

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

April 30, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

As requested, I herewith make report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 226. To fence vacant lots on the south side of of 98th Street, from 4th Avenue 200 feet easterly.

No 227. To fence vacant lots on south side of 99th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.

The Supt. of Street Improvements reports that the lots included in these two resolutions are dangerous to public travel. They are surrounded by improved property and should be fenced in.

No 197. To permit the Commercial Cable Company to remove a pillar and globe sign now at the curb in front of No 1132 Broadway to a like position in front of No 14 West 27th Street.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No 198. To permit Fred Frey to place and keep a watering-trough at the S. W. corner of 143rd Street and 8th Avenue.

No 195. To permit Johnson and Ahrens to place and keep a watering-trough in front of No 1502 Lexington Ave.

The Water Purveyor reports that both of these locations are proper for watering-troughs for public convenience, and as the City will receive payment for the water used, the approval of the resolutions is recommended.

No 241. To pave with granite blocks the now unpaved portion of 13th Avenue, between 24th and 25th Streets, within the limits of grants of land under water.

This pavement is necessary to complete the paving of the entire carriageway of 13th Avenue, between 24th and 25th Streets. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

✓ No 190. To permit James Curran to place and keep a sign in front of No 512 West 36th Street, extending from the house-line to the curb.

Signs which extend across the whole sidewalk, as proposed in this resolution, are prohibited by general ordinance, and are illegal and objectionable obstructions. I recommend the disapproval of the resolution.

No 192. To permit Mrs Mary Becker to place and keep an iron awning in front of No 66 Vesey Street.

The ordinance of April, 1886, referred to in the resolution, confers the privilege to erect and keep awnings of this description. A special resolution is, therefore, not necessary.

No 193. To permit Isaac Wagner to place and keep a show-window in front of premises corner of 3rd Avenue and 59th Street.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the show window is already in place, and that it conforms with the conditions of the general ordinance on the subject. The present resolution is, therefore, not necessary.

✓ No 200. To fence vacant lots east side of Lexington Avenue, between 97th and 98th Streets, and north side of 97th Street, and south side of 98th Street, running east 195 feet from Lexington Avenue.

This is a resolution accompanied by an ordinance which authorizes an assessment. It has always been held that the language, describing the work to be done, should be identical in the resolution and the ordinance for an assessment work. In this respect the resolution and ordinance are not identical, and the ordinance does not state that the lots are to be fenced in. The resolution and ordinance should, therefore, be disapproved.

✓ No 224. To enclose the block bounded by 92th and 99th Streets, Madison and 5th Avenues, with a picket fence.

✓ No 225. To enclose the block bounded by 96th and 97th Streets, Madison and 5th Avenues, with a picket fence.

In these two cases also the language in the resolutions and in the ordinances, describing the work to be done, is not identical, although the purport and effect are the same. It is also considered desirable that the resolutions and ordinances should state that the "vacant lots" in the blocks described be fenced in where not already done, inasmuch as the Consolidation Act, section 865 and 878, confines the authority to pass ordinances and levy assessments for "fencing" to "vacant lots." Too much care cannot be taken in the wording of resolutions and ordinances involving local assessments, as the validity of assessments may be disputed in consequence of any inaccuracy or vagueness of language.

✓ No 242. To pave 158th Street, from 11th Avenue to the Boulevard Lafayette, with granite blocks.

The Water Purveyor reports that the street is graded and provided with a sewer, water-mains and gas-mains, and that it should be paved. He expresses the view, however, that, in consideration of the surroundings which consist of fine residences, and of the fact that there is a church on the street, and the grade is suitable for asphalt pavement, the street should be paved with asphalt instead of granite blocks. In this I concur, and recommend that the resolution and ordinance be amended to provide for asphalt pavement before it is approved.

✓ No 243. To pave 146th Street, from the Boulevard to the N. Y. Central and Hudson River Railroad, with granite blocks.

The street is graded and provided with a sewer, water-mains and gas-mains, and needs paving. In the absence of any special provision regarding the foundation for the pavement, it would have to be laid in the ordinary way, on a sand bed. I concur in the view of the Water Purveyor, however, that, owing to the steep grade of the street, the pavement should be on concrete foundation, and I recommend that the resolution and ordinance be so amended.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

April 30th, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the annexed resolution, No 244, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action, to pave 38th Street, from Madison to 5th Avenue, with trap blocks, I beg to report as follows:

The ordinance accompanying the resolution, which should authorize the assessment for the improvement, is left blank. The resolution should, therefore, be returned to the Board of Aldermen without approval.

I concur in the recommendation of the Water Purveyor that the resolution and ordinance should provide either for an asphalt pavement, or trap blocks on concrete foundation. The grade of the street is nearly level, and it is, or will be, a residential street, making an asphalt pavement suitable and desirable.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 3, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution, No 245, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action, to lay a crosswalk across 153rd Street, at its intersection with the westerly side of the Boulevard, I beg to report that the proposed crosswalk is desired by the residents in the neighborhood and is necessary. I, therefore, recommend that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Broome Field

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street.

New York.

May 6, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM D. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 266. To repave College Place, from north side of Chambers Street to Dey Street with trap or granite blocks on concrete foundation.

No 267. That the carriageway of College Place, from Chambers to Dey Street, be paved with trap or granite blocks on concrete foundation where not already paved, and that crosswalks of granite be laid at the intersecting and terminating streets where not already laid.

The improvement provided for in these resolutions is very necessary, and it is recommended that they be approved.

No 264. To pave 85th Street, from the Boulevard to Amsterdam Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

This is the only part of 85th Street which is unpaved. It is regulated and graded, and has sewer, water and gas pipes. The improvement is necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 252. To lay a crosswalk across the Boulevard Lafayette and West 157th Street at their junction with the west side of 11th Avenue.

A crosswalk is necessary at this location, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 269. To pave 102nd Street, between Central Park West and Manhattan Avenue, with asphalt.

This street has been regulated and graded, a sewer constructed, and water-pipes laid. The street is well built up, and the improvement is necessary. It

is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 265. To fence vacant lots on the east side of the Western Boulevard, between 76th and 77th Streets.

These unfenced lots are in the vicinity of dwelling houses, and are used in a manner to create nuisances. It is necessary to fence them. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 268. To regulate, grade, etc., 112th Street, from Riverside Avenue to the Boulevard.

No 270. To regulate and grade Manhattan Avenue, from 106th to 110th Street.

These streets are legally opened, and it is necessary to regulate and grade them. The approval of the resolutions is recommended.

No 256. To permit F. Montandon to remove the clock and post from in front of 173 6th Avenue and place it in a like position in front of No 160 6th Avenue.

There is no objection to the granting of the desired permission, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 254. To permit the Rev. Edward C. Houghton, of the Transfiguration Chapel to place and keep transparencies on the street lamps on the S. E. corner of the Boulevard and 69th Street, etc.

The approval of this resolution is recommended.

No 257. To permit Seidenberg and Co. to keep an ornamental lamp in front of No 339 8th Avenue.

No 259. To permit the Hugh Daly Association to place and keep a transparency on the lamp-post S. E. corner of 14th Street and Avenue B.

No 271. For gas-mains and public lamps in 102nd Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue.

The approval of these three resolutions is respectfully recommended.

No 273. For gas-mains and public lamps in 162nd Street, from Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue West.

There are 11 houses to be lighted and the approval

of the resolution is recommended.

No 274. For gas-mains and public lamps in 164th Street, from Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue West.

There are 18 houses on the line of the proposed gas-mains. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 262. To repeal the ordinance for paving 147th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to the Boulevard, with granite blocks.

At the request of the owners of the abutting property, a new ordinance has been introduced to pave this part of 147th Street with asphalt. An asphalt pavement is considered more suitable for a residential street. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 260. To permit W. F. Smith to keep a sign in front of No 770 Tremont Avenue.

No 261. To permit Kaepfel and Brooker to keep a sign in front of No 778 Tremont Avenue.

These signs would constitute illegal obstructions, therefore it is recommended that the resolutions be not approved. Moreover, complaints have been made to this Department against these signs, and they were removed by the owners upon notice from the Bureau of Incumbrances.

No 272. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 163rd Street, from Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue West.

No 275. For gas-mains, etc., in Lebanon Street, from Prospect to Franklin Avenue.

No 276. For gas-mains, etc., in 167th Street, from Washington to Vanderbilt Avenues.

No 277. For gas-mains, etc., in 181st Street, from Morris to Creston Avenues.

As these streets are not regulated and graded, the resolutions to lay gas-mains therein are premature, and it is recommended that they be not approved.

Very respectfully,

W. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 13, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I beg to report on the following resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 454. To permit S. Schwartz to place and keep a stand for the sale of soda water in front of No 31 Clinton Street.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports against the approval of this resolution on the ground that stands on the sidewalks of narrow streets cause obstruction to the free use thereof, and create unjust competition with storekeepers who have to pay rent. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 302. To pave with granite blocks Manhattan Avenue, from 106th to 110th Street.

The Water Purveyor reports that this part of Manhattan Avenue has been regulated and graded, but has not been curbed nor flagged. While a sewer has been built in the avenue, no water or gas pipes have yet been laid and there are no buildings between 106th and 110th Streets. Under these circumstances, it is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 313. To fence vacant lots on west side of St. Nicholas Avenue, between 125th and 126th Streets.

The Supt. of Street Improvements reports that this resolution should be amended to include the south side of 126th Street, between St. Nicholas and Columbus

Avenues, in order that the lots may be properly fenced in.

No 307. To fence the south side of 98th Street between Madison and 5th Avenues.

In this case the language of the resolution and ordinance are not identical. The wording of the ordinance should be made to correspond with that of the resolution.

No 301. To permit D. J. Donovan to place and keep a watering-trough on the north side of 126th Street, 25 feet west of the west house-line of 7th Avenue.

The Water Purveyor reports that this street, between 7th and 8th Avenues, was repaved with asphalt in 1894 under a fifteen years' guarantee. The resolution could therefore not be approved without affecting the responsibility of the contractor for the maintenance of the pavement.

No 316. To lay water-mains in Lafontaine Avenue, from Tremont Avenue to Lebanon Street.

This part of Lafontaine Avenue is not graded, and is low and swampy. It should be graded before water-mains are laid. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 320. To lay water-mains in Marmion Avenue, from Elsmere Place to Fairmount Place.

This part of Marmion Avenue is not graded, and there are no houses to be supplied with water. The avenue should be graded before mains are laid. It is recommended that the resolution be disapproved.

No 322. To lay water-mains in Fairmount Place, from Marmion Place to a point about 400 feet west therefrom.

This part of Fairmount Place is not graded, and should be graded before water-mains are laid. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 323. To lay water-mains in Travers Street, from Jerome Avenue to Bainbridge Avenue.

This work is already under contract, and will be done in June, 1895. The resolution is unnecessary.

No 325. To lay water-mains in 169th Street, from Franklin Avenue to Boston Road.

The water-mains provided for in this resolution have already been laid. The resolution is unnecessary.

No 328. For two lamps in front of the Deborah Nursery and Childs' Protectory on the Southern Boulevard, between 141st and 142nd Streets.

The Supt. of Lamps and Gas reports that there is an electric lamp about 50 feet from one entrance, and another about 100 feet from the other entrance of this institution. The resolution is therefore unnecessary.

No 329. For gas-mains and public lamps in 127th Street, between St. Nicholas and Columbus Avenues.

There are six double flat houses on this block and four others in course of erection. The gas-mains and lamps provided for are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 300. To permit P. V. Pine to place and keep a boot black stand in front of No 201 East 116th Street.

It is recommended that this resolution be not approved, because the stand would constitute an illegal obstruction.

No 299. To permit Hoyt and McKee to keep an awning on 24th Street, one door west of 5th Avenue.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that this awning has been in place for several years past, and that it seems to conform to the ordinance of the Common Council adopted April, 1886. The resolution is therefore unnecessary.

No 286. To permit Joseph S. Contino to keep a movable barber pole at No 482 Lenox Avenue.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the pole provided for in this resolution would be an illegal

obstruction. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 284. To permit James Everard to extend the vault in front of his premises N. E. corner of Washington and West 10th Streets.

The Chief Engineer reports that it is not good policy to allow the extension of vaults under the roadways. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 297. To repeal G. O. 191 for lighting 102nd Street, from Central Park West to Manhattan Avenue.

The approval of this resolution is recommended, because the work provided for was authorized by a previous resolution.

No 327. To light Manhattan Avenue, from 117th to 118th Street.

It is necessary to light this block, which is the only one in that vicinity not lighted. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 292. To permit William Clancy to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 618 Grand Street.

The approval of this resolution is recommended.

No 295. To permit N. S. Brann to keep an ornamental clock and post at 231-1/2 8th Avenue.

The dimensions of this clock and post will not exceed those prescribed by the Revised Ordinances. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 303. To fence vacant lots on the south side of 77th Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue.

It is necessary to fence these lots. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 312. To pave 147th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to the Boulevard, with asphalt.

This improvement is necessary, and the approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 298. To permit Frank Molloy to place and keep a watering-trough at No 738 East 167th Street.

As there is no watering-trough in the immediate vicinity of this location, it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 288. To permit the Estate of John Wolfe to lay a steam pipe in William Street, between Liberty Street and Maiden Lane.

There is no objection to this resolution, as the pavement will be restored under the direction of this Department.

No 285. To permit Josiah Macy's Sons to lay a steam pipe from No 311 to 308 Front Street.

There is no objection to this resolution, as the pavement will be relaid under the direction of this Department.

No 296. To permit the Arctic Freezing Company to lay a five-inch pipe for salt water across West Street from No 120 to the Hudson River.

There is no objection to this resolution, it being understood that the pavement will be restored under the direction of this Department, and that permission will be granted by the Dock Department regarding the bulkhead.

No 287. To permit Nicholas Althaus and John G. Geissler to lay a steam pipe from No 636 to 637 East 17th Street.

There is no objection to this resolution, as the pavement will be relaid under the direction of this Department.

No 314. To lay water-mains in 116th Street, between the Boulevard and Morningside Avenue.

The water-mains provided for are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 315. To lay water-mains in 110th and 111th Streets, between Central Park West and Manhattan Avenues.

No 317. To lay water-mains in 162nd Street, from Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue West.

No 318. To lay water-mains in 163rd Street, from Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue West.

No 319. To lay water-mains in 164th Street, from Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue West.

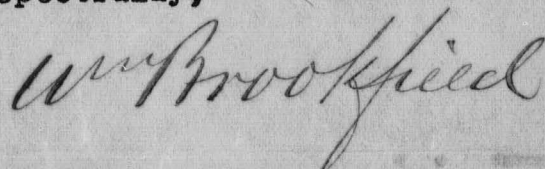
No 320. To lay water-mains in Powell Place, between Riverview Terrace and New York and Putnam Railroad.

No 324. To lay water-mains in Jerome Avenue, between 167th Street and Sedgwick Avenue.

No 326. To lay water-mains in 127th Street, between St. Nicholas and Columbus Avenues.

The water-mains provided for in the seven preceding resolutions are necessary, and the approval of the resolutions is recommended.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner of Public Works.

P. S.

No 278. Appointing Howard J. Cole, 427 St. Nicholas Avenue, a City Surveyor.

The Consulting Engineer reports that Mr Cole is fully competent to perform the duties of a city surveyor. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York,

May 20, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 506. To permit Patrick McKenna to keep a watering trough on the S. E. corner of Charlton and Varick Sts.

No 511. To permit Daniel Cassidy to place and keep a watering-trough in front of No 2966 Broadway, Kings-bridge.

The Water Purveyor reports that these are good locations for watering-troughs. I respectfully recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 504. To appoint Charles H. Schumann of 12 Second Street a City Surveyor.

The Consulting Engineer reports that Mr Schumann is fully competent to perform the duties of City Surveyor, and has had several years' experience in that capacity. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 516. To permit the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company to erect a temporary shelter for horses on 14th Street, between Avenues C and D.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the proposed structure is merely a canvas covering to shelter car-horses from the sun during the summer months. A similar privilege has been granted for several years past, and there is no objection to it this year. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 513. To permit B. and W. B. Smith to place temporary staging in front of Nos 1128 and 1130 Broadway.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the staging provided for in this resolution will be practically a bridge similar to those erected over sidewalks in front of buildings in course of erection. As it is but for temporary use, there is no objection to the resolution, and it is respectfully recommended that it be approved.

✓ No 509. To permit the Francis J. McNamara Benevolent Association to place transparencies on lamp-posts at the S. E. corner of 14th Street and 3rd Avenue, etc.

✓ No 512. To permit the Union Tabernacle Presbyterian Church to place transparencies on lamp-posts at 7th Avenue and 34th Street; 8th Avenue and 35th Street, and Broadway and 35th Street.

As the lamps on which the transparencies are to be placed are not lighted (the streets being lighted by electric light), there is no objection to these two resolutions. It is recommended that they be approved.

✓ No 508. To permit Bernard McGuinness to keep a watering-trough in front of No 130 Hudson Street.

This resolution is objected to by the Water Purveyor on the ground that the placing of a watering-trough at that place would necessitate the tearing up of the granite block pavement, with concrete foundation. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 507. To permit Charles Pascocello to place and keep a barber's pole in front of No 208 West 14th Street.

✓ It is recommended that this resolution be not approved because complaints have been made to this Department of a barber's pole at that place, and a pole was once removed therefrom to the Corporation Yard.

✓ No 513. To permit B. and W. B. Smith to place temporary staging in front of Nos 1128 and 1130 Broadway.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the staging provided for in this resolution will be practically a bridge similar to those erected over sidewalks in front of buildings in course of erection. As it is but for temporary use, there is no objection to the resolution, and it is respectfully recommended that it be approved.

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As the lamps on which the transparencies are to be placed are not lighted (the streets being lighted by electric light), there is no objection to these two resolutions. It is recommended that they be approved.

✓ No 508. To permit Bernard McGuinness to keep a watering-trough in front of No 130 Hudson Street.

This resolution is objected to by the Water Purveyor on the ground that the placing of a watering-trough at that place would necessitate the tearing up of the granite block pavement, with concrete foundation. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 507. To permit Charles Pascocello to place and keep a barber's pole in front of No 208 West 14th Street.

✓ It is recommended that this resolution be not approved because complaints have been made to this Department of a barber's pole at that place, and a pole was once removed therefrom to the Corporation Yard.

✓ No 510. To permit John Jordan to erect two storm-doors N. E. corner of Lexington Avenue and 93rd Street.

✓ As storm-doors constitute illegal obstructions, which would have to be removed as soon as complained of, it is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Amended
✓ No 514. To permit the Spalding Literary Union to place and keep transparencies on the lamp-posts on the S. W. corner of 59th Street and 9th Avenue, N. E. corner of 51st Street and 9th Avenue, N. E. corner of 71st Street and the Boulevard, and S. E. corner of 60th Street and Columbus Avenue.

Amended
✓ No 515 . To permit St. Paul's Temperance Guild to place and keep transparencies on the N. E. corner of 59th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, and on the N. E. corner of 59th Street and Columbus Avenue.

Both these resolutions should be amended so as to exclude the lamp-posts on the S. W. and N. E. corners of 59th Street and 9th Avenue, these posts being under an elevated railroad station, where the light is now inadequate, and would be still further diminished if the resolutions were approved.

Very respectfully,

Amesbury

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, May 27, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 520. To permit the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to erect and keep two bay windows in front of the new building now in course of construction on the north side of 20th Street, about 29 feet east of 10th Avenue.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that these windows will cause no obstruction to the free use of the sidewalk. The approval of the resolution is therefore recommended.

No 530. To permit William Bentler to place and keep a watering-trough at No 496 Brook Avenue.

As there is no watering-trough in this vicinity, and the proposed watering-trough is for the benefit of the public, it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 518. To permit P. Dolan and Nephew to place and keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 33 Park Row.

No 529. To permit St. Francis de Sales Lyceum to place transparencies on several lamp-posts.

There is no objection to either of these resolutions, and it is recommended that they be approved.

No 526. To permit Thomas E. Flannery to keep a watering-trough in front of No 536 Hudson Street.

✓ Hudson Street is paved with granite blocks, with tar and gravel joints and concrete foundation, and as there is a watering-trough near the point where Mr Flannery desires to place one, it is recommended that the resolution be not approved. *objectionable*

✓ No 523. To permit Martin Grealish to erect and place a storm-door in front of his premises N. E. corner of 25th Street and 10th Avenue.

✓ No 525. To permit J. H. McCollough to erect and keep a booth on the sidewalk inside the stoop-line at 28 Wooster Street.

✓ No 528. To permit Seigel and Co. to place and keep a show-case on the S. W. corner of 3rd Avenue and 77th Street.

It is recommended that these three resolutions be not approved because the storm-door, booth and show-case would constitute illegal obstructions.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, June 4, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 536. To permit David Morrissey to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of No 1631 1st Avenue.

A watering-trough at this place is necessary. It will be placed without expense to the City. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 531. To permit the American Book Company to erect an awning in front of the University Building, Washington, University and Waverly Places.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that this awning will be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance of 1886. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 532. To permit Hubert F. Fox to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 296 Tenth Avenue.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to this resolution, and it is recommended that it be approved.

No 535. To permit the Consolidated Gas Co. to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 130 East 15th Street.

No 537. To permit the Church of St. John the Evangelist to place transparencies on various lamp-posts.

No 540. To place additional lamps in 86th Street, from Central Park West to Riverside Drive.

No 541. To place an additional lamp at 76th Street and 5th Avenue, in front of Temple Beth El.

No 542. To permit Martin J. Kane Association to place transparencies on certain lamp-posts.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there are no objections to the five preceding resolutions. It is therefore recommended that they be approved.

No 533. To permit Thomas E. Flannery to keep a watering-trough in front of No 588 Hudson Street.

It is recommended that this resolution be not approved for these reasons: Hudson Street is paved with granite blocks on concrete foundation, and with tar and gravel joints. This pavement should not be disturbed, especially as there is a watering-trough within a short distance of No 588 Hudson Street, rendering an additional watering-trough unnecessary.

No 534. To permit I. Wagner to place and keep an Indian figure cigar-sign in front of No 988 3rd Avenue.

This sign would be an illegal obstruction. It is therefore recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Collins

deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, June 14, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 548. To permit C. Schmidt to place and keep a watering-trough in front of his premises N. W. corner of 136th Street and 5th Avenue, the work to be done at his own expense.

As there is no watering-trough in this neighborhood and the proposed trough will be for the free use of the public, it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 551. To permit the Columbus Catholic Club to place and keep transparencies on 15 lamp-posts enumerated in the resolution.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas recommends that the lamp-posts to be used for transparencies be limited to four, and the time to two weeks, in accordance with the provisions of the resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen March 12th and approved by the Mayor March 21st, 1894.

No 554. To permit Hitchcock, Darling and Co. to place and keep an awning in front of their premises--the 5th Avenue Hotel.

The awning will be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance of 1886, and the approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 546. To permit Herman Simon to place and keep a show-case at No 641 Broadway.

No 547. To permit John J. Clark to keep storm-doors in front of his premises, 256 Mercer Street, and 14 West 4th Street.

No 560. To permit James Curran to erect and keep an overhead trolley in front of his premises across the sidewalk, running from the house-line to the curb.

It is recommended that these three resolutions be not approved because the structures proposed to be erected would constitute illegal obstructions.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins
Secretary
Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, June 15th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enclosed resolution, No. 556, passed by the Board of Aldermen, and now awaiting your action, to permit the Central Gas Light Company to construct a tunnel in Locust Avenue, 23rd Ward, I beg to say that the Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct reports that the water-main, in its present position, would pass through the centre of this tunnel, and that the space between the top of the tunnel and the street surface would be insufficient for placing and proper protection of the water-main.

I consider this as an essential objection to the construction of the tunnel.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collins

deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, June 18, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 587. To lay water-mains in South Avenue, between Palisade and Riverdale Avenues.

The water-mains provided for in this resolution are necessary, but the resolution should be amended by quoting the law, viz: "as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882."

No 573. To permit the Montifiore Home to lay an additional 4-inch gas-main in Hamilton Place, between 138th and 139th Streets.

This pipe will be laid under a permit from this Department, and there is no objection to the resolution.

No 585. To lay water-mains in Cedar Place, between Eagle and Union Avenues.

No 589. To lay water-mains in railroad Avenue West, between 162nd Street and Webster Avenue.

No 590. To lay water-mains in Hoe Avenue, between Home Street and West Farms Road.

No 592. To lay water-mains on west side of Lenox Avenue, from 112th to 115th Street.

No 591. To lay water-mains in 138th Street, between Railroad Avenue and Motthaven Canal.

The water-mains provided for in the five preceding

resolutions are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 567. To permit Margaret Burns to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk in front of her premises on Broadway near the road leading to Van Cortlandt.

No 568. To permit Jacob Frendenmacher to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of his premises, N. E. corner of 154th Street and Railroad Avenue.

There is no objection to these resolutions, and it is recommended that they be approved.

No 578. For gas-mains and lamps in Samuel Street, from Prospect Avenue to a point 200 feet west.

Gas-mains and lamps are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 581. For gas-mains and lamps in Jacob Street, from the Southern Boulevard to Jackson Avenue.

The gas-mains and lamps provided for are necessary. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 582. For gas mains and lamps in Taylor Avenue, from Columbine Avenue to Jackson Street.

These gas-mains and lamps are necessary. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 593. For regulating, grading, etc., 134th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to the Boulevard.

No 594. To regulate, grade, etc., 186th Street, from Amsterdam to Wadsworth Avenue.

The regulating and grading of these two streets are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 574. To fence vacant lot No 373 West 46th Street.

No 598. To fence vacant lot No 125 East 88th Street.

No 600 . To fence vacant lots on the east side of Lexington Avenue, between 99th and 100th Streets, etc.

It is necessary to fence these lots, and it is recommended that the three preceding resolutions be

approved.

No 586. To lay water-mains in Samuel Street, from the Southern Boulevard to Mapes Avenue, and in Mapes Avenue, from Samuel Street to Grote Street.

No 588. To lay water-mains in Sherwood Street, from Bainbridge Avenue to Briggs Avenue, and in Briggs Avenue, from Sherwood Street to a point 400 feet north of Sherwood Street.

Neither of these streets ^{is} ~~are~~ graded. They should be graded before water mains are laid. It is recommended that the resolutions be not approved.

No 564. To permit St. Agnes' Union to place transparencies at 39th Street and 3rd Avenue, and at other places.

This resolution is in conflict with the resolution approved by the Mayor March 21st last, limiting the number of lamp-posts to be used to four only, and the time to two weeks. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 577. For gas-mains and public lamps in Bailey Avenue, from Sedgwick Avenue to Boston Road.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that between Sedgwick Avenue and Kingsbridge Road there are no houses, and that the part of Bailey Avenue, between Kingsbridge Road and Boston Road is lighted by electric lamps. The lamps provided for in the resolution are therefore unnecessary, and it is recommended that it be not approved.

No 579. For gas-mains and lamps in 181st Street, from Ryer to Anthony Avenue.

No 580. For gas-mains and lamps in Kappock Street, between Riverdale Avenue and Troy Street.

These streets are not graded and have no sidewalks. The resolutions are premature. It is recommended that they be not approved.

V
No 583. To place electric lights in 146th Street, between 3rd Avenue and Morris Avenue.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that electric lamps cannot be placed in 146th Street this year because there is no appropriation from which to pay for them. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

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No 584. For gas-mains and lamps in 183rd Street, from Anthony to Jerome Avenues.

This street is not regulated and graded and has no sidewalks. The resolution is premature. It is recommended that it be not approved.

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Nos 570, 571 and 572. To permit Filomeno Vendettali to keep boot-black stands on the sidewalks inside the stoop-lines at the N. W. corner of 20th Street and 4th Avenue, the N. W. corner of 28th Street and 4th Avenue, and the N. W. corner of 24th Street and 4th Avenue.

It is recommended that these resolutions be not approved because the boot-black stands would be illegal obstructions.

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No 597. To fence the west side of Park Avenue, from 96th to 97th Street; also the south side of 97th Street, from Park Avenue to Madison Avenue, etc.

Since the introduction of this resolution a stone wall has been built around the lots, and there is now no necessity for a fence. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

V
No 601. To pave 101st Street, from 1st Avenue to East River with granite blocks (where not within land grants).

This pavement is necessary, and the approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 596. To pave with asphalt 117th Street, between Amsterdam Avenue and Morningside Avenue West.

This improvement is necessary, and the approval of the resolution is recommended.

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No 595. To pave 105th Street, from the Boulevard to the Riverside Drive, with asphalt.

This street has neither a sewer nor water pipes. It should not be paved until these pipes are laid. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collier

DEPUTY. Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, June 27, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 617. To permit the S. S. Cox Committee of the Letter Carriers' Association to place a temporary stand immediately adjoining the S. S. Cox monument at Astor Place, the stand to be in place only 24 hours from the morning of July 4th.

There is no objection to this resolution, and it is recommended that it be approved.

No 613. To fence the vacant lots at Nos 65 to 69 West 134th Street, where not already done.

These lots being a nuisance, it is recommended that they be fenced in.

No 611. Permitting E. E. Price to keep a watering-trough at 167th Street and 10th Avenue.

No 606. Permitting Donnelly Bros to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of their premises N. W. corner of Bethune and Hudson Streets.

No 605. Permitting Robert Duffy to place and keep a watering-trough in front of his premises N. E. corner of 8th Avenue and 12th Street.

The Commissioner of Public Works
~~I agree with the Water Purveyor~~ that the ordinary wooden watering-troughs should not be allowed to be placed in the future, as they disfigure the streets and have nothing to recommend them but cheapness. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have

been asked for their views as to watering troughs which would be suitable for the streets of this City. ~~Pending this inquiry,~~ it is recommended that the three foregoing resolutions be not approved.

✓ No 604. To permit the Harlem Medical Mission to place and keep a transparency in front of their premises, No 2,308 2nd Avenue.

It is recommended that this resolution be not approved because it has been ascertained that the transparency-sign is to be attached to a post to be placed on the building line, and would encroach upon the sidewalk six feet. This would be illegal.

✓ No 608. To permit James McCarthy to place and keep an oyster-stand in front of No 459 West 50th Street.

On the ground that
~~Under the law stands for the sale of "newspapers,~~
 periodicals, fruit and soda water" only can be permitted.
 The sale of articles other than those quoted is absolutely prohibited. ~~It is therefore recommended that the resolution be not approved.~~

✓ No 607. To permit Herman Flam of No 62 Harrison Street to place and keep in front of his premises a booth to be used as an express office.

on the ground that
~~It is recommended that this resolution be not~~
 approved, ~~because~~ such a booth on the sidewalk would be an illegal obstruction.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Colli's
 Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, July 1, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 626. To regulate, grade, etc., 108th Street, from Columbus to Manhattan Avenue.

This street is legally opened and it would be a benefit to the public to regulate and grade it. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 627. To fence, etc., the S. W. corner of 128th Street and Madison Avenue.

These lots are dangerous. They should be fenced in. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 632. To permit the N. Y. Magdalen Benevolent Society to place a transparency on the lamp corner of 139th Street and Broadway.

No 633. To permit Hudnut's Pharmacy to keep an ornamental lamp-post in front of No 1201 Broadway.

No 634. To permit the Eden Musee American Co. to keep three ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 55 West 23rd Street.

No 638. To permit the Emanon Club to place and keep transparencies on four lamp-posts at the intersections of 49th Street and 9th Avenue, 49th Street and 8th Avenue, 44th Street and 8th Avenue, and 45th Street and 10th Avenue.

No 639. To permit John Roth to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 415 East 5th Street.

There is no objection to the five preceding

resolutions, and it is recommended that they be approved.

No 641. To permit A. Anzelewitz to place and keep an ornamental clock and post in front of No 110 Canal Street.

The proposed clock and post will conform to the Revised Ordinances relating thereto, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 631. To permit John McCabe to place a storm-door at No 2706 8th Avenue.

No 624. To permit Otto Herzog to keep a booth in front of No 125 Duane Street.

No 630. To permit Thomas Lloyd to suspend a banner across Park Place, from No 15 to No 16.

No 625. To permit John Fry to keep an oyster stand in front of No 475 3rd Avenue.

The storm-door, booth, banner and oyster stand provided for in the four preceding resolutions would be illegal obstructions. It is therefore recommended that the resolutions be not approved.

No 640. To permit John Bush to erect and keep a booth in front of No 261 Broadway.

The application attached to this resolution is for No 261 West Broadway, ^{so that either the} ~~It therefore appears that application or the resolution is incorrect.~~ ~~the resolution has not been correctly drawn. If the~~ resolution were correctly drawn, ~~however, it would be~~ ^{called} objected to on the ground that the booth provided for would constitute an illegal obstruction.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

August 12, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I beg leave to present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 653. To permit Morley and Kasse to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 84 8th Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 662. To pave 101st Street, from Lexington to Park Avenue, with asphalt.

This improvement is necessary. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 668. To permit R. H. Macy and Co., to lay a crosswalk from No 60 West 14th Street to No 59 West 14th Street.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 676. To permit John J. Rogers to remove a clock from No 16 Park Place to No 6 Park Place.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No 678. To permit Charles Ahearn to place a watering-trough in front of No 46 Laight Street.

It is recommended that this resolution be approved.

No 659. To permit F. L. Geyer to keep a wooden horse in front of No 354 7th Avenue.

No 669. To permit E. P. Siccardi to keep a post and urn within the stoop-line in front of No 143 Sullivan St.

No 673. To permit John Rasenberger to keep a barber's pole at No 2392 First Avenue.

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No 675. To permit J. Storm to keep a show-case on the N. E. corner of Greenwich and Cortlandt Streets.

No 677. To permit E. Vogel to keep a show-case within the stoop-line in front of No 65 Grand Street.

The wooden horse, post and urn, barber's pole and show-cases proposed to be erected under these resolutions would constitute illegal obstructions. It is, therefore, recommended that the five preceding resolutions be not approved.

No 657. To permit William Lyall to place and keep gutter bridges at Nos 541, 536 and 542 West 23rd Street.

This resolution is unnecessary, five permits for bridge stones having been issued to Mr Lyall in July, 1895.

No 670. To permit Julius Pepper to keep a transparency on an unused lamp-post at No 34 East 14th Street.

This resolution is objected to on the ground that the transparency is to be used for advertising purposes. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Amended
No 658. To permit J. B. and J. M. Cornell to lay an additional track on 13th Avenue, between 26th and 27th Streets.

There would be no objection to this resolution if amended by inserting after: "also the pavement between said track and at least two feet outside thereof in good condition and repair," the following: "and shall repave said space with new pavement whenever the Common Council or the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall order the repavement of that part of 13th Avenue."

No 663. To permit John Shay to lay a 3-inch iron pipe from No 639 to 644 West 39th Street.

No 656. To permit Beadleston and Woerz to lay a water pipe across Washington Street, 50 feet south of Carles Street.

The engineers of this Department engaged in laying water-mains and constructing sewers very earnestly protest against the use of the public highways for private purposes.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No 34 Chambers Street

New York August 19, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 681. Permitting Ex-N. Y. Turner Cadets to place transparencies on certain lamp-posts.

No 692. Permitting St. Charles Borromeo's Church to place transparencies on certain lamp-posts.

No 701. Permitting Edward S. Clark to keep two ornamental lamp-posts in front of the Dakota, 72nd Street, corner of Central Park West.

No 702. Permitting the John J. O'Brien Association to place transparencies on two lamp-posts.

No 723. To lay gas-mains in 147th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues.

No 725. To lay gas-mains in Pelham Avenue.

No 726. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Decatur Avenue, between Travers Street and the Southern Boulevard.

No 727. To lay gas, etc., in 134th Street, from Willow Avenue to East River.

No 728. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 170th Street, from Bristow Street to Prospect Avenue.

No 729. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Locust Avenue, from 134th to 138th Street.

There is no objection to these ten resolutions, and it is recommended that they be approved.

No 714. To lay water-mains in Terrace View Avenue.

No 709. To lay water-mains in Jefferson Street, between Boston Road and Franklin Avenue.

No 710. To lay water-mains in Hudson Street, between Gansevoort and West 11th Streets.

No 713. To lay water-mains in 65th Street, between 1st Avenue and Avenue A.

No 712. To lay water-mains in 97th Street, between Park and 5th Avenues.

No 711. To lay water-mains in 150th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to the Boulevard.

No 715. To lay water-mains in Hamilton Terrace, from 141st Street to 144th Street.

No 720. To lay water-mains in St. Nicholas Avenue, between 125th and 127th Streets, etc.

No 722. To lay water-mains in 90th Street, from Avenue A to the East River.

The water-mains provided for in the nine preceding resolutions are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 724. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Vanderbilt Avenue, between 173rd and 175th Streets.

This resolution is objected to because the avenue is lighted by electricity under contract. Gas lamps could not be lighted there while the contract for electric light is in force.

No 716. To lay water-mains in 164th Street, from Railroad Avenue West to Morris Avenue.

A similar resolution was approved by ~~the Mayor~~ ^{Mr. A. M. W.} March 21st, 1895, and bids for the contract are being advertised for.

No 717. To lay water-mains in Railroad Avenue West, between 162nd and 165th Streets.

~~The Mayor~~ approved a similar resolution June 21st, 1895. Bids for the contract are now being advertised for

No 719. To lay water-mains in Valentine Avenue, between the Southern Boulevard and Suburban Street.

This resolution should be amended by adding to it: "as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882."

Amended

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No. 718. To lay water-mains in Daly Avenue, between Tremont Avenue and Samuel Street.

This part of Tremont Avenue is not opened nor graded. It should be opened and graded before water-mains are laid.

No. 721. To lay water-mains in Burnside Avenue, from Webster Avenue to Morris Avenue.

A water-main has already been laid in this part of Burnside Avenue, therefore the present resolution is unnecessary.

No. 691. Permitting Ludwig & Co. to lay a narrow guage track on the south side of 136th Street, 76 feet east of the Southern Boulevard.

This resolution should be referred to the Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23rd and 24th Wards.

No. 683. Permitting John Shay to lay a 3-inch iron pipe from 639 to 644 West 39th Street.

No. 693. Permitting Beadleston and Woerz to lay a water-pipe across Washington Street, 50 feet south of Charles Street.

Underground pipes and other conduits across and along the public streets for individual benefit or convenience are always more or less objectionable by interference with water-mains, sewers, electric subways and other substructures which are needed for general public use and benefit.

Very respectfully,

W. T. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

August 21, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 684. To permit the Colonial Bank to place two hitching posts on the north side of 83rd Street, 25 and 50 feet west of Columbus Avenue.

These hitching posts are necessary. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 699. To permit Westcott's Express Company to erect a temporary platform in front of Grand Central Depot on Depew Place, for use during August, September and October.

The proposed platform will not obstruct traffic nor impede pedestrian travel. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 706. To pave 28th Street, from 11th to 13th Avenue, within land grants.

No 705. To pave 29th Street, from 11th to 13th Avenue, within land grants.

These improvements being necessary, it is recommended that these two resolutions be approved.

Nos 697 and 698. To rescind General Orders Nos 156 and 156-1/2 for repaving College Place, from Chambers Street to Dey Street, with trap or granite blocks.

It is recommended that these resolutions be approved in order that the repaving of College Place, from

Chambers Street to Dey Street, with asphalt may be authorized.

✓ No 682. To permit Travers Bros to erect an iron trolley in front of Nos 534 and 536 West 52nd Street

✓ No 695. To permit R. Wilhelm to keep a show-case at No 624 Madison Avenue.

✓ No 696. To permit Crittenden and Norton to keep a show-case at No 415 Broadway.

The trolley and show-cases provided for in these three resolutions would constitute illegal obstructions. It is recommended that the resolutions be not approved.

amend ✓ No 685. To permit John Corrigan to place and keep a watering-trough on the north side of 96th Street, between Riverside Drive and West End Avenue.

~~The Water Purveyor opposes~~ this resolution on the ground that, in his judgment, permission should not be granted to place any more wooden watering troughs on the streets. This and all similar resolutions should stipulate that the watering-troughs to be erected shall be of iron.

✓ No 679. Providing for a map-stand to be placed in room 13, City Hall.

There is no objection to this resolution except that owing to the limited amount now standing to the credit of the appropriation, the work would have to be deferred until next year.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. Collins
Loopy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York

August 27, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I have the honor to present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 733. To permit Edward R. Jones to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 1547 2nd Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution.

✓ No 738. To permit Robert Duffy to place iron watering-trough on the N. E. corner of 8th Avenue and 12th Street.

It is recommended that this resolution be approved.

✓ No 739. To appoint A. T. Byrne, C. E., a City Surveyor.

Mr Byrne is a surveyor of long experience and is familiar with City works. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 740. To appoint T. Warren Allen a City Surveyor.

Mr Allen is familiar with all branches of civil engineering and surveying, and is fully competent to perform the duties of city surveyor. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

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No 735. To permit E. Jacobs and Son to place and keep a storm-door and show-case in front of Nos 174 to 180 East 4th Street.

A storm-door and show-case of the dimensions prescribed in this resolution would constitute illegal obstructions. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Amended
No 736. To permit James McClenahan to keep two hitching posts at No 500 Canal Street.

This resolution should be amended to state the exact dimensions of the proposed hitching posts. It will then be possible to report whether they would constitute an obstruction to the free use of the sidewalk.

Amended ✓
No 737. To permit James McClenahan to keep a watering-trough at No 500 Canal Street.

This resolution should be amended so as to provide that the proposed watering-trough shall be of iron.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 34 Chambers Street.

New York, September 9, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I herewith present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 751. To permit the Union Ferry Co. to place and keep a stair and platform from their ferry house at the foot of Whitehall Street to the Manhattan Elevated Railroad.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the proposed stair and platform would be a great public convenience, and recommends that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 758. To permit Finneran and McClelland to place and keep an iron watering-trough on the N. W. corner of 10th Avenue and 38th Street.

The Water Purveyor reports in favor of this resolution, and I recommend that it be approved.

✓ No 760. To pave West Broadway (formerly College Place) from Chambers to Vesey Street, with asphalt.

This improvement is necessary, and the approval of the resolution is recommended.

✓ No 752. To permit A. T. Lorme to build a temporary scaffold in front of the News Boys' Lodging House, corner of William and New Chambers Streets.

There is no objection to this resolution, and I recommend that it be approved.

✓ No 762. To permit Robinson and Wallace to erect a covered platform bridge at the S. E. corner of Park Row and Ann Street.

The proposed platform-bridge is necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 754. To permit the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to erect a starter's box on 6th Avenue, near 50th Street.

There is no objection to this resolution, and its approval is recommended.

✓ No 759. To permit the Trinity Baptist Church to keep transparencies on the N. E. corner of 55th Street and Lexington Avenue, etc.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to this resolution, and I recommend that it be approved.

✓ No 753. To permit Edwin J. Gillies and Co. to erect and keep a booth for shipping purposes in front of Nos 245, 247 and 249 Washington Street.

This resolution is opposed on the ground that the proposed booth would constitute an illegal obstruction.

✓ No 757. To permit W. Michels to retain a hitching-post at No 654 8th Avenue.

This resolution is objectionable inasmuch as many complaints have recently been made regarding unused and unsightly awning posts on 8th Avenue which are used for other purposes than hitching horses. A ring and staple attached to the sidewalk would answer the purpose of a hitching-post and be unobjectionable. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 761. To permit Angelo Morello to keep an iron canopy in front of Nos 4 and 6 West 29th Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that

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the top of the proposed awning would extend more than a foot over the curb into the street, which would be an illegal projection. It is, therefore, recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 34 Chambers Street,

New York, September 16, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 771. To permit Edwin Hotz to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 12 St. Marks Place.

✓ No 772. To permit William Walsmann to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 116 and 118 East 14th Street.

✓ No 774. To permit Louis Harris and Sons to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp on the N. E. corner of 86th Street and 3rd Avenue.

✓ No 778. To permit the Meyer Greenberg Progressive Association to place and keep transparencies on certain lamp-posts.

There is no objection to these four resolutions, and it is recommended that they be approved.

✓ No 780. To permit John T. and Jane A. Martin to erect and maintain a bay-window in front of No 20 West 57th Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the proposed bay-window is to be an extension of the one already constructed, and which will extend one story higher. There is no objection to the resolution.

✓ No 773. To pave 120th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to the Boulevard, with asphalt.

This improvement is greatly needed. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

Amend ✓
No 782. To permit the Church of St. Francis de Sales to build a vault on the north side of East 96th Street, 80 feet east of Lexington Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution except that it makes the location of the Church 80 feet east of Lexington Avenue. The resolution should be amended by substituting "west" for "east".

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No 765. To permit John McCabe to keep a storm-door at No 2706 8th Avenue.

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No 766. To permit Charles Hamann to erect a storm-door on the north side of 144th Street, 40 feet from the corner of 8th Avenue.

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No 767. To permit August Langhorst to place and keep a storm-door in front of his premises, 350 4th Avenue.

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No 768. To permit Jacob Mahler to place and keep a storm-door in front of 72 West 31st Street.

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No 775. To permit James B. Shea to keep two storm-doors at No 518 Willis Avenue, corner of 148th Street.

The preceding five resolutions are objected to because the storm-doors proposed to be erected would constitute illegal obstructions.

Amend ✓
No 783. To permit the Owlet Athletic Club to place transparencies on lamp-posts at 44th Street and 11th Avenue, etc.

This resolution is objectionable inasmuch as it provides that the transparencies may be maintained for one month. The resolution should be amended by limiting the time to two weeks.

V ✓
No 776. To permit John Gourley to keep an Oyster Stand at the N. E. corner of 9th Avenue and 39th Street.

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No 777. To permit Edward Gourley to keep an Oyster Stand at the N. W. corner of 8th Avenue and 38th Street.

These resolutions are objected to because oysters are not included among the articles authorized to be sold from street stands by chapter 418 of the Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 115 of the Laws of 1888.

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No 779. To permit Jacob Goodheim to erect a booth at No 91 Bleecker Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the proposed booth is to be used as a shipping office, and would be an illegal obstruction. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

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No 781. To permit Meyers Bros to keep a booth in front of 12 and 14 Walker Street.

This resolution is objected to for the same reason that No 779 is opposed.

Very respectfully,

Wm Goodheim

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, September 23, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I beg leave to report on the following resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, now awaiting your approval:

✓ No 792. To permit Thomas Mullen to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp over the front of No 230 Columbus Avenue.

✓ No 795. To permit Evening School No 43 to place transparencies on lamp-posts.

✓ No 796. To permit the Y. M. C. A. to place transparencies on lamp-posts.

There is no objection to these three resolutions, and it is recommended that they be approved.

Veto ✓ No 793. To permit S. Schwartz to keep a show-case at No 230 Columbus Avenue.

✓ No 794. To permit Thomas Mullen to keep a movable sign in front of No 230 Columbus Avenue.

These two resolutions are objected to on the ground that such show-cases and signs constitute illegal obstructions.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 34 Chambers Street

New York, October 7, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

- ✓ No 806. To permit E. R. Peine to keep a show-case at No 195 Sixth Avenue.
- ✓ No 816. To permit Thomas Bradburn to place a show-case at 78 Nassau Street.
- ✓ No 818. To permit Dr Luhn to keep a show-case in front of No 1108 2nd Avenue.
- ✓ No 819. To permit John Adler to keep show-cases at Nos 976 and 1080 Third Avenue.
- ✓ No 820. To permit Gumbert Seide to place and keep a show-case at No 828 3rd Avenue.
- ✓ No 821. To permit Alfred Delemons to place and keep a show-case at No 786 3rd Avenue.
- ✓ No 823. To permit P. Lowenfeld to place and keep a show-case in front of No 782 3rd Avenue.
- ✓ No 824. To permit Wallach Bros to place and keep show-cases in front of Nos 238-240 Bowery.
- ✓ No 825. To permit the King Shoe Co. to place and keep two show-cases in front of No 236 Bowery.
- ✓ No 827. To permit G. Wickers to keep a show-case at No 1640 3rd Avenue.
- ✓ No 828. To permit Thomas Maguire to keep a show-case at No 1628 3rd Avenue.
- ✓ No 832. To permit Joseph Epstein to keep a show-case at No 1624 3rd Avenue.
- ✓ No 837. To permit M. Leweck and Co. to keep a show-case at Nos 619-621 8th Avenue.
- ✓ No 838. To permit Andrew Robinson to keep three show-cases at No 627 8th Avenue.
- ✓ No 840. To permit A. Rescousie to keep two show-cases on the S. W. corner of 42nd Street and 8th Avenue.
- ✓ No 841. To permit A. Bottstein to keep a show-case at No 623 8th Avenue.
- ✓ No 842. To permit David C. Miller to keep a show-case at No 625 8th Avenue.
- ✓ No 866. To permit McPartland and O'Flaherty to keep six show-cases at Nos 629-631 8th Avenue.

All these resolutions to permit the placing and keeping of show-cases on sidewalks, within stoop-lines,

are objected to on the ground that they would constitute illegal obstructions. It is recommended that the resolutions be not approved.

No 822. To permit Max Schwarz to place and keep a cigar figure in front of No 954 3rd Avenue.

No 836. To permit David C. Miller to keep a cigar figure at No 625 8th Avenue.

These two resolutions are opposed because the cigar signs they provide for would be illegal obstructions.

No 809. To permit Edwin H. Ferguson to build a balcony at the S. E. corner of 7th Avenue and 125th St.

This resolution is objectionable inasmuch as the columns supporting the balcony will rest on the sidewalk within the stoop-line, which would be an illegal obstruction. The supporting columns or posts, as shown on the accompanying diagram, should be replaced with brackets.

No 817. To permit John J. Rogers to keep a temporary canopy at No 6 Park Place.

The ordinance of May 10th, 1886, makes no provision for temporary canopies. The awning should be a permanent structure in conformity with the provisions of the ordinance in question.

No 814. To permit the Metropolitan Traction Co. to keep a booth on the S. W. corner of Broadway and Vesey Street.

A booth has been at this place for several years in violation of law. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 807. Permitting N. P. McManus Association to suspend a banner from No 393 to 394 Hudson Street.

This resolution is opposed on the ground that it would be illegal to suspend a banner across the street as provided in the resolution.

No 802. To permit Robinson and Wallace to erect a platform on the S. E. corner of Broadway and Ann Street.

There is no objection to this resolution as the platform is for temporary use, and will be removed as soon as the building is completed..

✓ No 831. To permit James McClenahan to keep two hitching posts at 500 Canal Street.

This resolution is objected to because the proposed hitching posts would constitute illegal obstructions. A ring and staple attached to the curb would serve the same purpose and be less objectionable than hitching posts.

✓ No 812. To permit Leshner, Whitman and Co., to place and keep a platform on the sidewalk within the stoop-line in front of No 44 to 52 Crosby Street, for the purpose of loading and unloading trucks.

Platforms of this description are illegal obstructions. The resolution is, therefore, objected to.

✓ No 843. To permit Charles Kind to keep a flower-stand in front of the S. W. corner of 41st Street and 8th Avenue.

This stand would constitute an illegal obstruction. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 861. To permit Hazard, Hazard and Co. to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 1150 Broadway.

While this resolution states that the lamp is not to be used for advertising purposes, the accompanying diagram shows an advertising lamp or sign, *and ought to be disapproved -*

✓ No 804. To permit the Columbus and 9th Avenue Railroad Co. to keep an ornamental lamp-post on the S. E. corner of 109th Street and Columbus Avenue.

✓ No 815. To permit J. Milhan's Son to keep an ornamental lamp-post in front of No 183 Broadway.

✓ No 829. To permit J. F. Bissinger Association to place transparencies on lamp-posts.

✓ No 839. To permit the Home Social Club to place transparencies on lamp-posts.

There is no objection to these four resolutions.

✓ No 846. To permit Angelo Morello to place a canopy of iron and glass in front of Nos 4 and 6 West 29th St.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 811. To permit S. Schmukler to keep an ornamental clock and post in front of No 129 Canal Street.

This clock is unobjectionable.

No 867. For an improved iron drinking fountain on the east side of Macdougall Street, 50 feet north of Prince Street.

No 858. For an improved iron drinking-fountain at 76th Street, near the East River.

No 830. To permit James McClenahan to keep a watering trough at 500 Canal Street.

There is no objection to these three resolutions, and it is recommended that they be approved.

No 849. To fence vacant lots Nos 44 and 46 West 99th Street.

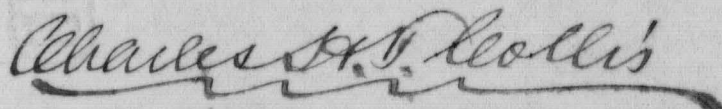
No 852. To fence vacant lots at No 113 West 68th Street.

No 853. To fence vacant lots west of West End Avenue on 71st Street.

No 857. To fence vacant lots on 73rd Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues.

The fences provided for in these four resolutions are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

Very respectfully,



Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 34 Chambers Street,

New York, October 8, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 850. To pave 147th Street, from the Boulevard to the New York Central and Hudson River railroad tracks, with granite block pavement on concrete foundation.

No 856. To pave 158th Street, from the Boulevard Lafayette to 11th Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

The improvements provided for in these resolutions are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 859. To pave 98th Street, from the Boulevard to West End Avenue, with asphalt block pavement.

This resolution is objectionable inasmuch as it does not provide for a concrete foundation. The resolution should be amended to include a concrete foundation.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, October 8, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I desire to recall for amended report resolutions Nos 867 and 858 for improved iron drinking fountains in Macdougall and in 76th Streets. These resolutions were favorably reported by the Water Purveyor under the misapprehension that the fountains were to be placed at private expense, while they would really have to be paid for from the appropriation for public drinking fountains, in which no funds are available for additional fountains this year.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. Peck

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, October 11, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 871 1/2. To erect three lamp-posts in front of Grace M. E. Church.

✓ No 871 3/4. For two lamps in front of Vermyle Chapel, Nos 416 to 418 West 54th Street.

✓ No 872. To erect four lamp-posts in front of the Free Church of St. Mary the Virgin, etc.

✓ No 892. To permit Samuel S. Childs to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 12 East 73rd Street.

✓ No 893. To permit L. Plavano to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 38 West 39th Street.

✓ No 884. To permit M. C. Spencer and Co. to place and keep a canopy of iron and glass in front of Nos 153 and 155 West 124th Street.

All these resolutions are unobjectionable, and it is recommended that they be approved.

✓ No 885. For relighting the gas lamps in front of the Church and College of St. Francis Xavier in 16th Street.

This resolution was approved by you on the 9th inst., as the endorsement shows.

✓ No 894. To permit the National Horse Show to erect a temporary structure on the south side of 27th Street, between Madison and 4th Avenues.

This structure is for sheltering horses during the exhibition at Madison Square Garden. It would extend for a distance of 241 feet west from the corner

of 4th Avenue, and would be 26 feet wide, thereby covering the entire sidewalk and extending several feet into the street. This would constitute an illegal obstruction. While this Department feels constrained to keep itself consistent upon the subject of obstructions, I think the National Horse Show, which attracts so many strangers to the metropolis, may well be excepted from a rigid enforcement of the law.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, October 14, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 833. To permit M. Fitzgerald to keep a watering-trough on the corner of Boston Road and Southern Boulevard.

No 834. To permit Frank P. Dursie to keep a watering-trough on the corner of Jerome Avenue and Van Courtland Avenue.

There is no objection to these resolutions.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Woodford

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 34 Chambers Street,

New York, October 21, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 905. To permit Cornell Memorial M. E. Church to place and keep three transparencies.

No 913. To permit Jerome A. O'Connell to place and keep transparencies on the S. E. corner of 110th Street and 3rd Avenue, etc.

There is no objection to these resolutions.

No 912. To permit Francis Kronenberger to keep a clock at No 608 East 138th Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the clock and post provided for will not exceed the dimensions prescribed by law. There is no objection to the resolution.

No 908. To permit Albert Rothermel to place and keep a stairway on the S. W. corner of 89th Street and 3rd Avenue.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that a stairway of this character would constitute an illegal obstruction, and should not be permitted.

No 910. To permit the Dunks Furniture Co. to keep signs on their building at 42nd Street and Broadway.

This Department has no jurisdiction over signs on roofs, unless they project over the house-line. The resolution also provides for signs on the front and side of the building, and, in respect to these, the Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that they are illegal.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. Peck
deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 34 Chambers Street,*

New York, October 24, 1895

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 906, appointing E. A. Lewald a City Surveyor, I beg to say the Consulting Engineer reports that Mr Lewald is competent to perform the duties of City Surveyor. I therefore recommend that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, October 28, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I herewith present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen, and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 917. To permit Frank Lohr to keep a watering-trough at No 632 West 55th Street.

✓ No 924. To permit Thomas J. Brennan to place and keep a watering-trough in front of the N. W. corner of Madison Avenue and 105th Street.

These watering-troughs are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 925. To erect two additional lamp-posts in front of Ascension Memorial Church, Nos 245 to 249 West 43rd Street.

✓ No 927. To erect lamp-posts, place street lamps thereon and light them in front of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Nos 626 and 628 East 156th Street.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to these resolutions.

✓ No 922. To permit Hilton, Hughes and Co. to place canopies in front of their building, 9th and 10th Streets, Broadway and 4th Avenue.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that there is no objection to the erection of iron awnings, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance of 1886, at the places named in the resolution, except Broadway, on which the erection of such awnings is prohibited

by the ordinance of 1886.

✓ No 923. To permit Edward Rafter to erect an iron awning in front of No 414 East 13th Street.

As this awning is to be erected in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance of 1886, there is no objection to the resolution.

✓ No 918. To permit the John J. Lindsay Association to suspend a banner across West 30th Street.

Though this resolution authorizes an obstruction which is contrary to law, yet the period immediate preceding an election has been made an exception.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. Collins
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.