Park would cost about \$5 in addition.

Filed.

At this point Mr. Stebbins entered the meeting.

From the Globe Gas-light Co., of Boston, making a proposition to light the Central Park, without the use of main or service pipes.

Referred to the Chief Engineer to report upon.

From W. C. Roberts, M. D., Police Surgeon, reporting upon the condition of Patrolman Nicholas O'Hearn, now on the sick list.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication, and the matter of the allowance of full pay to said Nicholas O'Hearn, be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, making application to have his salary increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 per. annum.

Laid on the table.

From the Chief Engineer and the Superintendent, with reference to the bill of the Westchester County Gaslight Co., amounting to \$1,475, for gas consumed in 12 lamps on Harlem Bridge, from April 15th, 1871, to October 1st, 1873.

Mr. HALL moved that said communications and bill be referred to the President, to investigate and report.

Adopted.

From Matthew J. O'Rourke, applying for a position in the Department.

Laid on the table.

Mr. BISSINGER presented an application from the Trustees of the German Hospital for a donation of shrubs and plants for the grounds of said Hospital ; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, it is inexpedient, upon the ground of public policy, to comply with the request of the Trustees of said Hospital.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER made a joint verbal report adversely to the claim of Wm. H. Johnson for \$36, cost of laying 300 feet of bituminous walk in 1864, and which was referred to them to investigate.

(Minutes, October 1, 1873, page 309.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be adopted, and that, in pursuance thereof, the said claim of Wm. H. Johnson be rejected.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Calvert Vaux, architect, for services during the months of July, August, September and October, 1873, amounting to \$1,400.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said bill be referred to Mr. Bissinger to report upon.

(Minutes, September 10, 1873, p. 257).

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report;

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
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| Deeves & Parry, bricks for bridge 33 . . . | | \$2,500 00 |
| New York Mutual Gaslight Co., rent 36 | | |
| Union Square | \$406 00 | 1,219 00 |
| Wilson & Hughes Stone Co.. stone for | | |
| Eighth avenue wall | | 16,891 83 |
| | \$406 00 | \$20,610 83 |

CONSTRUCTION MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

Weeks, D. C., & Son, brick and mason work, \$4,000

KINGSBRIDGE.

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Grant, W. H., petty cash expenses..... | \$62 49 | |
| Staab, C. P. & Co., tracing cloth..... | 28 00 | |
| Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery..... | 5 80 | |
| | | \$96 29 |

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| Maintenance | \$406 00 |
| Construction | 20,610 83 |
| Construction Museum Natural History..... | 4,000 00 |
| Kingsbridge..... | 96 29 |
| | \$25,113 12 |

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

New York, November 5, 1873.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
 } *Committee.*

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

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

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

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| October 15. | By balance—account Town of Kingsbridge..... | \$1,394 46 | |
| “ | “ Account—General Fund | 32 00 | |
| | | | <u>\$1,426 46</u> |
| “ 17. | “ Cash from Chas. Leonard, rent..... | | 10 00 |
| “ 20. | “ Cash from R. M. Shaw, rent..... | | 166 66 |
| “ 22. | “ W. P. Dixon, rent..... | | 35 00 |
| “ 24. | “ Sale of cow's hide..... | | 2 00 |
| “ 25. | “ Treas. Westchester Co., account West Farms | | 3,000 00 |
| “ “ | “ Treas. Westchester Co., account Yonkers..... | | 3,000 00 |
| “ 30. | “ Jesse G. Keator, rent... | | 100 00 |
| “ 31. | “ Francis Brauty, rent... | | 24 00 |
| | | | <u><u>\$7,764 12</u></u> |

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| October 20. | To Cash paid into City Treasury..... | | \$42 00 |
| “ 21. | “ Cash paid into City Treasury..... | | 166 66 |
| “ 30. | “ Cash paid into City Treasury..... | | 37 00 |
| Novem. 3. | “ Cash paid into City Treasury..... | | 124 00 |
| “ 5. | “ Balance..... | | 7,394 46 |
| | | | <u><u>\$7,764 12</u></u> |

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| Novem. 5. | By Balance—account Town of Kingsbridge..... | \$1,394 46 |
| “ “ “ | Balance—account Town of West Farms..... | 3,000 00 |
| “ “ “ | Balance—account Town of Yonkers..... | 3,000 00 |
| | | \$7,394 46 |

Say Seventy-three hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty-six cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

New York, 9:30 A. M., November 5th, 1873.

The TREASURER reported verbally on the bill rendered by Stephen Angell, amounting to \$42, and recommended that said bill be allowed to the amount of \$36.

(Minutes, October 27th, 1873, p. 361.)

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

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee to ascertain and report, between what ages the members of the park-keeper's force should be at the time of appointment, in order to render the force most efficient.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent informed him that in preparing the foundations for the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a spring had been struck, and that in consequence it would be necessary to obtain a small steam engine and pump; and recommended that one of the "Baxter

Engines" should be purchased, as it would be useful on other works connected with the parks ; whereupon

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said matter be referred to the President and Treasurer, to determine and report what engine would be most serviceable to the Department, and to what funds and in what manner the cost of same should be charged.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of the Landscape Gardener recommending a plan for the improvement of Tompkins Square, and which was accompanied by an estimate of the cost (\$5,000) and a map showing the proposed planting.

(Minutes, October 16th, 1873, p. 343.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report, estimate and map be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report and map be approved and adopted by the Board ; and after examination and discussion of the matter, said motion was

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented to the Board the Maps of the continuation of "F" street prepared for filing, and stated that owing to a misapprehension of the terms of the resolution passed on the 19th February, 1873, p. 685, he had, on the 31st October, 1873, certified said maps, and caused them to be filed.

(Minutes, September 24th, 1873, p. 287.)

Whereupon Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, a resolution was passed on the 19th day of February, 1873, in pursuance of the provisions of chap. 565 of the Laws of 1865, designating Henry G. Stebbins, one of the

officers of the then Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to certify and file all maps, plans or surveys which are required to be certified and filed in pursuance of said act; and—

Whereas, Salem H. Wales, one of the present officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, under a misapprehension of the tenor and effect of the resolution passed on the said 19th day of February, 1873, did, on the 31st day of October, 1873, certify to certain maps or surveys, showing a street or road fifty feet wide in continuation northerly from a street known as "F" street; also showing the grade laid out and determined for said street or road, to the northward of the southerly line of 155th street; therefore—

Resolved, That the act of the said Salem H. Wales, one of the officers of this Board, in certifying to said map or maps, plans or surveys, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified, and that the said certificates have the same force and effect as if the same were signed in pursuance of a resolution authorizing him to sign the same; and—

Resolved, That the said Salem H. Wales be, and he is hereby, authorized to file said maps, plans or surveys as required by said act.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of an act entitled "An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the city and county of New York," passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby lay out the street or road, fifty feet wide, known as "F" street, running northwardly and at right angles from the northerly line of Inwood street, in the direction of a street known as Prescott avenue, $272\frac{63}{100}$ feet, as measured on the centre line of said street or road known as "F" street. Said street or road, hereby laid out, being shown by red color and figures on a map entitled "Map of a street known as 'F'

street, running northward, and at right angles from Inwood street, in the direction of a street known as Prescott avenue," dated "New York, November 5th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

And that the President of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to cause to be prepared for filing, in accordance with the above mentioned act, maps, plans and locations of said street or road, and submit the same to this Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a draft report of the operations and actions of the Department for the three months ending October 31st, 1873, in pursuance of Sec. 27, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, and of the requisition of his Honor the Mayor.

(Minutes, October 27th, 1873, p. 361.)

Said draft report having been read,

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be adopted, and that the President be authorized to sign and transmit same to his Honor the Mayor.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that there are about eighty trees at Mount Morris square, which have been partly covered with earth, and that the Landscape Gardener informed him, that, in order to preserve them, it would be necessary to raise them before the winter sets in, the cost of which would be about \$5 each; whereupon

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the matter of raising said trees at Mount Morris square, and their preservation, be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales, Bissinger, Williamson,
Hall—5.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 10.30
o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS. }

7th November, 1873.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

SIR,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday, the 10th inst., at 9.30 A. M., to open the proposals received for the construction of the wood, carpenter's, &c., work of the building for the gaminivorous animals; and for the transaction of such other business as may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The COMPTROLLER also attended, for the purpose of being present at the opening of the proposals mentioned in the call of the President.

A quorum not being present, the opening of the said pro-

posals was adjourned to Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., and the Secretary was directed to insert a notice to that effect in the *City Record* of the 11th inst.

The COMPTROLLER then retired from the meeting.

Mr. BISSINGER having entered the meeting at this point, and a quorum being now present, the Board organized.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th November, 1873, 7.30 o'clock P. M., were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented a skeleton plan, prepared by the Landscape Architect, of the proposed improvement of that portion of Riverside Park lying south of 79th street, accompanied by two letters of the Landscape Architect, recommending that said portion be immediately cleared of incumbrances, and that the ground be top-dressed with manure, and otherwise suitably prepared to serve as a grazing ground for deer.

(Minutes, October 30th, 1873, page 370.)

The Landscape Architect having explained the plan prepared by him,

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said plan be received, and adopted subject to such modifications and amendments as may become necessary from time to time, and that the work recommended by the Landscape Architect in said two letters be commenced forthwith.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented an account rendered by "The Schillinger Artificial Stone Co.," by which said company claims that there is a balance due to them amounting, on the 1st of November, 1873, to \$31,047.30, and moved that said account be referred to the Chief Engineer to report upon, at the same time that he reports the result of the re-survey of the pavement done by said company.

(Minutes, August 6th, p. 177.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT, from the Committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, reported that he had audited and examined the accounts of David B. Williamson, Treasurer, and found same correct.

(Minutes, October 27, 1873, p. 364.)

The TREASURER reported that the Supervisor of the Town of Kingsbridge had delivered to the Department \$10,000 of the bonds of said town, issued under the authority of Chap. 89, Laws of 1873, and in pursuance of the requisition of the Board,

(Minutes, October 6th, 1873, p. 323.)

and moved that the President be, and that he hereby is, authorized to sell the whole or any part of said \$10,000 of the bonds of said Town of Kingsbridge at par, and accrued interest.

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

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

The PRESIDENT submitted to the Board the maps of "F" Street, prepared for filing.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1873, p. 387.)

Whereupon Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President, one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be, and hereby is, designated by the said Board to certify to three similar maps or surveys to be filed as provided by law, showing the width, location, course and widening of a street known as " F " street, to the northward of the southerly line of 155th street, that has been laid out by the said Board fifty feet wide, running northwardly and at right angles from Inwood street in the direction of a street known as Prescott avenue ; and also to certify to three similar maps or surveys, to be filed as provided by law, showing the grades laid out and determined for said street or road by said Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.55 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present:—Mr. WALES, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

The COMPTROLLER also attended; and the following proposals received for the construction of the wood, carpenters', &c., work of the building for the graminivorous animals, were publicly opened, pursuant to adjournment, namely:

(Minutes, November 10th, 1873, p. 389.)

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| 1. James V. Donvan | \$3,314 00 |
| 2. Alonzo Dutch | 4,500 00 |
| 3. Anthony Mowbray | 3,945 00 |

The COMPTROLLER having retired,

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 10th, 1873, were read and

On motion of the PRESIDENT:

Amended by striking out the word “widening,” on line 6, p. 392, and inserting in lieu thereof the word “winding,” and as amended

Approved.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a bill rendered by “Dimond

Brothers' Iron Works" amounting to the sum of \$1,391.70, for work done at the Menagerie and McComb's Dam Bridge during the years 1871 and 1872.

Mr. HALL moved that said bill be referred to the President and Treasurer to investigate and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Associate Architect, recommending that the roof of the Music Stand on the Mall in Central Park be reconstructed of galvanized iron this winter.

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

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a communication addressed to Mr. Bissinger and signed by Messrs. Wm. Reade and S. S. Cox, recommending John G. Kosmack for the position of gate keeper.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Chief Engineer on the resurvey of the pavement laid by the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company,

(Minutes, August 6th, 1873, p. 176.)

and also on the account of said company, showing a balance due them of \$31,047.30.

(Minutes, November 10th, 1873, p. 391.)

Said report states that the quantities mentioned in the account of said company are correct.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report of the Chief Engineer be accepted and adopted by the Board, and that the bills of the

Schillinger Artificial Stone Company be made out in accordance therewith.

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

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

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that, on consultation with a number of different manufacturers of bituminous concrete pavement, he found that it would be impracticable to lay pavement of that description, at this season of the year ; and asked to be relieved from the duty of advertising for proposals to lay such pavement on the walks adjacent to Centre and Chambers streets, at the City Hall Park.

(Minutes, October 31st, 1873, p. 372.)

Mr. HALL moved that said report be received, and that the President be relieved from the duty of advertising for proposals, as requested.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER, jointly, reported verbally that at present it is inexpedient to purchase a steam-engine for the use of the Department, but that they had given instructions to have a suitable engine and pump hired for the purposes of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and recommended that the cost of same be charged to the fund for the erection of said building, as provided by Chap. 290, Laws of 1871.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1873, p. 385.)

Mr. HALL moved that said report be received and adopted, and that the action of the President and Treasurer in the premises, be approved and ratified.

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

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

Mr. HALL, chairman of the committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, reported that said committee had examined the accounts of Mr. Frederick W. Whittemore, Treasurer, Hon. H. G. Stebbins, Acting Treasurer, and Mr. David B. Williamson, Treasurer, said accounts commencing on April 1st, 1873, and ending on November 3d, 1873, and found same correct.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally on the following matters referred to him :

That he had certified and caused to be filed the maps of the continuation of "F" street.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1873, p. 386.)

That he had signed, and transmitted to His Honor the Mayor, the report of the transactions of the Department for the three months ending October 31st, 1873.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1873, p. 387.)

That he had directed the trees at Mount Morris Square to be raised, and measures to be taken for their preservation.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1873, p. 387.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board notify the Secretary of the Executive Committee of all matters referred by this Board to said Committee, and that the Secretary of said Committee make an entry thereof in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and that he inform the said Committee at each meeting of all matters so referred.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars of the unexpended and unappropriated balance of the so-called construction fund of \$1,000,000 be, and the same is hereby, set aside for the purpose of defraying all contingent expenses properly payable out of said funds, and that no contract be entered into by this Department whenever it shall appear that contracts have been made amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars, and which are payable out of the said fund.

Laid on the table, to be called up at the next meeting.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The recent revulsions in monetary circles have thrown hundreds of laborers and others out of employment, and it is not a wise policy to sacrifice a large amount of the city securities to raise funds wherewith to make extended improvements; therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to the Executive Committee to devise and report some plan, whereby the greatest number of laborers may be employed so as to relieve their pressing wants.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. HALL, the Board adjourned at 11.20 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The PRESIDENT moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 12th inst. be suspended.

(See page 407.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then called the attention of the Board to reductions made in the estimates of the Department for 1874, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and read a letter and statement, which he proposed to address to the Board of Aldermen on the subject.

After discussion of the matter Mr. STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to bring the matter of the necessary increase of the appropriations for this Department for the year 1874, as determined on by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, before the said Board and the Board of Aldermen, in such manner and form as to him shall seem best.

Adopted.

During the discussion on the previous resolution, Mr. Hall entered the meeting.

Mr. BISSINGER then called the attention of the Board to the advertisement in the *City Record*, stating that an application would be made to the Supreme Court to-morrow, the 20th inst., to appoint commissioners for the purpose of acquiring title to the Parade Ground; and in consideration of the present state of the finances of the city, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be, and he is hereby, requested to postpone proceedings for the present in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands for a public place or parade ground.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the matter of the sale of ice, during the coming winter, on a small pond in the Central Park, near Eighth avenue, be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect presented and read a communication addressed to the President, on the subject of the work connected with the construction of Riverside Park; and also submitted two maps of that portion of said park south of Seventy-ninth street—one showing the laying out of said park as heretofore adopted,

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

and the other showing the grades of the avenue adjacent to said park, together with the lines of curb and other surface constructions.

Filed.

Whereupon, and after debate, Mr. STEBBINS moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President is hereby directed to transmit to the Commissioner of Public Works the duplicate original drawings of that part of Riverside Park and avenue lying between Seventy-second street and Seventy-ninth street, this day presented by the Landscape Architect, and which were adopted by the Board on the 10th November, 1873; and also to inform the said Commissioner of Public Works that the lines of curb and other surface constructions of Riverside avenue, as shown upon said drawings, have been determined by this Department in pursuance of the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 850 of the Laws of 1873.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to direct the work on Riverside Park to proceed in accordance with the plan heretofore adopted,

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

and that it be referred to the President and Treasurer to communicate with the Commissioner of Public Works on the subject.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT stated that there had been requisitions made on the Supervisor and Town Clerk of the Town of Kingsbridge for only \$20,000

(Minutes, April 2d, p. 719, and October 6th, p. 323,) of the \$50,000 of the bonds of said town authorized to be issued under Chapter 89, Laws of 1873. That as the offices of Supervisor and Town Clerk would cease on the 1st January,

1874, the remainder of said bonds could not be issued after that date. That he had written to the Town Auditor of the Town of Kingsbridge on the subject, and he was informed by that gentleman, that on the proper requisition of the Department the remaining \$30,000 of said bonds would be issued at once.

Whereupon Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby makes requisition on the Supervisor and Town Clerk of the town of Kingsbridge, County of Westchester, for the issuing and delivery to it of the bonds of said town, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), the said sum being required by said Board of Commissioners to carry out the provisions of Chapter 89, Laws of 1873.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS left the meeting at this point.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Angel, Stephen, services as Examiner | | \$36 00 |
| Bigelow Blue Stone Co., tiles at Belvedere | | 299 94 |
| Bigelow Blue Stone Co., base course Eighth avenue wall | | 3,962 32 |
| Chase, Irah, lamp-posts and bolts | | 149 96 |
| Composite Iron Works, hurdles, castings and settees | | 158 00 |
| Davis, John L., brick | | 9 75 |
| Donaldson, J. & T., gas fixtures, Casino | | 2 00 |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | \$29 57 | \$70 48 |
| Gibson, Wm., lumber for stone-boats... | | 250 00 |
| Hazard Powder Co., fuse..... | | 56 00 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron..... | | 33 38 |
| Holbrook, E. F. & Bros., glass..... | | 13 60 |
| Lanthier, L. A., frame for plan of Morn- ingside Park..... | | 9 00 |
| Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber..... | | 63 29 |
| Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paint brushes.. | | 35 00 |
| Roosevelt, Samuel & Co., hardware.... | | 74 00 |
| Such, Geo., peat..... | | 98 75 |
| Slattery, James, building stone..... | | 180 00 |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, stoves and iron covers..... | | 113 08 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | | 72 75 |
| | <u>\$29 57</u> | <u>\$5,687 30</u> |

| | Maintenance of Bridges. |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Bender, Chas., services on Third avenue Draw- bridge..... | \$100 00 |
| Heusner, Emil L..... | 72 70 |
| The Westchester Co. Gas-light Co., gas on Cen- tral Bridge..... | 49 98 |
| | <u>\$222 68</u> |

| | West Farms. |
|--|-------------|
| George S. Greene, surveys in West Farms..... | \$17,228 45 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Maintenance..... | \$29 57 |
| Construction..... | 5,687 30 |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | 222 68 |
| West Farms..... | 17,228 45 |
| | <u>\$23,168 00</u> |

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

NEW YORK, November 19, 1873.

(Signed.)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS *in account with* DAVID B.
WILLIAMSON, *Treasurer.*

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| Nov. 5. | By balance account Town of Kingsbridge | \$1,394 46 | |
| | By balance account Town of West Farms..... | 3,000 00 | |
| | By balance account Town of Yonkers | 3,000 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$7,394 46 |
| 6. | By cash from Dennis Lane, rent..... | | 8 00 |
| 7. | By cash from sale of sheep at auction..... | | 187 80 |

| | | |
|---------|--|-------------|
| Nov. 8. | By cash from Isidor Isaac, carrousel license fee..... | \$175 50 |
| | By cash from pound receipts | 12 50 |
| | By cash from sale of grass.. | 250 00 |
| | By cash from sale of sheep.. | 39 00 |
| | By cash from refund for lost tools..... | 1 80 |
| | By cash from C. W. Kearney, rent..... | 150 00 |
| 10. | By cash from C. Ryan, re- freshment license fee..... | 563 05 |
| | By cash from George A. Tyce, rent..... | 6 00 |
| | By cash from Joseph Tyce, rent..... | 6 00 |
| | By cash from John Tyce, rent..... | 6 00 |
| 11. | By cash from Alex. Hughes, rent..... | 5 00 |
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| Nov. 10. | To cash paid into City Treas- ury..... | \$1,387 65 |
| 17. | To cash paid into City Treas- ury..... | 23 00 |
| 19. | Balance..... | 7,394 46 |
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| Nov. 19. | By balance account Town of Kingsbridge..... | \$1,394 46 |
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| By balance account, Town of | |
| West Farms | \$3,000 00 |
| By balance account Town of | |
| Yonkers | 3,000 00 |
| | \$7,394 46 |

Say seventy-three hundred and ninety-four $\frac{46}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treas. Dept. Pub. Parks.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19th, 1873, 9.30 A. M.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw from the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of twelve hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$1,276.39), being ninety per centum of the amount due employes on Kingsbridge account for the month of October, after the sum of three hundred and forty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, due W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, has been deducted, the payment of said Engineer having been deferred by his consent.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That there be erected in the outer office an iron railing, the cost of which shall not exceed \$50, and which shall be charged to Construction Account.

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT moved that the Secretary do now read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, of the 12th inst., were then read and approved.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER, jointly, reported verbally against allowing the claim of the "Dimond Brothers Iron Works," as Mr. Dimond, the proprietor of said works, was at the time of making the contract a member of the Board of Aldermen.

(Minutes, November 12th, 1873, p. 393.)

Mr. HALL moved that said report be adopted, and that, in pursuance thereof, said claim of the "Dimond Brothers' Iron Works," be rejected.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a letter from True W. Rollins, one of the contractors for the erection of the building for Museum of Natural History, whereby he agrees to deduct the sum of \$1,591 from the amount of his contract, if he is not required to erect girders E¹ and E² in the iron framing of the ground floor of said building, and also to pay Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, the contractor for the mason work of said building, for building piers, in the stead of said iron girders, the sum of \$363, which agreement is accepted by Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, by an endorsement on said letter.

The PRESIDENT stated that the changes in the plans rendered necessary thereby, are approved by Mr. Calvert Vaux, Archi-

tect, and that he (the President) had given instructions to carry said agreement into effect ; whereupon

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the said changes in the plan of said building for the Museum of Natural History be approved, and that the action of the President in the premises be adopted and ratified, and that said sum of \$1,591 be deducted from the next payment due said True W. Rollins.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that all the proposals received for the construction of the wood, carpenter's, &c., work of the building for the graminivorous animals, be rejected on the ground of informality.

(Minutes, November 12th, 1873, p. 3,931.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that it would be necessary to enclose the basement areas of the cottage on Union square before the winter sets in, and presented a letter of the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, estimating the cost of the same at from \$180 to \$200 ; whereupon

Mr. HALL moved that said basement areas of the cottage on Union square be covered in by a temporary wooden enclosure, according to the plans prepared by the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, the work to be done by the Park force.

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

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

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Superintendent of Architectural Construction on the progress of the building for the Museum of Natural History.

Filed.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the work for the improvement of Tompkins square, in accordance with the plans heretofore adopted,

(Minutes, November 5th, 1873, p. 385,)

be proceeded with as soon as possible.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER left the meeting at this point.

The PRESIDENT stated that a Mr. John Grell had made application on behalf of Mr. Knutz Forsberg, for a settlement of the claim of the latter, and had left with him Mr. Forsberg's undertaking to abide by whatever settlement he made :

Whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said matter be referred to the President to investigate and report.

(Minutes, August 14th, p. 206, and August 20th, p. 216.)

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday the 20th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

On the motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11:45 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented,

From Julius Bien, Superintendent of the New York Lithographing and Engraving Company, giving the prices for colored and uncolored maps of Morningside Park.

Filed.

Mr. STEBBINS, moved that said Lithographing and Engraving Company be directed to prepare 200 colored maps of said Morningside Park, at a cost not to exceed \$65, which shall be charged to Construction.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, asking for \$3,000 on account, for the designs and working plans of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Filed.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that Mr. Calvert Vaux be paid said sum of \$3,000 on account, as requested, same being less than one per cent. of the estimated cost of the building.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From Mr. Bacharach, requesting that the Department would give him an order for urinals, similar to the one in Reservoir Square,

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved, that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, to report.

Adopted.

From Mr. Russell Sturgis, recording Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, informing the Board that the Executive Committee of said museum, at a meeting held on the 31st ulto, had adopted the following resolutions.

“ *Resolved*, That the Committee approves in general, the plans submitted by the Architects of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, but as the two side-buildings are best adapted to, and most urgently needed for the

“ present collections of the Museum, it is desirable that they
“ should be constructed first; the plans of the Central Court to
“ be modified as may seem desirable.

“ *Resolved*, That the President, with Messrs. Roosevelt and
“ Sturgis, be a Committee of three to confer with the Architects
“ of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks,
“ with a view to the changes desired by the Executive Com-
“ mittee.”

Filed.

From Mr. Patrick H. Lydon, stating that he had, at Sixty-ninth street and Third avenue, 25,000 yards of earth suitable for filling, and offering to give same free of charge, if taken away by the Department; or to deliver it at Manhattan square at sixty cents per cubic yard.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said communication, and the matter of obtaining said filling, be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From Mr. Dexter A. Hawkins, relative to the position of Kingsbridge Road, as regards proceedings to acquire the title of the same.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 52).

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the whole subject of the laying out of, the adopting and filing maps of and acquiring title to, the said Kingsbridge Road, be referred to the Treasurer, to investigate and report.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to direct the purchase of 1,000 loads of stone for the use of the Department, the cost not to exceed \$1 per load.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT stated, that the Superintendent informed him it would be necessary to discharge all the stone cutters on account of the want of work ; but that, if authorized, he could employ them profitably in obtaining from a quarry stone which will be shortly needed by the Department.

Whereupon Mr. WILLIAMSON moved, that it be referred to the President, with power, to continue the services of the stone cutters now in the employment of the Department, for a period of two weeks, on such work as to him shall seem advisable.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. BISSINGER, to whom was referred the bills of Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, for the months of July, August, September and October, amounting to \$1,400, presented a report in favor of paying Mr. Vaux \$700 for services rendered during those months in assisting in the preparation of the plans of Morningside and Riverdale Parks; and against paying him the balance of his bills, viz., \$700; that amount being charged for the superintendence of the building for the Museum of Natural History.

(Minutes November 5th, 1873, p. 381.)

Mr. HALL moved that said report be received.

Adopted.

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

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved, that it be referred to Mr. Bissinger to confer with Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, as to a fair compensation to be paid him for the superintendence, in connection with the existing organization of the Department, of the buildings for the Museum of Natural History and Metropolitan Museum of Art, and to report.

(Minutes, Sep. 4th, 1872, p. 503.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Secretary, giving a statement of the different kinds of bituminous and hydraulic pavements, and the respective costs thereof, that have been laid by the Commissioners of Central Park, and the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and moved that same be received, and referred to the Executive Committee.

(Minutes, October 31st, 1873, p. 375.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that certificates for the payment of the salary of the late President of the Department (Hon. Henry G. Stebbins), for the period intervening between the passage of Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, and the 27th June, 1873, when Mr. Stebbins was again elected President, had been duly sent to the Financial Department, but that Mr. Stebbins had not been paid for said period; whereupon the following preambles and resolution were offered by the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. WILLIAMSON and adopted unanimously, namely:

Whereas, Hon. Henry G. Stebbins was duly elected President of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, prior to the 30th day of April, 1873, and continued to act in that capacity from the time of his election up to the 27th day of June, 1873; and,

Whereas the said Hon. Henry G. Stebbins has not been paid any compensation for his services as President from said 30th day of April to said 27th day of June, 1873; and,

Whereas, the Counsel to the Corporation has given his opinion, dated July 16th, 1873, that said Hon. Henry G. Stebbins is entitled to be paid for said period, at the rate of \$6,500 per annum: Therefore,

Resolved, That, in view of the said opinion, said Hon. Henry G. Stebbins be paid for his services as President of this De-

partment from the 30th day of April to the 27th day of June 1873, the sum of \$1,029.14, being at the rate of \$6,500 per annum; and that the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, requested to pay the same. And that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing preambles and this resolution to the Comptroller.

The TREASURER presented the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, in reference to the claim of George S. Greene, Jr.,
(Minutes September 24th, 1873, p. 291.)

which concludes as follows: "I am of the opinion that the
" Department would be justified in paying Mr. Greene's claim
" out of the first moneys received, or to be received, on ac-
" count of the funds provided by the Supervisors of West-
" chester County, pursuant to Chapter 534 of Laws of 1871."

Received and ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to withdraw from the Bank of the Metropolis the following sums: One hundred (\$100) dollars, being amount due John Sherwood, audited October 10th, 1871, chargeable to West Farms account; and two thousand nine hundred (\$2,900) dollars, payable on account to George S. Greene, Jr., under contract dated April 23d, 1872, said account being also chargeable to West Farms account; and the further following sums chargeable to Yonkers account, namely: One hundred (\$100) dollars, due John Sherwood, audited October 10th, 1871; fifteen hundred and eighty-one dollars and eighty-two cents (\$1,581.82), payable to Wm. Rumble on account of contract, and thirteen hundred and eighteen dollars and eighteen cents (\$1,318.18), payable to Thomas C. Cornell, on account of contract.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had negotiated \$5,000 of the bonds of the town of Kingsbridge at par and interest.

(Minutes November 10th, 1873, p. 391.)

The PRESIDENT presented two resolutions, moved in the Board of Assistant Aldermen, and numbered respectively, 88 and 89; the first designating the new avenue running from One hundred and thirty-sixth street to One hundred and fifty-fifth street, east of Ninth avenue, as "Terrace avenue," and the latter changing the name of that portion of Eighth avenue between Fifty-ninth street and Harlem river to "Central avenue."

Whereupon Mr. STEBBINS moved that said resolutions be referred to the President to investigate and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a report which the Civil and Topographical Engineer had prepared, by his directions, of the estimated cost of the surveys and expenditures for laying out streets during 1874, in Kingsbridge, West Farms and Morrisania.

Whereupon Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report and the subject of the estimates for said districts for 1874, be referred to the President and Treasurer, to investigate and report.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock P.M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—7.30 o'clock P. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS: }
25th November, 1873.

MR. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Wednesday the 26th inst., at 7½ o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

S H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

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

The following communications were presented :

From the Chief Engineer, stating that the lighting of the

following number of lamps could be discontinued without public inconvenience, namely :

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| On the Battery..... | 15 |
| “ Tompkins Square..... | 4 |
| “ Washington Square..... | 24 |
| “ Union Square..... | 11 |
| “ Madison Square..... | 8 |
| “ Park Avenue Park..... | 13 |
| | 75 |
| Total..... | 75 |

And recommending that the same be directed to remain unlighted for the present.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said communication be received and the recommendation therein be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, as to necessary repairs needed on premises occupied by Mr. Shaw at Riverside Park and One hundred and twelfth street, and estimating the cost of same at \$400 to \$450.

Filed.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the lease, under which Mr. Shaw now is in possession of said premises, be referred to the Treasurer, with power and instructions to cancel same, on Mr. Shaw surrendering up said lease and entering into a new lease of said premises for the unexpired term of said existing lease, and upon such other terms and conditions as may seem proper to the Treasurer.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, re-

porting as to the progress of the building for the Museum of Natural History.

Filed.

From Mr. John Foley, requesting permission to have copies made of certain official papers in the Department.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said communication be referred to the President, with a request that he examine and report concerning the law relative to furnishing copies of documents to, and allowing the inspection of the same by, citizens.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported the following action as taken by the said Committee at a meeting held on the 24th inst., namely :

The reception of the resignation of John Russell (1st) as Park-keeper.

The adoption of a resolution recommending the promotion of James Valles from Gate-keeper to Patrolman, and that John L. Rooney be appointed Gate-keeper in place of Valles.

The adoption of a motion recommending that the following works be proceeded with, namely :

Morningside Park, including sewer.

Riverside Park, from Seventy-second street to Seventy-ninth street, including wall.

Filling Manhattan square from material at Sixty-ninth street and Third avenue.

Rock excavations at Art Museum.

Filling northwest corner of Park with material obtained from rock cutting at Eighth avenue and from Sacred Heart.

Cutting stone for Fifth avenue wall, Central Park.

Cutting stone for Morningside Park wall, from quarry at Sacred Heart.

Cutting stone for building at Belvedere.

Tompkins square improvement. (Minutes, November 19th, 1873, p. 409.)

Filling and raising approaches to Sixth and Seventh avenue drives and One hundred and tenth street, Central Park.

Finishing Peninsular Walk near Inscope Arch.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be received and adopted, and that the promotion (taking effect on December 1st, 1873), and appointment therein, recommended be made, and the works therein named be directed to be proceeded with.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. BISSINGER presented the report of the Disbursing Clerk, showing the changes in the laborers' pay roll for the two weeks ending on the 22d inst.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Eckel & Imhoff, repairs to transit. | | \$2 00 |
| Eaton, Chas., & Co., shades to cottages. . | | 25 00 |
| Hurst & Treanor, blue-stone at Five Points Park. | | 820 00 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron. | | 404 67 |
| Menzies, Wm. & Son, pine lumber. | | 47 16 |
| Norris & Williams, materials and plumb- ing | | 832 81 |
| Norris & Williams, materials and plumb- ing | \$336 49 | 1,009 41 |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints..... | | 46 50 |
| Schillinger Pavement Co., pavement at Battery..... | | 8,128 73 |
| Stackpole & Brother, repairs to tape... | | 5 00 |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, stove at cottage..... | | 21 65 |
| | <u>\$336 49</u> | |
| | Construction Museum Natural His- tory. | |
| Slattery James, building stone..... | 201 00 | \$126 40 |
| | Construction of Museum of Art. | |
| Vaux, Calvert, commissions..... | \$3,000 00 | |
| Vaux, Calvert, services as consulting architect..... | | 700 00 |
| | | <u>\$3,000 12,169 33</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

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|---|--------------------|
| Maintenance..... | \$336 49 |
| Construction..... | 12,169 33 |
| Construction Museum of Natural History..... | 201 00 |
| Construction Museum of Art..... | 3,000 00 |
| | <u>\$16,706 82</u> |

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

New York, November 26, 1873.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON made a verbal report on the claim of the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, and offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, The account of the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company was referred to Mr. Williamson to confer with the Chief Engineer and the Attorney of said company.

(Minutes, July 31st, 1873, p. 154.)

And Whereas, Mr. Williamson held said interview, and reported at a meeting held August 6, 1873, recommending a re-survey of the pavement laid by the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, and a resolution was passed at said meeting directing the Chief Engineer to make said re-survey.

And Whereas, Said Chief Engineer made a report to the Board November 12, 1873, showing an error of thirteen hundred and forty six $\frac{41}{100}$ square feet in the measurement of Madison square in favor of said Schillinger Artificial Stone Company.

And Whereas, By a report made June 12th, 1872, the then Treasurer recommended a settlement with said company on a basis of thirty cents per square foot,

(Minutes, June 12, 1872, p. 419.)

and estimates Nos. 1 and 3 and final were subsequently audited at that price ; now, therefore,

Resolved, That the action of the Board, at a meeting held June 19, 1872, in auditing estimates Nos. 1 and 3 and final of the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, for work done at Madison square, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the amount of said estimates, as corrected, to wit, twenty-five thousand five hundred and sixty-three $\frac{82}{100}$ (\$25,563.82) dollars be, and the same is hereby, audited and allowed as a substitute.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT presented his and the Treasurer's joint report on the subject of the estimates for Kingsbridge, West Farms, and Morrisania, for 1874,

(Minutes, November 20, 1873, p. 418.)

and as recommended therein, offered the following resolution :

Resolved "That the President be requested to obtain from the Counsel to the Corporation his opinion and advice as to what provisions of law, and what ordinances, are now in force, under and in pursuance of which the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks are now, or in the year 1874 will be, authorized to locate and lay out, construct and maintain public parks, streets, roads and avenues; to devise plans for and locate bridges and tunnels; to construct and maintain bridges, tunnels, sewers, streets, roads and avenues, and to establish the widths and grades of streets, roads and avenues, and to make surveys, in the towns of West Farms, Morrisania and Kingsbridge, lately annexed to the city and county of New York.

"What are the powers of this Department under such laws and ordinances, and in what manner, and under what acts of the Legislature, or otherwise, moneys are to be raised to meet the expenses of the several works mentioned in this resolution."

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the report be received, and that said resolution be adopted.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The TREASURER presented the apportionment, as found by the Supervisor of West Farms and Mayor of the city of Yonkers, of the lawful indebtedness existing and incurred by this Department for work and surveys in the city of Yonkers and the town of Kingsbridge, by which there is apportioned against the city of Yonkers \$4,505.83, and against Kingsbridge \$11,890.62.

And also a communication from the Supervisor of the town of Kingsbridge, stating that, for reasons therein mentioned, he declined to assume the responsibility of issuing certificates of indebtedness of the town of Kingsbridge to an amount to exceed $43\frac{5}{10}\frac{2}{00}\frac{2}{00}$ per cent. of the entire debt, without the sanction of an order of the Supreme Court.

(Minutes, August 6th, 1873, p. 173.)

Whereupon Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said apportionment and communication be referred to the President, to investigate and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that the lease given to Mr. N. A. Lespinasse of the High Bridge Hotel contained a provision requiring \$1,500 to be expended by said lessee each year, on the care, repairs and improvement of said hotel and premises.

That Mr. Charles Schedler, whom Mr. Lespinasse had, with the consent of the Board, placed in the occupation of said hotel, was expending a larger amount of money in the repairs of said premises than \$1,500 for each year of the term of said lease would amount to ; and that therefore Mr. Lespinasse had made application for an extension of said lease for 21 months from the date of its termination.

Whereupon Mr. STEBBINS moved that said matter be referred to the President to investigate and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Landscape Architect, with a skeleton plan of Riverside Park and Avenue from One hundred and fourth street to One hundred and twentieth street, and recommending the clearing of the ground west of the line indicated for a retaining wall.

(Minutes, October 30th, 1873, p. 370.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said communication and skeleton plan be received.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the ground lying west of the proposed line of retaining wall, as defined on the skeleton plan of Riverside Park and Avenue between One hundred and fourth street and One hundred and twentieth street, this day presented by the Landscape Architect, is hereby ordered to be cleared of obstructions and superfluities, in the same manner as heretofore ordered in respect to that part of said park lying south of Seventy-ninth street.

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Landscape Gardener, stating that he found it impossible to procure 4,000 suitable young trees, as ordered, and making suggestions in reference thereto.

(Minutes, October 15th, 1873, p. 344.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT presented three requisitions for young trees for Tompkins square, and two requisitions for trees for Central Park, made by the Landscape Gardener, and asked that he be authorized to approve of same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would grant such authority, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw from the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of four hundred and eighty-eight $\frac{48}{100}$ (\$488.48) dollars, being the balance due employes on the Kingsbridge roll, for October, and the further sum of ninety-six $\frac{29}{100}$ (\$96.29) dollars, audited and due the following parties respectively : Wm. H. Grant, petty cash expenses ; Messrs. C. P. Staab & Co. and Van Kleeck,

Clark & Co., for materials furnished for use on Kingsbridge account.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

The PRESIDENT reported, verbally, that Mr. Knutz Forsberg claimed, through Mr. John Grell, pay for thirty-two days, at \$2.50 per day, in all \$80; and moved that said sum be paid to him as a full settlement and adjustment of all claims on the Department.

(Minutes, November 19th, 1873, p. 409.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. BISSINGER moved to reconsider the resolution entered on page 362, and adopted October 27th, 1873, directing the building of the Boat House to be continued.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to lay said resolution on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that it be referred to the Landscape Architect, to examine the plans heretofore adopted for a Boat

House on the Lake in Central Park, with a view to combining therewith a house to accommodate skaters, and to report thereon, and on the most suitable site upon which to build same.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Executive Committee, verbally reported, that that Committee found it impossible to arrive at any conclusion as regards a plan whereby to employ the greatest number of laborers, and asked that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

(Minutes, November 12th, 1873, p. 397.)

Adopted.

After a full and lengthened discussion of the subject of supplying labor at the present time,

Mr. STEBBINS moved, that the President be requested to confer with the Comptroller as to what extent, if any, it would be advisable to increase the laborers' pay-roll, and to report.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3d, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present:—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 26th, 1873, were read and approved.

During the reading of the minutes, Mr. Hall entered the meeting.

The following communications were presented :

From Messrs. James Connolly, L. McDermott and John P. Mitchell, a committee on behalf of the Workingmen's Central Council, asking employment for a number of persons named in a list forwarded with said communication.

Laid on the table.

From Mr. Edward Boyle, asking permission to make a copy of adopted Map B, No. 14.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Fisher, Holmes & Co., 9 cases foreign plants (gold) | | \$183 91 |
| Haage & Schmidt, 1 case and 1 bale foreign plants (gold) | | 90 30 |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses | \$11 22 | 24 71 |
| Norris & Williams, plumbing materials. | | 180 14 |
| Osborn & Sons, 15 cases foreign plants (gold) | | 569 75 |
| Slattery, James, building stone and sand | | 2,820 00 |
| Parry, Henry, labor on granite at Union square | | 93 00 |
| The New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas for parks, Oct. | 1,481 80 | |
| | <u>\$1,493 02</u> | <u>\$3,961 81</u> |

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| | Construction Museum Natural His- tory. | |
| Slattery, James, building stone | \$180 00 | |

RECAPITULATION.

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|---|-------------------|
| Maintenance | \$1,493 02 |
| Construction | 3,961 81 |
| Construction Museum of Natural His- tory | 180 00 |
| | <u>\$5,634 83</u> |

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

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
SAMUEL HALL,
Auditing Committee

New York, December 3, 1873.

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

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

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

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was received, and directed to be printed in the Minutes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS *in account with* DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, *Treasurer.*

| 1873. | <i>Cr.</i> | |
|----------|--|------------|
| Nov. 19. | By balance account Town of Kingsbridge..... | \$1,394 46 |
| | By balance account Town of Yonkers..... | 3,000 00 |
| | By balance account Town of West Farms..... | 3,000 00 |
| | | \$7,394 46 |
| “ 21. | By cash from Treasurer Westchester county, account Yonkers..... | \$1,141 95 |
| | By cash from Treasurer Westchester county, account West Farms..... | 854 92 |
| | By cash from sale of bonds, Kingsbridge, and interest.. | 5,020 40 |
| | By cash from C. V. Hough, for ice from “Pool,”..... | 200 00 |

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| Dec. 2. | By cash from Secretary for certifying copy of minutes, | \$0 15 |
| | By cash from Jesse G. Keator, rent..... | 100 00 |
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| | | \$14,711 88 |
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| Nov. 19. | To cash paid, 90 per cent. of Kingsbridge P. R. for Oct.. | \$1,276 39 |
| | To cash paid William Rumble on account (Yonkers)... | 1,581 82 |
| | To cash paid Thomas C. Cornell on account (Yonkers).. | 1,318 18 |
| | To cash paid George S. Green, Jr., on account (West Farms) | 2,875 00 |
| | To cash paid George S. Green, Jr., for map (West Farms). | 25 00 |
| " 24. | To cash paid into-City Treasury..... | 200 00 |
| | To cash paid John Sherwood, rods (Yonkers)..... | 100 00 |
| | To cash paid John Sherwood, rods (West Farms)..... | 100 00 |
| " 28. | To cash paid balance of Kingsbridge P. R. for Oct. | 488 48 |
| | To cash paid W. H. Grant, petty cash bill (Kingsbridge) | 62 49 |
| | To cash paid C. P. Staab, tracing cloth (Kingsbridge) | 28 00 |
| | To cash paid Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery, (Kingsbridge)..... | 5 80 |
| Dec. 3. | To balance..... | \$6,650 72 |
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| Dec. 3. | By balance account Town of Kingsbridge..... | \$4,553 70 | |
| | By balance account Town of Yonkers..... | 1,141 95 | |
| | By balance account of West Farms..... | 854 92 | |
| | By balance account General Fund..... | 100 15 | |
| | | | ————— \$6,650 72 |

Say sixty-six hundred and fifty $\frac{72}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.

Treasurer D. P. P.

NEW YORK, December 3, 1873, 9.30 A. M.

At this point the Board suspended, and received Mr. B. L. Ackerman and two other property owners at Inwood, who explained their views as to the necessity of laying out a new street at Inwood.

(Minutes, September 10, 1873, p. 258.)

These gentlemen having retired, the Board resumed.

The PRESIDENT presented a requisition of the Landscape Gardener for evergreens, shrubs, trees, &c., required for planting in Morningside Park, Riverside Park, and for stock in Nursery, the estimated cost of which amounts to \$7,230.27, and also four others for trees suitable for street-planting, the estimated cost of which are \$322.50, \$475, \$880 and \$30, respectively, and requested the instructions of the Board with regard to the same.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the President be authorized to approve of said requisitions.

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

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

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer estimating the cost of the necessary repairs on the bridge at Third avenue, over the Harlem River, at \$8,500. Said report was accompanied by a plan and specifications of the proposed repairs.

(Minutes, September 25, 1873, p. 299.)

Mr. HALL moved that said report and also the plan and specifications be received, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to request the Common Council to adopt the necessary resolution under Section 91, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, to enable this Department to execute the repairs required on said bridge, without entering into a contract therefor, as provided by said section and chapter.

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

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

The PRESIDENT presented his report upon the law relative to furnishing copies of documents to, and allowing the inspection of the same by, citizens.

(Minutes, November 26th, 1873, p. 421.)

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

(See Document No. 53.)

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to take from the table the application of Mr. Edward Boyle, for a copy of adopted Map B, No. 14.

(Minutes of this date, p. 431.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Mr. Edward Boyle be notified that his application for a copy of said map has not been made in conformity with the requirements of the law in such case provided.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had had an interview with the Comptroller, with respect to increasing the laborers' pay-roll, as requested,

(Minutes, November 26th, 1873, p. 431.)

and that the Comptroller had signified his willingness to provide means to meet such pay-rolls for the remainder of the year.

Mr. BISSINGER presented the report of the Chief Engineer, as to the durability of pavements laid by the Commissioners of the Central Park and Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, October 31st, 1873, p. 375.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had authorized the Superintendent to place Christopher Smith in charge, as temporary foreman, of the rockmen employed on the foundations of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw from the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of twenty-one hundred and nine dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$2,109.69), being the amount due employes on Kingsbridge account for the month of November, 1873.

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

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

The PRESIDENT stated that in pursuance of the recommendation contained in the joint report of the Treasurer and himself, on the estimates for Kingsbridge, West Farms and Morrisania for 1874,

(Minutes November 26th, 1873, p. 425),

he had consulted with the authorities of those towns as to the necessary amount to be raised for the coming year for maintaining streets, roads, avenues, places, &c., the result of which was that it appeared it would require at least \$50,000.

Whereupon Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to make the necessary application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the sum of \$50,000, to meet the necessary expenses of the maintenance of roads, streets, places, &c., &c., in the towns of West Farms, Morrisania and Kingsbridge, during the year 1874.

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

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

On motion of Mr. HALL, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

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

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
6th December, 1873. }

Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

[Tuesday,

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|----------------|--------------------|
| Coffin, P. C., & Co., shovels and pick-handles..... | | \$71 10 |
| Davis, John L., cement..... | | 925 00 |
| Eckel & Imhoff, repairs to plain table.. | | 2 00 |
| Evans, Edward A., setting flag-poles and materials..... | | 180 10 |
| Forsberg, Kuntz, services..... | | 80 00 |
| Hazard Gunpowder Co., fuse..... | | 56 00 |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | \$17 03 | 13 20 |
| Nelson, Wm., Jr., vitrified pipe..... | | 915 20 |
| Sanderson, Brothers & Co., steel..... | | 10 63 |
| Such, Geo., clay for Union Square..... | | 55 00 |
| Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., Eighth avenue wall..... | | 8,249 22 |
| Williams, Jonathan, pedestal to Indian Hunter..... | | 2,250 00 |
| | <u>\$17 03</u> | <u>\$12,807 45</u> |

| | Maintenance of Bridges. | Construction of Museum Nat'l Hist'y. |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Florence, Wm. H., services from October 10 to November 10, 1873..... | \$104 16 | |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, repairs to Harlem Bridge..... | 350 00 | |
| Weeks, D. C., & Son, brick..... | | \$4,000 00 |
| | <u>\$454 16</u> | <u>\$4,000 00</u> |

| | Kingsbridge. |
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| Grant, W. H., petty cash expenses..... | \$25 63 |

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| Maintenance | \$17 03 |
| Construction..... | 12,807 45 |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | 454 16 |
| Construction of Museum of Natural History.... | 4,000 00 |
| Kingsbridge | 25 63 |
| | \$17,304 27 |
| | \$17,304 27 |

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventeen thousand three hundred and four dollars and twenty-seven cents.

New York, December 9, 1873.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to withdraw from the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of twenty-five $\frac{63}{100}$ (\$25 $\frac{63}{100}$) dollars, payable to Wm. H. Grant for petty cash expenses, and chargeable to the account of Kingsbridge.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER presented a report as to the amount to be paid Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, for the superintendence, in connection with the existing organization of the Department, of the Buildings for the Museum of Natural History and Metropolitan Museum of Art, and as recommended therein, the President offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a commission of three-fourths per cent. (say, three-quarters of one per cent.) be paid to Calvert Vaux, architect, for his superintendence, in connection with the existing organization of the Department of Public Parks, of the buildings for the American Museum of Natural History and Metropolitan Museum of Art and Astronomical Observatory; and that the said commission be paid to him from time to time as the work progresses.

(Minutes, September 4th, 1872, p. 503, and November 20th 1873, p. 415.)

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

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

Mr. Matthew Ellis, City Attorney of the city of Yonkers, was at this point admitted, and delivered to the Commissioners seventeen certificates of indebtedness of the said city, amounting in all to \$4,505.83, and a receipt therefor having been

drawn up, the President was authorized to sign and deliver same to Mr. Ellis.

(Minutes, November 26th, 1873, p. 426.)

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

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

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
10th December, 1873. }

Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday, the 15th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of December 9th, 1873, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From George Z. Hunter, M. D., police surgeon, announcing the death, on the 9th instant, of W. C. Roberts, M. D., police surgeon.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had ordered a detachment of the Park-keeper's force to attend the funeral of the deceased, as a mark of respect and esteem.

From Messrs. Hobbs & Oliver, presenting a bill for extra painting work done on the Cottage in Union Square.

Referred to the Associate Architect, to report as to the circumstances under which, and by whom, said work was ordered, and also as to the value of the work done.

Mr. WILLIAMSON entered the meeting at this point.

From the Major & Knapp Engraving Co., stating that it would cost \$150 in addition to the \$375 for which they heretofore agreed to engrave the topographical map of a portion of Westchester County, if required to show the contour lines and topography of Morrisania and the southeastern portion of West Farms; and also that it would cost 20 cents per copy to print 4,000 copies of the map.

(Minutes, January 16th, 1873, p. 642.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the matter of the engraving of said map, and the number to be ordered printed, be referred to the President and Treasurer, with power.

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

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

From the Landscape Architect, enclosing letters of Colonel George E. Waring and Mr. C. S. Sargent, relative to the proposed Rhododendron exhibition of Mr. Anthony Waterer.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to take from the table the letter of Mr. Anthony Waterer, heretofore presented to the Board.

(Minutes, August 6th, 1873, p. 168.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the matter of holding a Rhododendron show, and the letters of the Landscape Architect and Mr. Waterer, be referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER entered the meeting at this point.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. John Garside, a tenant on Morningside Park, had requested permission to purchase the frame-house he has been living in on said park, and remove it to a lot which he owns, at a short distance from said house.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said matter be referred to the President and Treasurer, with power.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to subscribe, on behalf of the Department, for the American Cyclopædia, at present being published by D. Appleton & Co., the price not to exceed six dollars per volume.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of John J. Serrell, Engineer, approving of the map showing the proposed streets and roads in the southwesterly part of the town of Kingsbridge, and which map is dated "New York, November 11th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

(Minutes, October 16th, 1873, p. 350.)

Accepted.

The Board then took up the consideration of said map, and after considerable discussion thereof, laid the matter over, to be taken up at the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had examined the law placing Harlem Bridge under the control of the Department,

(Chap. 534, Laws 1871, passed 15th April, 1871.)

and (as it appeared to be the duty of the Department to maintain the bridge), that the bills of the Westchester County Gas-Light Company, for lighting said bridge from the 15th April, 1871, are properly payable by this Department.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1873, p. 380.)

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

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally against granting an extension of the lease of High Bridge Hotel to Mr. N. A. Lespinasse.

(Minutes, November 26th, 1873, p. 427.)

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

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, that the Supervisor of West Farms and the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, in apportioning the lawful indebtedness of said city of Yonkers, and the town of Kingsbridge, had deducted the sum of \$300, being the amount of fees heretofore retained by the Treasurer of the County of Westchester, and that this Department would have to look to that officer for the amount so deducted. The President also stated that he had instructed the Corporation Counsel to proceed, by mandamus or otherwise, to compel the Supervisor and Town Clerk of the town of Kingsbridge to issue certificates of indebtedness of said town, in accordance with the apportionment.

(Minutes, November 26th, 1873, p. 426.)

Mr. HALL moved that said report be accepted and adopted, and that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a petition from property owners and tax-payers, requesting that a public park would be located opposite the termination of 145th street and Fifth and Sixth avenues, and which petition is signed by George Opdyke, Robert W. Stuart, Charles D. Dickey, and about 300 others.

Laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to dispose of the certificates of indebtedness of the city of Yonkers, amounting to the sum of forty-five hundred and five dollars and eighty-three cents (\$4,505.83), at par and interest; the proceeds to be divided between William Rumble and Thomas C. Cornell, *pro rata*, on their respective claims under their contracts, and the amount so paid to be charged to the account of the town of Yonkers.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw from the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of nineteen hundred and ninety-six dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$1,996.87), to be paid as follows : to employés for the months of April, May, June and July, and chargeable to account of the town of West Farms, the sum of three hundred and eighty-five dollars and ninety-five cents (\$385.95) ; to Geo. S. Greene, Jr., under contract April 23d, 1872, and chargeable to the same account, the sum of four hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$468.97) ; to Wm. Rumble, under contract, November 1st, 1870, six hundred and twenty-two dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$622.88), and chargeable to account of the town of Yonkers ; and to Thomas C. Cornell, under contract November 2d, 1870, five hundred and nineteen dollars and seven cents (\$519.07), chargeable to the same account.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Committee on the Re-appointment of the Personal Force of the Department, presented an additional partial report, signed by a majority of said committee,

(Minutes August 21st, 1873, p. 223).

Recommending the following appointments and reappointments, namely :

George S. Greene, as Engineer in Chief of the Department of Public Parks, at a salary of \$6,000 per annum ;

Daniel Draper, Meteorological Director, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum ;

Wm. A. Conklin, Clerk in charge of the animals, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

Robert Demcker, Landscape Gardener, at a salary of \$3,500 per annum .

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| Thomas B. Ingram, Clerk, at..... | \$1,200 00 | per annum. |
| Charles B. Trimble, Clerk, at..... | 2,000 00 | " |
| Joseph F. Belton, Clerk, at..... | 1,800 00 | " |
| Wm. H. Hoyt, Clerk, at..... | 1,800 00 | " |
| Morris E. Sterne, Clerk, at..... | 1,200 00 | " |
| F. C. A. Hecker, Clerk, at..... | 1,200 00 | " |
| Henry Carpenter, Messenger, at..... | 2 50 | per day. |
| John McLaughlin, "..... | 2 50 | " |
| Horace A. Whitney, "..... | 2 50 | " |
| Alfred A. Whittemore, "..... | 2 50 | " |
| John Watkins, Janitor, at..... | 3 50 | " |

Recommending that the salaries of D. Porter Lord, Chief Clerk, and Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, be increased to \$3,000 per annum and \$4,000 per annum, respectively.

And also recommending that the increase on all salaries above mentioned, shall take effect from and after January 1st, 1874.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that so much of the said report, beginning with the recommendation of the re-appointment of Daniel Draper as Meteorological Director, and from thence to the end thereof, be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that William H. Grant be re-appointed Civil and Topographical Engineer of the Department of Public Parks, at a salary of \$5,200 per annum.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Hall—3.

Noes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT moved that so much of said report as refers to the appointment of George S. Greene as Engineer in Chief, be laid on the table.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. HALL, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of December 15th, 1873, were read and approved.

Mr. BISSINGER, chairman of the Committee appointed August 21st, 1873

(page 223 of the Minutes),

to examine and report as to the reappointment of the personal force necessary to carry on the business of the Department, moved that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

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| North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Co., pavement at Union square..... | \$4,000 00 |
| Croes & Van Winkle, west side map..... | 60 00 |
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| Construction..... | \$4,060 00 |
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand and sixty dollars.

New York, December 17, 1873.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

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| Dec. 3. | By balance account town of | |
| | Kingsbridge..... | \$4,553 70 |
| “ | By balance account town of | |
| | Yonkers | 1,141 95 |

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| Dec. 3. | By balance account town of West Farms..... | \$854 92 | |
| " | By balance account General Fund..... | 100 15 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$6,650 72 |
| " 3-16. | By cash received from rents, license fees, sales, &c..... | | 1,099 76 |
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| | | | <u>\$7,750 48</u> |

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| Dec. 3-16. | To cash paid pay-roll account Kingsbridge..... | \$2,109 69 |
| " | To cash paid into City Treasury | 1,169 91 |
| " | " " bills, account of Kingsbridge..... | 25 63 |
| " | To cash paid pay-roll, account West Farms..... | 385 95 |
| " | To cash paid bills, account West Farms..... | 468 97 |
| " | To cash paid bills, account Yonkers..... | 622 88 |
| " | To balance..... | 2,967 45 |
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| | | <u>\$7,750 48</u> |

1873.

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| Dec. 17. | By balance account town of Kingsbridge..... | \$2,418 38 |
| " | By balance account town of Yonkers..... | 519 07 |
| " | By balance account General Fund..... | 30 00 |
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| | | <u>\$2,967 45</u> |

Say Twenty-nine hundred and sixty-seven $\frac{46}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON.

Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

New York, December 17th, 1873,

9.30 A. M.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to employ the police force, whenever he shall deem it necessary, to remove tenants or other occupiers of premises under the control of the Department.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A.M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22d, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
20th December, 1873. }

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday, the 22d inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

Mr. HALL moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be suspended.

(See page 461.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER entered the meeting at this point.

The PRESIDENT presented a draft of an application which be proposed to make to the Board of Estimate and Apportion-

ment, requesting that there be apportioned from the Extra Contingent Fund, for the purposes of superintendence, surveying and laying out of streets, roads avenues, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards during 1874, the sum of \$83,906.50, as follows :

24th Ward.

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| Kingsbridge..... | \$35,000 00 |
| West Farms—Indebtedness now existing..... | \$21,406 50 |
| For 1874..... | 20,000 00 |
| | 41,406 50 |

23d Ward.

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| Morrisania..... | 7,500 00 |
| | \$83,906 50 |
| | \$83,906 50 |

Mr. HALL moved that the President be authorized to sign and transmit said application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, requesting the further instructions of the Board with regard to the postponing of proceedings for acquiring title to the Parade Ground.

(Minutes, November 19th, 1873, p. 400.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said communication be referred to the President, with the request that he inform the Counsel to the Corporation, in answer thereto, that this Board has no further request to make in the matter.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. HALL moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday the 23d inst., at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS left the meeting at this point.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary do now read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 17th inst. were then read and approved.

Mr. BISSINGER then stated that, having examined the workings of the system under which the Park-keeper's force is now organized, he found it to work in a satisfactory manner, and that the captain, sergeants, and patrol-keepers were satisfied with it.

(Minutes, September 25th, 1873, p. 296.)

Mr. BISSINGER presented an application from Captain Koster for an increase of pay.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said application be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a petition from Sergeants Dohlen, Henry, Pye and Lenz, requesting an increase of their pay.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said petition be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

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

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23d, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—7.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

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

The following communications were presented :

From W. A. Conklin, clerk in charge of the animals, stating that a Mr. Underhill had a pair of wild turkeys, which he offers to the Department for \$20, and recommending their purchase.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be referred to the President, with power to purchase said pair of wild turkeys at a price not exceeding \$20.

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

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

From the Superintendent of Architectural Construction, reporting the progress of the building for the Museum of Natural History.

Ordered filed.

From the Chief-Engineer, reporting that the light furnished by the Globe Gas-light Company, of Boston, seems quite equal to that of ordinary gas, at the same time dispensing with service-pipes, and recommending that said company be allowed to make an experiment in lighting the skating-water in the Central Park.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1873, p. 379.)

The proposition of the Globe Gas-Light Company containing certain conditions which the Department is not prepared to accept, the report of the Chief Engineer was

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT stated, that the purchase of 4,000 young trees, suitable for growing in the nurseries of the Department, having been ordered,

(Minutes, October 15th, 1873, p. 344.)

and the Landscape Gardener having reported that he found it impossible to procure the same,

(Minutes, November 26th, 1873, p. 428.)

he had caused a notice to be prepared for insertion in a few papers, inviting proposals for supplying such trees in lots of not less than 100 each.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that no action be taken for the present with a view to procuring said trees, and that the President be requested to examine and report as to the necessity of purchasing the same this winter, and also whether the Department has a suitable nursery in which to grow said trees when purchased.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL then moved, that the consideration of the map of the southwesterly portion of the town of Kingsbridge, laid over

December 15th, 1873, p. 450,
be taken up.

Adopted.

The Civil and Topographical Engineer having been requested to attend, explained the topographical difficulties of the district, and where it would be impracticable to make the roads and streets wider than those laid down on said map, and in what instances a greater width might be adopted without detriment.

The matter having then been discussed at considerable length, it was agreed to adopt said map, when certain roads and streets thereon were widened; and the Civil and Topographical Engineer was directed to amend the map accordingly as soon as possible. The Civil and Topographical Engineer was also directed to prepare a separate map or maps showing the crossings of streets and roads over the railroad, and submit them to the Board at its next meeting.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday the 26th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Board do now take up and consider the matter of the reappointment of the employés of the Department.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that Frederick Law Olmsted be reappointed Landscape Architect, at an annual salary of \$6,500.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT moved that Howard A. Martin be reappointed as Clerk in the office of Design and Superintendence, at an annual salary of \$1,800.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Hall—3.

Noes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson—2.

The PRESIDENT moved that John Bogart be reappointed as Engineer of the Department, at an annual salary of \$5,200.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect, and Mr. John Bogart, Engineer, have recommended the under-mentioned employés for reappointment, in the department of which they have charge.

Resolved, that they be, and hereby are, reappointed, from and after the 1st January, 1874, to the position, and at the salary set opposite their names, respectively :

Frederick L. Underhill, Assistant Engineer, \$1,800 per annum.

Charles M. Harris, Assistant Engineer, \$1,800 per annum.

Frank A. Calkins, Surveyor, \$1,900 per annum.

Max L. Thomson, Surveyor, \$1,200 per annum.

Otto Sibeth, Draughtsman, \$1,500 per annum.

Halsted Hermans, Rodman, \$1,200 per annum.

P. J. Mahoney, Rodman, \$3 per day.

Daniel Campbell, Rodman, \$3 per day.

Edward A. Miller, Rodman, \$3 per day.

Charles S. Millard, Chainman, \$3 per day.

Edward Van Valkenburgh, Chainman, \$2.75 per day.

Michael J. Kelly, Chainman, \$2.75 per day.

Patrick Phillips, Axeman, \$2.75 per day.

Joseph K. Choate, Axeman, \$2.50 per day.

Wm. A. Jeffers, Axeman, \$2.50 per day.

Matthew G. Robinson, Axeman, \$2.50 per day.

Frank Odell, Axeman, \$2.50 per day.

John Gleason, Axeman, \$2.50 per day.

Courtland E. Palmer, Axeman, \$2.50 per day.

Warren L. Salmon, Tapeman, \$2.00 per day.

Jonathan Gaddis, Laborer, \$2.50 per day.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER asked to be excused from voting on the foregoing resolution.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the undermentioned employés be reappointed to the position and at the salary set opposite to their names, respectively :

J. Wrey Mould, Associate Architect, \$5,200 per annum.

Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, \$4,500 per annum.

Axel Holmgren, Draughtsman, \$1,200 per annum.

Arthur Krause, Draughtsman, \$3 per day.

Edward M. Kemp, Draughtsman, \$2.50 per day.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER asked to be excused from voting on the foregoing motion.

The PRESIDENT moved that the undermentioned be appointed temporarily as foremen, from the date and at the pay set opposite their names, respectively :

Christopher Smith, December 1st, 1873, \$4.50 per day.

Henry Aronson, December 7th, 1873, \$4.50 per day.

James Mahony, December 8th, 1873, \$4.50 per day.

Charles A. Johnson, December 22d, 1873, \$4.50 per day.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the services of H. C. Bertrand, foreman, and Thomas Nolan, foreman, be dispensed with from and after the 1st January, 1874, and that the President be requested so to notify them.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON called the attention of the Board to the fact, that the name of George H. Harrison, and the recommendation that he be reappointed Clerk, and his salary fixed at \$1,500 per annum, from 1st January, 1874, was accidentally omitted from the report of the late committee on reappointments, whereupon

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The name of George H. Harrison was accidentally omitted from the report presented by the late committee on reappointments,

(Minutes, December 15th, 1873, p. 452,)

Resolved, That he be, and he hereby is, reappointed from and after January 1st, 1874, Clerk, at the annual salary of \$1,500.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the undermentioned employes be reappointed from and after the 1st of January, 1874, to the position, and at a salary set opposite their names, respectively.

Samuel T. Houghton, Book-keeper, \$2,200 per annum.

Albert C. Pratt, Assistant Book-keeper, \$1,800 per annum.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and they are hereby, directed to enquire and report to the Board whether, in their judgment, the duties of the Secretary require the additional assistance of an Assistant Secretary and a Chief Clerk ; and whether either of these offices can be abolished without prejudice to the interests of the Department.

Also, whether the rank of Lieutenant of Police should not be re-established, by the reduction of the number of sergeants from five to four ; said rank to incur no additional expense to the Department beyond the sum now paid to a sergeant, but be created for the purpose of having a general officer to act in command of the force in the absence of the Captain.

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

Mr. BISSINGER moved as an amendment thereto, that said resolution he laid on the table.

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

Ayes—Mr. Bissinger—1.

Noes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Williamson, Hall—4.

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

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

Noes—Mr. Bissinger—1.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, it is inexpedient to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Doctor Roberts, the services of only one surgeon being required.

(Minutes, December, 15th, 1873, p. 447.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.20 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From Mr. Dexter A. Hawkins, asking whether the Department holds that it has the power to grade the Fifth avenue, immediately adjoining the Central Park, either by its own force or by contract ; and if it does so hold, whether the Department will take the work in hand at once.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be referred to the President, with a request that he obtain the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, on the matters therein mentioned.

Adopted.

Three petitions signed by W. A. Bogardus, Aaron Ogden and others, property owners, asking that 184th street, as desig-

nated on map No. 201 Tin Case, in the office of the Register of the city of New York, be established as a public street.

Mr. HALL moved that said petitions be referred to the President and Treasurer, to report.

Adopted.

From a number of Iron Works and Bridge Companies, submitting estimates for the repairs on the Third Avenue Bridge.
(Minutes December 3d, 1873, p. 436.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said estimates be referred to the President and Treasurer, to report.

Adopted.

From John Beckett, messenger, asking for an increase of pay.

Mr. STEBBINS moved to refer said application to the President.

Adopted.

From Thomas P. Ramsdell, Esq., by which he donates to the Department a pair of imported Kerry cattle.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said donation be received, with the thanks of the Department.

Adopted.

The TREASURER reported verbally, on behalf of the President and himself, that Mr. John Garside had been paid for his house on Morningside Park, that he had never paid any rent

to the Department, and that it was the only available building on the said park for the use of the engineering force, and that, therefore, it would be advisable and necessary to notify him to remove.

(Minutes December 15th, 1873, p. 449.)

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

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. William Whitlock, Jr., a former owner of a portion of Riverside Park, informed him that there were two buildings on the portion of his property taken for said park, but that he had only been paid for one, and therefore requested to be allowed to remove one of said buildings.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said matter be referred to the President to investigate and report.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That William E. Beames, upon his executing and delivering to this Board a bond in the penal sum of \$5,000, with two or more sufficient sureties, for the faithful performance of his duties, be, and he is hereby, appointed Property Clerk, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

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

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

Noes—Mr. Bissinger—1.

Mr. STEBBINS asked to be excused from voting on the foregoing resolution.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to take from the table so much of the report of the late Committee on Reappointments as refers to the appointment of George S. Greene, as Engineer-in-Chief.

(Minutes, December 15th, 1873, p. 454.)

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

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

Noes—Mr. Stebbins—1.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Board do now adopt said portion of the report, the title of said George S. Greene, being changed from "Engineer-in-Chief" to that of "Chief-Engineer."

After debate and considerable discussion of the matter,

Mr. HALL moved, as an amendment, that the portion of said report now before the Board be laid on the table.

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

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

Noes—Mr. Bissinger—1.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be instructed to examine and report on—

1st. The general subject of maintenance of roads, streets, bridges, sewers and drainage in the annexed district, stating the condition of the works, and what measures are necessary on the part of the department in regard to them.

2d. The condition and extent of works now in progress under contracts, and what action is necessary in regard to such works and contracts.

3d. The necessity for the immediate working and opening of new roads, streets, sewers and drains, including Harlem River tunnels and bridges, and the improvement of the navigation of Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvel Creek.

4th. The necessity and probable extent of changes of the existing plans of laying out streets, &c., in the town of Morrisania.

5th. As to any modification or changes of the bulkhead lines and exterior streets, which have been indicated as necessary for public convenience along the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvel Creek.

6th. As to any additional matter connected with the general subject, which he may deem important.

7th. That the Civil and Topographical Engineer report upon the above to the Board without delay, submitting his report upon each or any of the above points, separately, as soon as prepared.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved, as an amendment thereto, that all of said resolution be struck out, except so much as refers to the laying out of streets and avenues, to the improvement of the navigation of the Harlem River, and the construction of tunnels and bridges connected with the same.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson—2.

Noes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Hall—3.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Hall—3.

Noes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson—2.

Mr. HALL moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening, the 26th December, 1873.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER left the meeting at this point.

Mr. HALL moved that Carnot Meeker be appointed foreman, from and after the 1st January, 1874, at the pay of \$4.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Hall—3.

Mr. WILLIAMSON asked to be excused from voting on the foregoing motion.

Mr. STEBBINS left the meeting at this point.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Adams, Union, & Co., gloves..... | \$56 00 | |
| Barron, James, S. & Co., mops, brooms blacking, &c..... | 52 50 | |
| Baker & McKenney, caps..... | 12 00 | |
| Bartlett J. W., globes..... | 27 00 | |
| Colgate & Co., soap..... | 10 65 | |
| Cooper, Hewitt & Co., annealed wire... | 6 05 | |
| Cummings, A., agt., rattan settee..... | 15 00 | |
| Christern, F. W., Subs. German Period- icals..... | 8 51 | |
| Chalmers, Spence & Co., composition... | 20 00 | |
| Donaldson, J. & T., gas fixtures..... | 30 14 | |
| Dodworth's Band, music on parks..... | 620 00 | |
| Eckel & Imhoff, repairs to plane table.. | | \$5 75 |
| Felt, D., engineers' supplies..... | | 64 60 |
| Frazier Lubricator Co., axle grease.... | 18 00 | |
| Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line Oct. and Nov..... | 62 50 | 62 50 |
| Gifford & Beach, carriage bolts..... | 2 10 | |
| Grube Henry, carpenters' work, cottage Union Square..... | | 329 00 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron..... | 130 08 | 12 90 |
| Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass..... | 14 33 | |
| Hatfield, R. G., services as examiner... | 30 31 | 90 94 |
| Hopkins, James, rat-traps, sieves, &c... | 29 50 | |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | 12 99 | 39 46 |
| Labagh, Wm. O., rock salt..... | 15 85 | |
| Liautard, A., medical attendance..... | 25 00 | |
| Losee, Francis, hay, feed and oats.... | 387 50 | |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Lawrie, P. W., & Co., meat, October and November | \$504 | 90 |
| Manhattan Gas-light Co., gas at park, 1872 | 16,326 | 38 |
| Manhattan Gas-light Co., gas at parks, to November 30, 1873 | 7,402 | 22 |
| Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at parks and arsenal | 587 | 07 |
| Mayor & Lane, plumbers' materials | 35 | 11 |
| Manhattan Oil Co., sperm oil | 81 | 38 |
| New York Gas-light Co., gas at parks, January to July, 1872 | 8,369 | 78 |
| New York Gas-light Co., at parks, Aug. 1872, to April, 1873 | 10,304 | 25 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$45,197 | 10 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | \$605 15 |
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RECAPITULATION.

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|------------------------|----------|----|
| Maintenance | \$45,197 | 10 |
| Construction | 605 | 15 |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$45,802 | 25 |
| | <hr/> | |

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

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| (Signed) | DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, | } <i>Auditing Committee.</i> |
| " | SAMUEL HALL, | |
| " | S. H. WALES, | |

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed

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to transmit all of said bills, payable by the Comptroller, to the Finance Department for payment.

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

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

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

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—7.30 o'clock P. M.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,
“ STEBBINS,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

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

In pursuance of the directions given to the Civil and Topographical Engineer,

(Minutes December 23d, 1873, p. 465.)

he submitted to the Board a map showing the crossings of streets and roads over the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company's depot or station grounds, situate at or near Spuyten Duyvel, whereupon

Mr. HALL offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of an act entitled “An Act relative to the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester,” passed March 17th, 1873, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have devised and prepared a map or plan, embracing and showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, avenues and roads, now laid out, within that particular section of the south westerly part of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester, embracing a part of the grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near the station or depot of said railroad company, at Spuyten Duyvel, on the Hudson River, which is shown

on the map or plan herein referred to, and bounded thereon by a blue dotted line, as, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest; and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, avenues and roads, within said particular section, as, in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued with like benefit, as provided 'in said act; the said changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, roads and avenues, now laid out, which, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest, and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, roads and avenues, as, in their opinion, can be laid out with like benefit, are shown by red color and figures on the said map or plan herein referred to, dated "New York, December 26th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer;" and such streets, roads and avenues, now laid out, and parts of the same, as, in their opinion, can be discontinued with like benefit, are shown on said map or plan by black lines within said particular section and exterior to the streets, roads and avenues, shown by red color and figures on the said map or plan.

Resolved, That the President of said Board of Commissioners cause the said streets, avenues and roads, so devised and prepared, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, and also cause to be prepared and submit to this Board profiles and grades for the said streets, avenues and roads.

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

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

The Civil and Topographical Engineer, in further pursuance of said directions, submitted to the Board a map showing the crossings of streets and roads over the depot or station grounds

of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company at or near Riverdale ; whereupon

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of an act entitled "An Act relative to the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester," passed March 17th, 1873, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have devised and prepared a map or plan, embracing and showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out, within that particular section of the westerly part of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester, embracing a part of the grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near the station or depot of said railroad company, at Riverdale, on the Hudson River, which is shown on the map or plan herein referred to, and bounded thereon by a blue dotted line, as, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest ; and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, avenues and roads within said particular section as, in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued with like benefit, as provided in said act ; the said changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, roads and avenues, now laid out which, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest ; and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, roads and avenues, as, in their opinion, can be laid out with like benefit, are shown by red color and figures on the said map or plan herein referred to, dated "New York, December 26th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer ;" and such streets, roads and avenues now laid out, and parts of the same, as, in their opinion, can be discontinued with like benefit, are shown on said map or plan by black lines within said particular section, and exterior to the streets, roads and avenues shown by red color and figures on the said map or plan.

Resolved, That the President of said Board of Commissioners cause the said streets, avenues and roads so devised and pre-

pared, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, and also cause to be prepared, and submit to this Board, profiles and grades for the said streets, avenues and roads.

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

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

The Civil and Topographical Engineer also, in further pursuance of said directions, submitted to the Board a map showing the crossings of streets and roads over the depot or station grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near Mount St. Vincent, whereupon—

Mr. HALL offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of an act entitled “An Act relative to the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester,” passed March 17th, 1873, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have devised and prepared a map or plan, embracing and showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings, of the streets, avenues and roads, now laid out within that particular section of the westerly part of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester, embracing a part of the grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near the station or depot of said railroad company at Mount St. Vincent, on the Hudson River, which is shown on the map or plan herein referred to and bounded thereon by a blue dotted line, as in their opinion can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest ; and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, avenues, and roads, within said particular section, as, in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued with like benefit, as provided in said act ; the said changes in the location, width, courses, and windings of the

streets, roads and avenues, now laid out, which, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest; and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, roads and avenues, as, in their opinion, can be laid out with like benefit, are shown by red color and figures on the said map or plan herein referred to, dated "New York, December 26th, 1873, and signed "William H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer;" and such streets, roads, and avenues, now laid out, and parts of the same, as, in their opinion, can be discontinued with like benefit, are shown on said map or plan by black lines within said particular section and exterior to the streets, roads, and avenues shown by red color and figures on the said map or plan.

Resolved, That the President of said Board of Commissioners cause the said streets, avenues and roads so devised and prepared to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, and also cause to be prepared and submit to this Board, profiles and grades for the said streets, avenues and roads.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at 9 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING—7.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings of the 26th inst. was suspended.

(See page 493.)

The PRESIDENT then submitted to the Board duplicate maps showing the profiles and grades of the streets, avenues and roads crossing the depot or station grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company at or near Spuyten Duyvel, whereupon

(Minutes, December 26th, 1873, pp. 483 and 484,)

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled “ An Act relative to the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester,” passed March 17th, 1873, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, hereby determine the grades of the several streets, avenues and roads laid out by them under said act, within that particular section of the southwesterly part of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester, embracing a part of the grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad

Company, at or near Spuyten Duyvel, on the Hudson river, as the said grades are shown by red lines and figures on the duplicate maps or surveys, dated "New York, December 29th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer;" said grades so determined being, in the opinion of the said Commissioners, most conducive to the benefit of the property affected and to the public interest.

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

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

The PRESIDENT then submitted to the Board duplicate maps showing the profiles and grades of the streets, avenues and roads crossing the depot or station-grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near Riverdale, whereupon

(Minutes, December 26th, 1873, p. 485.)

Mr. HALL offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act relative to the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester," passed March 17th, 1873, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby determine the grades of the several streets, avenues and roads, laid out by them under said act, within that particular section of the westerly part of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester, embracing a part of the grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near Riverdale, on the Hudson River, as the said grades are shown by red lines and figures on the duplicate maps or surveys, dated "New York, December 29th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer;"

said grades so determined being, in the opinion of the said Commissioners, most conducive to the benefit of the property affected and to the public interest.

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

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

The PRESIDENT then submitted to the Board duplicate maps showing the profiles and grades of the streets, avenues and roads crossing the depot or station-grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near Mount St. Vincent ; whereupon

(Minutes, December 26th, 1873, p. 486.)

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act relative to the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester," passed March 17th, 1873, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby determine the grades of the several streets, avenues and road, laid out by them under said Act, within that particular section of the westerly part of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester, embracing a part of the grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near Mount St. Vincent, on the Hudson River, as the said grades are shown by red lines and figures on the duplicate maps or surveys, dated "New York, December 29th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer ;" said grades so determined being, in the opinion of the said Commissioners, most conducive to the benefit of the property affected, and to the public interest.

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

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

The PRESIDENT then submitted to the Board three sets of duplicate maps, prepared for filing, showing the crossings of streets, avenues and roads over the depot or station grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near Spuyten Duyvel, Riverdale and Mount St. Vincent, as same were determined at the meeting of the Board, held on the 26th December, 1873, and which said several maps are dated "New York, December 29th, 1873," and signed, "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer," whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he hereby is, directed to certify, acknowledge and cause to be filed, according to the provisions of Chapter 89, Laws of 1873, the several duplicate maps of the roads, streets and avenues crossing the depot or station grounds of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at or near Spuyten Duyvel, Riverdale and Mount St. Vincent, and which said maps are respectively dated "New York, December 29th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer," and also to certify, acknowledge and cause to be filed, according to the provisions of said act, the several duplicate maps of the grades of said roads, streets and avenues, and which are mentioned in the three next hereinbefore preceding resolutions.

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

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

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

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Secretary then read the Minutes of the two previous Meetings of the 26th inst., which were approved.

The following communications were presented :

From his Hon. the Mayor, requesting, that a report of the proceedings of this Department for the two months ending December 31st, 1873, be transmitted to him.

Mr. BISSINGER moved, that the President be requested to have prepared and transmit to His Hon., the Mayor, a report as requested.

Adopted.

From the COMPTROLLER of the city of New York, in answer to the application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for an appropriation for surveying, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.

(Minutes, December 22d, 1873, pp. 459 and 460.)

and stating that “ no further appropriations can be made for ” 1874 “ by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, without further legislative authority.”

Filed.

From the TREASURER, stating that, in view of the fact that the annexation act will materially lessen the duties of the Treasurer of this Department after the 1st January, 1874, he waives all claim, after that date, to a salary as such Treasurer under existing laws.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said communication be accepted and entered on the Minutes.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, enclosing an estimate, which shows that there is at present on hand about 6,000 feet of granite.

Filed.

From the Clerk in charge of the animals, asking permission to keep temporarily two Giraffes and two Sea Lions belonging to Mr. P. T. Barnum.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said matter be referred to the President, with power to make an arrangement for the keep of said animals at the owner's expense and risk.

Adopted.

From Wm. Schermerhorn offering a large quantity of earth for filling purposes to the Department.

Mr. HALL moved that said communication be referred to the Superintendent to report.

Adopted.

From Charles Schedler, requesting that the Board would approve of, and give the necessary consent for, a sub-lease of High Bridge Hotel from Mr. N. A. Lespinasse to him.

(Minutes July 16th, 1873, p. 115 and September 10th, 1873, p. 255.)

Mr. HALL moved that it be referred to the President to examine, and if he should think it advisable, approve of such

sub-lease, subject, however, to the conditions contained in clause ten of the lease.

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

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

From Mr. John Seabert, claiming \$71.50 for damage done to his hot-beds, at Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets and Ninth Avenue, by the work at Manhattan square.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said matter be referred to the President to investigate and report.

Adopted.

From Mr. F. A. Palmer and others, who sign on behalf of some working people, demanding employment, and pay for the same.

Laid on the Table.

The PRESIDENT submitted to the Board a bond executed by Wm. E. Beames, George H. Jackson, and Jonathan B. Jackson, as security for the faithful performance by Mr. Beames, of the duties of Property Clerk.

(Minutes December 26th, 1873, p. 475.)

Mr. HALL moved that said bond be referred to the Treasurer, with power to approve of the same.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preambles and resolution:

Whereas, The unequal topography of the surface of the town of Kingsbridge must, in any event, entail heavy burdens upon the property in the laying out and construction of streets and avenues.

And whereas, it is an assured fact in law that no projection, as of a stoop or other obstruction, can be permitted to encroach upon the lines of streets or avenues after those lines are legally determined.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the two main avenues in said town of Kingsbridge, as shown on the map prepared by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, be laid out, not over eighty feet in width.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said preamble and resolution be laid on the table.

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

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

Noes.—Mr. Wales—1.

The PRESIDENT, at the request of Mr. Stebbins, he being absent, moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee to report on the alteration of Sec. 4 of Article II of the By-Laws, so that said section shall read as follows :

Sec. 4. There shall be a Property Clerk, who shall have charge of, and be responsible for all tools, implements and material of the Department, and shall, on the first days of January and July, submit to the Board an inventory of such property, and the condition thereof, *and shall make all purchases for the Department under requisitions of the Board.* The Property Clerk shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may require.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be, and he is hereby, directed to make an inventory of all the property of this Department now in his possession or under his control as acting Property Clerk, and to transmit the same to this Board forthwith, and that he deliver to the Property Clerk all the property mentioned in said inventory.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Board adjourned at 10.20 o'clock P. M. to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Sec. D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of December 30th, 1873, were read and approved.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the order of business was suspended to receive some reports from the Landscape Architect.

The Landscape Architect then presented and read a draft report of the estimates for construction works during the year 1874.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be referred back to the Landscape Architect to revise, and when so revised, that same be printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 54.)

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

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

The Landscape Architect then presented and read a report upon the subject of the boat and refreshment houses at the lake on the Central Park. Said report also contains a list of, and was accompanied by a map showing the position of, all the urinals, &c., on the Central Park.

(Minutes, June 12th, 1872, p. 424, and November 26th, 1873, p. 429.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted and printed as a document of the Board, and that copies of said map be made for the use of the Commissioners.

(See Document No. 55.)

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

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

The Landscape Architect then presented a preliminary study of the "Gap Bridge" on the Central Park, the estimated cost of which is \$8,000.

The PRESIDENT moved that said preliminary study of the "Gap Bridge" be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be, and he hereby is, requested to report to this Board, as soon as practicable, the present condition of all works in process of construction, and the probable cost to complete the same, in addition to the liabilities already incurred on account of said works.

Adopted.

A communication was presented from His Hon. the Mayor, requesting that this Department would take such action as would cause the proceedings with regard to acquiring title to the Parade Ground to be discontinued.

(Minutes, Dec. 22d, 1873, p. 461.)

Whereupon—

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all proceedings in the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, relative to acquiring title to certain lands in the city of New York for a public place or parade ground, under authority conferred by Chap. 628 of the Laws of 1871 of the State of New York, be, and the same are hereby discontinued.

The PRESIDENT moved as an amendment to said resolution, that before the Board takes any action in the matter of the Parade Ground, it be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to advise, whether the Board of this Department has the power to discontinue the proceedings heretofore taken, and now being carried out, with regard to said Parade Ground.

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

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

Noes—Mr. Williamson—1.

Mr. HALL moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER left the meeting at this point.

Mr. HALL offered the resignation of Carnot Meeker as foreman.

(Minutes, Dec. 26th, 1873, p. 478.)

Accepted.

Mr. HALL moved that Joseph Wiley Gilray be appointed temporarily as foreman, at the pay of \$4.50 per day.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Board at a meeting held December 26, 1873, in auditing the bills of the Manhattan Gas-light Co., amounting to \$23,728.60, and the New York Gas-light Co. amounting to \$18,674.03, charging these sums to general "maintenance" be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and that the amounts above named be charged to account of "supplies of gas, 1872 and 1873, as apportioned by the Board "of Estimate and Apportionment," and that the same be and is hereby audited and allowed as substitute.

(Minutes, December 26th, 1873, p. 480.)

Adopted.

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

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Appleton, D., & Co., Cyclopedias, 3 vols..... | \$9 00 | \$9 00 |
| Composite Iron Works, office railing..... | 11 67 | 23 33 |
| Conover, Woolley & Co., grates, &c.,..... | 3 65 | |
| Cook, Ebenezer, matches, soap, &c..... | 12 76 | |
| Cooper, Hewitt & Co., galvanized iron wire..... | 37 42 | |
| Donaldson, J. & T., gas burners..... | 3 50 | |
| Eaton, Thomas H., binding Minutes and Documents.. | 7 92 | 7 92 |
| Fitch, A. J., spruce piles, bridge, No. 33..... | | 306 90 |
| Gifford & Beach, materials for wheels and bolts..... | 114 23 | |
| Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass..... | 42 03 | 5 96 |
| Manwaring, D. W., Russia mats..... | | 21 00 |
| Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber..... | 39 75 | 59 28 |
| Murphy & Nesbit, hard brick..... | | 752 33 |
| National Fine Art Foundry, finials, Union Square.... | | 149 00 |
| North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Co., repairs at Union square..... | 98 26 | |
| N. Y. Roofing Co., tarred roofing paper..... | 16 25 | |
| N. Y. Cement Co., cement..... | 7 40 | 917 60 |
| N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at office and cottage, Union Square, to Dec. 1..... | 51 99 | |
| N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at Parks, Nov..... | 1,434 00 | |
| Nelson, Wm., vitrified pipe..... | | 183 00 |
| Pratt, Chas., & Co., kerosene oil..... | 7 80 | 17 60 |
| Ruhe, Louis, seed and bird food..... | 25 00 | |
| Reiche, Chas. & Bro., cage and bird food..... | 17 00 | |
| Riddle, Brintnall & Co., coal..... | 72 67 | 33 33 |
| Stewart & Co, vitrified pipe..... | | 180 96 |
| Slattery, James, building stone..... | | 1,200 00 |
| Salamander Works, sewer pipe..... | | 111 00 |
| Scharbach, Chas., harness leather..... | 8 52 | |
| Silkworth, M. E., parrot cages..... | 96 00 | |
| Sanderson Bros. & Co., octagon steel..... | | 135 67 |
| Thorburn, J. M. & Co., seed, bulbs and plants..... | 12 50 | 286 39 |
| Terry, J. J., vegetables..... | 74 90 | |
| Tucker, Luther & Son, subs. "Country Gentleman," 1872, '3 & '4..... | 7 50 | |
| Townsend & Yale, gloves..... | 98 00 | |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, stove-pipe elbows..... | 20 10 | |
| Terry, H. C. & Co., ventilators..... | 6 67 | 13 33 |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|--|------------------------|
| Underhill & Co., ventilators..... | \$8 33 | \$16 67 |
| Verplanck Bros., blanket and horse cover..... | 13 50 | |
| Worrall & Co., saw..... | | 4 50 |
| Warner, Wyllys H., repairs to heating apparatus..... | 76 72 | |
| Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints..... | 2 93 | 23 22 |
| | Maintenance Museum of Natural History. | |
| Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints..... | \$17 00 | 68 38 |
| | Construction Museum of Art. | |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | \$99 00 | 324 64 |
| | Maintenance of Bridges. | |
| Florence, W. H., services to Dec. 10.... | \$104 16 | |
| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at bridges, park and roads..... | 468 09 | 897 00 |
| Menzies, Wm. & Son, lumber..... | 24 16 | 1,478 52 |
| Rogers, H. A. & Co., cotton waste, &c... | 5 75 | 16 25 |
| | <hr/> \$602 07 | <hr/> \$3,744 24 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> \$6,798 14 |
| | Supplies of Gas, 1872 & 1873. | |
| New York Gas-light Co., gas at lower parks May 1 to Nov., 1873..... | \$7,680 72 | |

RECAPITULATION.

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|---|-------------------------|
| Maintenance Museum Natural History..... | \$17 00 |
| Construction Museum of Art..... | 99 00 |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | 602 07 |
| Maintenance..... | 3,744 24 |
| Construction..... | 6,798 14 |
| Supplies for 1872 and 1873..... | 7,680 72 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> \$18,941 17 |

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred and forty-one dollars and seventeen cents.

New York, January 3, 1874.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Barron, J. S., & Co., brooms..... | | \$24 00 |
| Dregan, Francis, slating, &c., Casino..... | | 486 68 |
| Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line, Dec..... | \$31 25 | 31 25 |
| Hoag, C. W., milk September and October..... | 46 53 | |
| Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice..... | 166 60 | 10 27 |
| Lewis, C. A., & Co., fish, Oct., Nov. and Dec..... | 280 98 | |
| Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas at Parks, November. . | 112 47 | |
| New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at Parks, office and cottage..... | 1,379 26 | |
| Queen, James W., & Co., engineer supplies..... | | 4 50 |
| Scharbeck, Chas., harness leather..... | 20 40 | |
| Sloane, W. & J., laying carpets and lining..... | 21 00 | |
| Simpson, A., bread, September, October and November. | 294 10 | |
| Tracy, John D., building sand..... | | 250 00 |
| Tone, Henry, horses and wagons..... | 1,220 00 | |
| Tone, Theodore F., coal..... | | 21 00 |
| Thornburn, Jas. M. & Co., bass mats..... | | 20 84 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | | 21 00 |
| Wilson, Wm. C., trees and shrubs..... | | 54 50 |
| Tone, Theodore F., coal..... | 146 00 | 126 45 |
| | <u>\$3,718 59</u> | <u>\$1,000 49</u> |

[*Wednesday,*

| | Maintenance of Observatory. | |
|--|------------------------------------|---|
| Draper, Daniel, petty cash expenses..... | | \$26 92 |
| | | <u>\$26 92</u> |
| | Construction, Museum of Art. | Construction, Museum of Nat. History. |
| Tone, Theo. F., coal..... | \$17 55 | \$9 00 |
| | <u>\$17 55</u> | <u>\$9 00</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Maintenance of Observatory..... | \$26 92 |
| Construction Museum of Art..... | 17 55 |
| Construction Museum of Natural History..... | 9 00 |
| Maintenance | 3,718 59 |
| Construction | 1,000 49 |
| | <u>\$4,772 55</u> |

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifty-five cents.

New York, January 7, 1874.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

January 7, 1874.]

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

| | | | |
|----------|--|------------|-------------|
| 1873. | CR. | | |
| Dec. 17. | By balance account town of Kingsbridge..... | \$2,418 38 | |
| | “ “ Yonkers..... | 519 07 | |
| | “ account general fund..... | 30 00 | |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$2,967 45 |
| 18. | By sale of certificates of indebtedness, account | | |
| | Yonkers..... | 4,521 59 | |
| | By cash received for rent and keep of Tapir. | 144 00 | |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$7,633 04 |
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| 1873. | DR. | | |
| Dec. 18. | To cash paid bills, account town of Yonkers.. | \$5,040 66 | |
| | To cash paid into City Treasury..... | 174 00 | |
| | To balance..... | 2,418 38 | |
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| | | | \$7,633 04 |
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| 1873. | CR. | | |
| Jan. 7. | By balance account town of Kingsbridge..... | \$2,418 38 | |
| | Say Twenty-four hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty-eight cents. | | |

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

New York, January 7th, 1874,
9.30 A. M.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to withdraw from the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of twenty-four hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$2,418.38), and to pay the same to employes on account

of pay-roll for the month of December, and chargeable to Kingsbridge account.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved—

That the resolution citing the manner in which materials and labor on certain works shall be charged,

(Minutes, November 20, 1872, p. 573,)

be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That said resolution be, and is hereby, amended, by inserting the words "Propagating House" at or before the words "the completion of," so as to read as follows : "That with the exception of money necessary for Propagating House, the completion of the Conservatory, Belvedere," &c., and that as amended said resolution be readopted by the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12.15 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3:30 o'clock P. M.

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 7th instant were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of acquiring title to the Parade Ground, asking whether this Department would feel authorized to furnish such damage, profile and assessment maps and abstracts as should be required by said Commissioners in the discharge of their duties.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to said communication, stating that so far as this Department had authority, it would render all the assistance in its power to the Commissioners, whereupon said communication was ordered

Filed.

From the Comptroller, requesting that in future, and in

pursuance of Sec. 29, Chap. 335, the "estimated expense" of executing each contract shall be certified thereon before it is filed in the Finance Department.

The Secretary was directed to have said request complied with, and said communication was ordered

Filed.

From the Landscape Architect, in answer to a communication of the President, asking his opinion upon the question of the propriety of allowing snow removed from the streets to be deposited in the small parks, and stating that he would not advise such permission to be granted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said communication be received, and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS entered the meeting at this point.

From Messrs. Henry Lewis Morris, J. Lloyd Haigh, and M. C. Turner, stating the peculiar advantages which a park, if laid out as heretofore requested, opposite the termination of 145th street and Fifth and Sixth avenues, would possess.

(Minutes, December 15th, 1873, p. 451.)

Laid on the table.

From the Superintendent, suggesting that the Department purchase a cargo of oats and corn at one time, instead of getting it in small quantities.

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

Adopted.

From Mr. Robert Jardine, offering to deliver filling at Manhattan square for 55 cents per cubic yard.

Filed.

From Mr. L. Held, offering 200 yards of filling at Sixty-ninth street and Third avenue, if removed by the Department.

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

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, reporting favorably on the offer of filling by Mr. Wm. Schermerhorn.

(Minutes, December 30th, 1873, p. 494.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said matter be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in answer to a communication of the President, and stating that this Department has jurisdiction over the lighting of public parks, and the Department of Public Works over the lighting of public places. That the difference between a public park and a public place is not clearly defined by the statutes, and that, therefore, the two Departments should arrange, each with the other, for the proper lighting of those portions of the city to which both terms might be applied.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said communication be received, and that it be referred to the President to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works, with a view to carrying out the recommendation of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that the Commissioners of the Board of Public Parks have the power at once to survey, map and plan for bridges over and tunnels under the Harlem river, and to construct the same; also to make surveys, maps and plans for roads, avenues, streets, public places, and sewers in all the annexed part of Westchester county included in the territory over which they were given control in Chapter 534 of the Act of 1871, and not included in the boundaries of the towns of West and East Chester.

That after January 1st, 1874, the Commissioners of this Department, under Section 14 of Chapter 613 of the Laws of 1873, are authorized to lay out, construct and maintain all the roads, avenues and streets in the towns annexed to the city of New York from the county of Westchester.

That in such laying out and construction, the Commissioners will be governed by existing ordinances of the Common Council of New York, applicable to work of similar character.

And that the money required therefor must be raised by the City of New York in the manner provided by law, with regard to improvements in that City.

(Minutes, November 26th, 1873, p. 425.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said communication be received, and referred to the President and Treasurer to examine and report.

Adopted.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in answer to a communication of the Treasurer, asking for his opinion in regard to the powers of the Department to cancel leases, and also to grant leases under which the tenants should be allowed a reduction of the rent on making repairs, wherein he states

that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks were empowered by statute to let buildings and adjacent grounds within the Central Park until required for the regulation thereof, whereupon such buildings should be removed unless used for the purposes of the Park.

That he has not been able to find any provision of law extending the power of the Commissioners to execute leases on any other parks.

That such power would seem to be now vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under Sec. 102, Chap. 335, Laws of 1872.

That the Commissioners must pay to the Chamberlain the entire rents received, without deduction for money expended by them for repairs; and money so expended can be paid only through the Finance Department out of the appropriation for the parks of the city.

That it is, however, competent for the Commissioners to negotiate leases providing that the tenants shall themselves make repairs with a corresponding deduction in the rents; and in this case the legal obligations of the Commissioners will of course be performed by paying the Chamberlain the rents received, modified in amount by the stipulation of the tenants to themselves make the necessary repairs.

(Minutes, November 26th, 1873, p. 420.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said communication be referred to the Treasurer to examine and compare with a previous opinion received from the Counsel to the Corporation on the question of the power of the Department to make leases, and to report.

(Minutes, July 31st, 1873, p. 148.)

Adopted.

From Mrs. Joanna Decker, resigning the position of ladies' maid in charge of Union Square Cottage, to take effect from the 3d inst.

Accepted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had appointed Mary Frances Hyatt temporarily as ladies' maid, in charge of said cottage from the 3d inst., at \$10.50 per week; and moved that his action in the premises be ratified, and the appointment confirmed.

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

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

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that, owing to the lateness of the season, it would be impracticable to hold a Rhododendron Exhibition in the Central Park during 1874, as proposed by Mr. Anthony Waterer.

(Minutes, Dec. 15th, 1873, p. 448 and 449.)

Accepted and adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that Mr. N. A. Lespenasse, lessee of the High Bridge Hotel, had given a sub-lease, or license, dated the 15th July, 1873, to Mr. Charles Schedler. That Mr. Charles Schedler was a fit and proper person to occupy said hotel. That said sub-lease was in conformity with the original lease. And he therefore recommended that the Board consent to said sub-lease upon the conditions contained in clause ten of the original lease.

(Minutes, December 30th, 1873, pp. 494 and 495.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted, and that the President be authorized to give the consent for said sub-lease, as recommended.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had appointed the following overseers of roads and streets temporarily in that portion of Westchester County lately annexed to the city and county of New York, namely :

John McCarty, in the portion lately known as Morrisania, from January 3d, 1874, at \$800 per annum ;

Joseph Harrison, in the portion lately known as West Farms, from January 2d, 1874, at \$1,500 per annum ;

John Forsyth, in the portion lately known as Kingsbridge, from January 3d, 1874, at \$4.50 per day,
To be paid out of the fund provided by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the care and maintenance of the streets, roads and avenues in said districts.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the action of the President in the premises be approved and ratified by the Board.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said overseers of streets and roads be instructed to report weekly to the Board upon all matters connected with their duties as such overseers.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT suggested that this Board appropriate, out of the sum granted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment (\$50,000) for the maintenance of roads, &c., in the lately annexed district, a certain amount for each portion of said district, and which portions have been lately known as Morrisania, West Farms and Kingsbridge ; and also that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be supplied with a horse and wagon for the discharge of his duties therein ;

Whereupon,

Mr. STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President to examine and report upon the matters suggested by him.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that on the 2d January, 1874, he had authorized Mr. E. C. Morrison to continue in temporary charge of all work under existing contracts in the late town of Morrisania, and authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town, and for which he is to be paid out of any fund, assessment, or otherwise, as now provided by law.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the action of the President in the premises be approved and ratified by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President to report to the Board the present status of all works in the 23d Ward, under charge of Mr. E. C. Morrison.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, upon clause first of resolution of

December 26th, 1873. p. 476 and 477.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a like report upon clause second of said resolution.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be received, printed as a document of the Board, and referred to the Executive Committee.

(See Document No. 56.)

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

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

The PRESIDENT presented a like report upon the fourth clause of said resolution.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of the Superintendent, containing an inventory of all tools, &c., which were in charge of foremen on December 31st, 1873.

(Minutes, December 30th, 1873, p. 497.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said inventory be referred to the Property Clerk for verification.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a draft of an Act to amend Chap. 613, Laws of 1873.

Whereupon,

Mr. STEBBINS moved to refer said draft act to Mr. Williamson, to examine and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had been waited upon by a deputation of workmen, who asked permission to occupy Tompkins square on Tuesday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of holding a meeting.

Whereupon,

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

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President to report out of what fund, and on what pay-roll, the Civil and Topographical Engineer should be paid from and after the 1st inst.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby, authorized to demand, in pursuance of the provisions of Chap. 613 of Laws of 1873, that all records, documents and papers now or formerly on file in the several offices or in the possession of the several officers of the former towns of Morrisania, West Farms and Kingsbridge, in the matter of opening, laying out or constructing any boulevard, avenue, street, highway or sewer in either of said towns, be forthwith delivered over to this Department by the said several officers now or formerly having the custody or control of the same.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested, under the provisions of Sec. 6, Chap. 756 of the Laws of 1873, to issue to an amount not exceeding the sum of

one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) of the public fund or stock to be denominated the "City Parks Improvement Fund," for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and public places which by law now are, or may hereafter be, under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks, and also for the construction and equipment of a Meteorological and Astronomical Observatory on Central Park.

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

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

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER jointly reported verbally in favor of paying Messrs. Bancroft & Yetter the sum of \$750, in full discharge of all claims which they have against the Department, by reason of the use of their patent monitor sprinklers.

(Minutes, October 6th, 1873, p. 325.)

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, recommending that the pay of John Beckett, messenger, be increased from the 1st January, 1874, to \$2.50 per day.

(Minutes, December 26th, 1873, p. 474.)

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

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

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

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 6.15 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
10th January, 1874.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday, the 12th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 8th inst. was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT moved that the first rule regulating the action of the Board in accepting statues and monuments, and placing same in the Central Park, be reconsidered.

(Minutes, October 1st, 1873, p. 315 and 316.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the following be, and hereby is, adopted by the Board, in lieu of, and as a substitute for, said first rule.

First.—Before any engagement is made to place a statue, or allow a statue to be placed, on the Central Park, it shall be seen in a finished condition, or in the form of a finished model, and a judgment as to its merits, as a work of art, shall have been requested of the respective Presidents of the “National Academy of Design,” the “Metropolitan Museum of Art,” and the New York Chapter “American Institute of Architects.”

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That, with a view to an economical and effective administration of the duties pertaining to the care and maintenance of the streets, avenues and bridges in that portion of the county of Westchester lately annexed to the city and county of New York, there be appointed a superintendent in charge of the same, whose duty it shall be to supervise the work of maintenance in the whole district. That said district be divided into the following divisions :

Kingsbridge Division, comprising the late town of Kingsbridge.

West Farms Division, No. 1, comprising that portion of the late town of West Farms, west of the New York, Harlem & Albany Railroad.

West Farms Division, No 2, comprising that portion of the late town of West Farms, east of the New York, Harlem & Albany Railroad.

Morrisania Division, being the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York.

That a foreman be appointed for the care and maintenance of the streets, avenues and bridges in each division.

That the time of the foremen and of all laborers shall be returned by the foreman of each division to the superintendent in charge.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said resolution be referred to the Executive Committee to report upon.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL entered the meeting at this point.

The PRESIDENT then presented the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation upon the power of this Department to discontinue proceedings in the matter of the Parade Ground, wherein he holds, that there can be no doubt that under the provisions of the Law of 1839 (Chap. 209), the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, if the proceedings had been commenced under them, would have the power to discontinue them ; and that in his opinion, the Board governing this Department has equally the power to direct such discontinuance in this particular matter.

(Minutes, January 7th, 1874, p. 501.)

Filed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all proceedings in the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, relative to acquiring title to certain lands in the city of New York for a public place or parade ground, under authority conferred by Chap. 628 of the Laws of 1871 of the State of New York, be, and the same are hereby, discontinued.

After considerable debate and discussion of the matter,

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution, as an amendment to the resolution offered by Mr. Williamson :

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor has addressed the following communication to this Department :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
City Hall, New York, Dec. 31, 1873. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

I observe in the public prints that Commissioners have just been appointed in the matter of taking a parade ground, at a point nearly at the extreme northern end of this island. I had supposed that this matter had been postponed, or entirely discontinued.

It seems to me that this is scarcely the time to initiate large expenditures for purchases of land, except for purposes absolutely necessary.

Since the parade ground was located at its present site, which is now and must for a long time be, practically inaccessible for a large body of men, certain territory has been added to the city, within which are doubtless comprehended many sites suitable for such a purpose, directly on the line of a railroad, much more convenient for a parade ground, and very much less expensive.

I would suggest that before proceeding to take any land for this purpose, the whole question of site be reviewed, and that all proceedings that have been commenced to take the land, be discontinued, which I have no doubt the Department of Parks is invested with legal power to do.

Respectfully,

(Signed),

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

(Minutes, January 7th, 1874, p. 501.)

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, directed to take all necessary steps to legally suspend action in the matter of the Parade Ground consistently with the previous proceedings of this Board on the subject.

Resolved, That the further consideration of this subject be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of three members of this Board, in conjunction with the Major-General commanding the First Division of the National Guard of the State of New York, to examine and report upon the objections mentioned in the communication of his Honor the Mayor.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Hall—3.

Noes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson—2.

At this point the Board suspended, and received Captain Tynan, of the Metropolitan Police, who stated that he had been directed by the President of the Board of the Police Department to request, that this Department would not give permission to Peter J. McGuire and others to hold a mass meeting in Tompkins Square on Tuesday, the 13th inst.

Captain Tynan was requested to obtain a written communication to the above effect from the Police Department, and he then retired.

The Board then resumed, and the PRESIDENT stated, that in pursuance of the action of the Board,

(January 8th, 1874, p. 518.)

he had given permission to Peter J. McGuire, George Buck, and their associates, to hold such a meeting.

A communication from the Police Department having been subsequently received, whereby the Board was informed that the following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, namely :

That the Department of Public Parks be requested, in the interest of public order and safety not to grant any permission to the persons calling themselves unemployed workmen to meet in Tompkins square, or any other public square, for the purpose of marching to the City Hall to menace the public authorities ; and in case any such permission has been already granted, that the same be revoked by your Department.

Mr. WILLIAMSON thereupon moved that the President be requested to revoke the permission heretofore given to hold a meeting in Tompkins square.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all unfinished matters relating to the personal force of the Department be referred to the Executive Committee, to be reported upon at the next regular meeting of the board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer upon the third clause of the resolution adopted

December 26th, 1873, p. 477,

and which report is accompanied by a map.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 12.15 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
16th January, 1874.

Mr. WILLIAM IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.,

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday, the 19th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., to consider the matter of the Parade Ground, and such other business as may require attention.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) S. H. WALES,
President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,
“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 8th and 12th inst. were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT then reported, that in pursuance of the resolution adopted on the 12th inst., he had an interview with the Counsel to the Corporation, with the object of having all necessary steps taken to legally suspend action in the matter of the Parade Ground; that he had been informed by the Assistant Counsel to the Corporation, the law authorizes a discontinuance, but not a suspension of the proceedings heretofore commenced.

(Minutes, January 12th, 1874, p. 524.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved to reconsider that portion of the resolution adopted on the 12th January, 1874, and entered on pages 524 and 525 of the minutes, whereby the further consideration of the subject of the Parade Ground was referred to a Special Committee.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said portion of the said resolution be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all proceedings in the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, relative to acquiring title to certain lands in the city of New York for a public place or parade ground, under authority conferred by Chap. 628 of the Laws of 1871 of the State of New York, be, and the same are hereby, discontinued.

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following preambles and resolution as an amendment thereto :

Whereas, It has been the settled policy of this commission for a long course of years, as shown by various reports of great interest, by correspondence with the Governors of the State at different periods, and by long and earnest correspondence with the military authorities of the city and county of New York, to establish at some suitable point, within the city limits, a commodious and well improved Parade Ground for the use of the First Division, New York State Militia ; and

Whereas, The present site, located on or at Sherman's Creek, on the west of Harlem River, being north of Inwood street and east of Kingsbridge road, was selected, after a care-

ful and thoughtful consideration of all the necessities of the case, and was finally reported favorably upon by the Engineers, &c., of this Commission, it is

Resolved, That this Board does not find sufficient reasons in the letter of His Honor the Mayor to discontinue the proceedings in relation to said Parade Ground, and that a commission of three be appointed by the President to carefully examine the same, and report the result of their conclusions to this Board.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales—2.

Noes—Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—3.

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

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

Noes—Messrs. Stebbins, Wales—2.

Mr. STEBBINS left the meeting at this point.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Executive Committee, then presented a report of the proceedings of that Committee at a meeting held on the 13th inst., whereby the following action is recommended to be taken by the Board, namely :

That the ten brick urinals, now on Central Park, be replaced by structures for a similar purpose made of iron, of the most approved plan, and that they be of a size sufficient to accommodate six persons.

(Minutes, November 20th, 1873, p. 412, Document No. 55.)

That the request of Patrolman Nicholas O'Hearn, for full pay during his illness, be denied, for the reason that it will compel the Department to pay numerous claims of a similar character, both in the past and future.

(Minutes November 5th, 1873, p. 380.)

That the Board establish a limit within which full or half pay will be allowed, as may be deemed proper, to those incapacitated by sickness or accident from performing their duties.

That in order to render the Police Force of the Department more efficient, no applications be accepted where the applicant is under twenty-five years or over forty years of age.

(Minutes, November 5th, 1873, p. 384.)

That the applications of Captain Koster, and of Sergeant Van Dohlen, Henry, Pye and Lenz,

(Minutes, December 22d, 1873, p. 461 and 462.)

and also of Messrs. Underhill, and Hermans, of the Engineering Bureau, for increased compensation, be refused.

That the resolution offered by the President at the meeting of the Board, held January 12th, 1874, and entered on pages 522 and 523 of the minutes, be adopted and that the following persons be appointed temporarily to fill the positions created by said resolution at the salaries named :

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| Edwd. C. Morrison, Superintendent in charge, at..... | \$1,000 per annum. |
| John Forsyth, Foreman Kingsbridge Division, at..... | 1,000 " " |
| Joseph Harrison, Foreman West Farms Division No. 1, at... | 1,000 " " |
| Charles Bathgate, Foreman West Farms Division No. 2, at... | 1,000 " " |
| John McCarty, Foreman Morrisania Division, at..... | 800 " " |

(Minutes January 8th, 1874, p. 515.)

That Edwin B. Jennings be appointed Axeman in the Engineering Bureau, at \$2.50 per day, from January 1st, 1874.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said report, except such portion thereof as refers to the application of Nicholas O'Hearn for full pay during illness, be adopted.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved, that so much of said report as recommends the refusal of the application of Patrolman Nicholas O'Hearn for full pay during his illness, be rejected.

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

Ayes—Mr. Williamson—1.

Noes—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger, Hall—3.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the Board do now adopt said portion of said report.

Mr. HALL then moved, as an amendment thereto, that said portion of said report be laid on the table.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Williamson, Hall—2.

Noes—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger—2.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Bissinger—2.

Noes—Messrs. Williamson, Hall—2.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he hereby is, requested to cause to be prepared and submitted to this Board, for its approval, the Annual Report of this Department, ending with the 31st day of December, 1873.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the salary of Daniel Draper, Meteorological Director, be increased to \$4,000 per annum, from January 1st, 1874.

(Minutes, December 15th, 1873, p. 453.)

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

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

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER,

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th instant were read and approved.

A communication was received from Mr. Wm. Whitlock, Jr., relative to the building on Riverside Park which formerly belonged to him, and for which, he states he received no compensation.

The PRESIDENT, to whom the matter was referred, (Minutes, December 26th, 1873, p. 475,) reported verbally that, on investigation he ascertained that there were two buildings on the premises, a small frame house and a stable.

That the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment allowed Mr. Whitlock the sum of \$840.

That although this sum is stated to be for a “building,” he has been informed by the Superintendent that it is as much as both buildings are worth.

Accepted.

The Board then suspended and received Mr. Wm. Whitlock, Jr., who stated that the house for which he was not allowed any compensation had cost him over \$1,000.

Mr. Whitlock was requested to furnish the Board with information as to the reasons why the Commissioners refused to allow him any compensation for said building, which he undertook to do, and then retired.

The following gentlemen, who were in attendance, were then received, namely : Messrs. H. W. Morris, M. C. Turner, Jonathan Edwards, H. L. Morris, F. J. Barretto, and J. L. Haigh. They presented a map showing the locality where it is desired that a Park should be constructed on the Westchester County side of Harlem River, opposite to the termination of 145th street and Fifth and Sixth avenues. They further stated that the property could be purchased at the rate of \$10,000 per acre.

(Minutes, January 8th, 1874, p. 510.)

The deputation having retired,

Mr. Charles O'Shay, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, and Mr. Julius H. Striedinger, Instructor of the Corps of Sappers and Miners of said Department, were received. They presented a letter of introduction from Joseph L. Perley, Esq., President of said Department, and stated that, under sec. 4, chap. 726 of the Laws of 1873, it was the duty of the Commissioners of the Fire Department to establish within the City limits a depot for the storage of explosives ; that the most suitable place for such a store-house or magazine would be in one of the City Parks, and they requested that permission to construct such a magazine in one the Parks, in accordance with certain drawings and designs which they presented, might be granted.

They then retired, and the Board resumed.

A communication was presented from Joseph W. Gilray, declining the appointment of foreman, and requesting that same be canceled.

(Minutes, January 7th, 1874, p. 502.)

Accepted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had appointed Frank Mollard, temporarily, as foreman, at \$4.50 per day, from January 14th, 1874, and moved that his action be ratified, and the appointment confirmed.

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

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

Communications were presented by the PRESIDENT from John Q. A. Ward, Esq., President National Academy of Design, R. M. Hunt, Esq., President New York Chapter American Institute of Architects, and John Taylor Johnston, Esq., President Metropolitan Museum of Art, accepting their appointment as a Committee on Statues to be placed in the Central Park.

(Minutes, January 12th, 1874, p. 522.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then presented two reports of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, one upon the fifth and the other upon the sixth clause of the resolution adopted.

Minutes, December 26th, 1873, p. 477.

And also reports of J. J. R. Croes and R. L. Cooke, Division, and J. W. Maclay, Assistant Civil and Topographical Engineers, on various subjects embraced in said resolution.

Mr. HALL moved that said several reports be received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Mr. John J. Serrell, as Consulting Engineer, on various works, from October 29th, 1872, to December, 31st, 1873, and amounting to the sum of \$280; whereupon

Mr. BISSINGER moved that Mr. John J. Serrell be paid the amount of said bill.

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER moved that it be referred to the Landscape Architect, Engineer, Civil and Topographical Engineer and Superintendent, to report separately—

1st. Whether it would be advisable to locate a magazine, such as required by the Fire Department, on any of the City parks.

2d. Which park (if any) would be most suitable for such a purpose.

(Minutes of this date, p. 534.)

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11:25 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—8 o'clock P. M.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
23d January, 1874.

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Monday, the 26th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 21st instant were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From Mr. C. L. Everitt, President of the New York Gas-light Company, complaining that the bills of the company, from May 1st, 1873, had been audited at a deduction of \$2.50 per lamp, and requesting payment in full.

(Minutes, January 7th, 1874, p. 504.)

Mr. HALL moved that the President be requested to reply to Mr. Everitt, that the Department having exhausted its authority, can take no further action in the matter.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON entered the meeting at this point.

From Mr. Charles Schedler, requesting that Matthew Morgan be appointed a Park-keeper, and assigned to High Bridge Park, and offering to pay all expenses in the matter, so that the appointment would not cost the City any additional expense.

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

Adopted.

From the Superintendent reporting that there are on hand the following new iron urinals, namely :

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| Ten | for two persons. |
| Two | “ four “ |
| Two | “ six “ |

(Minutes, January 19th, 1874, p. 529.)

Referred to the Executive Committee.

The Landscape Architect presented two plans of Riverside Park, one showing the plan that would have to be adopted under the law as it existed prior to the passage of Chap. 850, Laws of 1873, and the other showing an improved plan, which could be adopted with the concurrence of the Department of Public Works, under the provisions of said Act.

He also explained at length the superiority of the latter plan over the former, and that if the Act now before the Legislature to amend said Chap. 850, Laws of 1873, became law, the

inferior plan might, greatly to the detriment of the City, have to be adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER entered the meeting at this point.

After discussion of the matter,

The PRESIDENT offered the following preambles and resolution, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, It had been represented to a former Board of this Department that the original plan and grade of Riverside avenue, were such as to place undesirable limits upon its value to the public, and that no plan for the treatment of the ground appropriated to Riverside Park could be made, under which its value would not also be very limited, that would not still further limit the value of Riverside avenue, but that by combining the objects of the park and the avenue in one plan, the objects of both might be much better served than under the original arrangement; and

Whereas, These representations were made public by said Board, and those interested invited to examine the same; and

Whereas, All who did so, so far as known, were satisfied of the correctness of these representations; and

Whereas, the said former Board of this Department, after study of the matter, had adopted the same conclusion; and

Whereas, The Legislature of 1873 passed an act to authorize such combination to be made; and

Whereas, the present Board of this Department, after deliberate and careful review of the matter, have adopted the same view as that previously adopted by their predecessors, and acted upon by the Legislature :

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That this Board recommend the Legislature now in session to make no change in the existing laws which will be likely to place difficulties and embarrassments in the way of the proposed combination, and that the President be directed to transmit a copy of these preambles and resolution to the respective Chairmen of the Committees on Cities of the Hon. the Senate and the Assembly, and to request that before any bill is enacted affecting the control and con-

struction of Riverside Park and avenue, a hearing may be given to the argument which has influenced the action of the Board and its predecessors, as above recited.

Mr. BISSINGER then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, with power to be prepared to make such statements and explanations as may be found necessary in all cases where legislation is meditated by the Legislature, and having reference to this Department.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Bissinger, Stebbins and Williamson as such committee.

The following further communications were then presented and read :

From Mr. F. W. Rhineland, Treasurer of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, asking that the appropriation for that institution by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the year 1874 be paid.

Filed.

Mr. STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, which has been appropriated to this Department in accordance with Sec.

7, Chap. 756, Laws of 1873, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of collections during the year 1874, be and the same is hereby applied for those purposes for the Metropolitan Museum of Art; and that the Comptroller be requested to pay over that amount to the Treasurer of the said Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From the Associate Architect, reporting as to the extra painting by Messrs. Hobbs & Oliver, on Union Square Cottage, for which they have rendered a bill for \$142.50, and stating that \$92 would be a fair allowance for the work done.

(Minutes, December 15th, 1873, p. 448.)

Mr. HALL moved that said report be accepted and adopted, and that Messrs. Hobbs & Oliver be paid \$92 in full discharge of all claims in regard to said work.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

From the Engineer, forwarding a new proposal of the Globe Gas-light Company of Boston, to light the Parks.

(Minutes, December 23d, 1873, p. 464.)

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

From the Babcock Manufacturing Company, offering to supply the Department with "fire extinguishers" at \$42 each.

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

From Mr. Wm. F. Holske, offering to make ten urinals of the size of the one in Reservoir Square, using ornamental sheets of iron instead of wire, for \$900 each.

Referred to the Executive Committee to report.

The PRESIDENT presented a draft act to provide \$1,000,000 additional for the work of construction.

(Minutes, January 7th, 1874, p. 499, and Document No. 54.)

Mr. HALL moved that the President be requested to take all necessary steps to have said draft act passed by the present Legislature.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON reported, that he had seen the Counsel to the Corporation with reference to the two opinions given by him as to the powers of the Department to make leases, and presented a new opinion on the subject, which the Counsel to the Corporation desired to substitute for that entered in the Minutes, January 8th, 1874, pp. 512, 513, and in which he holds that all moneys received from tenants must be paid to the Chamberlain, and that all repairs of leased buildings must be paid for out of the fund provided for maintenance, provided

there be no clause in the lease that the tenants may repair the premises themselves and deduct the amount of the cost of such repairs from the rent, upon which conditions the Department has the right to make leases.

The report was accepted and the opinion ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER, to whom was referred the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation upon the powers and authority of the Department in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,

(Minutes, January 8th, 1874, p. 512),

reported verbally that the Counsel to the Corporation had written an additional opinion in answer to a communication from the Treasurer, which they presented.

It is stated in said opinion that it is a matter of uncertainty whether Chap. 89, Laws of 1873, is repealed or not by Chap. 613, Laws of 1873; and that there is no provision of law whatever, indicating where maps prepared under Chap. 613, Laws of 1873 should be filed.

Mr. HALL moved that the report be accepted, and the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation referred to the Committee on Legislation.

(Minutes of this date, p. 540.)

Adopted.

The TREASURER presented and read a report on the subject of the laying out of, the adopting and filing maps of and acquiring title to, Kingsbridge Road, wherein he reports that said road, north of Inwood street, was never legally laid out according to the provisions of Chapter 565, Laws of 1865; that none of the streets, roads, avenues, &c., above Inwood street have been fixed and decided upon, nor the maps filed which the law prescribes; that the Department is vested with the

power to file said maps and fix said roads, streets, avenues, &c.; that as Mr. John J. Serrell has prepared other maps, and must necessarily be the most familiar with that section of the country, he should be employed at such compensation as may be adequate to the work, with instructions to prepare and submit to this Board a map embracing all that section of country within the limits between 155th street and the Harlem River, except where the proper maps, as required by the law have already been filed.

(Minutes, November 20th, 1873, p. 414.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report, and the recommendations therein contained, be adopted by the Board.

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

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

Noes—Messrs. Wales, Hall—2.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented and read a report upon a draft Act now pending before the Legislature, to amend Chap. 613, Laws of 1873, wherein he reports, that there are very serious omissions from, and objectionable clauses in, said draft Act, and recommends that the necessary action be taken to have same corrected.

(Minutes, January 8th, 1874, p. 517.)

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report be accepted and referred to the Committee on Legislation, to have the recommendations in said report complied with.

(Minutes of this date, p. 540.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved—That it be referred to a committee of two, to be appointed by the President, in conjunction with the Landscape Architect, to ascertain and report whether it is advisable to locate a public park in the recently annexed district; and if, in their opinion it should be deemed advisable, to report where the same should be located and what amount of land should be set apart for that purpose, giving their views at length in reference to the whole subject.

(Minutes, January 21st, 1874, p. 534.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such Committee,
Mr. Williamson and Mr. Stebbins.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of two, consisting of the President and one of the members of this Board, to be named by him, examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer up to and including the 31st day of January, 1874, and report thereon at the first regular meeting to be held in February next.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Hall to act with him as such committee.

Mr. STEBBINS left the meeting at this point.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| Bartlett, J. W., lamp bolts | | \$2 88 |
| Barron, J. S., & Co., brooms, matches, &c..... | \$35 62 | |
| Bahrenburgh, J. H., & Bro., nuts..... | 70 50 | |
| Conklin, W. A., petty cash expenses..... | 13 84 | |
| Colgate & Company, soap..... | 10 64 | |
| Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe..... | | 88 64 |
| Chalmers-Spence Co., composition..... | 50 00 | |
| Cook, Ebenezer, sponges..... | 17 50 | |
| Devlin & Co., pants for police..... | 688 90 | |
| Ederson, James, repairs to plumbing..... | 23 38 | |
| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at stables & Mt. St. Vincent. | 305 40 | |
| Hoag, C. W., milk..... | 18 90 | |
| Hitchings & Co., heating apparatus..... | | 740 00 |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | 34 50 | 25 50 |
| Laurie, P. W., & Co., Meat (Dec.)..... | 267 30 | |
| Jackson, L., & Bro., repairs to railing at Union Sq..... | 24 00 | |
| Lewis, C. A., & Co., fish, July, August and September, | 267 40 | |
| Losee, Francis, oats, hay, straw, &c..... | 1,204 21 | |
| Labagh, W. O., salt..... | 10 05 | |
| Jones, Morgan, plumbing work at Battery..... | | 630 68 |
| Murphy & Nesbit, brick at Morningside Park..... | | 937 34 |
| Maxfield & Co., peanuts..... | 23 00 | |
| New York Cement Co., cement..... | | 370 00 |
| Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel..... | | 159 87 |
| Slattery, James, building stone..... | | 950 00 |
| Simpson, A., bread, Dec..... | 89 07 | |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, stove casting..... | 1 50 | |
| Terry, J. J., vegetables, Dec..... | 48 55 | |
| Travers, J. P. & Son, manilla rope..... | 12 07 | |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | | 251 66 |
| Woods, Peter & Bros, whitewashing 265 Broadway... | 5 00 | 10 00 |
| Walton Bros., hardware..... | 8 50 | |
| | | <u>\$4,166 57</u> |

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|--|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Maintenance of Bridges. |
| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at Park, &c..... | \$223 17 | \$117 00 |
| Florence, Wm. H., services..... | | 104 16 |
| | <u>\$3,453 00</u> | <u>\$221 16</u> |

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| | | Construction Museum of Art. |
| Andrews, W. D., & Bro. steam pump..... | | \$171 00 |
| Nelson, Wm., Jr., inverts..... | | 915 20 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Supplies of Gas, 1872 & 1873. | |
| Manhattan Gas-light Co..... | \$22 75 | |
| | <u>\$22 75</u> | <u>\$1,086 20</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Maintenance..... | \$3,453 00 |
| Construction..... | 4,166 57 |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | 221 16 |
| Construction of Museum of Art..... | 1,086 20 |
| Supplies of Gas, 1872 and 1873.. | 22 75 |
| | <u>\$8,949 68</u> |

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

New York, January 19, 1874.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Robert Demcker, petty cash expenses..... | | \$19 93 |
| Fischer, W. L., shrubs and plants..... | | 420 00 |
| Seymour, W. N., & Co., files..... | | 29 09 |
| Harmer, Hayes & Co., felt, hair and thread..... | \$23 12 | |
| New York <i>Evening Post</i> , printing..... | 267 67 | 505 33 |
| Norris & Williams, plumbing and materials..... | 356 83 | 499 01 |
| Roosevelt, Samuel, & Co., hardware..... | 16 15 | 197 38 |
| Wilson, W. C., plants..... | | 235 00 |
| | | <u>\$1,905 74</u> |
| | | <u> </u> |
| | | Maintenance Museum of Natural History. |
| Gifford & Beach, hardware..... | \$38 19 | \$2 20 |
| | | <u> </u> |
| | | Construction Museum of Natl. History. |
| Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and materials..... | | \$14,000 00 |
| | <u>\$701 96</u> | <u>\$14,000 00</u> |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | Construction of Art Museum. | Construction. |
| Sanderson, Brothers & Co., steel..... | \$88 26 | \$237 71 |
| Hazard Powder Co., powder..... | 14 00 | 42 00 |
| De Grauw, Aymar & Co., cable chain..... | 5 94 | 23 79 |
| | <u>\$108 20</u> | <u>\$303 50</u> |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | | Supplies of Gas 1872 and 1873. |
| New York Gas-light Co., gas at 265 Broadway..... | | \$14 57 |
| | | <u> </u> |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Maintenance | \$701 96 |
| Construction | 1,905 74 |
| Do. | 303 50 |
| Maintenance Museum of Natural History..... | 2 20 |
| Construction " " | 14,000 00 |
| " of Art Museum..... | 108 20 |
| Supplies of Gas, 1872 and 1873..... | 14 57 |
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| | \$17,036 17 |
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventeen thousand and thirty-six dollars and seventeen cents.

New York, January 21, 1874.

(Signed)

SAMUEL HALL,

Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bancroft & Yetter, use, &c., monitor sprinklers, &c. | \$750 00 | |
| Barrow, J. S., & Co., brooms. | 24 00 | |
| Counting-house Monitor, subs. one year. | 2 00 | 4 00 |
| Cook, Ebenezer, drugs | 1 89 | |
| Felt, D. W., drawing materials. | | 102 56 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and nails. | 43 36 | 24 26 |
| Hosford & Sons, drawing materials. | | 19 25 |
| Henderson, James, gas-fitting. | 1 30 | 2 60 |
| Menzies, Wm., & Son, services carting. | | 79 00 |
| Martin, James M. C., paint brushes. | | 12 00 |
| Noe, James H., & Sons, feather dusters. | 16 88 | |
| Nelson, Wm., Jr., inverts. | | 915 20 |
| Queen, James W., & Co., drawing materials. | | 113 3 ² |
| Roosevelt, Samuel, & Co., nails, washers and files. | 46 00 | 69 14 |
| Ruhe, Louis, bird food. | 8 00 | |
| Sellew, T. G., walnut desk | 56 67 | 113 33 |
| Thorburn, J. M., & Co., seed and mats. | 10 50 | 40 00 |
| Witlock, Wm. S., & Co., manilla rope. | 8 29 | 75 90 |
| | | |
| | Construction Museum of Art. | |
| Reynolds, C. T., & Co., shellac, paints, &c. | \$13 50 | 66 70 132 30 ● |
| Wetmore & Co., iron. | 8 50 | 1 50 16 55 |
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| | \$22 00 | \$1,037 09 \$1,719 41 |
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RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Construction Museum of Art. | \$22 00 |
| Maintenance. | 1,037 09 |
| Construction. | 1,719 41 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,778 50 |
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars and fifty cents.

New York, January 26, 1874.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT then presented a draft Act to regulate the work of laying out, surveying and monumenting that part of the City north of 155th street, and to provide means for carrying out said work.

Mr. HALL moved that said draft Act be referred to the Committee on Legislation to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that on January 2d, 1874, he had temporarily promoted Francis Hagan from assistant-foreman to foreman, at \$4.50 per day ; and that on January 5th, 1874, he had temporarily promoted M. Charles Barr from assistant-foreman to foreman, without increase of his pay.

Mr. HALL moved that the action of the President in the premises be ratified, and the promotions confirmed by the Board.

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT presented two opinions of the Assistant-Counsel to the Corporation ;

One as regards the law regulating the encroachment of stoops, &c., on streets in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the powers of the Department in the matter ;

And the other as to the jurisdiction of the Department over the construction of Third Avenue in Morrisania, which ends as follows :

“I think that all the powers given to, and the duties devolved upon, the Commissioners named in Chap. 545 of the Laws of 1872, were transferred to the Department of Public Parks by Chap. 613 of the Laws of 1873 ; and I do not think that said Commissioners have any further powers or duties in the matter. I am of opinion, therefore, that your Department should assume immediate and exclusive control of the work.”

Both of which opinions were ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally against allowing the claim of Mr. John Seabert for damage done his hot beds.

(Minutes, December 30th, 1873, p. 495.)

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

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT was authorized and requested to transmit an

application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, asking for a temporary appropriation to meet the expenses of the engineering force in the north end of the island, and in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

- “ STEBBINS,
- “ BISSINGER,
- “ WILLIAMSON,
- “ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 26th, 1874, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Secretary of the Health Department, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the board of that Department on the 27th ulto., whereby this Department is requested not to adopt plans for the drainage of the newly annexed districts without consultation with the Board of the Health Department; and also forwarding a copy of the report of the Sanitary Superintendent upon the subject.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had written to the Health Department, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution, and stating that the Commissioners of this Department would be glad to avail themselves of any advice on the subject.

Filed.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, informing the Board that the following resolution had been duly adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York be, and they hereby are, authorized to proceed with the construction of the undermentioned works, by day's work, without entering into a contract or contracts therefor, as provided by Section 91, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, that is to say :

1. All the mason and brick work necessary for the arch to be built on the Central Park, and known as the " Outset Arch."
2. A wooden bridge, across a portion of a small lake known as " The Pond," and situated in south-eastern portion of the Central Park.
3. A pavilion on Mount Morris Square, according to the plans heretofore adopted by said Commissioners.
4. A fence and trellis work round a portion of Riverside Park.

Filed.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, informing the Board that the following preambles and resolution had been duly adopted :

Whereas, the bridge at Third avenue, over Harlem river, is now in need of immediate repair.

And Whereas, It is only possible to execute such repairs during the winter months, when navigation is closed.

And Whereas, In order to avoid the delays consequent to entering into a contract for the execution of such repairs, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have, through their President, requested permission to have such repairs executed under their supervision, without entering into such contract; therefore :

Resolved, That it is hereby ordered that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and they hereby are, granted permission to have all necessary repairs to the bridge at Third avenue over the Harlem river, executed in such manner as to them shall seem best for the interests of the City without entering into a contract therefor as provided by section 91, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

(Minutes, December 3d, 1873, p. 436.)

Filed.

From the Clerk of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, forwarding a resolution in reference to the fountain in City Hall Park.

Laid on the table.

From the Rev. Dr. Samuel Osgood, Chairman of the Howe Memorial Committee, stating that the statue of the late Elias Howe is now complete in bronze and ready for inspection, with a view to having same placed in the Central Park.

(Minutes, February 19th, 1873, p. 683.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved the communication be referred to the Committee on Statues, for their report as to the merits of the statue, as a work of art.

(Minutes, January 21st, 1874, p. 535.)

Adopted.

From the Landscape Architect, the Engineer, the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and the Superintendent, separately reporting on the application of the Fire Department to locate a magazine for explosives in one of the City Parks. All of said reports recommend that the application should not be granted.

(Minutes, January 21st, 1874, p. 536.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the several reports be accepted, and that the Fire Department be informed, that the Board cannot discover that any such facilities, as requested for the construction of a magazine for explosives, can be obtained in any of the public parks or places under the control of this Department.

Adopted.

From Major-General Alexander Shaler, with reference to the recent action of the Board in the matter of the Parade Ground on the north end of the island.

(Minutes, January 19th, 1874, pp. 528, 529.)

Received and filed.

From Mr. O. Zollikoffer, President of the Metropolitan Gas-

Light Co., asking the Department to audit the bills of said company for lighting, &c., the lamps on the Boulevard prior to September 1st, 1873, on which date those lamps were transferred to the Department of Works.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and filed, and that the President be requested to notify Mr. Zollikoffer that the Board refuses to audit any bills for supplying gas to public lamps, which have been placed under the control of the Department of Public Works, by Act of the Legislature.

Adopted.

From Mr. A. C. Pratt, resigning the position of Assistant Bookkeeper of the Department, to take effect February 1st, 1874.

Accepted and filed.

From Mr. C. Chapman, asking for compensation for injury sustained by his wife in Central Park, and enclosing a bill for medical attendance. Also a letter from Dr. L. W. Elder, in reference to the same subject.

(Minutes, October 1st, 1873, p. 311.)

Mr. HALL moved that said communications be received, and referred to the President, to examine and report.

Adopted.

From Foreman John Forsyth, as to a quantity of cut stone, lying on the land of Mr. Wm. G. Ackerman, at Kingsbridge.

Referred to the President, to examine and report.

From Alderman J. Van Schaick, requesting permission to place a pair of Elks in the Central Park, subject to order.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT moved that the request be complied with.

Adopted.

From F. W. Lilienthal, forwarding copies of resolutions passed at a mass meeting, held in Cooper Institute, on January 30th, 1874.

Received, and ordered filed.

From Mr. F. Meyer, late Town Clerk of West Farms, stating that all records, documents and papers in his office, have been delivered to the Department of Public Works.

(Minutes, January 8th, 1874, p. 518.)

Filed.

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to obtain from the Commissioner of Public Works, all papers and documents (or copies thereof) which have been transferred to him by the authorities in the annexed district, and relating to public works therein.

Adopted.

From Mr. John Foley, requesting copies of certain vouchers, with the papers annexed thereto, and now on file in the Department, and also copies of certain extracts from the minutes of the Board.

(Minutes, December 3d, 1873, p. 436.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the President be instructed to

cause the same to be furnished by the Secretary, under the provisions of Section 107, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, recommending the following apportionment of the appropriation of \$50,000 for the maintenance of the annexed district, namely,

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| For Kingsbridge Division..... | \$9,500 00 |
| “ West Farms No. 1, | 11,000 00 |
| “ West Farms No. 2, | 13,000 00 |
| “ Morrisania..... | 16,500 00 |

And moved that same be adopted, and the accounts be kept on the books of the Department in accordance therewith.

(Minute, January 8th, 1874, p. 515.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that on the 2d inst. he had temporarily appointed Bernard O'Reilly as foreman, at \$4.50 per day.

Mr. HALL moved that the action of the President be ratified and the appointment confirmed.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall,
—5.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had adjusted the rates of pay in the 23d and 24th Wards as follows,

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Laborers..... | \$1 75 per day. |
| Carts..... | 3 00 “ |
| Teams..... | 5 00 “ |

and moved that the Board do now determine the same at the above rates.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The Landscape Architect presented a map showing the wheelway proposed to be formed within the territory of Riverside Avenue and Park, and defining the principal change proposed by him in the plan of the highway from that of Riverside Avenue as originally established from Seventy-second street to 120th street, inclusive.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1874, pp. 538, 539.)

Whereupon

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following elements of the general plan of Riverside Park and Avenue proposed by the Landscape Architect on 30th October, 1873, and since more distinctly presented and considered in detail, are hereby adopted :

First.—A main highway shall be formed extending from Seventy-second street on the south, to One hundred and twenty-third street, and as much further to the north as practicable, the grades of which shall not be steeper than 1 foot in 27, and where the grades of the avenue, as originally planned, exceed the above rate, the course of said highway shall deviate from that of the avenue, as originally planned, as much as may be necessary to the convenient accomplishment of this purpose.

Second.—Wherever such deviation from the original course of the avenue is made, a branch road, not exceeding 30 feet in width, shall be formed, the eastern line of which shall follow that of the avenue, and the grades of which shall nowhere vary materially from those originally established for the avenue.

Third.—That part of the main highway between One hundred and fourth and One hundred and twentieth streets shall be arranged as a public promenade to command views over the Hudson river, and to be shaded in all its parts.

Fourth.—North of One hundred and twentieth street the Park and highway shall be so arranged as to supply a resting and turning place from which the view up the river shall be kept open as much as practicable.

Fifth.—A connection shall be provided for between the main highway and a future public landing-place on the river at or near Ninety-sixth street, and highways crossing the Park, with as easy grades as may be practicable, shall be provided for in the valleys near Ninety-sixth and Seventy-ninth streets, such crossing highways being designed to supersede those at present in use.

Sixth.—So much of the park as is not covered by the highways above described shall be treated simply and in such a manner that the whole cost of its improvement, not including what the grading of the Twelfth avenue may hereafter involve, shall not exceed \$100,000.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

| 1874. | CR. | |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| January 7. | By balance account town of Kingsbridge..... | \$2,418 38 |
| Jan. 7 to } Feb. 4. } | By cash received for rents, license fees, &c..... | 1,446 48 |
| | | <u>\$3,864 86</u> |

| 1874. | DR. | |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Jan. 7 to } Feb. 4. } | To this amount paid into City Treasury..... | \$1,313 30 |
| January 7. | To cash paid Kingsbridge Pay Roll in part..... | 2,418 38 |
| Febr'y 4. | To balance | 133 18 |
| | | <u>\$3,864 86</u> |

| 1874. | CR. | |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Febr'y 4. | By balance account general fund..... | \$133 18 |

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

New York, February 4th, 1874,

9.30 A. M.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Special Committee on Legislation, presented a report of that Committee recommending the Board to take the following action :

To request the President to transmit to Mr. George H. Forster a copy of the report of Mr. Williamson on the draft act to amend Chapter 613, Laws of 1873, and at the same time to inform him that the Department would shortly present to the Legislature a bill to amend the defects in said Chapter, so far as this Department is concerned.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1874, p. 545.)

To appoint the President *ex-officio* a member of the Special Committee on Legislation.

To amend the draft act for surveying, laying out and monumenting that portion of the City north of 155th street, by requiring an additional set of maps to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and by striking out the repealing clause.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1874, p. 551.)

And to pass a resolution to enable the Committee to obtain copies of all acts introduced in the Legislature relating to the government of the city.

Mr. HALL moved that the report of the Special Committee on Legislation be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had already complied with the recommendation of the Committee to transmit a copy of Mr. Williamson's report to Mr. George H. Forster.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the Committee on Legislation be authorized to make arrangements to procure copies of all acts relating to the city government, as soon as possible after their introduction into the Legislature.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the petition in relation to locating a park opposite the termination of 145th street and Fifth and Sixth avenues,

(Minutes, December 15th, 1873, p. 451.)

and the communication from Messrs. Henry L. Morris and others, relative to the same subject,

(Minutes, January 8th, 1874, p. 510.)

be taken from the table.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then moved, that said petition and communication be referred to the Special Committee appointed January 26th, 1874, to ascertain and report whether it is advisable to locate a public park in the recently annexed district.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS moved to reconsider the action taken January 26th, 1874, p. 541, in adopting the report and recommendations of the Treasurer as regards Kingsbridge Road.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the report of the Treasurer on the subject of the laying out of, the adopting and filing maps of, and acquiring title to Kingsbridge Road, be referred to Mr. Williamson and Mr. Stebbins, to examine and report.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS left the meeting at this point.

The Engineer then laid before the Board drawings and

specimens of the "Ransome Stone," and after briefly explaining the nature of the stone, he was directed to prepare and present to the Board a written report on the subject.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12:30 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 o'clock A.M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, N. Y. }
16th February, 1874. }

Sir—You will please call a meeting of the Board for the 17th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering certain plans of Riverside Park and Avenue, and for the transaction of such other business as may require attention.

Yours, respectfully,
(Signed) S. H. WALES,
President D. P. P.

Mr. W. M. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P. :

Present :—Mr. WALES, President,
“ STEBBINS,
“ BISSINGER.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 4th inst. was dispensed with.

The Landscape Architect then presented to the Board a map, showing the wheelway proposed to be formed within the territory of Riverside Park and Avenue, from Seventy-second street to One hundred and twenty-ninth street, in accordance with the general plan adopted by the Board on the 4th inst.

(Minutes, February 4th, 1874, pp. 561 and 562.)

The subject having been discussed at some length,
The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the map showing the plan of the wheelway of Riverside Park and Avenue, this day presented by the Landscape Architect, is hereby adopted.

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, directed to certify, acknowledge and cause to be filed in the office of this Department, the said map, which is dated New York, 17th February, 1874, signed "Fred. Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect."

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS then presented a draft Act which had been prepared as a substitute for the Act now pending before the Legislature, for the purpose of amending Chap. 850 Laws of 1873, and moved that the Board do approve of the same, and that it be presented to the Legislature as soon as possible.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, presented the following memorial to the Legislature, signed by all the Commissioners of this Department, namely :

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York :

The memorial of the undersigned Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, respectfully represents :

That it is desirable that not only the plan of all surface improvements to be made on the streets and avenues bounding all public parks north of Fifty-eighth street, in the City, should be designed and prescribed by the Department of Public Parks, but that the construction and management and

control and maintenance of all regulating, grading, paving, curbing and guttering, and other improvements on such streets and avenues should be ordered and done by the Department of Public Parks; and among the many reasons for such course, the following may be adduced:

First.—The grades of the streets and avenues bounding the public parks having been fixed and determined, all improvements in the several parks must be made with reference to such grades, so far as ingress and egress to them is concerned, and also as to the construction of retaining walls for fences for enclosure, and of embankment walls for adapting the surface of the parks to the grades most proper for them in planting and improving the parks.

Second.—That in the planting of trees in the parks and in the avenues and streets adjoining them, a system should be pursued to produce regularity of growth, as well as tasteful and picturesque effect; and these remarks equally apply to the lighting and surface-draining of streets and avenues.

Third.—That unless the work of regulating and otherwise improving the streets and avenues bounding parks progresses systematically with the improvements made in the parks, much delay and expenditure will probably occur, which should be avoided if both works were under one control, and it would be difficult to define on whom the responsibility for such delay and excess of cost should rest, if it were divided between two or more departments.

Fourth.—That by a judicious system of improvement and maintenance, almost or quite the whole width of all streets and avenues bounding public parks may be so arranged as to add to the size and appearance of the parks, as effectively as if they were actually included in the parks, and it is feared such would not be the case were they under the care of separate departments.

Fifth.—In the cases of the Riverside and Morningside Parks,

which are each of great length and small width, it appears very desirable that any measures that can be adopted for increasing their apparent width, should prevail.

Should your honorable body, or any committee thereof, to whom this matter be referred, desire further information in relation to the foregoing matter, the undersigned will be most happy to give it, either by engineering illustrations or oral testimony, whenever required so to do.

(Signed),

S. H. WALES,
H. G. STEBBINS,
PHILIP BISSINGER,
D. B. WILLIAMSON,
SAMUEL HALL,

Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

Whereupon, Mr. STEBBINS moved that the said memorial be presented to the Legislature, and to the Chairmen of the Committees on Cities in both the Senate and Assembly, and be printed at length in the Minutes.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, the Board adjourned at 11.20 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

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

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned on motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, to meet on Friday, the 20th inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING.—3.30 o'clock, P. M.

Before the organization of the meeting, a deputation, consisting of the following owners of property in the neighborhood of the parade ground in the north end of the island, attended, namely: Messrs. Talcott, Barry, Roberts, Barnes, Røeder, Moran, Marie, Potter, Brown and Peck; and were received by the President and Commissioners Stebbins and Williamson. Messrs. Barry, Røeder and Talcott addressed the Commissioners, protesting, on behalf of the deputation, and also on behalf of, as they stated, seven-eighths of the owners of the adjoining property, against the action of the Board of this Department in discontinuing the proceedings to acquire title to said parade ground.

(Minutes, January 19th, 1874, p. 528.)

They then handed in a petition numerously signed by owners of property in the vicinity of the parade ground.

The President and Mr. Stebbins having addressed the deputation, and promising to give them an opportunity of being heard again before the full Board, they retired.

The Board then organized:—

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

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 4th, 17th and 18th insts. were read and approved.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Appleton, D., & Co., American Cyclopedic..... | \$2 00 | \$4 00 | |
| Barron, James S. & Co., rope and wick..... | 6 30 | | |
| Bartlett, J. W., globes | 54 00 | | |
| Cook, Ebenezer, borax and chloroform..... | 6 80 | | |
| Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line January.... | 31 25 | 31 25 | |
| Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass..... | | 5 42 | |
| Hobbs & Oliver, painting..... | | 92 00 | |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | 16 50 | 34 49 | |
| Losee, Francis, hay, straw, salt, &c..... | 275 85 | | |
| Miller, D. D., lanterns..... | 90 00 | | |
| New York Lithographing & Engraving Co., maps Morningside Park..... | | 65 00 | |
| N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at office and cottage, Union square..... | 14 77 | 9 16 | |
| N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., rent of office, quarter, Feb. 1st..... | 542 00 | 1,033 00 | |
| Scharbach, Chas., leather and sheep skins..... | 6 00 | 6 88 | |
| Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel..... | | 131 23 | |
| Wetmore & Co., iron..... | | 8 31 | |
| | | | |
| | Construction Museum of Art. | | |
| De Grauw, Aymar & Co., iron guys.... | \$121 10 | | |
| Gatchell, A. S., rubber tubing..... | 80 00 | | |
| Murphy & Nesbit, lime, brick, &c..... | 647 50 | 10 55 | |
| Seymour, W. N. & Co., pick-handles, saw, &c..... | 4 50 | 5 88 | 49 88 |
| Tone, Theodore F., coal..... | 15 75 | 13 05 | 82 20 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | 44 00 | | 119 00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$912 85 | \$1,074 95 | \$1,721 82 |

Supplies of Gas
1872 & 1873.

New York Gas-light Co., gas at parks..... \$1,052 41

RECAPITULATION.

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Maintenance..... | \$1,074 95 |
| Construction..... | 1,721 82 |
| Construction of Museum of Art..... | 912 85 |
| Supplies of gas, 1872 and 1873..... | 1,052 41 |
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| | \$4,762 03 |
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-seven hundred and sixty-two dollars and three cents.

New York, February 4, 1874.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Allen, R. H., lawn rakes..... | \$4 50 | |
| Barron, James S., & Co., dusters, matches, brooms, &c. | 28 38 | 4 50 |
| Cook, Ebenezer, castile soap..... | 1 17 | 2 33 |

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Gribble, James, sledges and hammers..... | | \$150 10 |
| Hoag, C. W., milk for January..... | \$16 74 | |
| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at stables & Mt. St. Vincent. | 66 00 | |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | 16 31 | 31 97 |
| Jackson, James L. & Co., lamp posts..... | | 209 00 |
| Losee, Francis, oats and bran..... | 211 50 | |
| Losee, Francis, corn..... | 84 30 | |
| Laurie, P. W., & Co., meat..... | 49 50 | |
| Lewis, C. A., & Co., fish..... | 101 99 | |
| Meehan, Thomas, plants and shrubs..... | | 174 17 |
| Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials..... | 7 67 | |
| New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at Parks..... | 1,336 10 | |
| Pratt, Chas., & Co., astral oil..... | 17 46 | 2 17 |
| Queen, James W., & Co., engineer's materials..... | | 3 00 |
| Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints..... | | 9 50 |
| Steele, Wm., & Co., brooms..... | 17 57 | |
| Simpson, A., bread, January..... | 72 10 | |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, hammer and castings..... | 24 05 | |
| Tone, Theodore F., coal..... | | 21 00 |
| Terry, J. J., vegetables, January..... | 35 50 | |
| Ziegler & Co., sofa..... | 6 67 | 13 33 |

Construction
Museum of Art.

| | | | |
|---|--------|-------|--------|
| Brooks, Charles W., hoop poles..... | \$5 00 | | 7 50 |
| Devoe, F. W., & Co., paints & oils..... | 13 45 | 19 60 | 158 30 |
| Hazard Powder Co., fuse..... | 14 00 | | 42 00 |
| Menzies, Wm., & Co., lumber..... | 9 23 | | 9 30 |
| New York Cement Co., cement..... | 140 60 | | 229 40 |

\$182 28

Maintenance
of Bridges.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|------|
| Knowles & Edmonds, sperm oil..... | \$17 10 | 63 65 | 9 50 |
| Florence, W. H., services..... | 104 16 | | |

\$121 26

\$2,180 76

\$1,077 07

Construction Museum
of Natural History.

| | | | |
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| Marcella, J. B., filling..... | \$626 87 | | |
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RECAPITULATION.

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|--|-------------|
| Maintenance..... | 2,180 76 |
| Construction..... | 1,077 07 |
| Construction of Museum of Art. | 182 28 |
| Construction of Museum of Natural History..... | 626 87 |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | 121 26 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,188 24 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-four cents.

New York, February 17, 1874.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Coffin, Paul C., & Co., bolts, shovels, &c. | \$69 57 | \$60 00 |
| Fischer, Geo. C., & Bro., bronze work C. H. fountain . . | | 3,000 00 |

| | Maintenance. | | Construction. | |
|--|---------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Gifford & Beach, harness rings. | \$5 | | 50 | |
| Losee, Francis, oats, corn, &c. | 283 | | 00 | |
| Losee, Francis, oats and hay. | 379 | | 36 | |
| Noe, James H., & Sons, feather dusters. | 5 | | 50 | |
| Place, Geo., & Co., leather belting. | 55 | | 35 | |
| Prentiss & Ward, glass. | 17 | | 80 | \$4 80 |
| Staab, C. P., & Co., drawing materials. | | | | 49 78 |
| Seymour, W. N. & Co., screws. | 2 | | 26 | |
| Verplanck Bros., blanket and horse-cover. | | | | 6 50 |
| Whitlock, W. S., & Co., mason's line. | | | | 5 50 |
| | | Construction of Museum of Natural History. | | |
| Rollins, True W., material and services. ... | \$11,409 | | 00 | |
| | | Construction Museum of Art. | | |
| Hazard Powder Co., fuse. | | \$28 | 50 | |
| | | Maintenance Bridges. | | |
| Coffin, P. C. & Co., hardware. | \$2 40 | 52 08 | 20 89 | 93 87 |
| | <u>\$2 40</u> | <u>\$80 58</u> | <u>\$839 23</u> | <u>\$3,220 45</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

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|---|--------------------|
| Construction of Museum of Natural History. | \$11,409 00 |
| Construction of Museum of Art. | 80 58 |
| Maintenance of Bridges. | 2 40 |
| Maintenance. | 839 23 |
| Construction. | \$3,220 45 |
| | <u>\$15,551 66</u> |

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

New York, February 20, 1874.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed

to transmit all of said bills payable by the Comptroller, to the Finance Department, for payment.

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

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

The PRESIDENT then laid before the Board a form of agreement, approved by the Corporation Counsel, for the furnishing of gas to the public lamps under control of the Department, and stated that it would be necessary under the charter to advertise in the usual course for the supply of gas for the year; whereupon

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the President be authorized to have the necessary advertisement prepared and published as soon as possible.

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

Ayes—Messrs. WALES, STEBBINS, WILLIAMSON—3.

The PRESIDENT and TREASURER verbally reported, that Mr. Charles Macdonald was the lowest bidder for the repairs of the Third Avenue Bridge, but that after arrangements were almost completed to award him the contract he had withdrawn his bid and declined to undertake the work.

(Minutes, December 26th, 1873, p. 474.)

Mr. STEBBINS then moved that it be referred to the President and Treasurer, with power to enter into a contract or contracts to have all or any part of the repairs of said Third Avenue Bridge completed as soon as possible.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS the Board adjourned at 5.30 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—3.30 o'clock P.M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
24th February, 1874. }

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.:

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 3.30 o'clock, for the transaction of such business as may come before it.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

S. H. WALES,

President, D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ BISSINGER,

“ HALL.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, in answer to the application of the Board for all papers and documents (or copies thereof) which have been transferred to him by the authorities in the annexed district, and relating to public works therein, wherein he states that he has no au-

thority to transfer such documents, &c., but that they are always free to inspection, and to be copied by this Department.

(Minutes, February 4th, 1874, p. 560.)

Ordered filed.

From the Department of Police, requesting that orders be issued, that when snow is removed from sidewalks around the Parks, it be deposited within the Parks instead of in the street.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had given orders to the Superintendent in compliance with said request.

Filed.

From Messrs. Wm. D. Andrews & Brother, giving the prices of a "Differential Friction Hoister," an "Eight-horse Upright Tubular Boiler," a "ten-horse engine," and of the necessary fixtures.

The PRESIDENT stated that the engine and pump which had been ordered to be hired,

(Minutes, November 12th, 1873, p. 395.)

was found to be insufficient, and that it would be necessary to obtain suitable machinery to remove both the sand and water, to enable the work of the Art Museum to proceed; and that such machinery would always be useful on other works connected with the Parks. That the articles mentioned in Messrs. Andrews & Brother's communication were the most suitable that could be obtained for the purpose.

Mr. STEBBINS then moved that the machinery mentioned in said communication be purchased; the aggregate cost of all not to exceed \$1,719.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

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

From the Superintendent, stating that if the piles for the foundation of the Boat-house are to be driven this spring, they should be put down before the water is let into the lake.

(Minutes, January 7th, 1874, p. 500.)

After considerable discussion of the matter, in which all the Commissioners present joined,

Mr. STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President and Mr. Bissinger, with power to direct the work of completing the Boat-house to be proceeded with.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON entered the meeting at this point.

From Mr. Wm. H. Raynor, complaining of the noise made by the animals kept in the menagerie at the museum in Central Park.

Referred to the President to report.

From S. F. Kneeland, attorney for Walter Jones, requesting copies of a certain receipt and letter on file in the Department.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be instructed to have copies of the documents prepared and furnished.

Adopted.

From Mr. H. A. Cassebeer, Jr., secretary of the College of Pharmacy, of the city of New York, asking permission for the

Instructor of Botany in said College, and some others, to collect specimens of plants growing in the Central Park.

Referred to the President.

From a number of property owners and tax payers, protesting against the repeal of the act passed in 1871, under chapter 628, establishing a Parade Ground.

Filed.

From F. G. Green and a number of property owners and residents on Bolton road and vicinity, requesting that a drainage street be located from the west side of Bolton road, at the top of the hill, to the east side of the same road, at the foot of the hill.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to examine and report.

From Samuel M. Purdy, and a large number of citizens and tax-payers residing in West Farms, requesting the department to locate a bridge over the Bronx river, at the foot of Prospect avenue.

Laid on the table.

Mr. BISSINGER, chairman of the Committee on Legislation, reported:

That an arrangement had been effected for supplying the committee with abstracts of all bills introduced in the Legislature and relating to the city of New York, at a cost of about \$12 per week, and, also, for supplying complete files of all general orders and printed bills, at a cost of \$40, for the session.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the report be accepted and adopted and the expenditures therein mentioned authorized.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the President be authorized to insert the necessary advertisement for all filling required in the Central Park at 110th street and Eighth avenue, and to have said work completed by contract.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to ascertain and report to the Board, as soon as practicable, the price per cubic yard which it costs the Department to cart and deliver filling at Manhattan Square, by the force in its employment, and whether there is any other process by which the same work could be done at less cost.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Gordon W. Burnham had offered to place a colossal statue of Daniel Webster in the Central Park, if allowed to place it in a central position at the south end of the Mall.

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Mr. WILLIAMSON then moved that it be referred to the President and Mr. Stebbins to examine and report as to the advisability of accepting the offer of Mr. Burnham, and whether a more suitable site could not be obtained for such a statue.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, Vice-President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 25th February, 1874, were read and approved.

The report of the “Committee on Statues,” on the statue of the late Elias Howe, was received and read. The Committee report that “while the statue indicates a commendable earnestness in the simplicity of its treatment, yet the lack of experience evinced in the modeling fails to give it the proper artistic qualifications to entitle it to a position in the Central Park.”

(Minutes, Feb. 4th, 1874, p. 557.)

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the said report be laid on the table, for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL, of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

| | Maintenance. | Construction. | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Coffin, Paul C., & Co., window fasteners..... | \$4 00 | | |
| Gold & Stock Telegraph Company, rent of line, February..... | 31 25 | \$31 25 | |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and nails..... | 6 25 | 38 20 | |
| Huevelman & Havin (assignees W. L. Miller & Co.), ornamental iron work Union Square..... | | 4,000 00 | |
| Hurst & Treanor, blue stone..... | | 60 00 | |
| Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass..... | 101 70 | 35 70 | |
| Irwin, Wm., files of Laws 1874..... | | 40 00 | |
| Queen, James W., & Co., engineer's supplies..... | | 32 20 | |
| New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at parks, February..... | 1,206 80 | | |
| Ruhe, Louis, bird food..... | 4 00 | | |
| Seymour, W. N., & Co., shovels and scissors..... | 1 82 | | |
| Slattery, James, building stone..... | | 950 00 | |
| Slattery, James, "..... | | 950 00 | |
| Slattery, James, "..... | | 950 00 | |
| Slattery, James, "..... | | 950 00 | |
| Slattery, James, "..... | | 950 00 | |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings..... | 30 43 | 1 70 | |
| Vaux, Calvert, services..... | | 400 00 | |
| | Maintenance of Bridges. | | |
| Tone, Theodore F., coal..... | \$14 00 | | |
| | Construction of Museum of Art. | | |
| Menzies, Wm. & Son, lumber..... | \$36 06 | | |
| Nelson, Wm., inverts..... | 390 00 | | |
| Roosevelt, Sam'l & Co., knobs, files, &c.. | 15 50 | 27 49 | 37 75 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | 22 00 | 108 76 | 22 00 |
| | <u>\$463 56</u> | <u>\$1,522 50</u> | <u>\$9,448 80</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | \$14 00 |
| Construction of Museum of Art..... | 463 56 |
| Maintenance..... | 1,522 50 |
| Construction..... | 9,448 80 |
| | <u>\$11,448 86</u> |

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty-six cents.

New York, March 4th, 1874.

(Signed) SAMUEL HALL,
Auditing Committee.

The VICE-PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases and expenditures, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit all of said bills, payable by the Comptroller, to the Finance Department for payment.

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

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

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

| 1874. | CR. | |
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| February 4. | By balance account general fund..... | \$133 18 |
| Feb. 4 to Mch. 4. | “ cash received for rents, license fees, &c..... | 1,862 93 |
| | | <u>\$1,996 11</u> |

| 1874. | DR. | |
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| Feb. 4 to Mch. 4. | To cash paid into City Treasury..... | \$1,971 11 |
| | “ balance account general fund..... | 25 00 |
| | | <u>\$1,996 11</u> |

| 1874. | CR. | |
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| March 4. | By balance account general fund..... | \$25 00 |
| | Say Twenty-five dollars. | |

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, Dept. Public Parks.

New York, March 4th, 1874,

10 A. M.

Mr. STEBBINS stated that the Superintendent had requested that a general foreman be appointed to superintend the work on Morningside Park, and had represented that the interests of the city required that an experienced man be placed in that position; he therefore moved that Isaac Jerome be appointed temporarily as general foreman of the work of construction of Morningside Park, at \$5 per day.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday the 6th inst., at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS, of the Committee appointed to examine and report respecting the offer of Mr. Burnham to place a statue of Daniel Webster in the Central Park,

(Minutes, February 25th, 1874, p. 586,)

presented a communication from the Landscape Architect and Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, on the subject, which was read; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that said communication be received and ordered printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 57.)

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

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

On motion of Mr. HALL, the Board adjourned at 10.45 o'clock a. m.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

A quorum not being present, the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13th, 1874.

SPECIAL MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAM IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Friday, the 13th inst., at 3.30 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before it.

Respectfully,
(Signed) S. H. WALES,
President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 4th and 6th insts., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From Colonel Emmons Clarke, asking that the band of the Seventh Regiment of N. G., S. N. Y., be employed by the Department to furnish the music in the Parks during the present year.

The PRESIDENT thereupon moved that the subject of making arrangements for providing music in Central and other Parks, during the present year, and all communications on the subject, be referred to Mr. Stebbins, with power.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Hall—3.

Mr. Bissinger and Mr. Williamson entered the meeting at this point.

From Alderman J. Van Schaick, Chairman of the Committee on County Officers of the Board of Supervisors, informing the Board that said Committee had been authorized by the Board of Supervisors to solicit and receive subscriptions from city and county officials for the relief of the suffering poor.

Referred to the President to reply thereto.

From the Superintendent, recommending that some rams of a different stock from that now on the Central Park be procured this season.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the subject of procuring said rams, either by purchase or exchange, be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Isaac Hall, who for several years has had the license for the public baths at the Battery, made application for a similar license for the year 1874 whereupon ;

Mr. HALL moved that said license be granted to Mr. Isaac Hall for the season of 1874, at \$750, payable on or before the 15th July next.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a statement containing the quantities of the building materials required for the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the cost of the same, in accordance with the plans heretofore approved,

(Minutes, August 29th, 1874, p. 237.)

by which it appears that the cost exceeds the appropriation for the construction of said Museum, whereupon ;

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It is the intention of the Board not to exceed the appropriation allowed for any special work.

And whereas, It appears by the statement presented by the President, that the cost of the construction of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in accordance with the plans heretofore adopted, would exceed the appropriation ; therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to the President, with power to confer with Mr. C. Vaux, the architect of said building, to ascertain the accuracy of said statement, and, if necessary, to have the plans heretofore adopted so modified as to bring the cost of the construction within the limits of the appropriation.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that it appeared from an extract of the minutes of the Commissioners for the construction of the Third avenue, in Morrisania, which he had received from the Secretary of that commission, and which he presented and read to the Board, that Mr. Richard Foley had been regularly employed to complete the

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| Superintendence of grading of said avenue for | \$644 00 |
| “ curb, gutter and stakes “ | 276 00 |
| “ estimate and examinations of profiles for | 184 00 |
| “ lines for moving buildings for | 110 00 |
| Total | <u>\$1,214 00</u> |

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

Whereupon Mr. HALL moved that the subject of completing said work under the supervision of Mr. Richard Foley be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a report of the works and improvements in Westchester county for the year ending on the 31st December, 1873, required by section 4, chapter 534, Laws of 1871, to be presented to the Legislature; whereupon

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to sign said report and transmit it to the Legislature.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented the following reports :

Upon the subject of a quantity of cut-stone lying on land of Mr. Wm. G. Ackerman, at Kingsbridge, and recommending

the Board not to interfere with said stone, except to remove such portions as may obstruct the highway and hinder the proper maintenance of the roads and streets in that locality.

(Minutes, 4th February, 1874, p. 558.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Upon the claim of Mr. C. Chapman, for injuries alleged to have been received by his wife while in the Central Park, by being knocked down by a young camel, and recommending that the Board decline to allow any compensation therefor.

(Minutes 4th February, 1874, p. 558.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be received and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Upon the subject of procuring filling, and recommending the discontinuance of the system of carting it by the force of the Department, and that in future all filling, except where some particular quality is required, be procured by contract.

(Minutes, February 25th, 1874, p. 585.)

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

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that if the Legislature, at its present session does not provide further means to carry on the work of construction, by the passage of the bill now before the Senate Committee on Cities, it would be necessary to make a large

reduction in the labor force now employed by the Department.

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

Whereupon Mr. STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President, to examine and report to what extent and in what manner the labor force should be reduced, if it appears probable that said bill shall not become law during the present session of the Legislature.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

| | | TOTALS. |
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| Allen, R. H., & Co., derrick drum | Museum of Art. | \$85 00 |
| Andrews, W. D., & Bro., hoister, &c. | Museum of Art. | 1,275 00 |
| Barron, James S., & Co., brushes | Maint. P. & P. | 6 50 |
| Blue & Frederick, window shades. | Maint. P. & P. | 15 75 |
| Christern, F. W., subscription. | Maint. P. & P. | \$1 12 |
| | Construction. | 2 23 |
| | | <hr/> 3 35 |
| Coffin, Paul C., & Co., hardware. | Museum of Art. | \$18 65 |
| | Maint. P. & P. | 10 13 |
| | Construction | 74 20 |
| | | <hr/> 102 98 |
| Draper, Daniel, small wares. | Maint. M. & O. | 25 99 |
| Grant, William H., expenses | Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. | 40 99 |
| Harmer, Hayes & Co., thread and tacks. | Maint. P. & P. | 4 92 |
| Hoag, C. W., milk. | Maint. P. & P. | 15 12 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron. | Construction | 25 00 |
| Irwin William, petty cash. | Maint. P. & P. | \$26 83 |
| | Construction | 75 99 |
| | | <hr/> 102 82 |

| | | TOTALS. |
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| Jube, John P., & Co., wheels..... | Maint. P. & P... | \$15 28 |
| Lewis, C. A., & Co., fish..... | Maint. P. & P... | 89 53 |
| Mayor & Lane, plumbers' ware..... | Maint. P. & P... | 10 13 |
| Menzies, William, & Son, lumber..... | Maint. P. & P... | 252 71 |
| Miller & Coates, tiles..... | Construction ... | 36 30 |
| Nelson, William, Jr., inverts..... | Construction ... | 1,300 00 |
| New York Cement Co., cement..... | Museum of Art.. | \$159 10 |
| | Construction ... | 210 90 |
| | | 370 00 |
| Ryder, Jesse, stone boats..... | Construction ... | 475 00 |
| Sanderson, Bros. & Co., steel..... | Construction ... | 17 53 |
| Scharbach, Charles, leather..... | Maint. P. & P... | 9 84 |
| Simpson, A., bread..... | Maint. P. & P... | 56 28 |
| Slattery, James, stone..... | Construction ... | 9 50 |
| Terry, J. J., vegetables..... | Maint. P. & P... | 41 85 |
| Thorburn, J. M., & Co., soap..... | Construction ... | 1 25 |
| Tone, Theodore F., coal..... | Museum of Art.. | \$14 40 |
| | Maint. P. & P,.. | 49 85 |
| | Construction ... | 60 75 |
| | | 125 00 |
| Walton Brothers, cotton waste..... | Maint. Bridges.. | \$9 00 |
| | Maint. P. & P... | 9 00 |
| | | 18 00 |
| Warner, Wyllys H., rep'g heaters..... | Maint. P. & P... | 150 53 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | Museum of Art.. | \$27 00 |
| | Construction ... | 27 00 |
| | | 54 00 |
| | | \$5,675 95 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Construction..... | \$3,256 15 |
| Maintenance of Parks and Places..... | 765 37 |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | 9 00 |
| Maintenance of Museum and Observatory..... | 25 29 |
| Maintenance of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... | 40 99 |
| Building Metropolitan Museum of Art..... | 1,579 15 |
| | \$5,675 95 |

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Fifty-six hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety-five cents.

(Signed,)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the Secretary be authorized to take from the file a communication of Mr. Alfred A. Sebring, making application for employment in the Department, and which is endorsed by a number of citizens, and to deliver same to Mr. Sebring upon his applying therefor.

(Minutes, July 9th, 1873, p. 91.)

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect stated that the last map of the Central Park which had been prepared was not accurate, and recommended that a new map be carefully prepared and printed. Whereupon,

Mr. STEBBINS moved that one thousand (1,000) revised maps of the Central Park be printed, under the direction of the Landscape Architect, the cost not to exceed \$450.

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

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Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The President of the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, up to and including the 31st day of January, 1874, reported that he had examined and audited said accounts, and found same correct.

(Minutes, January 26th, 1874, p. 545.)

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at six o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1874.

9.30 o'clock A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for lighting, etc., lamps on the Public Parks and places, until January 1st, 1875.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ HALL.

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

The following were all the proposals received and opened for the under mentioned works :

| | Gas, &c., per Lamp. per annum. | Straighten Lamp-post. | Re-lead each Column. | Reit each Stand-pipe. | Remove each Lamp-post. | Re-set each Lamp-post. | Fit up each new lamp. |
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| No. 1. New York Gas-light Co. . . | \$33 00 | \$3 50 | \$3 50 | \$5 00 | \$5 00 | \$12 00 | \$12 00 |
| “ 2. Harlem Gas-light Co. . . | 3 25 pr. mo. | 3 00 | 3 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| “ 3. Metropolitan Gas-light Co | 31 00 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| “ 4. N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co | 29 50 | 3 50 | 3 50 | 5 00 | 3 50 | 12 00 | 12 00 |
| “ 5. Manhattan Gas-Light Co. | 33 00 | 3 50 | 3 50 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 12 00 | 12 00 |
| “ 6. N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co. for certain Parks, pro- vided mains are furnished | 29 50 | 3 50 | 3 50 | 5 00 | 3 50 | 12 00 | 12 00 |

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

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ WILLIAMSON,

“ HALL.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the Minutes was suspended, for purpose of receiving a verbal statement from Mr. C. L. Everett, Pres. N. Y. Gas-light Co., in reference to the bills of said company remaining unpaid.

At this point Mr. BISSINGER took his seat.

Mr. Everett having retired, the minutes of the previous meeting of the 13th inst., were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT stated that a deputation of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History waited upon him to request that more accommodation be granted for the exhibition of the increasing collections of said Museum, and further requested that said collections be insured ; whereupon

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of the required accommodation be referred to the President and Mr. Bissinger, to investigate and report.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that the request of the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History, to have the collections of said Museum insured, be referred to the President and Mr. Bissinger, with power.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect is hereby instructed to report in what situation or situations the Menagerie may best be re-located, being restricted to lands at present under control of this Department, and assuming that the proposition heretofore submitted by him in regard to Morningside Park fails of approval.

Adopted.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

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| 1874. | CR. | |
| March 4. | By balance account general fund..... | \$25 00 |
| " 5-17. | " cash from rents, license fees, &c..... | 655 34 |
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| | | \$680 34 |
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| 1874. | DR. | |
| March 9-17. | To cash paid to City Chamberlain..... | \$580 34 |
| " 18. | " balance..... | 100 00 |
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| | | \$680 34 |
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| 1874. | CR. | |
| March 18. | By balance account general fund..... | \$100 00 |
| | Say one hundred dollars. | |

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

New York, March 18, 1874,

9.30 A. M.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the report of the "Committee on Statues" on the statue of the late Elias Howe, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, March 4, 1874, p. 587.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said report on the statue of Elias Howe be accepted and adopted.

Adopted.

Whereupon, Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit to Rev. Dr. S. Osgood, Chairman, etc., a copy of the said report of the "Committee on Statues," and to notify him that this Board declines to accept the statue of Elias Howe, for the reasons set forth in said report—that it fails in the artistic qualifications, to entitle it to a position in the Central Park.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a petition numerously signed, requesting that Patrick Crotty be appointed Inspector of Roads in the Twenty-fourth ward.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BISSINGER, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., the Board adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

- “ STEBBINS,
- “ BISSINGER,
- “ WILLIAMSON,
- “ HALL.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 18th March, 1874, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

From his Honor the Mayor, requesting that a report of the transactions of the Department, for the three months ending March 31st, 1874, be furnished to him.

Referred to the President.

From the Superintendent, suggesting the advisability of stocking the ponds and lake in Central Park with fish; and from Robert B. Roosevelt, Esq., one of the New York Commissioners of Fisheries, stating that the ponds and lake were well adapted to certain excellent varieties of fish, and especially the “Oswego bass,” but that they were not suitable for the “Black bass.”

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the subject of stocking the

ponds and lake of the Central Park with fish, be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, recommending that thirty-five old Hand Lawn Mowers be exchanged for twenty-five new improved ones, of the Excelsior pattern. The price to be allowed for the former being \$15, and the price of the latter being \$25.

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

Adopted.

From the Superintendent, recommending that Foreman Robert McWhinney be given the title of "General Foreman of Stone-Cutters and Masons."

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be complied with, and also that Foreman John Woolf be given the title of "General Foreman of Gardeners." The pay of both to remain the same as at present.

Adopted.

From the Captain of Police, recommending that the Park-Keeper's force be increased by an addition of ten men.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From K. Karczewski, President, and K. Jedrzejowski, Secretary, on behalf of a number of citizens of Polish birth, requesting that a model of a statue of Thadeus Kosciuszko, which they intend to present, with a view of having it placed in the Central Park, should be inspected.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the said communication be referred to the "Committee on Statues," with a request that they inspect said model and report thereon.

Adopted.

From the Health Department, enclosing a copy of the report of Assistant Sanitary Inspector C. F. Rodenstein, M. D., concerning a marshy plot of ground in the 24th Ward (West Farms Division), and shown on two maps accompanying the report.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said communication and report be referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, to examine and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent had made a requisition for 10,000 cubic yards of screened gravel.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that it be referred to the President, to have an advertisement prepared and inserted for the supplying of such quantity of screened gravel as shall be required during the present year; not exceeding 10,000 cubic yards.

Adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of granting additional accommodation for the exhibition of the increasing collections of the "American Museum of Natural History," verbally reported, recommending that further accommodation be given to the Trustees of said Museum in the lower floor of the Museum building, and that such cases as may be required for the exhibition of the collections, be made from time to time as they may be required, by the Park force.

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

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

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

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

The Committee to whom it was referred to examine and report as to the advisability of accepting the offer of Mr. Burnham to place a colossal statue of Daniel Webster in the Central Park,

(Minutes, Feb. 25th, 1874, p. 586,)

verbally reported, recommending the adoption by the Board of Document No. 57,

(Minutes, March 4th, 1874, p. 590,)

and also recommending that the Landscape Architect be instructed to prepare a plan for a suitable terminal object at the south end of the Mall in the Central Park, in accordance with the original intention.

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

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the proposal of the New York Gas-light Co. (No. 1) be declared the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to that company accordingly, for lighting with gas, &c., all public lamps under the control of this Department until January 1st, 1875, within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows, viz. : from the East River south of a boundary line running through the centre of

Grand street to the centre of Sullivan street; thence through the centre of Sullivan street to Canal street to the Hudson river.

(Minutes, March 18th, 1874, p. 603.)

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

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

The PRESIDENT moved that the proposal of the Harlem Gas-light Company (No. 2) be declared the lowest bid, and that the contract be awarded to that company accordingly for lighting with gas, &c., all public lamps under the control of this department until January 1st, 1875, within that portion of the city of New York, bounded as follows, viz.: commencing at the East river at Seventy-ninth street, running through the centre of said street to the North or Hudson river, thence along said river to Spuyten Duyvil Creek to Harlem river, and along Harlem river to East river, and along East river to Seventy-ninth street, the place of beginning.

Including south side of Transverse Road No. 2 (Seventy-ninth street), and the south side of Central and Third avenue bridges.

(Minutes March 18th, 1874, p. 603.)

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the proposals of the Metropolitan Gas-light Company and New York Mutual Gas-light Company (Nos. 3 and 4) be referred to the President to investigate and report at the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, March 18th, 1874, p. 603.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the proposal of the New York Mutual Gas-light Company (No. 6) to light certain parks, provided the mains are furnished by the department, be rejected.

(Minutes, March 18th, 1874, p. 603.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had had prepared by Mr. C. Vaux, architect, a modified plan for the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the estimated expense of which is \$470,568,

(Minutes, March 13th, 1874, p. 595.)

He presented a communication from Mr. Vaux, recommending that proposals be invited for the stone, brick, granite and iron work, including skylights and slating, and also for the drainage and concrete work;

And also a communication from J. T. Johnston, Esq., President of said Museum of Art, protesting, on behalf of the Executive Committee of said Museum, against commencing the construction of the building on the basis of the reduced plans, for the reason that they are still too expensive, and that the building could not be completed for the amount appropriated.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the report of the President be accepted, and that the whole subject, together with the corres-

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pondence, be referred to Mr. C. Vaux, to examine and report thereon.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock, P. M., to meet on Thursday, the 2d inst., at 3.30 o'clock, P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY APRIL 2d, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ BISSINGER.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

The minutes of the two previous meetings of April 1st, 1874. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read:

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect of the building for the American Museum of National History, requesting that a change might be made in the plans of said building, by the substitution of red granite for brick on the basement story; and enclosing communications from Messrs. T. W. Rollins (the contractor) and J. S. Browne, by which it appears that the extra cost of such change would amount to \$2,500.

After discussion of the matter, and it appearing to be in violation of the provisions of law to incur an additional expense of more than \$1,000, except by contract in the usual manner,

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the change in the plans be not authorized, and that the President be requested to communicate to Mr. Vaux the difficulties in the way of complying with his request.

Adopted.

From the Landscape Gardener, submitting a plan for the re-organization of the gardeners, and the labor force connected with them.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Charles Schedler, had applied to have Matthew N. Ehrhorn appointed as a park-keeper, and assigned to High Bridge Park, in place of Matthew Morgan, mentioned in his application heretofore presented to the Board ;

(Minutes, January 26th, 1874, p. 538.)

That said Matthew Morgan had not been appointed as a park-keeper, and that Mr. Schedler agreed to bear all expenses connected with the appointment—clothing and pay of said Matthew N. Ehrhorn.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said appointment be made upon the terms mentioned by the President.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that Thomas Beatty be appointed as a park-keeper, and that he be detailed to supervise and inspect the park-keepers in the city parks.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson,
Hall—5.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

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| Barron, Jas. S. & Co., pails and brooms. Const. Art Museum.... | \$3 00 | |
| Construction..... | 6 00 | |
| Maintenance..... | 24 00 | |
| | | \$33 00 |
| Coffin, Paul C., & Co., spikes and nails...Maint. 23d & 24th W'd | | 4 50 |
| Crane, B. F., paints and oils.....Maintenance..... | \$175 00 | |
| Construction..... | 101 59 | |
| Const. Art Museum.... | 9 80 | |
| | | 286 39 |
| Cook, Ebenezer, chamois skins.....Maintenance..... | | 6 00 |
| Campbell, Henry P., duties, &c., on foreign plants.....Construction..... | | 63 43 |
| Evans, Isaac, traveling expenses....Construction..... | | 309 26 |
| Florence, Wm. H., services.....Maint. of Bridges.... | | 104 16 |
| Gray, Wm. H., horn collars.....Maintenance..... | | 20 60 |
| Gatchell, A. S., rubber hose.....Maintenance..... | | 67 00 |
| Gifford & Beach, ticking.....Maintenance..... | | 6 00 |
| Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line, March,.....Maintenance..... | \$81 25 | |
| Construction..... | 31 25 | |
| | | 62 50 |
| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas on Boule- vard.....Supplies Gas, '72 & '73 | | 2,546 45 |
| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at stables, &c., February.....Maintenance..... | | 90 60 |
| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at park, February.....Maintenance..... | \$442 00 | |
| Maint. of Bridges.... | 234 00 | |
| | | 676 00 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron.....Construction..... | \$34 77 | |
| Const. Art Museum.... | 11 62 | |
| | | 46 39 |

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| Hazard Powder Co., fuse and powder.. | Const. Art Museum... | \$10 00 | |
| | Construction..... | 46 00 | |
| | Maint. 23d & 24th W'd | 62 50 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$118 50 |
| Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass..... | Maintenance..... | | 1 70 |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | Maintenance..... | \$16 18 | |
| | Construction..... | 21 22 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$37 40 |
| Jube, John P., & Co., leather..... | Maintenance..... | | 14 88 |
| Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials.... | Construction..... | | 5 52 |
| Losee, Francis, oats and hay..... | Maintenance..... | | 624 91 |
| Losee, Francis, oats, hay and corn.... | Maintenance..... | | 474 49 |
| McKinney, Wm. A., services..... | Construction..... | | 42 00 |
| Menzies, Wm., & Son, lumber..... | Maint. 23d & 24th Wds | \$170 77 | |
| | Const. Art Museum.... | 15 90 | |
| | | <hr/> | 186 67 |
| Mayor & Lane, plumbing materials.... | Maintenance..... | | 20 20 |
| McCraken & Co., harness soap..... | Maintenance..... | | 6 50 |
| Murphy & Nesbit, plaster..... | Maintenance..... | | 15 50 |
| Norris & Williams, plumbing & mat'ls. | Maintenance..... | \$50 10 | |
| | Construction..... | 226 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 276 10 |
| New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at plaza, cottage and office..... | Maintenance..... | | 38 50 |
| New York Gas-light Co., gas at Parks. | Maintenance..... | | 1,875 50 |
| New York Cement Co., cement..... | Const. Art Museum.. | \$46 25 | |
| | Construction..... | 323 75 | |
| | | <hr/> | 370 00 |
| Place, Geo., & Co., emery cloth. | Maintenance..... | | 1 25 |
| Roosevelt, Samuel, & Co., hardware... | Maint. 23d & 24th Wds | | 180 07 |
| Ruhe, Louis, bird-food..... | Maintenance..... | | 8 00 |
| Seymour, W. N., & Co., hardware.... | Maint. 23d & 24th Wds | | 81 96 |
| Such, Geo., propagating sand..... | Construction..... | | 108 75 |
| Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel..... | Maintenance..... | \$13 09 | |
| | Maint. 23d & 24th Wds | 51 03 | |
| | | <hr/> | 64 12 |
| Staab, C. P., & Co., drawing materials. | Construction..... | | 46 73 |
| Squires, Lewis L., Sons..... | Maintenance..... | | 16 43 |
| Tysen, David J., cabbages and tur- nips..... | Maintenance..... | | 1,500 00 |

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| Thorburn, Jas. M., & Co., canary seed..Maintenance..... | | \$7 50 |
| Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., engineer's supplies.....Construction.. | | 10 25 |
| Vaux, Calvert, services.....Construction..... | | 300 00 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber.....Const. Art Museum.... | \$22 00 | |
| Construction | 22 00 | |
| | | <hr/> 44 00 |
| Westchester Co. Gas-light Co., gas on } Supplies of gas, 1872 bridges..... and 1873..... | | 1,621 00 |
| Westchester Co. Gas-light Co., gas on bridges.....Maint. of Bridges..... | | 32 00 |
| Wagner, Henry, filling on Manhattan square.....Construction..... | | 2,364 75 |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> \$14,816 86 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance..... | \$5,546 58 |
| Construction..... | 4,063 27 |
| Supplies of gas, 1872 and 1873..... | 4,167 45 |
| Maintenance of Bridges..... | 370 16 |
| Maintenance of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.. | 550 83 |
| Construction Museum of Art..... | 118 57 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> \$14,816 86 |

Amounting, in the aggregate, to the sum of fourteen thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars and eighty-six cents.

New York, April 1st, 1874.

(Signed,)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

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

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

| 1874. | | CR. |
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| March 18. | By balance account general fund..... | \$100 00 |
| Mch. 18 to Apl 1. | “ cash received from rent and sale of sheep skins. | 11 00 |
| | | <u>\$111 00</u> |

| 1874. | | DR. |
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| Mch. 18 to Apl 1. | To cash paid into City Treasury..... | \$111 00 |

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

New York, April 1st, 1874.

9.30 A. M.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had made inquiries and ascertained that the New York Mutual Gas-light Co. had not mains laid to Reservoir Square, Fourth Avenue parks and the Circle, at Fifty-ninth Street and Broadway ; and that he had been informed by the Secretary of said company that the company was not in a position to light those places at once, and that if the award was made to the company for the lighting of the other portions of the city, for which the proposal was made, the company would accept it.

(Minutes, April 1st, 1874, p. 614.)

Mr. BISSINGER then moved that the proposal of the Metropolitan Gas-light Co. (No. 3) be declared the lowest bid, and

that the contract be awarded to that company for lighting with gas, &c., all the public lamps under the control of this Department until January 1st, 1875, within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows, viz. :

On the north, by the centre line of Seventy-ninth street ; on the east, by the East river ; on the south, by the centre line of Thirty-fourth street ; and on the west, by the Hudson river.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall
— 5.

Mr. HALL moved that the proposal of the New York Mutual Gas-light Co. (No. 4) be declared the lowest bid for lighting with gas, &c., all the public lamps under the control of this Department in the following public squares, places and parks, viz. :

Cooper Institute Park, Jackson Square, Tompkins Square Washington Square, Lincoln monument, Washington monument, Union Square Park, Madison Square Park, Worth Monument and the Candelabra, situate at the intersections of Twenty-third street and Twenty-fourth street and Broadway, and that the contract be awarded to that company accordingly. The lighting of the first two named, namely, Cooper Institute Park and Jackson Square, to commence from the date of the agreement to be entered into, and of all the other squares, places and parks from the 1st day of May, 1874, and to terminate on the 1st day of January, 1875.

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

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

¶ *Ayes*—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The PRESIDENT stated that all the back pay-rolls of the topographical engineers, commencing in April, 1873, had been transmitted to the Finance Department, and that he had since received a communication from the Comptroller, dated March 31st, 1874, stating that he could not find any law to authorize the payment of the same, and enclosing copies of two letters ; one from the Auditor of Accounts, refusing to audit said pay-rolls, on the ground that there is no law to authorize their payment ; and the other from Mr. J. J. Serrell, to whom the subject was referred by the Comptroller, stating that there is no law to authorize the payment of the salaries for 1873, but that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment could appropriate a sum out of the fund of \$500,000 for extra contingencies to meet the salaries for the year 1874.

(Minutes, August 21st, 1873, p. 221 ; August 27th, 1873, pp. 227, 228, and December 22d, 1873, pp. 459, 460.)

Mr. STEBBINS thereupon, and after discussion of the matter, moved that the whole subject be referred to the Treasurer to examine, and that he be requested to confer with the Comptroller in regard thereto.

Adopted.

Mr. HALL moved that it be referred to the President with power, to direct the work of erecting the "Seventh Regiment Statue" to be commenced, on the site heretofore designated.

(Minutes, January 29th, 1873, p. 650.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested, under the provisions of Section 6, Chapter 756 of the Laws of 1873, to issue to an amount not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of the public fund or stock, to be denominated the "City Parks Improvement Fund," for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and public places which, by law, now are or may hereafter be under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks, and also for the construction and equipment of a meteorological and astronomical observatory on Central Park.

(Minutes, June 23d, 1873, p. 58 ; August 12th, 1873, p. 195, and January 8th, 1874, p. 518.)

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

Ayes—Messrs. Wales, Stebbins, Bissinger, Williamson, Hall—5.

The Landscape Architect presented and read a communication, proposing certain improvements in the construction of the Union Square Cottage, and also in the ornamental lamps on the north end of said square, and also submitted therewith the plans for such improvements, and rules and ordinances for the use and regulation of the cottage, plaza and lamp and flag-posts.

Laid on the table.

The Landscape Architect also presented an estimate for the improvement of the gas-lamps on the Candelabra, at Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth streets and Broadway, and also at Worth

Monument, amounting in all to \$494; and he also submitted drawing showing the proposed improvement.

Laid on the table.

Mr. STEBBINS moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, the 7th instant, at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

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

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. STEBBINS, Vice-President.

“ BISSINGER,

“ WILLIAMSON.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was suspended, to receive a deputation of citizens from the late village of West Farms, with reference to the construction of a bridge over the Bronx river, at or near the foot of Prospect Street. The following citizens attended: Alphonso Wood, Daniel Mapes, Jr., James Angus, James L. Wells and William E. Barnett; they urged the necessity of said bridge, and submitted a copy of a bill, now before the Legislature, to authorize its construction.

The deputation having retired, the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2d inst. were read and approved.

A communication was presented and read from Mary G. Pinckney, asking for a detailed statement of \$345,876.20, charged in the Assessment Roll for the superstructure of Seventh avenue, from 110th to 154th street.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved, that the Secretary be directed to have the statement, as requested, prepared and furnished upon the usual terms.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that the President had adjusted the following rates of pay in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, viz. :

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| Blacksmiths | \$3.00 | per day |
| Carpenters | \$3.00 | " |
| Messengers | \$2.00 | " |
| Horse and wagon | \$3.00 | " |

and moved that the Board do now determine the same at the above rates.

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The matter of the bill now pending before the Legislature, authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Bronx river, at or near the foot of Prospect street, in the late village of West Farms, in the city of New York, having been presented to the Commissioners of this Board for their consideration, by a delegation of citizens of West Farms, and this Board having considered the expediency of carrying out such proposed improvement,

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves of the said proposed improvement, and considers it a public benefit, and has no opposition to offer to the passage of a proper bill providing for the construction of said bridge, under the control and direction of this Department.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that the copy of the bill for the construction of the bridge over the Bronx river, and which was submitted to the Board, be referred to the President and Treasurer to examine and report upon.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER presented the following resolution, namely :

Resolved, That the whole work of finally completing the laying out of streets, roads and avenues and public places above the southerly side of 155th street, authorized by chapter 565, Laws of 1865, and of filing the necessary maps, be placed in the hands of John J. Serrell, Esq., and that he be authorized to select such assistants, from the present surveying force of this Department, as he may deem necessary for the speedy execution of the work herein contemplated.

And, moved, that it be referred to the Special Committee to report upon, at the same time they report upon the subject of the laying out of, the adopting and filing maps of and acquiring title to, Kingsbridge road.

(Minutes, February 4th, 1874, p. 565.)

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER, Chairman of the Executive Committee, verbally reported from said Committee,

Upon the plan for the reorganization of the gardeners' force, as submitted by the Landscape Gardener,

(Minutes April 2d, 1874, p. 618,)

and recommended that said plan be referred to the Superintendent, with instructions to restore to their former positions on the gardening force all men now employed in the general labor force of the Department, and who were employed either as gardeners or garden laborers last year; and that he report to the Board what additional gardeners, garden laborers, or other help are required.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the report of the Executive Committee be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

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| Annin & Co., flags..... | Maintenance..... | 15 00 |
| Coffin, P. C., & Co., hardware..... | Maintenance..... | \$179 01 |
| | Construction..... | 238 27 |
| | Const. Museum of Art. | 99 29 |
| | Maint. 23d & 24th W'd | 47 50 |
| | | 564 07 |
| De Grauw, Aymar & Co., wire rope...Construction..... | | 206 84 |
| Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber..... | Maint. 23d & 24th W'd | 162 14 |
| Harlem Gas-light Co., gas at stables and Mt. St. Vincent..... | Maintenance..... | 49 20 |
| Harlem Gas-light Company, gas at park, March..... | Maintenance..... | \$221 00 |
| | Maint. of Bridges.... | 117 00 |
| | | 338 00 |
| Hodges, J. W., steam trap..... | Maintenance..... | 20 00 |
| Hazard Powder Co., blasting powder.. | Maint. 23d & 24th W'd | 15 00 |
| Lewis, C. A., & Co., fish..... | Maintenance..... | 98 70 |
| Losee, Francis, bran..... | Maintenance..... | 17 50 |
| Murphy & Nesbit, brick..... | Const. Museum of Art. | 64 75 |
| Meehan, Thomas, plants..... | Construction..... | 26 50 |
| New York Cement Co., cement..... | Construction..... | 185 00 |
| New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas at parks, &c..... | Maintenance..... | \$1,401 92 |
| | Construction..... | 4 03 |
| | | 1,405 95 |
| New York Gas-light Co., gas at parks. | Maintenance..... | 937 75 |
| Squires, Lewis, L., Sons, belting.... | Construction..... | 12 90 |

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| Simpson, A., bread | Maintenance | \$64 92 |
| Wallace & Sons, lamp wick | Maint. of Bridges | 1 50 |
| Walton Bros., gauge glasses | Maintenance | 4 50 |
| | | \$4,190 22 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance | \$3,009 50 |
| Construction | 673 54 |
| Construction of Museum of Art | 164 04 |
| Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards | 224 64 |
| Maintenance of Bridges | 118 50 |
| \$4,190 22 | |

Amounting, in the aggregate, to the sum of forty-one hundred and ninety dollars and twenty-two cents.

New York, April 7th, 1874.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

The VICE-PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit all of said bills, payable by the Comptroller, to the Finance Department for payment. •

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

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

Mr. BISSINGER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be empowered to order from M. Bacharach a wire gauze urinal for six persons, to be erected in place of the brick urinal designated on the map of Central Park, attached to document No. 55, as No. 1, at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars.

(Minutes, January 19th, 1874, p. 529.)

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

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

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1874.

REGULAR MEETING—10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ WILLIAMSON.

“ HALL.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 7th inst. were read and approved.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

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| Andrews, Wm. D., & Bros., hoister, | | |
| boiler and fixtures.....Construction.... | \$444 00 | |
| Const. Museum of Art. | 14 00 | |
| | | <hr/> \$458 00 |
| Barrow, James S., & Co., mats..... | Maintenance..... | 9 00 |
| Campbell, Henry P., brokerage, &c., on | | |
| foreign plants.....Construction..... | | 856 08 |
| Crane, B. F., paints, putty, &c..... | Maintenance..... | \$81 07 |
| Construction..... | 53 18 | |
| | | <hr/> 134 25 |
| Crommelin, Wm. H., dressed ashlar | | |
| and coping..... | Construction..... | 3,812 40 |
| Colwell Lead Co., sheet lead and pipe.. | Maintenance..... | 92 99 |
| Coffin, Paul C., & Co., shovels and rakes.. | Construction..... | \$84 00 |
| Maintenance..... | 7 00 | |
| | | <hr/> 91 00 |

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| Hoag, C. W., milk for March..... | Maintenance..... | | \$16 74 |
| Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron..... | Construction..... | | 36 19 |
| Irwin, Wm., petty cash expenses..... | Maintenance..... | \$26 64 | |
| | Maint. 23d & 24th W'd | 31 81 | |
| | Construction..... | 67 81 | |
| | | ————— | 126 26 |
| Kenffel & Esser, engineer's supplies.... | Construction..... | | 59 08 |
| Losee, Francis, oats and hay..... | Maintenance..... | | 191 48 |
| Murphy & Nesbit, brick and cement.... | Construction..... | \$943 50 | |
| | Maintenance..... | 28 75 | |
| | | ————— | 972 25 |
| McKinney, William A., services..... | Construction..... | | 72 00 |
| Seymour, W. N., & Co., hardware.... | Maint. 23d & 24th W'd | | 86 90 |
| Stewart & Co., drain pipe..... | Construction..... | | 112 80 |
| Slattery James, building stone..... | Construction..... | | 950 00 |
| The J. L. Mott Iron Works, sheaves. Const. | Museum of Art. | | 17 76 |
| Watrous & Willson, lumber..... | Const. Museum of Art. | | 22 00 |
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| | | | <u>\$8,117 18</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Construction..... | \$7,491 04 |
| Construction of Museum of Art..... | 53 76 |
| Maintenance..... | 453 67 |
| Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.... | 118 71 |
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| | <u>\$8,117 18</u> |

Amounting to the sum of eighty-one hundred and seventeen dollars and eighteen cents.

New York, April 15th, 1874.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed

to transmit all of said bills, payable by the Comptroller, to the Finance Department for payment.

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

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

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

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1874.

CR.

April 1 to April 15. By cash received from rents, license fees, &c. . . . \$517 34

DR.

April 13. To cash paid into City Treasury \$347 34

“ “ balance 170 00

\$517 34

CR.

April 15. By balance \$170 00

Balance, One hundred and seventy dollars.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

New York, April 15th, 1874.

9.30 A. M.

Mr. HALL stated that the ladies' maid in charge of the Cottage on Union Square made application to have a soda-water fountain placed in the cottage, in consideration for which she agreed to pay a percentage of the receipts from the sale of

the soda-water, and moved that the subject be referred to the President to examine and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Adopted.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th, 1874.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ WILLIAMSON.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

From the Secretary of the Health Department, forwarding a copy of a resolution of the Board of that Department, and of a report of Assistant Sanitary Inspector J. E. Comfort, M. D., on the condition of the receiving-basin and gutter at Third avenue and 169th street.

Referred to the superintendent in charge of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards to examine and report.

From the Secretary of the Health Department, forwarding a copy of a resolution of the Board of that Department, and of a report of Assistant Sanitary Inspector J. E. Comfort, M. D., on the want of drainage in certain parts of the Twenty-third ward of the city.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to examine and report.

From Mr. Fordham Morris, Secretary North Side Association, on the subject of a bill now before the Legislature extending the time of the Hudson & Harlem River Canal Company to construct a canal in the north end of the island.

Referred to the President to examine and report.

From Mr. W. H. Hays, asking that a road be laid out from a point opposite to his house to the wharf in front of his place.

Laid on the table.

From the Superintendent, asking leave of absence.

Referred to the President, with power.

From temporary assistant clerk, Wm. B. Dyer, making application for the position of assistant book-keeper.

(Minutes, August 14th, 1873, p. 207.)

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From messenger, Horace A. Whitney, applying for increased pay.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From the Post-master at Archer, Florida, offering to sell a whooping-crane ; and from the Clerk in charge of the animals, stating that it would be a valuable addition to the collection of birds.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the President be authorized to purchase said whooping-crane at a cost not to exceed \$30.

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

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

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

From Mr. John A. Henry and others, property owners along the line of 167th street, petitioning that said street be opened and graded.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT, to whom it was referred to examine and report to what extent and in what manner the labor force should be reduced, if it appears probable that no appropriation for construction work shall be made by the Legislature, submitted a report, wherein it is stated that with the funds at present applicable to the payment of construction works, it would be safe to continue the present labor force until the 25th inst., at which time, unless provision is made by the Legislature authorizing the Department to raise more money, it will be advisable and necessary to suspend the entire force now employed upon construction work.

(Minutes, March 13th, 1874, p. 598.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said report be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas it appears from the report of the President that the fund applicable to the construction work of this Department is already reduced to such an extent that it would be unwise to continue all the improvements in progress, it is therefore

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, instructed to suspend, at his discretion, such portions of the force as are engaged on the various works of construction in this Department, until an additional appropriation is made by the Legislature for carrying on said works of construction.

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

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

The PRESIDENT reported that, on the application of Mr. H. A. Cassebeer, Jr., Secretary of the College of Pharmacy, he had granted permission to Mr. P. V. Le Roy to gather botanical specimens on the Central Park, under direction of the Landscape Gardener.

(Minutes, February 25th, 1874, p. 582.)

Accepted.

The PRESIDENT presented statements compiled from the books of the Department, showing the amounts expended for commissions, salaries, labor and material, in connexion with the buildings for the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History, and stated that the architect, Mr. C. Vaux, objected to the expenditures for salaries, and for certain labor and material being charged against the funds for the erection of said buildings.

Referred to the President and Treasurer to examine and report.

The PRESIDENT stated that J. T. Johnston, Esq., President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the architect of the

building for said Museum, had had an interview with him in regard to the expense of erecting the said building, and that they were now of opinion it would be safe to proceed in accordance with the revised plans.

(Minutes, April 1st, 1874, p. 614.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That proposals be obtained for the iron and granite work for the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in accordance with the revised plans submitted by the architect, Mr. Calvert Vaux.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT presented a map, which the Civil and Topographical Engineer had prepared under his instructions, showing certain changes in Bolton road, as laid out on the adopted map, and also laying out a narrow street from Bolton road to Inwood street, and also a resolution for the adoption of the map,

(Minutes, Nov. 3d, 1869, p. 83.)

And moved that same he referred to the committee appointed on the laying out of Kingsbridge road, to examine and report.

(Minutes, Feby. 4th, 1874, p. 565.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON moved that the estimate for the improvement of the candelabra at Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets and Broadway be taken from the table.

(Minutes, April 2d, 1874, pp. 625, 626.)

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON then moved that the globes on said candelabra be removed and replaced by larger globes, in accordance with said estimate.

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

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

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the rules and ordinances concerning the use and regulation of the cottage plaza and lamp and flag-posts on the north end of Union Square, and which are contained in the communication of the Landscape Architect, be taken from the table.

(Minutes, April 2d, 1874, p. 625.)

Adopted.

Mr. STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following ordinances for the regulation, use and government of the muster-ground of Union Square be, and they are hereby, adopted, and that the Secretary is hereby directed to cause the immediate publication of the same, for ten days, in the *City Record*, and to enter the same at length in the minutes.

ORDINANCES.

The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do ordain as follows :

1.—No person or persons shall occupy the muster-ground or any part of the lodge in Union Square for the purpose of holding any public meeting, review or parade, or other like purpose, unless previously licensed so to do by the President of the Department of Public Parks.

2.—No person shall climb upon the flag-staffs, iron-work,

railings, walls, platforms or buildings in Union Square, or in any way injure or deface the same or any of the appurtenances thereto.

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

Ayes—Wales, Stebbins, Williamson—3.

Mr. STEBBINS then moved that the subject of preparing suitable rules and regulations concerning the use of said cottage, plaza and lamp and flag-posts be referred to the President and Landscape Architect, with power.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that he had been applied to by the Hon. S. S. Cox, on behalf of Mr. L. D. Campbell, of Hamilton, Ohio, to send some swans' eggs to Hamilton, for the purpose of being hatched there, and having the cygnets placed in the Cemetary Lake at that city.

After discussion of the matter, and it appearing that there was no precedent for such action, and also that there are fewer swans now on the Central Park than have been donated to the Department—

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the Hon. S. S. Cox be informed of the above fact, and that consequently the Department are unable to comply with his request.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Engineer ascertain and report to this

Board, at the earliest moment, what portion of the walk at City Hall Park, fronting on Chambers street, can be repaired with the Grahamite concrete, at a cost not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars.

Adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a printed statement, signed by "B. Waterhouse Hawkins," and dated "April 10th, 1874," by which that gentleman makes a claim for salary, interest and expenses, amounting to \$16,757.40.

(Minutes, July 17th, 1872, p. 453.)

Mr. STEBBINS moved that said statement and claim be referred to the President and Treasurer to examine and report.

Adopted.

The Board then suspended, and received Mr. Wm. H. Kelly, of 170 Broadway, who stated that he appeared on behalf of a large number of working boys to request that they should be allowed, under proper rules and regulations, to play base ball in Tompkins Square.

Mr. Kelley having retired the Board resumed, and—

Mr. STEBBINS moved that the whole subject of allowing base ball to be played in Tompkins Square be referred to the President and Landscape Architect to examine and report.

(Minutes, August 6th, 1873, p. 169.)

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at 6.15 o'clock P. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1874.

9.30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for
5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

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

The following five proposals were received and publicly
opened, viz. :

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| No. 1. | Jesse Ryder and Egbert H. Fairchild | \$2.65 | per cubic yard. | | |
| No. 2. | Charles H. Kohler and James H. Perkins | \$2.37½ | “ | “ | |
| No. 3. | James Symington— First quality | \$2.39 | “ | “ | |
| | Second “ | \$2.19 | “ | “ | |
| No. 4. | Wm. C. Jardine | \$1.65 | “ | “ | |
| No. 5. | Christopher Bennett | \$1.35 | “ | “ | |

[Friday,

The Comptroller having retired, the Board organized at 10 o'clock A. M., in pursuance of the following call of the President :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, N. Y., }
April 16, 1874. }

Mr. ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary :

SIR—You will call a meeting of the Board, to be held on Friday the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) S. H. WALES,
President D. P. P.

Present—Mr. WALES, President.

“ BISSINGER,
“ WILLIAMSON,
“ HALL.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMSON, the reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings of the 15th inst. was dispensed with.

Mr. WILLIAMSON, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

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| Appleton, Dan'l, & Co., Baird's Birds. of America..... | Maintenance..... | \$27 00 |
| Bartlett, J. W., globes and reflectors .. | Maintenance..... | 31 25 |
| Bryant, W. C. & Co., printing minutes.. | Construction | \$202 00 |
| | Maintenance..... | 94 12 |
| | Maint. 23d & 24th W'd | 12 25 |
| | | <hr/> 308 37 |
| Parry, Henry, granite to Lincoln Mt. . | Construction..... | 4,050 00 |
| Sanderson Bro. & Co., steel..... | Construction..... | \$147 27 |
| | Const. Museum of Art. | 133 79 |
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| Slattery, James, building store.....Construction..... | \$950 00 |
| Tracy, Daniel, filling 110th street....Construction..... | 900 00 |
| Tone, Theodore F., coal.....Construction..... | 7 00 |
| Wilson, W. C., trees.....Construction..... | 150 00 |
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RECAPITULATION.

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| Maintenance..... | \$152 37 |
| Maintenance, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards..... | 12 25 |
| Construction..... | 6,406 27 |
| Construction, Museum of Art..... | 133 79 |
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-seven hundred and four dollars and sixty-eight cents.

New York, April 17th, 1874.

(Signed)

DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Auditing Committee.

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

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a design for a badge to be worn by the Commissioners of the Department, and moved that same be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that five badges of the design just adopted be ordered—one for each Commissioner—the cost of all not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

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

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

Mr. WILLIAMSON presented a communication from Mr. W. P. Dixon, a tenant on Riverside Park, asking that he be permitted to rent certain other houses on said Park, and stating that said houses were being badly used by those now occupying them.

Mr. BISSINGER moved that said communication be referred to the President and Treasurer, with a request that they examine and report as to the condition of all the houses on Riverside Park.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. HALL, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M., to meet at the call of the President.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

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