

*Department of Public Works**Commissioner's Office**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* July 2, 1897

HON. 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 529. To permit the 42nd Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railroad Company to place a temporary awning for sheltering horses at Nos 110 and 112 East 42nd Street during the months of July, August and September.

Permission for structures of this kind for a like purpose has been granted in the past. There is no objection to the resolution.

No 534. To permit the Anona Pleasure Club to erect a banner in front of the Club Rooms, 534 East 12th Street.

The erection and maintenance of advertising banners of this description are illegal. Moreover, the resolution does not state whether the banner is to be stretched across the street or only on one side in front of the building, or how long the banner will remain. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*James H. Wilson*  
Deputy & Acting Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works*

*Commissioner's Office*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York* July 2, 1897

Hon. 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 536. To permit the Church of the Divine Paternity to extend the vault at 76th Street and Central Park West, without payment of the usual fee.

Section 179 of the Consolidation Act provides that vaults may be constructed or extended in front of Church property without payment of the usual fee. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 543. To permit William O'Hara to keep a watering-trough on the north-east corner of 77th Street and 3rd Ave.

There is no objection to this resolution provided the watering-trough be placed on the 77th Street side of the corner, because there is a great amount of traffic on 3rd Avenue and the stoppage of teams at the trough on the Avenue side of the corner would seriously obstruct traffic.

No 518. To permit Messrs L. Holzkamp and Unger to place and keep an ornamental lamp over the doorway in front of their premises, No 221 Bleecker Street.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 526. To permit Lewis Ahnert to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 111 East 125th Street, within the stoop-line.

There is no objection to this resolution.



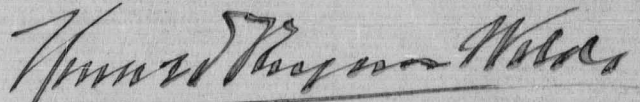
No 539. To permit K. Bischel to place and keep transparencies on the following unused lamp-posts, viz: N. W. corner of Tremont Avenue and 3rd Avenue, and S. W. corner of 174th Street and 3rd Avenue.

This resolution is defective inasmuch as it provides that the transparencies shall be placed under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards. It should be under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

No 516. To permit the Greenwich Refrigerating Company to lay pipes in certain streets in the City of New York.

Several of the streets and avenues named in the resolution are to be changed by the Dock Department. Apart from this, it is bad policy to allow private companies to lay pipes in streets and avenues, especially where, as in this case, they would be dangerous to water-mains and water service pipes.

Very respectfully,



DEPUTY Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* July 19, 1897

Hon. John Jeroloman,  
 Acting Mayor.

Dear Sir:

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

OK ✓  
 No 601. To permit Robert Kraft to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp at the S. W. corner of 138th Street and Alexander Avenue.

OK ✓  
 No 632. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 184th Street, Davidson, Grand and Aqueduct Avenues.

OK ✓  
 No 633. To lay gas-mains in Columbus Avenue, Van Nest Park, from Van Nest Street to Unionport Road.

OK ✓  
 No 636. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 176th Street, between Bathgate Avenue and Washington Avenue.

OK ✓  
 No 636. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 191st Street, from Bathgate to St. John's Avenue.

OK ✓  
 No 637. To place and light gas-lamps on the N. E. corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Mansion Street, etc.

OK ✓  
 No 638. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Bathgate Avenue, from Pelham Avenue to College Street.

OK ✓  
 No 640. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 163rd Street, from 11th Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

OK ✓  
 No 641. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 180th Street, from Anthony Avenue to Ryer Avenue.

OK ✓  
 No 642. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Claremont Avenue, from 119th to 127th Street, etc.

OK ✓  
 No 643. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 11th Avenue, from the Junction of Wadsworth and Fort George Avenue to Dyckman St.

OK ✓  
 No 644. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Cauldwell Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to Boston Road.

OK ✓  
 No 646. To lay gas-mains, etc., 182nd Street, from



Amsterdam Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

There is no objection to these resolutions, and I recommend that they be approved.

OK ✓  
No 620. To lay water-mains in 125th Street, from the Boulevard to Claremont Avenue. ✓

OK ✓  
No 619. To lay water-mains in Claremont Avenue, from 119th to 127th Street. ✓

OK ✓  
No 618. To lay water-mains in Prospect Avenue, from 165th Street to Home Street. ✓

OK ✓  
No 626. To lay water-mains in Dawson Street, from Leggett's Avenue to Longwood Avenue, etc. ✓

OK ✓  
No 625. To lay water-mains, etc., in Cauldwell Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to Boston Road. ✓

Water-mains in these streets and avenues are necessary. I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

OK ✓  
No 651. To regulate, grade, etc., 120th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive. ✓

OK ✓  
No 657. To regulate, grade, etc., 188th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Audubon Avenue. ✓

OK ✓  
No 653. To regulate, grade, etc., 157th Street, from Amsterdam to Edgecombe Avenue. ✓

It is necessary to regulate and grade these streets. I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

OK ✓  
No 607. To permit Frederick Dreher to remove the watering-trough now on the 5th Avenue side of 115th Street and 5th Avenue to the 115th Street side of said corner. ✓

There is no objection to this resolution.

OK ✓  
No 652. To pave 84th Street, from East End Avenue to the East River, with asphalt. ✓

OK ✓  
No 656. To pave Dyckman Street, from Kingsbridge Road to the Speedway, with Macadam pavement. ✓

It is necessary to pave these streets. I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

OK ✓  
No 634. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 172nd Street, from the Southern Boulevard to the West Farms Road. ✓

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This street is being regulated and graded and is in no condition for gas-mains and lamps.



*School*  
No 645. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Prospect Avenue, from 169th Street to Boston Road. ✓

This resolution is premature, the street not being regulated or graded.

*Not done*  
~~No 621. To lay water-mains in 119th Street, from Riverside Drive to the Boulevard.~~ ✓

Water-mains have already been laid in this street, hence the present resolution is unnecessary.

*Not done*  
No 617. To lay water-mains in 107th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive. ✓

A resolution to lay water-mains in this part of 107th Street was approved by the Mayor June 26th, 1897.

*Not done*  
No 622. To lay water-mains in 11th Avenue, from the junction of Wadsworth and Fort George Avenues to Dyckman Street. ✓

*Not done*  
*See him about this.*  
This resolution is premature. The street is not regulated or graded; there are no houses to supply with water, and there are no water-mains to connect with to furnish a supply of water.

No 699. To permit R. Webber to build an awning in front of his premises on 119th Street, near 3rd Avenue. ✓

*Not done*  
This resolution should be amended so as to give the number of the premises in front of which it is proposed to erect an awning. If the number of the premises is not given, the side of the street on which they are situated should be designated, and the number of feet from the avenue should be specified.

*Not done*  
No 583. To permit Henry C. Miner to erect an iron awning in front of his premises east side of 8th Avenue, between 25th and 26th Streets. ✓

Examination of the accompanying diagram shows that the proposed awning will not conform to the provisions of the ordinance of 1866. The posts or supports at the curb exceed



the dimensions prescribed by law, and there also appears to be supports on the sidewalk at the stoop-line in excess of the legal limits. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collis*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* July 20, 1897

Hon. John Jeroloman,  
Acting Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of 19th inst., I have the honor to report on the following resolutions of the Board of Aldermen which are before you for action, and in respect of which you desire to know how many of the lamps on which it is proposed to place transparencies are lighted and how many are of new design:

No 574.A. There is no lamp at the corner of Pearl and Madison Streets, nor at the N. W. corner of James and Madison Streets. At the south-west corner of Park Row and Worth Street there is a lamp-post with an ornamental street-sign lamp. There is a lighted lamp at the north-west corner of Duane Street and City Hall Place.

No 574 B. All the lamp-posts mentioned in this resolution are dead.

No 574 C. The lamp-posts included in this resolution are all lighted.

No 574 D. The lamps are not lighted at the south-west corner of 106th Street and Lexington Avenue and the north-west corner of 118th Street and Lexington Avenue. The lamp-posts at the north-west corner of 110th Street and 3rd Avenue and the north-west corner of 116th Street and 3rd Avenue are dead.

No 574 F. The lamp-post at the north-east corner of 50th Street and 10th Avenue is surmounted by a lighted lamp.



Those at the other three locations named in the resolution are dead.

No 576. These lamp-posts all have lighted lamps.

No 586. These lamp-posts are all dead.

No 589. The lamp-posts at 59th Street and Columbus Avenue and 65th Street and Columbus Avenue are dead; those at 65th Street and the Boulevard and 71st Street and the Boulevard have lighted lamps. There is a lighted ornamental street-sign lamp at the north-east corner of 81st Street and Columbus Avenue.

No 593. These are reported on under No 574 A.

No 594. The lamp on the south-west corner of 40th Street and 10th Avenue is lighted. The other three lamp-posts are dead.

No 595. There is a lighted lamp on the north-east corner of 50th Street and 10th Avenue. The other three lamp-posts are dead.

No 611. This lamp is lighted.

No 613. The lamp at the north-west corner of 125th Street and 8th Avenue is lighted. The lamp-posts at the other two locations are dead.

No 614. These two lamp-posts are dead.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* July 26, 1897

HON. 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:

*Relto ✓*  
No 669. To permit the Metropolitan Traction Co. to erect a temporary shelter for horses on Cherry Street.

There is no objection to this resolution as the awning or shelter will be removed in October.

*See if the  
Horse Car  
shelter*  
No 671. To permit Daniel Rankin, jr., to place and keep a shipping office within the stoop-line on the south side of West Houston Street about 80 feet west of Broadway.

A booth or shipping office of this description on the public sidewalk would be an illegal obstruction. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 665. To permit A. J. Cammeyer to place and keep an ornamental clock on the sidewalk at the curb in front of his premises on the east side of 6th Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets.

This resolution is defective inasmuch as it does not state the dimensions of the clock nor the size of the post. The resolution should be amended in these respects.

*Amended*  
No 666. Amending resolution permitting the Congra San Donato to erect a temporary stand opposite Nos 113, 115 and 117 Baxter Street.

There is no objection to the resolution. It is only



for a single day.

No 684. To permit Daniel Shea to place and keep an iron post, surmounted by a horse-shoe, in front of his premises, No 223 East 106th Street.

A post of this character on the public sidewalk would be illegal. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 664. To permit Henry Hirsch to place and keep moveable plants in front of his premises No 265 West 21st Street, within the stoop-line.

Plants so placed would constitute an illegal obstruction to the free use of the sidewalk. Moreover, it is intended to screen off a portion of the sidewalk to be used as a summer garden. Such resorts on public sidewalks are very objectionable and ought not to be permitted.

No 659. To permit J. B. Lord to erect an iron awning at the N. E. corner of 5th Avenue and 44th Street.

If by this resolution it is intended to place an awning on the 44th Street side of the N. E. corner of 5th Avenue and 44th Street, there is no objection to the resolution. No awnings of any description are permitted on 5th Avenue. The resolution ought to be amended so as to indicate the exact location of the awning, *length & height*

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Veto*

*Veto*

*Am for the Architect*



*Department of Public Works**Commissioner's Office**No 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* August 2, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,  
M a y e 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 713. To permit M. Jacobson to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 185 East 79th Street.

No 719. To permit Daggett and Ramsdell to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 17 West 34th Street.

There is no objection to these two resolutions.

No 695. To permit Martin J. Connellan to keep show-cases at Nos 800 and 802 Columbus Avenue.

If the show-cases are to be placed, as stated in the resolution, so as to "in no case conflict with the ordinance in such case made and provided," there is no necessity for the present resolution. It would appear, however, that the show-cases are to be placed on the sidewalk in violation of law, and that the resolution should, therefore, not be approved.

No 697. To permit J. Broadman, of 12 Carmine Street, to place and keep two hanging-signs within the stoop-line in front of said premises.

A general ordinance permits the placing of a sign within the space of three feet from the wall of a building. There is, therefore, no necessity for a special resolution in this case. To permit the placing of a sign beyond three feet from the wall of a building would be illegal.

No 710. To permit Royal L. Wolcott to place and keep an iron balcony in front of No 14 Irving Place.



This resolution is defective inasmuch as it omits a description and measurements of the proposed balcony, and fails to state the purpose for which it is to be placed. I recommend that the resolution be not approved in its present form.

No 721. To permit Kate Allen to place and keep a watering-trough in front of her premises, No 2,000 1st Ave.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because the asphalt pavement on 1st Avenue would be damaged by being kept constantly wet with water from the watering-trough.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Hallis*

Commissioner of Public Works.



at*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,*

August 2,

1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution, No 658, to appoint Frederick E. Glasser a City Surveyor, I have the honor to report that Mr Glasser is endorsed by Mr Thomas L. Moore and by Mr Ganet J. Byrne, City Surveyor; also by the Union Real Estate Company and by the Standard Gas Light Company. In the opinion of our Consulting Engineer, the resolution should be approved, and I recommend accordingly.

Very respectfully,

*Charles W. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.



*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* August 10, 1897

HON. 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 736. To permit the Trustees of St. Paul's German Church to extend the vault in front of Nos 313-315 West 22nd Street, without payment of the usual fee.

Section 179 of the Consolidation Act of 1882 authorizes the issue of permits for vaults in front of church property without payment of the usual fee. There is therefore no objection to the resolution.

No 726. To permit Merck and Co. to place and keep an ornamental lamp in front of their premises on the south-east corner of University Place and Clinton Place.

There is no objection to this resolution, as it provides that the lamp shall not exceed the dimensions prescribed by law.

No 754. Amending resolution of July 13th so as to permit George Ringler to place and keep a clock at the north-east corner of 92nd Street and 3rd Avenue instead of at No 203 East 92nd Street.

There is no objection to this change of location.

No 747. To permit S. Van Praag to keep a swinging-sign at No 583 Third Avenue.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that Mr S. Van Praag has been compelled to remove an illuminated swinging sign from this place because the occupants of buildings in the vicinity complained of the sign. There is an ordinance

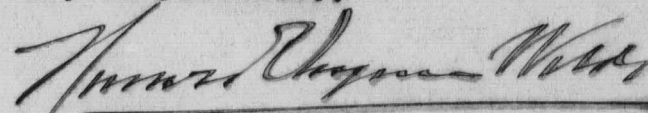


permitting the erection of signs within three feet of buildings, and when any special permission is applied for as in this instance, it is only an attempt to obtain permission to violate the law. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 741. To permit the Elsworth Pleasure Club to suspend a banner from No 504 to No 507 East 12th Street.

It would be illegal to suspend a banner across the street as proposed. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,



Deputy & Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* August 24, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,  
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

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

- No 771. To permit Israel Jacobson to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of his premises, No 382 South Street.

There is no objection to this resolution.

- No 764. To permit Frank Gerth to place and keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of Manhattan Theatre, 33rd Street and Broadway.

There is no objection to this resolution.

- No 790. To permit the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad to lay a four-inch pipe from the Mount Morris Bank Building to the new station at 125th Street and Park Avenue.

There is no objection to the laying of a four-inch steam pipe from the Mount Morris Bank Building to the Harlem River Railroad Station, provided it is placed north of the north house-line of 125th Street, and is properly protected and covered.

- No 784. To permit the Metropolitan Traction Co. to erect a temporary shelter for horses at Nos 449 and 455 Cherry Street.

On July 23rd I reported favorably on a resolution similar to this, and there is no objection to the resolution now.



No 761. To permit the Donaldson Brown Co. to place signs at Nos 100-102 East 28th Street.

All signs which project from buildings are illegal. The resolution fails to give a description or the dimensions of the two signs proposed to be placed, and omits the purpose of them. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office.*

*150 Nassau Street,*

*New York.* August 31, 1897

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

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 775, to permit Isaac Frank to erect a storm-door at No 347 Broadway, I beg to report that the proposed storm-door would be illegal, and to recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.



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# *Department of Public Works*

*Commissioner's Office*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* August 31, 1897

HON. 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 798. To permit Royal L. Wolcott to place and keep an open balcony of iron and steel in front of his premises, No 14 Irving Place.

There is no objection to this resolution as the proposed balcony is to replace one that has been used for several years as a fire escape.

No 779. To permit Patrick Duffy to erect and maintain an iron awning at the S. W. corner of 59th Street and 6th Avenue.

As this awning is to be placed in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance relative to awnings, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 803. To permit James Lynch to remove the watering-trough from the 4th Street side to the Wooster Street side of his premises.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 796. To permit Henry Riffel to place and keep an iron awning in front of his premises, S. E. corner of 2nd Avenue and 6th Street.

There is no objection to this resolution as the awning is to be erected in conformity with the provisions of the ordinance of 1886.



No 802. To permit the Louis Meister Association to suspend a banner, announcing their annual outing, across 13th Street, from No 628 to 633.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because banners of this description suspended across public streets are illegal.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collis*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioners Office.*

*150 Nassau Street,*

*New York.* September 7, 1897

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

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 804, to appoint Joseph M. Brody, No 2,273 7th Avenue, a City Surveyor, I have the honor to report that, upon investigation, I find that Mr Brody is competent to perform the duties of city surveyor, and I therefore recommend that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.



# Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, September 8, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

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

No 815. To permit Thomas Farley to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 446 West 54th Street.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 813. To permit Thomas Lee to place and keep a watering trough on the N. W. corner of 128th Street and Lexington Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution, but it is suggested that <sup>the trough</sup> be placed on the street side of the premises of Mr Lee, in view of the heavy traffic on Lexington Avenue at that point.

No 820. To permit Walter M. Little to place and keep a watering-trough in front of No 2,470 Third Avenue.

No 817. To permit Mary B. Conlon to place and keep a watering-trough on the S. W. corner of Webster Avenue and Travers Street.

There is no objection to either of these two resolutions.

No 809. To permit A. F. Williams to suspend a banner from No 188 West 4th Street to the opposite side of said street.

Banners of this description are illegal. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 821. To permit Levi Horwitz and Lochenbruch to place and keep a temporary movable show-case in front of No 177 Broadway.

Show-cases on sidewalks constitute illegal obstructions,



and I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. G. Morris*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.



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*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* September 13, 1897

HON. 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 828. To permit the Congregation of "Beth Tefilah" to place and keep a transparency on the unused lamp-post on the corner of Lexington Avenue and 107th Street.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no unused lamp-post at Lexington Avenue and 107th Street, the lamps on both corners being lighted. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 833. To permit William Campbell to place and keep a platform scale in front of his premises, No 435 East 24th Street, on the sidewalk and flush therewith.

The erection and maintenance of platform scales on public sidewalks are illegal. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 838. To permit P. J. McGrath to keep a post in front of 326 West Street, surmounted by a horse-shoe sign, the post to be placed on the sidewalk at the curb.

A sign of this description on the sidewalk near the curb is illegal. Section 198 of the Revised Ordinances of 1897 provides that all signs shall be placed within the limit of three feet from the building line. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.



# Department of Public Works

*Commissioner's Office*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* September 20, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

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

No 873. For gas-mains, etc., on the Pier at foot of 21st Street, East River.

No 877. For gas-mains, etc., in Crotona (Franklin) Avenue, from Oakland Place to East 180th Street.

No 878. For gas-mains, etc., in 146th Street, from 8th to Bradhurst Avenue.

No 879. For gas-mains, etc., in Dyckman Street, from the Speedway to Kingsbridge Road.

No 880. For gas-mains, etc., in Jackson Avenue, between East 160th and East 161st Street.

No 881. For gas-mains, etc., in 195th Street, between Webster and Marion Avenues.

No 882. For gas-mains, etc., in 195th Street, between Decatur and Marion Avenues.

No 883. For gas-mains, etc., in Decatur Avenue, between Kingsbridge Road and East 193rd Street.

No 884. For gas-mains in Bradhurst Avenue, from 145th to 155th Street.

No 885. For gas-mains, etc., in Edgecombe Avenue, from 145th to 155th Street.

No 886. For gas-mains, etc., in 163rd Street, from Edgecombe Avenue to Amsterdam Avenue.

No 887. For gas-mains, etc., in Anthony Avenue, from 180th Street to a point 125 feet north.

No 888. For two lamp-posts and lamps in front of Harbor Squad (36th Precinct) Station, 122nd Street, 100 feet east of Pleasant Avenue.



No 889. For two additional lamps in front of St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church on 123rd Street.

All the gas-mains and lamps provided for in the foregoing resolutions are necessary. I therefore recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 868. To pave 101st Street, from 1st Avenue to the Harlem River, with granite or syenite blocks.

No 906. To pave 127th Street, from the west side of St. Nicholas Avenue, to the east side of St. Nicholas Terrace, with granite.

No 907. To pave 127th Street, from the east side of St. Nicholas Terrace to Lawrence Street, with asphalt.

No 908. To pave 54th Street, from 11th to 12th Avenue, with granite.

The pavements called for by these four resolutions are necessary, and I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 875. For fencing vacant lots on the south-west corner of 90th Street and Central Park West, etc.

I recommend that this resolution be approved, as the Consulting Engineer reports to me that it is necessary to fence the lots referred to.

No 854. To permit Abraham Kaufman to erect an iron awning in front of No 2,897 Third Avenue.

As the proposed awning will in all respects comply with the provisions of the general ordinance relating to awnings, I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 904. For water-mains in Simpson Street, from 169th Street to Freeman Street.

No 893. For water-mains in 180th Street, from Prospect to Mapes Avenue, etc.

No 891. For water-mains in East 168th Street, from Franklin Avenue to Boston Road, etc.

No 892. For water-mains in College Avenue, from 146th to 148th Street, etc.

No 895. For water-mains in Andrews Avenue, between 181st and 183rd Streets.

No 894. For water-mains in the Boulevard, between 122nd and Manhattan Streets, etc.

No 897. For water-mains in 146th Street, from 8th Avenue to Bradhurst Avenue.



No 898. For water-mains in 144th Street, from Hamilton Terrace to Convent Avenue.

No 899. For water-mains in 142nd Street, between Amsterdam and Convent Avenues.

No 900. For water-mains in 163rd Street, from Edgecombe to Amsterdam Avenues.

No 901. For water-mains in Fort George Avenue, from 190th Street to Amsterdam Avenue.

No 902. For water-mains in Ryer Avenue, from Burnside Avenue to East 180th Street.

No 903. For water-mains in 163rd Street, from Tinton Avenue to Union Avenue.

No 890. For water-mains in Southern Boulevard, between Home Street and 149th Street.

The water-mains provided for in these fourteen resolutions are necessary. I therefore recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 896. For water-mains in Dyckman Street, from the Speedway to Kingsbridge Road.

While the water-mains provided for in this resolution are not immediately necessary, the resolution may now be approved and the water-mains laid next year.

No 856. To permit A. C. Gildersleeve to build a railroad track for conveying building materials from the Harlem River Ship Canal to the Spuyten Duyvil Bridge.

There is no objection to this resolution, as the building of the temporary railway provided for would expedite the work of constructing the bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek.

No 846. Permitting the Paragon Club to suspend a flag across East 62nd Street, from No 400 to 401.

There is no objection to this resolution provided that the flag shall bear no advertising matter.

No 872. For an iron watering-trough at No 612 Hudson Street.

No 905. For an iron fountain at the N. W. corner of the Southern Boulevard and Webster Avenue.

I recommend that these two resolutions for watering-troughs



be not approved as the appropriation from which they would have to be paid for is almost exhausted.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



# Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,  
No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, Sept. 27, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

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

No. 919. To flag, etc., the sidewalks on 7th Avenue, from Greenwich Avenue to Central Park south.

It is necessary to flag these sidewalks as certified by me. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No. 859. To appoint Theodore Belzner a City Surveyor.

Our Consulting Engineer has had an interview with Mr. Belzner, and with his indorsers; and though he sees no objection to his appointment, I beg to submit the matter without recommendation.

No. 920. To permit Thomas P. Galligan to erect a wooden structure across Exchange Place, from Broadway to New Street, for the purpose of protecting passengers from falling material.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No. 926. To permit George Mayer to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No. 1,944 Madison Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No. 933. To permit George A. Plimpton to lay three pipes in West 119th Street, beginning at a point about 100 feet west of the Boulevard and running across said Boulevard to the property of Columbia University, as shown upon the accompanying diagram, said pipes to be



used for conducting steam and electricity from Columbia University to Barnard College, etc.

I recommend that the resolution be approved, subject to the conditions which may be imposed by the Sinking Fund Commissioners, as to fees to be paid therefor, and subject also to the authority which may be given by the Board of Electrical Control.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* October 5, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

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

✓ No 945. To permit George A. Plimpton to lay pipes to conduct steam and electricity from Columbia University to Barnard College in West 119th Street.

There is no objection to the laying of these pipes across the Boulevard, providing it is done under a proper permit from this Department, and that the bottom of the pipes shall be only four feet below the surface of the pavement.

✓ No 953. To permit Henry Wulfers to place and keep a storm-door on the south-west corner of 13th Street and University Place.

Storm-doors on public sidewalks violate the law. A similar resolution was introduced last year. It was then found that the so-called storm-door was actually an extension to the building and was to be used as a kitchen. The Superintendent of Incumbrances is under the impression that this resolution is a repetition of the former one. I recommend that it be not approved.

✓ No 952. To permit John Briemer to place and keep a storm-door on the sidewalk within the stoop-line in front of his premises, N. E. corner of 6th Avenue and 9th Street.

The storm-doors for which permission is sought by this resolution are already in place, and have been maintained by

Mr Briemer for several years. Complaint has been made to the Superintendent of Incumbrances against these storm-doors and he has notified Mr Briemer to remove them. It is probable that Mr Briemer has had this resolution introduced to protect the doors from removal by this Department. The doors are illegal obstructions, and I recommend that the resolution be disapproved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collis*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* October 12, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

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

No 985. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Lafontain Avenue, from 179th to 181st Street.

No 987. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Kossuth Avenue, from Catharine Street to Byron Street, Wakefield.

No 988. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Jefferson Avenue, from Tremont Avenue to 180th Street.

No 989. For four lamps in front of St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, 313 West 22nd Street.

No 990. For two lamps in front of the Station House, No 1,786 Broadway.

No 991. For gas-mains, etc., in 102nd Street, from Park to 5th Avenue.

The gas-mains and public lamps provided for in these resolutions are necessary, and I recommend their approval.

No 981. To lay water-mains in 233rd Street, between Jerome and Webster Avenues.

The water-mains provided for in this resolution are necessary to supply Woodlawn Heights with water, also Williamsbridge when a bridge is built over the Bronx River. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 966. To permit the West Side Republican Club to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps on the Boulevard, between 83rd and 84th Streets.

There is no objection to this resolution.



No 967. To permit W. E. Stocks to place and keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 42 Whitehall Street.

No 972. To permit Morris Amster to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 115 Lewis Street.

No 973. To permit the Allegrettis Cream Co. to place and keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 949 Broadway.

There is no objection to these three resolutions.

No 980. To lay water-mains in Union Avenue, between Home and 168th Streets.

No 978. To lay water-mains in 141st Street, between Brook and St. Ann's Avenues.

No 977. To lay water-mains in Stebbins Avenue, between 165th and 166th Streets.

I recommend that these three resolutions be approved, the water-mains provided for being necessary.

No 995. To pave 100th Street, from 1st to 2nd Avenue, with asphalt, block pavement.

No 996. To pave Convent Avenue, from the south side of 127th Street to the south side of 141st Street, with asphalt block pavement.

The pavements provided for in these two resolutions are necessary. I therefore recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 958. To permit Friedhoff and Meyer to erect storm-doors at the N. W. corner of Elm and Howard Streets.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because the storm-door, if placed in accordance with the plans submitted, would not comply with section 199 of the Revised Ordinances of 1897.

No 982. For water-mains in Jackson Avenue, from 187th to 188th Street.

This avenue is not graded and there are no houses on it to be supplied with water. The avenue should be graded before the water-mains are laid.




No 986. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Aspinwall Lane, from Bettners' Lane to a point about 350 feet from Lamp-post No 10.

This is a private lane constructed through private grounds. It has no sidewalks and is not on the map of the City. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 992. To lay gas-mains, etc., in 114th Street, between Amsterdam Avenue and the Boulevard.

This resolution is unnecessary, a similar one having been approved by you on the 5th inst.

Very respectfully,

  
Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office.*

*150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* October 13, 1897

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

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 998, directing the Commissioner of Public Works to remove the iron drinking fountain from the S. E. corner of Clarkson and Greenwich Streets to No 61 McDougall Street, I beg to report that there is no money available to make the change provided for in the resolution. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*James Vernon Wood*  
DEPUTY Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* October 22, 1897.

Hon. 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 42. To regulate the width of the sidewalks on 116th Street, between Morningside and Amsterdam Avenues.

This resolution was introduced at the request of the Trustees of Columbia College and others interested in making the width of the sidewalks on 116th Street, between Morningside and Amsterdam Avenues, uniform with that of the sidewalks on the same street between Amsterdam Avenue and the Boulevard. The improvement is necessary, and I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 40. To annul, repeal and rescind resolution and ordinance providing for the paving of the carriageway of 108th Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue.

A contract was signed by the Barber Asphalt Paving Company on September 11th, 1897, for laying an asphalt pavement, on concrete foundation, on 108th Street, from Central Park West to Columbus Avenue, under authority of an ordinance approved July 2nd, 1897. The work under this contract has been begun, and this resolution, if approved by you, would be ineffective.

No 45. To pave 166th Street, from Edgecombe to Amsterdam Avenue, with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation.

No 46. To pave 162nd Street, from Kingsbridge Road to 11th Avenue, with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation.

No 47. To pave the Boulevard Lafayette, from the Macadam pavement now laid on 11th Avenue to the north side of 158th Street, extending from the easterly curb-line to the centre of said avenue, with Macadam pavement on Telford foundation, etc.

No 48. To pave 148th Street, from 7th to 8th Avenue, with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation.

The pavements provided for in these four resolutions are necessary, and I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. D. Hollis*

Commissioner of Public Works.



a) *Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* October 18, 1897

HON. 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 11. To permit Louis Berby to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 220 East Broadway.

I recommend that this resolution be approved.

No 999. To appoint John C. Hume, 1,998 Valentine Avenue, a City Surveyor.

Mr Hume is endorsed by two of the engineers of the Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23rd and 24th Wards, who certify to his competency as an engineer. He has been employed in the engineers department of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards for fourteen years. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 6. To permit William Reiner to construct a storm-door in front of his premises, No 39-1/2 McDougal Street.

No 8. To permit F. H. Meyer to erect a storm-door at No 158 East 57th Street.

No 15. To permit Peter McGinn to erect a storm-door in front of his premises, No 1415 5th Avenue.

I recommend that these three resolutions be not approved because the erection and maintenance of storm-doors constitute illegal obstructions on the public sidewalks.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* October 25, 1897

HON. 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 44. To lay out centre parkways on the Boulevard, from Manhattan to 158th Street.

This is a most desirable improvement, and I recommend that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 30. To permit M. Silverman to place, keep and erect a storm-door in front of his premises

This resolution is opposed on the ground that the erection and maintenance of storm-doors on public sidewalks are illegal. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 36. To permit Henry Ubelher to erect and keep a storm-door at the N. W. corner of 161st Street and Melrose Avenue.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved, for the reason given in my report on Resolution No 30.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. J. Collins*

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



# Department of Public Works,

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* November 1, 189*7*

HON. 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 66. To permit Ehler Meyer to erect storm-door on the S. E. corner of University Place and Cedar Street.

This resolution is objected to because storm-doors on public sidewalks are illegal. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 68. To permit A. F. Runde to erect a swinging-sign at the N. W. corner of 184th Street and 3rd Avenue.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because there is a general ordinance permitting the erection of signs under certain restrictions, and signs placed not subject to such restrictions would be illegal.

✓ No 76. To permit Patrick Kerwin to erect storm-doors at the N. W. corner of 50th Street and 3rd Avenue.

As the erection of storm-doors on public sidewalks is illegal, I recommend that this resolution be not approved.

✓ No 74. To permit Nathan Eiler to stand with a wagon at Union Market Square.

This resolution should be referred to the Police Department.

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✓ No 69. To permit the Home Bank to place a clock in front of No 303 West 42nd Street.

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

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collis*

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office.*

*150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,*

November 4, 1897

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

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 61, to permit the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to place tracks for a switch on West Street to piers 48 and 49, North River, I beg leave to report that the placing of these switch-tracks will benefit the public. I therefore recommend that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,

*James H. M. M. M.*

Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,*

November 4, 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No. 58, to permit John Donohue to place and keep an iron watering-trough at the N. E. corner of 63rd Street and Central Park West, which resolution I recalled from you for re-examination and report, I beg to say that an investigation made by me shows that there is at the N. W. corner of 65th Street and Columbus Avenue an ornamental drinking fountain for man and beast.

In my judgment this fountain is ample to supply the needs of the neighborhood, and as Central Park West is about to be paved with asphalt, I am opposed to the placing of a hydrant from which water would drip and damage the pavement. For these reasons I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Frederick W. M. M. M.*

Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

(Enclosure.)



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* November 10, 189*7*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,  
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

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

✓ No 79. To permit August F. Schmidt to erect a drinking-fountain for man and beast at No 411 Western Boulevard.

As the pavement on the Western Boulevard side of these premises is asphalt a watering trough would tend to damage it, and it is therefore recommended that the watering-trough be placed on the street side of the premises.

✓ No 89. Requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to place two additional lamps in front of the Chapel of the General Theological Seminary.

There is no objection to this resolution.

✓ No 81. To permit John H. Gerdes to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 149 Grand Street.

There is no objection to this resolution.

✓ No 87. To permit the Carley Athletic Club to place transparencies on certain lamp-posts.

These transparencies are very unsightly and hence objectionable, and when placed on lighted lamps the public are deprived of the light for which the City is paying. I recommend that the resolution be not approved. *The Corporation Counsel has given an opinion that the Board of Aldermen has no such power -*

✓ No 78. To permit John P. Leo to erect a stoop at 187th Street and Audubon Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution, provided the



stoop shall not enroach beyond the stoop-line of the street.

✓ No 93. To permit the Woman's Association of Christ Congregational Church to keep transparencies on various lamp-posts.

The same objection applies to this resolution as to resolution No 87. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 83. To permit Henry Riffel to erect a storm-door at the south-east corner of 6th Street and 2nd Avenue.

This application is opposed on the ground that the erection and maintenance of storm-doors upon the public sidewalk is illegal.

✓ No 91. To permit L. Schaeffler to erect a storm-door in front of No 225 Monroe Street.

This application is opposed on the ground that the erection and maintenance of storm-doors on public sidewalks is illegal.

✓ No 86. To permit Joseph Cassidy to erect a storm-door at No 11 First Street.

This application is opposed on the ground of the illegality of storm-doors on sidewalks, and also because a complaint was formerly made against this storm-door by the occupant of the premises adjoining, and the owner was compelled to remove it.

✓ No 85. To permit George Koehner to erect a storm-door in front of No 35 1st Avenue.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because the erection and maintenance of storm-doors on public sidewalks is illegal.

✓ No 82. To permit Hurtig and Seamon to erect and keep an ornamental iron and glass front over the entrance to their premises.

This resolution cannot be intelligently reported upon until a plan is received, giving the dimensions of a structure



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of this description.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collis*

Deputy Commissioner of public Works.

# Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, November 15, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

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

✓ No 116. To pave 147th Street, from 7th to 8th Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

✓ No 117. To pave Edgecombe Avenue, from 145th Street to 150th Street with asphalt blocks.

✓ No 142. To pave 163rd Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Edgecombe Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

✓ No 143. To pave 101st Street, from Madison to 5th Avenue, with asphalt block pavement.

✓ No 156. To pave Audubon Avenue, from 173rd to 175th Street, with asphalt blocks.

✓ No 157. To pave 100th Street, from Lexington to Park Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

✓ No 160. To pave 175th Street, from Amsterdam to 11th Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

✓ No 161. To pave 154th Street, from 8th to Bradhurst Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

✓ No 165. To pave 165th Street, from 7th to Lenox Avenue, with asphalt blocks.

The improvements provided for in the foregoing resolutions are necessary, and I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 159. To regulate and grade Wadsworth Avenue, from 173rd Street to 11th Avenue.

This is a most necessary improvement. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 164. To regulate, grade, etc., Elm Street, from City Hall Place to Great Jones Street.



This resolution provides for an improvement rendered necessary by the widening and extension of Elm Street. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 163. To establish the width of sidewalks in Elm Street, from City Hall Place to Great Jones Street, etc.

I recommend that this resolution be approved, as the improvement provided for is necessary.

✓ No 113. To permit Montgomery Maze to place and keep four ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of Grand Central Palace.

✓ No 126. For gas-mains and public lamps in certain streets in Wakefield, New York City.

✓ No 128. For gas-mains and public lamps in Andrews Avenue, from 181st Street to Hampden Street.

✓ No 131. To lay gas-mains in 178th Street, from 11th Avenue to Kingsbridge Road, and to erect public lamps, etc.

✓ No 133. For gas-mains and public lamps in 154th Street, between 6th and Bradhurst Avenues.

✓ No 134. For gas-mains and public lamps in Nelson Avenue, from Devos Street to Union Street.

✓ No 137. For gas-mains and public lamps in Dawson Street, from Westchester Avenue to a point 200 feet north of Craven Street.

I recommend that these seven resolutions for gas-mains and public lamps be approved, the mains and lamps being necessary.

✓ No 140. Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to move the lamp-post now in front of No 136 Charlton Street to a point six feet easterly.

There is no objection to this resolution.

✓ No 146. To lay water-mains in 170th Street, from Prospect Avenue to Bristow Street.

✓ No 148. To lay water-mains in 178th Street, from Kingsbridge Road to 11th Avenue.

✓ No 152. To lay water-mains in Convent Avenue, from 135th to 141st Street.

✓ No 153. To lay water-mains in Mount Vernon Avenue, between Jerome and Grand Avenues.

✓ No 154. To lay water-mains in Moshulu Avenue, between Jerome and Riverdale Avenues.



No. 147. To lay water-mains in Union Avenue, from 168th Street to Boston Avenue.

No. 144. To lay water-mains in 180th Street, from Webster Avenue to 3rd Avenue.

The water-mains provided for in these seven resolutions are necessary. I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No. 145. To lay water-mains in Loring Place, from Hampden Street to Fordham Landing Road.

No. 151. To lay water-mains in 170th Street, from Kingsbridge Road to Haven Avenue.

These sections of Loring Place and 170th Street are not graded. They should be graded before water-mains are laid.

No. 124. For gas-mains, etc., in 180th Street, from Webster Avenue to 3rd Avenue.

No. 125. For gas-mains etc., in Aqueduct Avenue, from Hampden Street to a point 250 feet south.

No. 127. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Loring Place, from Hampden Street to Fordham Landing Road.

The streets named in these three resolutions are not graded and have no sidewalks on which to place public lamps. I recommend that the resolutions be not approved.

No. 129. For gas-mains, etc., in Aqueduct Avenue, from North Street to 184th Street.

Gas-mains have already been laid and lamps erected and lighted in this part of Aqueduct Avenue, hence this resolution is unnecessary.

No. 130. To lay gas-mains and place and light public lamps in Lebanon Street, from Prospect Avenue to Cambrelling Avenue.

No. 132. For gas-mains, etc., in Marmion Avenue, between Tremont Avenue and the Southern Boulevard.

No. 135. For gas-mains, etc., in Stebbens Avenue, from Jennings to Chisholm Street.

No. 136. For gas-mains and public lamps in Stebbens Ave., from Westchester Avenue to 165th Street.

No. 138. For gas-mains, etc., in Vyse Street, from Cook Place to Boston Road.

The streets named in these five resolutions are not graded and have no sidewalks on which to place public lamps.



I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 95. To permit Schwartzschild and Sulzberger to lay a track in front of their premises in West Street.

Under a resolution passed last year, and a permit from this Department, a switch has been laid at the place mentioned. Messrs Schwartzschild and Sulzberger now desire to add a spur track to this switch, on which cars can stand to be unloaded. I doubt the authority of the Board of Aldermen to grant a privilege of this character, as it would result in blockading an important thoroughfare.

✓ No 166. To regulate, grade, etc., 135th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to the Boulevard.

Our Consulting Engineer reports that this street should not be regulated and graded on the present grades as the established grades show a maximum of 8.55 feet per cent., whereas it is perfectly practicable to regulate and grade the street on a maximum grade of 5.8 per cent. The first grade is prohibitory to any pavement except granite; the second grade is practicable for either sheet or block asphalt. If a granite pavement is laid, an inferior class of houses will be built to the detriment of the taxpayers of the City.

✓ No 155. To regulate, grade, etc., 136th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to the Boulevard.

This street should not be regulated and graded on the present grades, as the established grades show a maximum of 9.35 per cent., whereas it is practicable to regulate and grade the street on a maximum grade of six per cent. The first grade is prohibitory to any pavement save granite; the second grade is practicable for either sheet or block asphalt.

If granite is used an inferior class of houses will be erected to the detriment of taxpayers. The grade of 134th Street has been changed in apparently the same interest, so that the once established grade of 5.15 per cent. has been replaced in part by a grade of 5.71 per cent. The grade of 135th Street has been similarly altered.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collis*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* November 15, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

Supplementary to my letter of this date, reporting on resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action, I beg to report on the following two resolutions which had not reach<sup>ed</sup> me with the Bureau Reports when my first letter was written:

✓ No 149. To lay water-mains in Dawson Street, from Westchester Avenue to a point 200 feet north of Craven Street.

Water-mains in that section of Dawson Street are necessary, and the Chief Engineer recommends that they be laid. I therefore ask you to approve the resolution.

✓ No 150. To lay water-mains in Vyse Street, from Cook Place to Boston Road.

Vyse Street is not graded. It should be graded before water-mains are laid. The resolution is premature. I recommend that it be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collins*

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



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*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* November 22, 1897

HON. 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 185. To permit Siegel Cooper and Co. to erect, place and keep a storm-door in front of their main entrance, 6th Avenue, between 18th and 19th Street.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because storm-doors placed on the public sidewalks are illegal.

No 178. To permit John H. Kahrs to place a storm-covering over the area-way on the N. W. corner of 105th Street and 2nd Avenue.

A structure of this kind, similar to a storm-door, would be illegal. I therefore recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 184. To permit Martin J. Grossman to erect a storm-door in front of the premises No 276 6th Avenue.

I am opposed to the approval of this resolution for the reason given in my report on Resolution No 185.

No 181. To permit Joseiah Gardner to keep one ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 103 West 42nd Street.

No 187. To permit R. Loeser to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 265 3rd Avenue.

There is no objection on the part of this Department to the approval of these two resolutions.

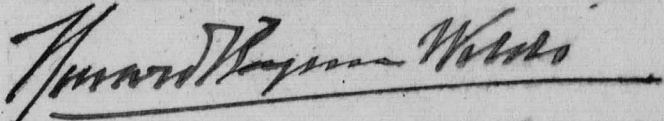
No 180. To permit H. P. Pipp to place a watering-trough at the curb in front of his premises on the south side of Unionport Road, 290 feet east of Morris Park Avenue, Van Nest Park, 24th Ward, New York City.



No 183. To permit Mrs John Woods to place and keep a wooden watering-trough on the sidewalk near the curb in front of her premises, No 1355 Boston Avenue.

The Water Purveyor reports that there is no objection to the approval of these two resolutions for watering-troughs. I therefore recommend that the resolutions be approved.

Very respectfully,

  
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

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*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* November 30, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,  
M a y e 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 201. To permit the 7th Street M. E. Church to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps at 7th Street and 2nd Avenue and 7th Street and 3rd Avenue respectively.

No 207. To permit the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of the Church on Edgecombe Avenue adjoining the south-east corner of 140th Street.

There is no objection to these resolutions, and I recommend that they be approved.

No 189. To supply the Headquarters of the Volunteer Firemen's Association with gas at the expense of the City.

As the Headquarters of the Volunteer Firemen's Association are used for private purposes, I see no reason why the City should furnish them with gas light; nor do I think it would be legal to carry this resolution into effect. I recommend that it be not approved.

No 193. To permit William J. Lynch to place and keep a storm-door in front of No 12 Stone Street.

No 194. To permit A. Berger to keep a storm-door in front of his premises at the corner of City Hall Place and Chambers Street.

No 195. To permit John H. Tegeler to place and keep a storm door at No 55 Whitehall Street.

No 199. To permit John P. Fredhoff to erect and keep a storm-door at the N. W. corner of Howard and Elm Streets.

No 205. To permit Harry Skelly to place and keep a storm-door at the south-west corner of Lowell St. and 3rd Avenue.



No 203. To permit Solomon Greenberg to place and keep a storm-door in front of his premises No 164 Cherry Street.

No 200. To permit H. O. Havemeyer to place and keep storm-doors in front of Nos 568 and 578 Broadway.

I recommend that these seven resolutions for storm-doors be not approved, because the erection and maintenance of storm-doors on the public sidewalks are illegal.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York.*

*Dec. 6th 1897.*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

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

- ✓ #236--to permit the Colonial Trust Company to place a storm door within the stoop line at the intersection of Broadway, Park Row and Ann Street.

I concur in the view of the Superintendent of Incumbrances that such a projection on the narrow and crowded sidewalk at this point is extremely objectionable, and I recommend the disapproval of the resolution.

- ✓ #228--to permit M.J. Foss to place a stepping stone in front of 17 East 93rd Street.

Stepping-stones on the sidewalk, near the curb, are among the most dangerous obstructions to pedestrians, and the Department is constantly in receipt of complaints and requests for their removal. I recommend the disapproval of the resolution.

- ✓ #223--to permit Wallack to place a sign at 228 Bowery.

According to the accompanying diagram this sign is to extend across the sidewalk to within a few feet of the curb, and would, therefore, be in violation of the General Ordinance, which limits the space for signs to three feet from the building line. The fact that it



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is proposed to make the sign swing back against the wall during the day-time, does not remove the objection to it. I recommend the disapproval of the resolution.

- ✓ #235--to permit Bennett & Day to place a shipping booth within the stoop-line, at the N.E. corner of Leonard & Hudson Streets.

I hold the view that the Common Council has no power to grant permission for the erection of structures for such usage on the public sidewalks, even within the stoop-line, and I recommend the disapproval of the resolution.

- ✓ #215--to permit A. Guttman to suspend a banner in front of No. 214 & 216 Eldridge St., Not to exceed four feet from the house line.

The resolution is objected to on the ground that the proposed banner, which is to be used as a sign, would exceed the limit of three feet from the house line, provided by General Ordinance. I recommend the disapproval of the resolution.

- ✓ #218--to permit Donnelly Bros., to keep a watering trough on 113th St., at Lexington Ave.

The Water Purveyor reports there is no objection to the resolution.

- ✓ #244--to pave 11th St. from Amsterdam Avenue to Riverside Drive with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation.

There is no objection to the resolution and ordinance.

- ✓ #240--to pave St. Nicholas Terrace from 130th St. to Convent Avenue with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation.

- ✓ #246--to pave St. Nicholas Terrace from 127th to 130th Sts., with granite block pavement on concrete foundation.

There is no objection on the part of this Department to these two resolutions and ordinances, but



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Mr. James A. Deering, as attorney for certain property owners, has protested against the paving of St. Nicholas Terrace at the present time, but stated that he would withdraw his objections if other property owners to be assessed desired the pavement. I have not been able to ascertain the wishes of the other property owners.

✓ #210--to appoint Edward L. Hartman a City Surveyor.

The Consulting Engineer reports there is no objection to the resolution.

✓ #242--to place an additional public lamp in front of the church Nos. 13--15 Jane St.

There is no objection to the resolution.

Very respectfully,

*Charles D. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



# Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 150 Nassau Street,

New York, Dec., 8, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

M A Y O R .

Dear Sir:-

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

- ✓ #270--to lay gas mains and place public lamps on 19th Avenue from White Plains Road to 4th St., and on 4th St., to Kingsbridge Road and on other streets.

There is no objection to the placing of gas mains and lamps on 19th Avenue, but 4th Street is not yet regulated and graded and has no sidewalks on which to place lamps; On Randall Avenue from Seton Ave., to Pratt Ave., there are no houses, and the resolution should, therefore, be amended by excluding 4th Street and Randall Avenue.

- ✓ #271--to place and light two public lamps in front of the Church of the Comforter.

There is no objection to this resolution.

- ✓ #272--to lay gas mains and place public lamps in 136th St., between St. Ann's Avenue and the Southern Boulevard.

This street is now lighted with electric lamps and there is no necessity for gas lamps, but there is no objection to laying the gas mains, which may be needed by private consumers.

- ✓ #273--to lay gas mains and place public lamps in Burnside Avenue from Jerome Avenue to Mc'Coomb's Dam Road.

- ✓ #275--to place two additional public lamps in front of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 127th St., and 5th Ave.

- ✓ #276--to lay gas mains and place public lamps in St. Nicholas Terrace from 127th St., to Convent Avenue.

- ✓ #278--to lay gas mains and place public lamps in 123rd St., from Amsterdam Avenue to Boulevard.

There is no objection to the four foregoing resolutions.



- ✓ #274--to lay gas mains and place public lamps in 172nd St., from Vyse Street to Bryant Street and in Bryant Street to Jennings Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution.

- ✓ #277--to lay gas mains and place public lamps in Harrison Avenue from Tremont Avenue, 500 feet northerly.

The Avenue is not regulated and graded and the resolution is premature.

- ✓ #281--to regulate and grade Kingsbridge Avenue from Van Corlears Place to Terrace View Avenue.

This improvement is desired by the owners of surrounding property and is necessary.

- ✓ #282--to fence vacant lots on west side of Edgecombe Avenue from 141st to 145th Streets.

The residents in this neighborhood have complained of these unfenced lots. They should be fenced in.

- ✓ #264--to pave 46th Street from 1st Avenue to East River, where within landed grants, with granite block pavement on concrete foundation.

- ✓ #267--to pave 115th Street from Morningside Avenue West to Amsterdam Avenue, with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation.

- ✓ #268--to pave 123rd Street from Amsterdam Avenue to Boulevard with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation.

The pavements called for in these three resolutions are necessary.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. D. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



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*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York,**Dec., 16, 1897/89.*

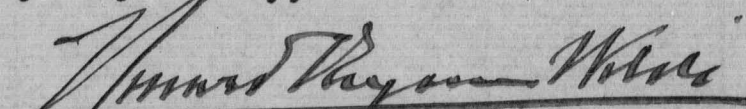
Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of resolution No. 286, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action, to permit the Third Avenue Railroad Company to place and keep a platform scale in the carriageway of Elizabeth Street, 53 feet North of Bayard Street in front of the Company's Power House, I beg to say I find from report made by the Superintendent of Incumbrances that the proposed scale is to be flush with the street pavement and will offer no obstruction to wagon traffic; there is, therefore, no objection to the resolution.

Very respectfully,



DEPUTY Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office,**No. 150 Nassau Street,**New York.*

Dec., 17, 1887.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

MAYOR.

Dear Sir:-

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

\* No. 300. To permit Hazard, Hazard and Co. to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No. 1150 Broadway.

\* No. 302. To permit V. Martin to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No. 1363 Broadway.

These two resolutions are objected to for the reason that the sidewalks on Broadway should be kept entirely free of incumbrances of any kind whatever, which are wholly or partially for private benefit and convenience.

\* No. 294. To permit H. O. Havemeyer to lay pipes across Crosby Street from his premises Nos. 115-117 to his premises directly opposite, for the purpose of conducting steam and electricity.

The Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct reports that he sees no objection to laying a set of pipes for steam and electricity across Crosby Street at the points named, provided said pipes are properly boxed and protected. The other mains should not be laid in the carriageway, but in the vaults on the west side of Crosby Street. The resolution and the accompanying plan should be amended accordingly.

Very respectfully,

*Charles F. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.



*Department of Public Works*  
*Commissioner's Office*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* December 24, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,  
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

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

✓ No 306. To appoint William D. Culver a City Surveyor.

Mr Culver has been employed in this Department for some-time and has the reputation of being accurate and industrious. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 322. To permit R. Gauze to place and keep a watering-trough in front of his premises, S. W. corner of Washington Avenue and 165th Street.

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

✓ No 313. To permit Henry Dorhman to place and keep on the sidewalk at the S. E. corner of Madison Avenue and 132nd Street a hitching post.

Hitching posts are illegal and a dangerous class of sidewalk obstructions. A ring and staple fixed in the curb would serve the same purpose. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*James Raymond Wilson*  
 Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works*  
*Commissioner's Office*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* December 27, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,  
 Mayor.

Dear Sir:

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

✓ No 331. To lay water-mains in Bryant Street, from Jennings Street to East 172nd Street.

✓ No 330. To lay water-mains in 136th Street, between St. Ann's Avenue and Southern Boulevard.

✓ No 332. To lay water-mains in 90th Street, between 1st Avenue and Avenue A.

The water-mains provided for in these three resolutions are necessary, and I recommend that the resolutions be approved

✓ No 334. For two lamps in front of the building of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Madison Avenue and 26th Street.

✓ No 354. To place three additional lamps in front of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement on Edgecombe Avenue at 140th Street.

✓ No 356. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Loring Place, from Hampden Street to University Avenue.

✓ No 355. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Fort Washington Avenue from 11th Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

There is no objection to either of these three resolutions and I recommend that they be approved.

✓ No 357. To place an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of the Exempt Firemen's Rooms, No 10 Greenwich Avenue.

Several years ago many ornamental lamps were erected and lighted in front of buildings used as club houses, and the Common Council adopted a resolution forbidding the payment of



any bills for lamps in front of such buildings. Then all the lamps were removed from in front of clubs, and there is not now a club house in this City with lamps paid for at the public expense; *but perhaps an exception might be made in the case of the old firemen -*

✓ No 333. To regulate, grade, etc., 12th Avenue, from north side of 47th Street to south side of 52nd Street.

This improvement is necessary. I recommend that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 337. To permit Schnugg and Hillenbrandt to erect a storm-door at No 36 Lenox Avenue.

This resolution is opposed on the ground that the erection and maintenance of storm-doors on public sidewalks is illegal.

✓ No 335. To permit Joshua Williams Davis to cut down the curb 2-1/2 inches at No 123 West 53rd Street.

This resolution is unnecessary as permission can be obtained from the Water Purveyor.

✓ No 328. To permit the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to place a side-track forty-five feet long in West Street, near Horatio Street.

As this track ~~track~~ is for the purpose of standing cars ~~on~~ to the obstruction of vehicular traffic on the street, I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* December 28, 1897

HON. 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 364. To permit La Vechia and Marasco to place and keep a storm-door in front of the premises No 235 Elizabeth Street.

✓ No 365. To permit Daniel Desmond to place and keep a storm-door at No 1,501 Lexington Avenue.

The erection and maintenance of storm-doors on the public sidewalks are illegal. I therefore recommend that these two resolutions be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. D. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.



*Department of Public Works,**Commissioner's Office.**No 150 Nassau Street,**New York,* December 31, 1897

HON. 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 375. To regulate, grade, etc., Audubon Avenue, from 175th Street to Fort George Avenue.

Although the opening of this avenue has not yet been confirmed, the regulating and grading of it is very desirable, and I recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 369. To renumber the houses on Park Avenue in the 23rd and 24th Wards.

As this renumbering is to be done under the Commissioner of the 23rd and 24th Wards, the resolution should be sent to him for report.

Very respectfully,

  
DEPUTY Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,*

*December 31, 1897*

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

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 378, to permit the New York Ice Company to lay a ten-inch suction pipe along East 18th Street to the East River from No 525 East 18th Street, I beg to report that this Department has no objection to the laying of the proposed pipe, provided a proper permit be granted by this Department and by the Department of Docks.

Very respectfully,

*Andrew Hyman Weiss*

DEPUTY Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.