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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Fire Alarm Telegraph, etc.,

New York, Jan. 16th, 1897.

Hon. Thomas Sturgis;

Commissioner and Chairman Committee on Telegraph, etc.,

Dear Sir:--

I have the honor to report that Fire Alarm Box 29, located at Maiden Lane and Front Street, is connected from the main subway at Pearl Street and Maiden Lane, by an over-head loop from Pearl to Front Street. In 1890, when the fire alarm boxes in that neighborhood were connected underground, this particular box was made an exception for the reason that the necessary space in the subway in Maiden Lane could not be procured in which to put the cable. The reason which was given at the time was that all the space was occupied. Frequent efforts have been made since that time for subway space, but without avail. It being understood that the city is entitled to free space for the wires of the Fire Alarm Telegraph in all subways constructed under the law, it has been a doubt heretofore in the minds of the Commissioners whether the facilities necessary to provide such service, should be at cost to the city, in streets where the general subways have been constructed. Conditions similar to the above exist on Seventh Avenue, between 14th Street and 32nd Street, whereon are located four street boxes, and a line of telegraph poles. A subway was constructed upon that avenue in 1891 and space applied for, for the use of this Department, but denied, for the same reason as before mentioned. All these stations should now be connected underground as early as possible. The loop in Maiden Lane, has several times been broken, the pole line on Seventh Avenue is old, and requires constant re-construction, the circuits thereon are affected more or less by storms, thus affecting other portions

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of the same circuits which are underground, and I respectfully suggest that the necessary subway construction should be done by this Department, unless it is decided that the subway company should be required to provide it, and I respectfully ask to be advised whether in providing specifications for underground work, those places shall be included.

Very respectfully,

(signed) J. Elliott Smith

Superintendent.

*Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,*

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
O. H. LA GRANGE,
THOMAS STURGIS,

Commissioners.

New York, Jan. 30, 1897. 189

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Hon. Board of Electrical Control,
1262 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

By direction of this Board, and acting as Chairman of the Committee having charge of the Fire Alarm Telegraph and Subway Cable System, I beg to submit a copy of a report made to us on the 16th instant by the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm System.

It is the understanding of this Board that the cables of the Department are entitled to space in the subways, and we believe that the fact that such has not been hitherto granted is due to a misunderstanding on the part of your Board, and possibly a failure to clearly present the necessity on the part of our predecessors in this Department. If we are right in our belief that such space should be arranged for and granted to the Department in the subways, it is of course entirely improper that independent work for the purpose of placing such circuits underground should be undertaken by this Department at its own cost.

Will you kindly give this matter your early attention, as you will see that the circumstances which lead to this letter are of a somewhat important character - rendered more so by the injury arising to our overhead lines from the exigencies of the winter and from the increased service which is required from such lines during the winter season by reason of a great increase in the number of fires

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which is to be expected during this period of the year.

I have sent a copy of this letter to His Honor, the Mayor,
and awaiting a response at your early convenience, I remain

Respectfully yours,

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*Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,*

New York, Jan. 30, 1897

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,

O. H. LA GRANGE,

THOMAS STURGIS,

K Commissioners.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r -

My dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter addressed by this Board at this date to the Board of Electrical Control containing copy of a report from the Superintendent of the Telegraph Department relative to the subject of overhead wires and room for placing the same in the subways in certain portions of the city.

For the reason stated in the letter to the Board of Electrical Control, the matter is one of urgency and should receive consideration from that Board as soon as circumstances will permit.

This Board is using extraordinary efforts to maintain the efficiency of the fire alarm telegraph service and no single condition militates more against such perfect operation than the necessity for continuing the use of overhead wires in any of the densely populated portions of the city. The many conditions which may injuriously affect overhead wires are too well known to you to need further comment. Should we be advised that the Board of Electrical Control will not supply the space desired in the present subways, it will be necessary to construct proper facilities at the expense of the city for such wires in this Department; but we are unwilling to assume such expenditure until definitely advised that we are entitled to the space suggested in the present subways.

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
O. H. LA GRANGE,
THOMAS STURGIS,

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I have been requested by the Board to place these facts before you in view of your official position in connection with the Board of Electrical Control, and to express the hope that the matter may receive some consideration at their next meeting.

Very respectfully yours,

Thos Sturgis
Commr

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F I R E D E P A R T M E N T.

Head-Quarters 8th Battalion.

New York, Feb. 5th, 1897.

To the
Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners,
Gentlemen;--

In compliance with orders received, I most respectfully forward the following report after a thorough investigation of anonymous communication, in which the members of Engine Co. 21 are accused of alleged unlawful conduct.

I desire to call the attention of the Board to the fact, that if such a breach of discipline existed, it would certainly come under my notice through the officers of said company.

After a personal interview and observation, I find nothing but a friendly feeling existing between the members. Neither are there any indications that would lead me to believe that an altercation of any kind happened, or to cause annoyance or complaint from the neighbors.

In support of this statement, I herewith submit the names and addresses of tenants in the vicinity of Company Quarters, whom I have interviewed and who add to my assurance that it is impossible to substantiate one item made in the anonymous communication.

The names of the occupants of the buildings adjoining, opposite and to the rear of Engine House, who were interviewed, are as follows:

James Farrell, 214 East 40th St.	Patrick McCabe, 218 East 40th St.
Mrs. J. Donohue, " " " "	Charles Wiley, " " " "
August Windeg, " " " "	Mrs. M. Purcell, " " " "
John Mullen, 210 " " " "	Mrs. J.J. McCann, " " " "
Patrick Hestin, 211 " " " "	Joseph Garry, 217 " 39th "
August Muller, 213 " " " "	Mrs. John Cullen, 219 " " " "
Michael Brennan, 215 " 39th "	
Mrs. Patrick Kenney, owner of buildings Nos. 214, 229, 236 East 40th St.	

Very respectfully,

(signed) John Welsh,
Chief 8th Battalion.

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Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
O. H. LA GRANGE,
THOMAS STURGIS.

Commissioners.

New York February 6, 1897

Dictated by C.J.
to A. I.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir;--

I have the honor to return herewith anonymous communication signed "A tenant, East 40th St.", complaining of misconduct on the part of the members of Engine Co. 21, this Department, transmitted by your direction to this Department on the 30th ult., and to enclose a copy of report thereon made by the Chief of 8th Battalion, to which the company referred to belongs.

In connection with the subject, I also enclose a letter from Mrs. K. Kellard Kenney, residing in the immediate vicinity of the company quarters, testifying to the uniform good behavior of Engine Co. 21.

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield.
President.

Headquarters

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*New York Department
Headquarters
1895*

214 E. 40th St.

To the Fire Commissioners of
New York City

Sirs

My Father told me
one of your gentlemen
called to-day about a
complaint that was made
about the firemen of Engine 21
216 East 40th St.

Being the owner of 214 E. 40th
I have tenants there since my
husband bought the property
14 years ago. and I have
never heard a complaint.
I myself can say they protect
instead of annoy any one

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O. H. LA GRANGE,
JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
AUSTIN E. FORD.

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AUSTIN E. FORD.

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New York,

Fire Department,
Headquarters
157 & 159 East 67th Street.

And think they ^{are} all very
respectable men.

Most Respectfully
N. Hellard-Kenny
242 East 40th St.
New York City

Rec'd H'd Qrs. Fire Dept.

FEB 4 1896

Kennedy, T. Kellard
248 E. 40th St.

Relative to complaints
against Engine No. 21.

Recd Hqd Qrs. Fire Dept. 213
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Head Quarters Fire Department,
New York Feb. 6th 1897.

Referred to His Honor
the Mayor.

By order of the Chief,

Talbot
Secretary.

Headquarters
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JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.

Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, February 8th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor -

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday the 1st instant, together with a record of changes in the personnel of the department during the same week:

The fire extinguishing force of the Department now consists of

1165 officers and men,

86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and ladder companies, in

14 battalions.

458 horses are now in the Department.

91 fires occurred during the week.

335 companies were called to respond to these fires.

67 telegraphic alarms were received.

30 verbal alarms were received.

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Incendiarism - Adolph Meyer, charged with setting fire to premises 108 East 113th Street, on January 16th, 1897, pleaded guilty to attempt at arson in third degree and was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

Henry Levy, charged with arson in second degree, in setting fire to 36 West 3d Street, on January 13th, 1897, pleaded guilty to arson in third degree, but has not yet been sentenced.

Henry Schepp, Jr., charged with arson in the first degree, in setting fire to premises 319

East 53d Street, on December 10th, 1896, pleaded guilty to arson in third degree, but has not yet been sentenced.

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and penalties for the week-----\$1,416.50

Inspections and surveys made for the week----- 79

Changes in personnel - One Assistant Batteryman appointed, two Assistant Telegraph Operators temporarily appointed; one Engineer retired.

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield
President.

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD.
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.
Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, Feb. 15, 1897. *189*

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Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor-

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday the 13th instant: The fire extinguishing force of the Department now consists of 1164 officers and men,

86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and ladder companies, in

14 battalions.

458 horses are now in the Department.

73 fires occurred during the week.

256 companies were called to respond to these fires.

47 telegraphic alarms were received.

30 verbal alarms were received.

Incendiarism - Henry Levy, whose arrest for setting fire to premises 26 West 3rd Street on January 13, 1897, was previously reported, was indicted by the Grand Jury and was sentenced to imprisonment for five years in the State Prison.

Henry Castellano, arrested on the charge of having set fire to premises 503 West 33rd Street on February 8th 1897, was held in \$10,000 bail, to answer.

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and penalties

for the week-----\$1,059.00

Inspections and surveys made for the week----- 77.

Three trials for violation of rules on the part of firemen were had, and fines amounting to 21 days' pay were imposed.

There were no changes in the personnel of the Department during the period covered by this report.

Very respectfully,

James E. Sheffield
President.

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JAMES R. SHEFFIELD.
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.
Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, February 23d, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor-

Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday, the 20th instant:

The fire extinguishing force now consists of-

1174 officers and men,

86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and ladder companies, in

14 battalions.

458 horses are now in the Department.

70 fires occurred during the week.

244 companies were called to respond to these fires.

54 telegraphic alarms were received.

21 verbal alarms were received.

Incendiarism - The cases of Henry Schepp, Sr., and Henry Schepp, Jr., heretefore reported, were finally disposed of on the 15th instant, by the sentence of the son to confinement in the

Elmira Reformatory, and by the discharge of the father - the son, upon whose statement he was indicted, refusing to testify against the father.

John Berger and John Duffy, arrested for an alleged attempt to set fire to the tenement house No. 2492 Second Avenue, on the 14th instant, were held by Magistrate Mott for the Grand Jury, on the 16th instant, in \$3,000 bail each.

James Moore, arrested on the 18th instant, for an attempt to set fire to tenement house No. 2264 Second Avenue, was held, in the Harlem Court, in \$10,000 bail for examination.

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and penalties for the week-----\$922.

Inspections and surveys made for the week----- 91

Three trials for violation of rules on the part of firemen were had and fines amounting to twelve days' pay were imposed. One of the delinquents was dismissed, to take effect from the 21st instant.

Changes in personnel - 10 third-grade firemen were appointed.

In compliance with an order of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, James Mitchel was restored to duty as Fire Marshal.

Very respectfully,

James H. Sheffield.
President.

Headquarters Fire Department,
New York, February 26th, 1897.

The Board of Commissioners met this day.

Present - President James R. Sheffield, in the chair, and
Commissioners O. H. La Grange and Thomas Sturgis.

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were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, His Honor Mayor William L. Strong has signified his
intention to present medals to the two bravest firemen who risked
life at the greatest peril to themselves in the year 1896; there-
fore

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commissioners gratefully accept the
offer, and hereby convey to His Honor, the Mayor, the thanks of
the Department therefor.

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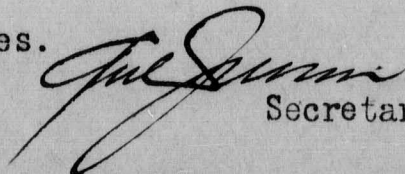
On motion, the Board then adjourned.

(Signed)

CARL JUSSEN,

Secretary.

A true extract from the minutes.


Secretary.

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JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.

Commissioners.

*Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,*

New York, February 27th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor -

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that your letter of February 24th offering to present medals to this Department was submitted by me at a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners held yesterday and that the accompanying preamble and resolution were adopted. I will at as early a date as practicable furnish you the names of the men deemed most worthy, specifying, as you request, the act of heroism which each performed.

Agreeably to the wish verbally expressed by you it has been determined to have the medal presentation for 1896 in Union or Madison Square, sometime during the latter part of the month of May next:

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield
President.

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THOMAS STURGIS.
Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, March 8th, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor -

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday, the 6th instant:

The fire extinguishing force of the Department now consists of
1175 officers and men,

86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and
ladder companies, in

14 battalions.

458 horses are now in the Department.

92 fires occurred during the week.

359 companies were called to respond to these fires

79 telegraphic alarms were received.

22 verbal alarms were received.

Incendiarism - James Moore, charged with attempting to set fire to the premises No. 2264 Second Avenue, was held, on the 3d instant, in \$2000 bail for the Grand Jury.

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and penalties for the week-----\$1,257

Inspections and surveys made for the week----- 99

One trial for violation of rules on the part of a fireman was held, and a fine of four days' pay was imposed.

Changes in personnel - Two third-grade firemen and two clerks appointed, executive clerk, and a stoker resigned.

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield
President.

Headquarters

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JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.

Commissioners.

*Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,*

New York, March 12th, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall, N.Y.-

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of March 11th enclosing a copy of a letter which you had received with reference to candidates who were examined for the position of Operator in the Fire Department, and implying that some unfairness had been resorted to, either in this Department or the Civil Service Board, in connection therewith. The facts in the case are as follows:

There was a need for two more Operators in the Telegraph Bureau and it was found, on inquiry, that there was no eligible list ready for the position. We were therefore instructed by the Civil Service Board to appoint temporarily. Two men were therefore appointed by this Board, one of whom had had three years previous experience in this Department, and had a good record. The other came on the recommendation of Superintendent Emerick of the Postal Telegraph Company, who was formerly the Superintendent of Telegraph in this Department, and who strongly endorsed him. Both men, since their temporary appointment, have tried the Civil Service

examination, but the list is not yet ready, so that we do not know where they stand or whether they are on the list at all. So far as I can ascertain there was no attempt to influence in any way the examinations, and these men will have to take their chances with all the other candidates when the eligible list is finally made up.

I thank you for calling this matter to my attention and I feel assured that if the person who wrote you could know the facts, he would feel there was no cause for complaint.

I remain

Very respectfully yours,

James H. Sheffield

President.

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.

Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, March 13th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor -

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday, the 13th instant:

The fire extinguishing force of the Department now consists of-
1175 officers and men.

86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and
ladder companies, in
14 battalions.

468 horses are now in the Department.

78 fires occurred during the week.

253 companies were called to respond to these fires.

57 telegraphic alarms were received.

27 verbal alarms were received.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.
New York.

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The Department

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and
penalties for the week-----\$1,030.

Inspections and surveys made for the week----- 111

Five trials for violation of rules on the part of firemen were
held and fines aggregating fourteen days pay imposed.

There were no changes in the personnel of the Department
during the period covered by this report.

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield
President.

New York, March 5th, 1897.

To the Commissioners of the Fire Department,
157 East 67th St.

Gentlemen:

I am unable to understand the cause or causes which prevented you to send me an answer to my letter addressed to you, dated January 18, A. C. of which the following is a copy:-

New York, January 18, 1897.

To the Commissioners of the Fire Department,
157 East 67th Street.

Gentlemen:

I own the building occupied by your Dep't situated on the North side of Westchester Avenue West of White Plains Road.

According to the term by which this building is leased, the rent is due and payable every quarter (3 months) in advance. This quarter falls due on the first of the coming month (February.)

Kindly advise me if I shall render a bill to you or to whom? or will you pay without a bill or what is your pleasure in the matter. I also desire to draw your attention to the fact that you are using water for which I must pay. I was not to furnish such. You may possibly make arrangements with the water company or whatsoever you see proper to do, but of course I look to you to re-imburse me for any amount paid on a/c of your using the water.

Kindly let me hear of you soon and please believe me to be always

Yours Truly,

(Signed)

Stephen Toepfer.

It strikes me and I fully believe that I am entitled to get an answer of you without waiting all this time.

I think any citizen and taxpayer has proper and vested rights to be treated properly and justly by anybody in public employ. You will oblige by sending an answer without further delay.

Yours,

(Signed)

Stephen Toepfer
White Plains Road (Wakfield)

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that you are the water

For any possibly make
125 East 67th Street.

of you see proper to
the Fire Department.

for any amount paid
January 18, 1897.

I believe me to be

to you, dated January

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The Fire Dept.

The Fire Department

March 2nd, 1897.

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New York March 18.th 1897

Wm. L. Strong Esq

Mayor of this City

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find copy of a letter mailed by registered mail to the ²Commissioners appointed by you, which speaks for itself and to which I have not received answer to date.

Is it proper for them to treat anybody this way?

I believe you, as the head of this City's Government ought to be made acquainted with this

Now there is an other feature, on acc of this omission of the above mentioned Commissioners to do what is just and proper, I am compelled to see this City and to obtain a judgment each time, when suit is due, of course aside from unnecessary annoyance to me it involves additional expenditure to this City.

Is it right to put this City to this extra expense, which of course the taxpayers have to pay?

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You will greatly oblige by letting me hear of you

Yours Truly

Stephen Joseph

White Plain Road, Watfield.

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
O. P. A. GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.
Commissioners.

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Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, March 20, 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,
New York City.

S i r:--

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter from your office of the 19th inst., inclosing communication from Stephen Toepfer, White Plains Road, Wakefield, New York City, for such attention as may be proper, and to state in reply thereto that the matter has been adjusted and the Finance Department duly informed thereof.

The communication from Mr. Toepfer is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield
President

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD.
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.

Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, March 22d, *1897,*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor -

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday, the 20th instant:

The fire extinguishing force of the Department now consists of 1175 officers and men.

86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and ladder companies, in 14 battalions.

447 horses are now in the Department.

91 fires occurred during the week.

315 companies were called to respond to these fires.

62 telegraphic alarms were received.

32 verbal alarms were received.

Headquarters
FIRE DEPARTMENT.

New York,

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in conformity with your request I have the honor to

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Incendiarism - On the 19th instant three boys were arrested and held in \$3000 bail each to await the action of the Grand Jury, for setting fire, on the 17th instant, to Public School building, No. 61, at 169th Street and 3d Avenue.

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and penalties for the week-----\$796.50

Inspections and surveys made for the week-----153

Two trials for violation of rules on the part of firemen were had, the accused in the one instance being fined three days' pay, and in the other, excused under the circumstances.

There have been no changes in the personnel of the Department during the period covered by this report.

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield
President.

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD.
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.
Commissioners.

*Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,*

New York, March 24th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
City Hall, N.Y.-

My Dear Col. Strong:

In accordance with your suggestion I send you herewith a description of the Bennett and Stephenson medals.

I would suggest, in the case of the medals which you present, that instead of the words, "Presented in appreciation of meritorious performance of duty as a fireman," there be some words showing that they are presented for heroism in saving human life.

If there is any other information I can furnish, or any way in which I can serve you in regard to these matters, kindly command me.

Very sincerely yours,

James R. Sheffield

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Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, March 26th, 1897. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor-

Dear Sir:

Responding to the letter from your office of the 25th instant, transmitting resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No. 976, for examination and report, I have the honor to say that the resolution was introduced in the Board of Aldermen at the request of this Department and that it is deemed necessary, in the transaction of the business of the Department, to have the authority granted thereby.

The resolution referred to is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield
President.

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JAMES R. SHEFFIELD.
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Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, March 29th, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor-

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday, the 27th instant:

The fire extinguishing force of the Department now consists of 1173 officers and men.

86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and ladder companies, in 14 battalions.

446 horses are now in the Department.

64 fires occurred during the week.

247 companies were called to respond to these fires.

54 telegraphic alarms were received.

17 verbal alarms were received.

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New York,

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Incendiarism - The three boys arrested on the 19th instant for setting fire to the building of Public School No.61, heretofore reported, were indicted by the Grand Jury on the 24th instant.

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and penalties for the week-----\$1,069.50

Inspections and surveys made for the week----- 101

There were no trials of delinquents during the period covered by this report.

Changes in personnel - Two Foremen promoted to be Chiefs of Battalion; one Engineer and one Fireman in the uniformed force deceased; one Stoker appointed.

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield
President.

The names of the Foremen promoted to the rank of Chief of Battalion - are Frederick M. Goddard Jr. and Charles M. Kruger.

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.
Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, April 3d, 1897. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,
City Hall, N.Y.-

My Dear Col. Strong:

Knowing of your great interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the city or of any of the Departments I desire to state briefly the facts in connection with the fire on West 105th Street on Tuesday last, at which five lives were lost. The fire occurred in a flat or apartment-house of the better class, in appearance, which had recently been built, but which had no fireproof safeguards whatever in its construction.

The fire doubtless originated in the cellar and spread, by means of the stairway and the dumbwaiter shaft, with great rapidity throughout the entire house, and burned quite as fiercely on the fifth floor as it did on the first. Everyone was so excited in trying to get out of the house that no one thought of sending an alarm until ten minutes had passed, so that when our first companies arrived at the scene the house was already doomed, and their entire attention had to be turned towards saving the lives of the women and children who were hanging out of the various windows.

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Many rescues were effected by the prompt action of the firemen. Those who were afterwards found to have been burned to death on the fifth floor probably lost their lives through the faulty construction of the house, and not through any fault or delay on the part of our Department, though it is just possible that if the alarm had been turned in the moment the fire was discovered our companies would have arrived in time to save the lives of every one in the building.

I was present at the fire myself and can give personal testimony to the courage and zeal with which this Department performed its duty. Both Chief Bommer and myself made a rigid and searching investigation on the spot to ascertain if there was any fault which could be ascribed to the Fire Department. There was absolutely none, and the unanimous verdict of everyone present was that the Department had done all that it was possible to do.

Very sincerely yours,

James B. Sheffield

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THOMAS STURGIS.
Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, April 5th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor-

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday, the 3d instant:

The fire extinguishing force of the Department now consists of
1173 officers and men,

86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and
ladder companies, in

14 battalions.

446 horses are now in the Department.

99 fires occurred during the week.

348 companies were called to respond to these fires.

75 telegraphic alarms were received.

28 verbal alarms were received.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.
New York,

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William T. Strong,
Mayor -

April 24, 1881

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and
 penalties for the week-----\$1,000.
 Inspections and surveys made for the week----- 102.

Three trials for violations of the rules and regulations
 prescribed for the government of the members of the
 uniformed force were held, in two of which fines aggregating six days' pay were imposed, the third case, after the taking of the testimony, having been laid over.

Change in personnel - Carpenter Michael J. Gilroy discharged,
 to take effect from 7th instant.

An event calling for special mention is the fire which occurred in the flat-house No. 61 West 105th Street, on the 30th ultimo, with the resulting loss of the lives of three women and two children. A very thorough investigation has failed as yet to bring to light any evidence upon which a positive conclusion as to the cause and origin of the fire can be based.

Very respectfully,

James R. Sheffield
 President.

Table "B"

PURCHASES CERTIFIED BY SUPERINTENDENT SMITH COMPARED WITH OUR LOWEST BIDS OBTAINED FROM DESCRIPTION.

NO.	DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	AMOUNT CERTIFIED TO BY SUPT. SMITH	AMOUNT AT OUR LOWEST BID.	EXCESS PAID	LESS THAN OUR LOWEST BID.
1	2" Iron Pipe	10297 5/12 ft.	\$1115.80	\$1196.85		\$81.05
2	2 1/2" Iron Pipe	1894 1/4 "	190.01	265.20		75.19
3	2" Pipe Bends	4455 5/8 "	691.34	787.23		95.89
4	2 1/2" Pipe Bends	14	25.50	11.90	13.60	
5	2 1/2" Couplings	54	120.50	69.80	50.70	
6	3" "	2	.32	.40		.08
7	3" Iron Pipe	3	.72	.90		.18
		260 ft.	65.61	58.44	7.17	
		112 1/2 ft.	21.60	26.78		5.18
		156 ft.	40.56	34.94	5.62	
		140 "	22.89	33.32		10.43
		27 "	5.67	5.51	.16	
		261 5/12 ft.	52.80	71.11		18.31
		29 7/12 ft.	5.98	6.04		.06
11	#3 Barnes Pipe Cutter	1	7.50	3.00	4.50	
12	Solder	562 lbs.	76.20	67.44	8.76	
25	Lead Pipe	800 1/2 lbs.	54.13	44.03	10.10	
60	10 Amp. Johnson Switch	1	2.00	1.00	1.00	
61	Blue Vitriol	2959 lbs.	116.36	110.96	7.40	
		308 "	12.32	12.32		
		1000 "	42.50	40.00	2.50	
		4900 "	208.25	171.50	36.75	
		1959 "	83.26	63.67	19.59	
		300 "	12.00	10.50	1.50	
		2250 "	90.00	73.13	16.87	
		1000 "	40.00	40.00		
		1000 "	37.50	45.00		7.50
		1000 "	37.50	40.00		2.50
		1010 "	40.40	40.40		
		390 "	15.11	14.63	.48	
		317 "	12.28	13.08		.80
		1000 "	45.00	42.50	2.50	
		2000 "	80.00	85.00		5.00
		1000 "	15.00	11.00	4.00	
62	Oil Vitriol	8057 "	120.86	76.54	44.32	
		351 "	3.51	3.33	.18	
		3249 "	32.49	30.87	1.62	
		4177 "	52.21	39.68	12.53	
		2056 "	24.67	19.53	5.14	
		500 "	60.00	40.63	19.37	
63	Sal Ammoniac	300 "	36.00	26.25	9.75	
		400 "	48.00	36.50	11.50	
		300 "	36.00	28.13	7.87	
		307 "	24.56	28.01		3.45
		205 "	17.43	17.94		.51
		364 "	27.30	31.85		4.55
		300 "	22.50	26.25		3.75
		400 "	30.00	34.50		4.50

NO.	DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	AMOUNT CERTIFIED TO BY SUPT. SMITH	AMOUNT AT OUR LOWEST BID.	EXCESS PAID	LESS THAN OUR LOWEST BID.
63	Sal Ammoniac	400 lbs.	29.00	34.50		5.50
64	Bi-chromate of Potash	300 "	37.50	33.00	4.50	
		300 "	37.50	27.75	9.75	
		200 "	24.00	18.50	5.50	
		200 "	23.00	18.50	4.50	
		300 "	42.00	30.75	11.25	
		200	28.00	23.00	5.00	
		200 "	25.00	23.00	2.00	
75	Draw Knives 12"	2	2.00	3.60		1.60
	14"	2	3.30	4.00		.70
133	1-Cell Back Boards and) Battery Boxes, mounted)	76	80.22	76.00	4.22	
157	"Ozite" Insulation ("Standard" sole maker)	8 gals.	6.00	20.00		14.00
167	Boxes, 2 way & 1 way, & Covers	8146 1/2 lbs.	269.29	171.08	98.21	
168	F3 Frame, complete except top cover	798 lbs.	23.94	16.76	7.18	
183	Tar	2 bbls.	6.00	6.00		
185	Mercury	50 lbs.	32.50	23.00	9.50	
		77 "	50.05	37.35	12.70	
		50 "	30.00	24.00	6.00	
		50 "	30.00	24.50	5.50	
		50 "	27.50	24.25	3.25	
		39 1/2 lbs.	19.75	22.12		2.37
		50 lbs.	25.00	26.25		1.25
		50 "	26.00	25.25	.75	
186	6" Spikes	600 "	23.50	19.50	4.00	
187 1/2	Lags & Washers	496 1/2 lbs.	22.16	19.86	2.30	
188	Combination Wire Reel	1	16.50	15.00	1.50	
304	#10 O. K. Insulated Wire	7 miles	175.00	210.00		35.00
323	3" Pipe Bends & Couplings	19	54.50	39.90	14.60	
324	Regular Steel Digging Bars	95 lbs.	5.23	4.28	.95	
326	36" Stillson Pipe Wrench	1	9.60	5.00	4.60	
327	10" " " "	1	2.25	.95	1.30	
328	14" Wrench	1	2.25	1.25	1.00	
341	#12 B. & S. Raven Core Wire	1202 ft.	39.07	18.03	21.04	
342	#14 " " " "	254 "	5.84	2.54	3.30	
347	1/2" Vulca Tubing	942 "	45.22	17.90	27.32	
348	1/2" Vulca Couplings	186 "	5.11	2.33	2.78	
349	1/2" Vulca Elbows	109 "	8.18	3.54	4.64	
350	30 Amp. Hart Switches	8	16.00	6.80	9.20	
352	Grimshaw Compound	1 1/2 lbs.	1.88	.98	.90	
354	P. & B. Paint	1 gal.	2.00	1.75	.25	
358	#14 Bare Copper Wire	3 lbs.	.90	.51	.39	
359	2" #10 F. H. Brass Wood Screws	2 gr.	5.00	1.25	3.75	
360	1 1/2" #8 F. H. Iron Wood Screws	1 "	1.55	.19	1.36	
361	25 Amp. Fuse Blocks	8	3.20	1.44	1.76	
363	2" Pick-axe Handles	6	2.10	.90	1.20	
364 1/2	Long Handled Shovels 6 ft. 8 ft.	1/2 doz. 1 "	3.63 8.76	5.00 12.00		1.37 3.24
400	Service Boxes 2 x 2	4094 lbs.	102.85	85.97	16.88	
415	8 x 8 - 31' Georgia Pine) (dressed & chamfered)	1377 l. ft.	291.92	344.25		52.33

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416	9 x 9 Georgia Pine) (tapered & chamfered)	914 1. ft.	231.84	319.90		88.06
418	H. D. Copper Wire #12 B. & S. "O.K."	8 miles	224.00	227.84		3.84
421	Alcohol and can	1143 lbs.	194.31	202.88		8.57
422	Benzine	1 gal.	3.50	2.75	.75	
423	Raw Oil	2 "	.30	.30		
424	Patent Dryer	1 "	.58	.60		.02
425	Turpentine	2 lbs.	.24	.20	.04	
426	Powdered Rotten Stone	1 gal.	.40	.40		
433	Pat. Gold Leaf	1 lb.	.10	.06	.04	
437	Paint Skins	2 books	.84	.80	.04	
439	Flush Box Covers	5 lbs.	.25	.40		.15
440	Flush Box Frames	3467 "	104.01	72.81	31.20	
445	Sharpening Double End Bars	2079 "	62.37	43.66	18.71	
	" Single " "	5	1.00	1.00		
	" Steeling Picks	2	.20	.20		
	" Double End Bars & straightened	11	5.50	5.50		
	" Single " " "	8	2.00	2.00		
	" Picks, & dressed	2	.30	.30		
460	Creosoted Lumber	11	2.20	2.20		
461	" "	6 frames	10.50	5.40	5.10	
472	#12 O. K. Iron Wire	495 ft.	24.65	17.75	6.90	
473	#4 Mil. Ammeter & exp. charges	6 miles	135.00	138.00		3.00
474	#10 B. & S. H. D. C. Wire	1	52.50	49.75	2.75	
475	#8 E. B. B. Iron Wire	6 miles	116.28	140.70		24.42
478	#4 Weston Ammeter	332 lbs.	36.52	47.31		10.79
479	#4 Weston Volt Meter	15 miles	242.25	170.55	71.70	
480	#2 Barrel Truck	1	61.75	58.50	3.25	
482	Pick Handles	1	71.25	67.50	3.75	
483	White Pine Lumber 4 1/4 x 3 1/4) (dressed all 4 sides)	1/2 doz.	4.65	4.00	.65	
484	White Pine Shelving	1624 ft.	1.00	.63	.37	
485	Pike Poles 14		138.04	162.40		24.36
486	" " 16	204 ft. 1 in.	12.24	9.18	3.06	
489	Digging & Tamping Bars	1/2 doz.	7.50	7.00	.50	
490	Steel Pointed Railway Picks (abt 26")	1/2 "	9.00	7.50	1.50	
495	" " " (abt 26")	153 lbs.	6.89	6.89		
496	Steel Pointed Railway Pick Handles	1/2 doz.	3.90	3.25	.65	
497	#3 King's Axes, complete	1 "	4.20	3.25	.95	
513	#1 P. & B. Electrical Compound	1/3 "	2.40	1.25	1.15	
517 1/2	2 Way Service Boxes	5.02	4.00	1.02		
520	Machine Screws 1/2" 12/20	84 gals.	127.00	127.00		
521	Pipe Straps 1"	215 1/2 lbs.	7.55	4.53	3.02	
525	" " 3/4"	1 gr.	.21	.21		
528	Charcoal	100	1.00	.55	.45	
529	30" Gimlets 1/4"	100	1.00	.45	.55	
538	18" " 1/4"	21 1/2 bu.	7.08	4.30	2.78	
542	Sleeve Connectors #10 B. & S.	3	1.65	.90	.75	
544	2" Socket Chisel	1	.45	.25	.20	
	Tin Measure, 2 gals.	50	3.50	2.98	.52	
		2	2.40	3.00		.60
		1	1.50	1.25	.25	

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545	Tin Measure, 1 gals.	1	.50	.40	.10	
546	20d Nails	1 keg	2.15	3.50		1.35
547	5" Spikes	1 "	2.25	3.25		1.00
551	Gas Tongs 3/4"	1 pair	.90	.60	.30	
552	" " 1/2"	1 "	.75	.40	.35	
553	" " 1"	1 "	1.10	.75	.35	
554	Gas Pliers 12"	1 "	1.05	.60	.45	
555	Stocks & Dies 1/4" @ 1"	1 set	10.00	4.50	5.50	
557	1/2" Pipe	101 1/2 ft.	2.43	3.05		.62
		34 "	.95	1.19		.24
562	3/4" Pipe	73 "	2.34	2.74		.40
		40 "	1.36	1.70		.34
568	Ingot Lead	812 lbs.	42.66	32.48	10.18	
570	3 Wheel Pipe Cutter 1/2" @ 2"	1	3.00	1.80	1.20	
572	Belgian Paving Hammers	2	6.30	4.00	2.30	
573	18" Coe Wrench	1	.80	.50	.30	
574	6" Champion Screw Driver	1	.50	.35	.15	
575	3/8" Pipe (Gas)	115 1/2 ft.	1.98	2.60		.62
576	Putty	1 lb.	.04	.04		
		100 "	2.50	1.60	.90	
		25 "	.88	.63	.25	
583	10" Round File	2	1.30	.50	.80	
584	14" Half Round File & Handle	1	.90	.40	.50	
585	16/18 Machine Screws 5/8"	1 gr.	.89	.39	.41	
586	Elbows 1/2"	84	2.52	2.02	.50	
	1/2" Street	84	4.20	2.05	2.15	
	3/4"	144	7.92	5.76	2.16	
589	Nipples 1/2" x 2"	60	2.10	2.10		
	1/2" x 1 1/2"	42	1.47	1.03	.44	
	1/2" x 2"	12	.30	.42		.12
	1/2" x 1 1/2"	12	.21	.29		.08
594	Couplings 1/2"	15	.53	.53		
	3/4"	4	.20	.20		
627	Steel Tamping Bar	12 1/2 lbs.	1.13	.56	.57	
633	Caps 3/4"	6	.24	.14	.10	
639	14 B. & S. Plain 6/32	1065 ft.	15.97	15.97		
640	16 " " " 6/32	500 "	6.25	5.00	1.25	
1003	Plumbers 6" Clipping Knife	1	.50	.60		.10
1019	25 Amp. Bryant Switch	1	1.00	.85	.15	
1026	25 Amp. Fuse Link's	2	.20	.08	.12	
1027	30 " " "	2	.20	.08	.12	
1028	25 " Cut-out	1	.20	.16	.04	
1029	10 " " "	1	.18	.11	.07	
1030	25 " D. P. Hill Switch	1	4.00	1.80	2.20	
1074	5 " D. P. Bryant Switch	3	1.29	1.35		.06
1077	#14 White Core Habirshaw Braided Wire	300 ft.	3.15	3.15		
1079	A. 3 Moulding & Capping	80 "	.96	.86	.10	
1080	Cross Arms 10 pin	50	22.50	22.50		
1081	" " 8 "	50	14.00	15.50		1.50
1082	" " 6 "	100	21.00	23.00		2.00
1083	" " 4 "	100	14.00	15.00		1.00
1084	" " 2 "	200	24.00	23.00	1.00	

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1085	Iron Braces	1266 lbs.	37.98	31.65	6.33	
1089	Carriage Bolts & Washers 4" x 3/8"	121 1/2 lbs.	6.08	6.08		
1091	#12 H. D. Copper Wire	2 miles	33.00	29.92	3.08	
1092	6 x 7 Standard Fuller Battery	73 cells	52.25	40.15	12.10	
1113	#12 Red Core Habirshaw Wire	200 ft.	3.63	3.50	.13	
1114	#16 White " "	95 "	.85	.85		
1118	Ed. Sockets #66297	1	.23	.20	.03	
1121	5 Amp. S. P. Hart Switch	1	.25	.25		
1120	20d Nails	100 lbs.	3.50	3.50		
1126	Screws F. H. 1 1/2" #6	2 doz.	.20	.03	.17	
1127	Screws 2" #8	1 gr.	.36	.24	.12	
1129	1" Wire Brads, Headless	1/2 lb.	.08	.10		.02
1133	Spikes 5"	100 "	3.25	3.25		
1135	#12 B. & S. Rubber Covered) Wire - Okonite)	200 ft.	7.75	4.61	3.14	
1140	Standard Wire Gauges 0 to 36	8	23.80	22.40	1.40	
1141	Micrometer Gauge .001 @ 1"	1	4.89	4.00	.89	
1142	" " .001 @ 5"	1	4.25	4.25		
1162	C. & C. Hand Saws 26"	2	2.60	3.00		.40
1163	Shingling Hatchets #2	1/4 doz.	1.50	1.35	.15	
1164	Coe's Block Screw Wrenches 12"	2	1.10	1.17		.07
1168	F. H. Iron Screws 2 x 16	2 gr.	1.68	.96	.72	
1169	" " " 3 x 12	2 "	.98	.98		
1170	R. H. Bl. Screws 1 1/4 x 7	1 "	.24	.16	.08	
1171	" " " 1 1/2 x 7	1 "	.26	.18	.08	
1172	" " " 1 3/4 x 7	1 "	.29	.20	.09	
1173	" " " 2 x 7	1 "	.33	.22	.11	
1174	F. H. M. Screws 1/2 x 4/36	1 "	.13	.15		.02
1176	" " " 7/8 - 8/32	1 "	.23	.28		.05
1177	Lags 6 x 1/2	600	9.68	7.74	1.94	
1183	#25 B. C. Silk Magnet Wire	6 2/12 lbs.	5.80	6.12		.32
1196	Carboys	6	9.00	9.00		
1199	5/8 x 9 Galv. Tetter Drive Pole Steps	200 lbs.	6.50	8.00		1.50
1217	#3 Frames, complete	2309 "	46.18	48.49	2.31	
1218	White Shellac and can	2 gals.	6.50	6.00	.50	
1219	Manilla Rope 7/8"	222 lbs.	18.32	17.76	.56	
1223	Okonite Tape	8 "	8.25	5.20	3.05	
1224	Man-hole Covers 1. s.	421 "	10.52	8.84	1.68	
1233	Portable Test Set G. 2.	1	77.00	105.00		28.00
1234	Small Willow Tray	2	1.30	1.30		
1238	#6 M. R. Typewriter Head	1	87.75	87.75		
1240	Galv. Pipe 3/8"	214 1/2 ft.	6.44	8.04	1.60	
1241	" " 1/2"	102 ft.	3.87	5.18		1.31
1258	Cant Hooks #44171	2	2.40	2.70		.30
1271	Galv. Pipe 1 1/4"	57 1/2 ft.	3.86	6.33		2.47
TOTALS			\$8321.43	\$8115.06	\$854.27	\$647.90

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Table A

PURCHASES CERTIFIED BY SUPERINTENDENT SMITH COMPARED WITH OUR LOWEST BIDS OBTAINED FROM SAMPLES.

NO.	DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	AMOUNT CERTIFIED TO BY SUPT. SMITH	AMOUNT AT OUR LOWEST BID.	EXCESS PAID	LESS THAN OUR LOWEST BID.
18	Wire Staples	19 lbs.	3.45	2.09	1.36	
19	Spring Brass Wire #21	2 "	.78	.34	.44	
	#20	2 "	.76	.32	.44	
24	Bunk Room Bells 6"	24	112.50	86.40	26.10	
	5"	7	31.50	21.00	10.50	
	4"	2	7.00	5.40	1.60	
26	1/2 in. White Tape	1 box	.90	.35	.55	
27	Grimshaw Tape 1/2 lb.	107 rolls	26.65	32.10		5.45
	1 "	279 "	167.40	181.35		13.95
28	12 Ampere Fuse Wire	1 lb.	1.25	.40	.85	
31	Double Silk Cord #18	362 ft.	18.40	7.72	10.68	
39	Oak Brackets	2500	34.75	28.75	6.00	
42	Telephone Cords	48	12.00	6.72	5.28	
51	Iron Machine Screws & Washers	2 gr.	1.40	1.60		.20
52	Wire Weight Cord	30 ft.	.60	1.20		.60
53	Porcelain Knobs	100	2.00	1.10	.90	
55	Diamond Battery Tops & Carbons	274	134.50	101.38	33.12	
57	Fuse Wire	3 7/8 lbs.	3.98	1.94	2.04	
59	Rubber Hooks	1100	115.50	93.50	22.00	
65	Carbon Plates	1600	97.00	128.00		31.00
66	Carbon Porous Cups	200	20.00	11.67	8.33	
67	#10 K. K. Iron Wire	5 miles	161.50	150.00	11.50	
68	Hill Battery Zincs	2200	440.00	594.00		154.00
69	Diamond Battery Zincs	1631	86.55	81.55	5.00	
70	Carbon Battery Zincs	1500	320.00	277.50	42.50	
71	Lineman's Vises & Straps	3 sets	8.70	6.60	2.10	
72	Climbers & Straps	3 "	9.00	8.25	.75	
73	Stubs Pliers 8"	1/2 doz.	11.25	9.00	2.25	
74	" " 6"	1/2 "	5.25	4.50	.75	
77	Register Paper 10"	2071 1/4 lbs.	218.49	248.55		30.06
78	Line Rope	67 "	8.04	5.36	2.68	
91	Special 3 Drop Annunciator	4	24.00	18.00	6.00	
100	#24 Silk Wire	7 3/4 lbs.	12.09	8.25	3.84	
101	Hexagon Head Bolts 3 1/2" x 3/8"	34	3.40	.51	2.89	
	2 1/2"	68	3.02	.85	2.17	
106	#23 Silk Wire	5 1/4 lbs.	7.46	5.07	2.39	
112	Brass Tube	3 1/4 "	1.30	2.11		.81
190	Enamelled Iron Plates for Fire) Signs, and attaching same)	1076	1721.60	1624.76	96.84	
303	Battery Brushes	24	5.40	4.80	.60	
306	#1 Back Braces	33	48.00	14.85	33.15	
309	Carbon Wire Connectors # 1 1/2	450	54.50	27.00	27.50	
310	" " " End # 1 1/2	223	20.34	17.84	2.50	
312	Carbon Zinc Connectors	200	14.50	10.00	4.50	
313	Carbon Clamps # 1 1/2	150	14.25	9.00	5.25	
314	2 Wire Wood Cleats	400	4.00	2.00	2.00	
315	4 " " "	250	3.75	3.75		
316	6 " " "	250	5.00	5.63		.63
317	8 " " "	50	1.25	1.38		.13

NO.	DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	BY SUPT. SMITH	LOWEST BID.	PAYED	LOWEST BID.
329	Cells for Diamond Battery	125	83.75	68.75	15.00	
336	#1 Combination Frame, ready to mount	5	50.00	10.80	39.20	
338	"	53	637.85	262.35	375.50	
339	"	8	76.00	31.04	44.96	
340	"	8	76.90	25.92	50.98	
344	#14 4-Conductor Safety Cable & Reel	1000 ft.	102.50	60.00	42.50	
345	#14 2	1000 "	62.50	40.00	22.50	
351	Ceiling Cut-outs	12	2.40	1.32	1.08	
362	Seamless Brass Tube	39 1/4 lbs.	19.65	25.51		5.86
366	#4 Binding Posts	32	3.44	2.40	1.04	
435	Prepared Signal Vermillion	101 lbs.	68.50	23.23	45.27	
436	Dry Vermillion	8 "	2.40	1.36	1.04	
438	8" Vigilant S. S. Bell	1	7.50	4.50	3.00	
444	6 x 8 Glass Jars	1 doz.	1.75	1.92		.17
502	Electrical Green in Oil	25 lbs.	7.50	3.50	4.00	
514	#1 1/2 Carbon Battery Jars	25	4.75	2.71	2.04	
534	Circuit Breaks	558	9.36	6.18	3.18	
539	Brush-Swan Key Sockets	25	12.50	12.50		
567	Bolts for #5 Post 3 1/2" x 3/8"	62	2.85	.93	1.92	
603	Kerite Wire for Battery Coppers	200 pcs.	5.00	6.00		1.00
604	#20 B. & S. Plain Kerite Wire	280 ft.	4.20	3.50	.70	
616	1/12 H. P. Lundell Motor, complete) with Fans and Guards	3	56.70	51.00	5.70	
618	Silk Magnet Wire #22	2 3/4 lbs.	3.58	2.42	1.16	
628	Zincs for Gethin's Battery	50	17.50	11.00	6.50	
637	16 C. P., 95 V., Brush-Swan-) Edison Lamps	200	65.00	40.00	25.00	
638	16 C. P. 95 V. Edison Lamps	100	32.50	20.00	12.50	
1008	Silk Wire #25	4 lbs.	2.40	4.96		2.56
1024	#16 Silk Flexible Cord	50 ft.	1.27	1.27		
1034	2 Wire Moulding	10 "	.30	.12	.18	
1068	Prism Battery Prisms) and Rubber Bands)	50 sets	25.00	22.50	2.50	
1072	Edison Key Sockets	110	17.60	17.60		
1078	1/4" Circular Loom Tubing	125 ft.	4.50	3.75	.75	
1088	Pole Changer Switches,) Rubber Base, to order)	2	4.40	1.30	3.10	
1090	Pole Changing Switches,) Wooden Base)	4	8.80	4.20	4.60	
1131	5 Amp. Fuse Wire	1 yd.	.06	.05	.01	
1136	#12 Copper Covered Wire	732 lbs.	124.44	120.78	3.66	
1160	Stubb's Cutting Pliers 5"	1/2 doz.	4.50	4.05	.45	
1161	" " 7"	1/2 "	8.00	6.75	1.25	
1181	Oak Pins 1 1/4"	500	4.00	4.25		.25
1200	Pat. Finish Office Wire #14	32 lbs.	5.44	5.92		.48
1201	Pat. Finish Office Wire #16) (Blue & White)	54 "	9.45	10.80		1.35
1202	Pat. Finish Office Wire #16) (Red & White)	16 1/2 lbs.	2.89	3.30		.41
1260	#14 B. & S. Safety Plain Wire 6/32	1000 ft.	15.00	13.00	2.00	
TOTALS			\$5659.59	\$4797.88	\$1110.62	\$248.91

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD.
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Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, April 12th, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor -

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday, the 10th instant:

The fire extinguishing force of the Department now consists of
1171 officers and men,

86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and
ladder companies, in
14 battalions.

446 horses are now in the Department.

60 fires occurred during the week.

197 companies were called to respond to these fires.

44 telegraphic alarms were received.

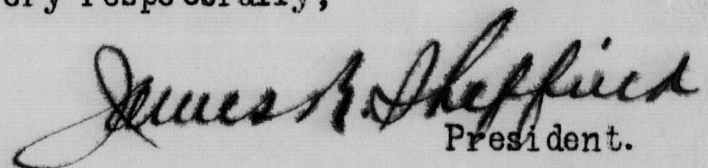
16 verbal alarms were received.

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and
penalties for the week-----\$1029.
Inspections and surveys made for the week----- 86

Two trials for violations of rules and regulations
prescribed for the government of the members of the uniformed
force were held, and fines aggregating seventeen days' pay
imposed.

Changes in personnel - Building Superintendent (Alexander
Stevens) appointed; two Assistant Telegraph Operators
(Thomas J. Cusack and Patrick Beggin) appointed; one
Climber discharged; one Foreman and one Fireman of the
uniformed force retired on half pay.

Very respectfully,


President.

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Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, April 13th, 1897.

Col. William L. Strong,
City Hall, N.Y.-

My Dear Col. Strong:

You may have noticed in the weekly report sent you from this Department a statement of the dismissal of Michael J. Gilroy, who was a carpenter detailed to the office of the Superintendent of Repairs to Buildings.

Gilroy's case was a peculiar one, and in view of the fact that he went to several prominent Republican leaders of the city and enlisted their efforts in his behalf, claiming that he had been very unjustly dealt with by this Board, we decided to suspend the order of dismissal pending a full hearing. This hearing developed the following facts:

~~Bakers~~^{Bakers}, under the tenement house law, are required, when directed by the Board of Health, to make their places fire-proof, and, after an inspection by this Department, a permit is issued to them showing that they have complied with the fire-proofing regulations, as established by the Board of Fire Commissioners. It was Gilroy's custom to go to these bakers entirely on his own hook, tell them that their places needed fire-proofing, and state that a

man would be around the next day who would do the fire-proofing for them. On the following day a man by the name of Foster would call and offer to do the job for a certain amount of money. The job being completed application would be made to us for a permit, and Gilroy - whose duties as an inspector led him to inspect the work, of course approved it if his friend Foster did it, and on his certification we issued the permit. I got on the track of this man purely by accident, but thinking it had a good deal in common with some old blackmailing schemes about which the public have frequently complained, I instituted very vigorous inquiries, which resulted in the above facts being brought forth. Gilroy, of course, denied everything, under oath, but the proof was so overwhelming that we decided to sustain the dismissal.

I am having prepared from the records a statement of the fire losses for this year compared with preceding years, and will send it to you as soon as it is completed.

Allow me to express my admiration of your veto of the Charter; it was a splendid and courageous thing to do. It was good politics and, above all, it was right.

Very sincerely yours,

James R. Sheffield

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JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
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Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, April 16 1897

Hon. William L. Strong
City Hall,

Dear Col Strong—

Enclosed I send you
herewith comparative
statement of the number
of fires, total loss, and
average loss per fire
for the three months of
January, February and
March during the
last ten years.

From this statement
you will see that while
the number of fires in

Jan'y, Feb, & March 1897
is about the average
the loss is the smallest
so far as we have
investigated in the history
of the city - and the
average loss per fire
is very much less than
for any preceding year.

I think these facts
are worthy of notice
and taken in connection
with the report of the
Health Board reflect great
credit on your administration.

Very Sincerely yours
James H. Sheffield.

January, February & March -

Comparative Statement of Fires and Losses for the first
Quarter of 1888 - 1897.

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Fires</u>	<u>Est. Losses</u>	<u>Average per fire</u>
1888	954	\$ 2,733,022.00	\$ 2,864.00
1889	819	735,496.00	898.00
1890	896	1,395,723.00	1,557.00
1891	1004	3,039,170.00	3,027.00
1892	1078	1,606,112.00	1,490.00
1893	1189	1,515,727.00	1,275.00
1894	973	850,300.00	874.00
1895	1116	663,627.00	594.00
1896	1137	1,255,703.00	1,104.00
1897	1077	464,106.00	430.00
<hr/> 10243		\$14,258,986.00	

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD.
O. H. LA GRANGE
THOMAS STURGIS.

Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, April 17th, 1897/89

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall-

My Dear Col. Strong:

Mr. Hedges has read me over the telephone the letter of Comptroller Fitch to you regarding the omission of this Department to return to the Comptroller the security deposits of certain bidders. This is a matter which has always been promptly attended to by this Department, and I had supposed in this case it was attended to with the same care and fidelity. It seems, however, that the security deposits instead of being returned to the Comptroller, were locked in the desk of the Secretary to the Board, who, by reason of serious illness in his family, has been absent during the week.

On the receipt of a letter from the Comptroller yesterday morning, informing me of the delay - which was the first I knew of it - I sent a messenger to the Secretary's house and the deposits were recovered and have this day been sent to the Comptroller.

It is a matter which I very much regret should have happened under my administration, and I am particularly sorry that the Comptroller should have felt it necessary to call your attention to it. I am glad to state, however, that before Mr. Hedges

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informed me of the Comptroller's letter to you, the deposits were already in the hands of the Comptroller.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Sheffield

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JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
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THOMAS STURGIS.

Commissioners.

Headquarters
Fire Department,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, April 19th, 1897. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor-

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your request I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing, in brief, the operations of this Department for the week ending at noon on Saturday, the 17th instant:

The fire extinguishing force of the Department now consists of
1170 officers and men,
86 companies, of which 64 are engine and 22 hook and
ladder companies, in
14 battalions.
458 horses are now in the Department.
53 fires occurred during the week.
166 companies were called to respond to these fires.
40 telegraphic alarms were received.
16 verbal alarms were received.

Receipts Bureau of Combustibles for licenses, permits and
penalties for the week-----\$619.

Inspections and surveys made for the week----- 81.

Two trials for violations of the rules and regulations
prescribed for the government of the members of the
uniformed force were had, one resulting in a dismissal
from the service and the other in the imposition of a
fine of four days' pay.

Changes in personnel - One Climber and one Cable Splicer
appointed; one Fireman dismissed on charges; a former
Fireman (John F. Galligan, 2d grade), after a hearing of
his application for re-instatement, was, with the con-
sent of the Civil Service Commission, restored to duty
in the Department, upon his signing and filing a waiver
of compensation between the date of his dismissal and
that of his reinstatement.

Very respectfully,

James H. Sheffield
President.