

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

*New York,* January 28, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

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No 936. For flagging, etc., south side of 118th Street, from St. Nicholas Avenue 35 feet westerly.

These resolutions and ordinances are based on my certificate that the flagging, reflagging, etc., are necessary.

No 937. For flagging, etc., north side of 90th Street, from West End Avenue 100 feet westerly.

The Supt. of Street Improvements reports that, since the date of my certificate of the necessity of this improvement, and the introduction of the resolution and ordinance, the property owners have made the improvement called for by the ordinance, which now becomes unnecessary.



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No 924. To permit the Church of Zion and St. Timothy to place and keep an inscription on the street lamp in front of the carriage house No 337 West 56th Street.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No 926. To lay gas-mains and light public lamps in Burnside Avenue, from Webster Avenue to Jerome Avenue.

No 929. To lay gas-mains and light public lamps in Cambreling Avenue, from Pelham Avenue to Crescent Avenue.

The gas-mains and public lamps provided for in these two resolutions are necessary.

No 927. To lay water-mains in Burnside Avenue, between Webster Avenue and Jerome Ave.

The Avenue is graded and partly sewered and there are seven houses to be supplied with water. The water-mains are necessary.

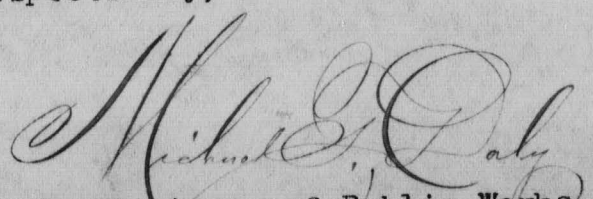
No 930. To pave 96th Street, from Park Avenue to 5th Avenue, with granite blocks.

The street is provided with all the improvements which should precede paving, except the laying of water-mains. The pavement is necessary and the Department will see that the water-mains are laid.

No 931. To pave Park Avenue, from 96th to 97th Street, with granite blocks.

The avenue is provided with all the improvements which should precede paving. The pavement is necessary.

Very respectfully,

  
Commissioner of Public Works.



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*Department of Public Works,*

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*No 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

February 4, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

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Dear Sir:

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

No 945. To fence the vacant lot No 775 1st Avenue.

This vacant lot is in a densely built up block and is made the receptacle for all kinds of refuse, making it a menace to the health of the neighborhood. It should be fenced in to prevent this.

No 948. For flagging, reflagging, etc., west side of 7th Avenue, from 149th to 153rd Street.

This resolution and ordinance is not preceded by the certificate of the Commissioner of Public Works, which section 321 of the Consolidation Act, and chapter 569, Laws of 1887, require, and is, therefore, inoperative or invalid.

No 953. To regulate, grade, etc., 179th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

The title to the street is vested in the City and it should be graded, curbed and flagged for the benefit of abutting and surrounding property.



No 951. For gas-mains and public lamps in 107th Street, from Columbus Avenue to Central Park West.

Gas-mains and lamps are necessary.

No 952. For two additional lamps in front of the German Reform Bethany Church, 235 East 109th Street.

This Church edifice is entitled to two extra lamps.

No 954. For gas-mains and public lamps in 173rd Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

Gas-mains and lamps are necessary.

No 950. For water-mains in 107th Street, from Columbus Avenue to Central Park West.

The street is graded and sewered, and there are two houses to be supplied with water. Water-mains are necessary.

No 942. To permit E. Ridley and Sons to lay three iron pipes enclosed in an eight-inch pipe across Allen Street, for conducting steam and water between the premises Nos 64 and 63.

The Chief Engineer reports that he has examined into the matter and finds no objection to the laying of the proposed pipe.

No 944. To pave the east side of 4th Avenue, from 33rd to 34th Street.

This is necessary to pave a vacant space in the carriageway in front of the new Armory of the 71st Regiment.

No 749. To pave Columbus Avenue, from 126th to 127th Street, with granite blocks.

The pavement is necessary for the benefit of abutting and surrounding property.

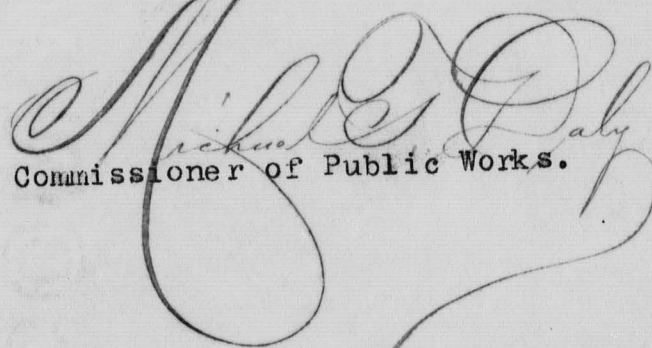


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No 955. To pave Convent Avenue, from 106th to 149th Street with asphalt.

The avenue is provided with all the improvements which should precede paving. An asphalt pavement is suitable to the avenue and is necessary.

Very respectfully,

  
Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioners Office,  
No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* February 9, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

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

No 957. To permit John N. Buck to place and keep an awning in front of Nos 374 and 376 Park Avenue.

The maintenance of such awnings is authorized by ordinance of the Common Council passed April 13th, 1886, which is quoted in the resolution. This Department has no objection to make.

No 961. To permit L. Marri to place and keep an iron screen within the stoop-line in front of No 1,906 3rd Avenue.

Under this resolution it is proposed to erect an iron railing, enclosing the stoop-line space for the protection of merchandise to be displayed there. Such a railing existed at this place, but was removed by the Bureau of Incumbrances as an illegal obstruction on complaint from the tenants of the house, who objected to it. The proposed privilege should not be granted.

No 963. To lay water-mains in Boston Avenue, between Bailey and Sedgwick Avenues, etc.

The Chief Engineer reports that these water-



mains are necessary.

No 765. To lay water-mains in Cambreling Avenue, between Pelham Avenue and 187th Street.

The Chief Engineer reports that the avenue is not graded, and should be graded before water-mains are laid.

No 966. To lay water-mains in 147th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues.

The Chief Engineer reports that the water-mains are necessary.

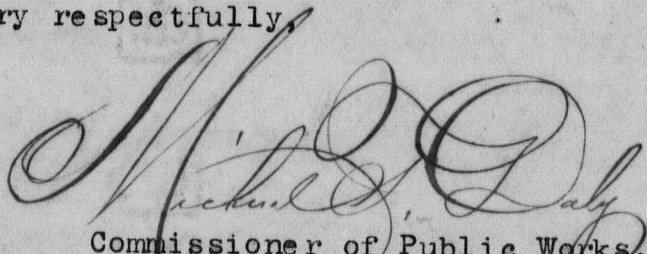
No 967. For flagging, reflagging, etc., on south side of 65th Street, east of Columbus Avenue.

This improvement is necessary for the safety, health and convenience of the public, as shown by the certificate accompanying the ordinance.

No 968. To flag the sidewalk on the east side of 8th Avenue, from 142nd to 143rd Street, eight feet wide.

This resolution and ordinance can have no legal effect without a preceding certificate by the Commissioner of Public Works of the necessity of the same, as required by section 321 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as amended by chapter 569, Laws of 1887. Such certificate has not been made.

Very respectfully,

  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
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No 34 Chambers Street,*

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HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

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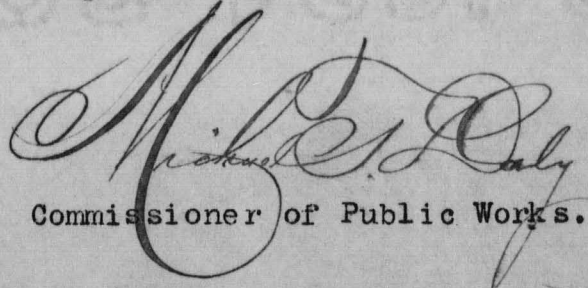
No 958. To permit Joseph P. McHugh and Co. to place and keep an ornamental clock on the unused lamp-post in front of No 3 West 42nd Street.

This would mean the appropriation of a public lamp-post for private use or benefit, and is, therefore, not admissible. The lamp-post may be required for the public service of a gas-lamp in case of interruption of electric lighting.

No 959. To permit A. O. Ruschhaupt to place and keep an ornamental post and clock in front of No 699 10th Avenue.

There is no objection to the resolution which complies with the Revised ordinances relating to the privilege of placing clocks and posts.

Very respectfully,

  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

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*New York,*

February 16, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested in the letter of transmittal of 14th inst. from your office, I have the honor to make report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 969. For gas-mains and public lamps in 187th Street, between Cambreling and Arthur Avenues.

The Supt. of Lamps and Gas reports that this includes two blocks of about 200 feet each, on which there are six houses needing gas and street light. The resolution is proper.

No 970. For gas-mains and public lamps in Tower Place, between Webster Avenue and the Harlem Railroad.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that this is a block of about 200 feet, on which there are two houses and a stable. The gas-mains and public lamps are necessary.

No 977. To permit the Life Publishing Company to place and keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of Nos 19 and 21 West 31st Street.

There is no objection to these ornamental lamps, which will add to the street light. They conform to the restrictions of the general ordinance as to dimensions.



No 980. To place two public lamps in front of the Harlem Presbyterian Church on 125th Street, near Madison Avenue.

These lamps are already in place, but were extinguished when electric light was introduced on 125th Street. It is proper to relight them, which will be done in pursuance of this resolution, as the Church is entitled to the two extra lamps allowed to each Church edifice by general ordinance.

No 972. To fence vacant lots S. E. corner of Madison Avenue and 94th Street.

The Supt. of Street Improvements reports that these vacant lots are surrounded by fine residences, and are used for the deposit of rubbish and for other nuisances. To prevent this they should be fenced in.

No 973. To fence vacant lots N. E. corner of 120th Street and Manhattan Avenue.

The Superintendent of Street Improvements reports that the resolution is defective in not giving the distances on the street and avenue from the corner to which vacant lots shall be fenced in.

No 983. For flagging and reflagging the sidewalks on the south side of 87th Street, from the Boulevard to West End Avenue.

This resolution and ordinance is based on a certificate dated the 21st ultimo by the Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works, that the flagging and reflagging are necessary for the safety, health and convenience of the public.

No 979. For water-mains in St. Nicholas Avenue, from 119th to 120th Street.

There are five houses in this block which



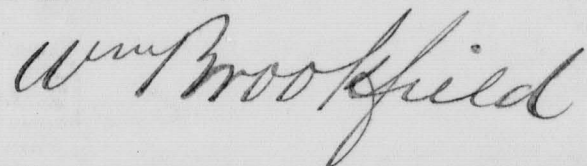
require water supply. The water-mains are necessary.

No 981. Directing the Commissioner of Public Works to extend the Croton water service across West Street, from the large main in the street to piers 44 and 45 at the foot of Christopher and West 10th Streets respectively.

From report of the Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct, I find the circumstances in this case to be as follows: Sometime ago this Department laid two 6-inch mains at the foot of Christopher and West 10th Streets respectively, across West Street for a distance of 70 feet where its jurisdiction ends, and the jurisdiction of the Department of Docks begins. Beyond these points there is a space or plaza 180 feet wide to the bulkhead. The two mains referred to were laid specially for the water supply to the piers in that location, and hitherto, in all similar cases, the water pipes from the ends of such mains to the piers, have been laid either by the Department of Docks or the lessees of piers, and the Chief Engineer has always regarded them in the nature of service pipes, and not public mains. Considering these facts, and the fact that the space or plaza referred to is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Docks, he thinks that this Department should not be charged with the expense of laying the pipes and be responsible for their condition. It is also doubtful whether the appropriation for public water-mains, made under the provisions of section 356 of the Consolidation Act could legally be applied to the expense of laying

these pipes, which should be classified as service-pipes, and should, therefore, be laid at the expense of the parties for whose use and accommodation they are required.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm Brookfield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works*

*Commissioner's Office*

*No. 34 Chambers Street*

*New York*

February 25, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

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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 985. To permit Ehrich Bros to place and keep storm-doors in front of Nos 115 and 119 West 22nd Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that these storm-doors are already erected; that the one in front of No 115 West 22nd Street measures 15 feet in frontage and 5 feet 6 inches in depth or width, and the one in front of No 119 measures 38 feet 3 inches in frontage, and 4 feet 10 inches in width or depth. He states that these structures have several times been complained of as unnecessary obstructions of the public sidewalk, and that they have been placed in violation of law, and seriously interfere with the free use of the sidewalk.

No 986. To permit Jonathan King to construct a storm-door within the stoop-line at No 503 West 21st Street.

The storm-door is to conform to the limits of dimensions prescribed by a general ordinance of the



Common Council, passed in March, 1886, giving general privilege for the erection of such storm-doors without special resolution or ordinance in individual cases.

No 987. To permit John Clark to place and keep a ventilator box on the sidewalk, within the stoop-line, in front of Nos 1 and 2 Park Row.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the proposed ventilator box would not interfere with the public use of the sidewalk, but he doubts the power of the Common Council to grant such privilege.

No 988. To permit A. S. Walker to place and keep an awning in front of No 1 West 81st Street, in conformity with the ordinance of April 13th, 1886.

The general ordinance referred to is sufficient authority for the erection of awnings in conformity therewith. Special resolutions in individual cases are unnecessary.

No 990. To permit J. Dreicer and Son to place and keep an ornamental clock and post on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of No 292 5th Avenue.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the post and clock will conform to the limits of dimensions prescribed by the general ordinance, and that there is no objection to the resolution.

No 991. To permit Luke G. Lynch to place and keep a show-case in front of No 108 West 23rd Street.

From report of the Supt. of Incumbrances, I find that complainants against a show-case and other obstructions at this location applied to the Supreme



Court for a writ of mandamus, compelling their removal, and that they were removed by the owners on notice from this Department, and the application to the Court was withdrawn. I am also informed that, in similar cases, the Courts have granted writs of mandamus for the removal of such obstructions.

No 994. To place two additional public lamps in front of All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, S. E. corner of 81st Street and West End Avenue.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to the resolution.

No 995. To place two additional public lamps in front of public school No 11 at No 314 West 17th Street.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that no night school is held in this school building, and there is, therefore, no necessity for additional public lamps.

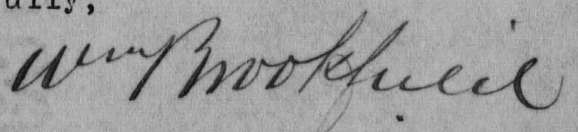
No 992. Appointing Charles W. Bryden a City Surveyor.

The Consulting Engineer reports that Mr Bryden has had long experience and practice in surveying and civil engineering, and is fully competent to perform the duties of City Surveyor.

No 996. To lay water-mains in 114th Street, between Amsterdam and Morningside Avenues, etc..

The Chief Engineer reports that these water-mains are necessary to supply the new St. Luke's Hospital

Very respectfully,



Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works*

*Commissioner's Office*

*No. 34 Chambers Street*

*New York*

March 4, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

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Dear Sir:

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

No 1. To permit St. Cecilia Church, of 106th Street and Lexington Avenue, to place transparencies on the lamp-posts at the intersections of 106th Street and Lexington Avenue, and 100th, 110th and 116th Streets and 3rd Avenue, during the pleasure of the Common Council.

I concur in the view of the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas that this privilege, if granted at all, should be limited to a specific period, not exceeding two weeks. If the present resolution should be approved, it would require a resolution of repeal to abridge the privilege.

No 2. To permit Calvary Presbyterian Church to place transparencies on the lamp-posts at the intersections of 116th Street with 5th and Lenox Avenues, for one week commencing April 15th, 1895.

In view of the restricted period for which the transparencies are to remain, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 9. To permit Ludwig Tangredi to place and keep an ornamental lamp and post in front of No 1,769 Lexington Avenue.

The Supt. of Lamps and Gas reports that



resolutions for such privileges usually contain a clause prohibiting the use of the lamps for advertising purposes, and it seems proper that the resolution be amended to include such prohibition.

No 13. For gas-mains in Vanderbilt Avenue, between Tremont Avenue and East 178th Street.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No 17. For gas-mains and public lamps in Jefferson Avenue, from Columbine Street to Crescent Avenue.

The gas-mains and public lamps are necessary.

No 18. For gas-mains in Vanderbilt Avenue, from 178th to 180th Street.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No 30. For gas-mains and public lamps in Burnside Avenue, from Aqueduct Avenue to Sedgwick Avenue.

The gas-mains and public lamps are necessary.

No 3. To permit Christopher Purcell to place and keep a watering-trough at the S. E. corner of Columbus Avenue and 124th Street.

The Water Purveyor reports that this is a proper location for a watering-trough as a public convenience.

No 20. To pave 140th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Hamilton Place, with asphalt.

The street is graded and provided with sewers, water-mains and gas-mains, and is suitable for an asphalt pavement.

No 21. To regulate, grade, etc., Edgecombe Avenue, from 155th to 175th Street.

This improvement is necessary for the benefit of surrounding property.



No 22. To regulate, grade, etc., Cooper Street, from Academy Street to Isham Street.

This improvement is necessary for the benefit of surrounding property.

No 23. To fence vacant lots south side of 96th Street, between Madison and Park Avenues.

These vacant lots are surrounded by improved property, and should be fenced in to prevent the deposit or commission of nuisances thereon.

No 12. To lay water-mains in Webster Avenue, between Samuel Street and Mosholu Parkway.

The Chief Engineer reports that the water-mains are necessary.

No 14. To lay water-mains in 114th Street, between Amsterdam and Morningside Avenues, and in Morningside Avenue, between 113th and 114th Streets.

From report of the Chief Engineer, I find that a resolution providing for these water-mains was approved on the 26th ultimo. The present resolution is, therefore unnecessary.

No 25. To lay water-mains in Cedar Place, between Eagle and Union Avenues.

The Chief Engineer reports that Cedar Place is graded between Union and Jackson Avenues, but not between Jackson and Eagle Avenues. The resolution should therefore be amended so as to confine the water-mains to that part of the street or place which is graded.

No 26. To lay water-mains in Melrose Avenue, from 149 to 163rd Street.

The Chief Engineer reports that a resolution for these water-mains was passed last year, and that a



contract for laying them was let on the 26th ultimo.

The present resolution is, therefore, unnecessary.

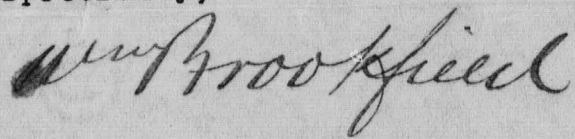
No 28. To lay water-mains in 187th Street, between Cambreling and Arthur Avenues.

The Chief Engineer reports that this part of 187th Street is not graded. It should be graded before water-mains are laid.

No 29. To lay water-mains in 96th Street, between Park and 5th Avenues.

The street is graded and sewered, and an ordinance has been passed to have it paved. The water-mains are necessary and should be laid in advance of the pavement.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner of Public Works.



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March 4, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

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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 5. To permit Morris Abraham to keep a soda-water and news-stand in front of No 104 Clinton Street.

No 6. To permit Gandolfi Lozzoro to keep a fruit-stand in front of No 44 West 3rd Street.

No 7. To permit Solomon Marculescu to keep a soda-water stand in front of No 112 Orchard Street.

No 8. To permit Sam Schleiff to keep a soda water-stand at No 195 Forsyth Street.

No 15. To permit James McGuire to keep a fruit-stand in front of No 809 Broadway.

No 998. To permit Isaac Seigel to keep a soda-water stand in front of No 2 Ludlow Street.

No 1000. To permit Marks Lazarus to keep a soda-water stand in front of No 26 Essex Street.

From examination it is found that all the foregoing resolutions for soda-water stands and fruit-stands conform to the provisions of chapters 418, Laws of 1887, and 115, Laws of 1888, conferring on the Common Council the power to grant such privileges. If the resolutions are approved the stands will become fixed obstructions

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on the sidewalks, which this Department cannot remove unless the limitations of privilege prescribed by law and by the resolutions are exceeded.

No 10. To permit L. H. Harrison to place and keep a flag-pole and American flag in front of No 198 Hudson Street.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the flag-pole has already been erected, and that there is no objection to the resolution.

No 11. To permit Peter Schmidt to place and keep an awning in front of No 388 Park Avenue.

The ordinance passed April 13th, 1886, which is referred to in the resolution, permits the erection of such awnings.

No 997. To permit Joseph P. McHugh and Co. to place and keep a post and ornamental clock in front of their premises at 42nd Street and 5th Avenue.

The location given in the resolution is indefinite, and no limitation is made as to the dimensions of the post and clock. The resolution should be amended in these respects.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.



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*New York,* March 11, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

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Dear Sir:

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

✓ No 32. To place a street lamp in front of the Seaman's Christian Association, No 665 Washington Street

The Supt. of Lamps and Gas reports that the building is occupied as a church, and that there is no objection to the resolution.

✓ No 33. For gas-mains and public lamps in 111th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues.

The street has recently been graded, and should be provided with gas-mains and public lamps.

No 41. To permit Bernhard Braunstein to place and keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 14 Prince Street.

The Supt. of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to the resolution.

No 57. For gas-mains on Bailey Avenue, from Sedgwick Avenue to Boston Avenue.

✓ There is no objection to the resolution, as the gas-mains are to be laid at the expense of the Gas Company.

✓ No 58. For gas-mains and public lamps on Simpson Street, from 169th Street to Freeman Street.

The gas-mains and public lamps are necessary, as



there are 19 houses on the line of the street requiring gas light.

No 59. For gas-mains in Melrose Avenue, from 149th to 163rd Street.

There is no objection to the resolution, as the gas-mains are to be laid at the expense of the Gas Company.

No 51. To permit Thomas McGolabrick to place and keep a watering-trough in front of No 109 North Moore Street.

The Water Purveyor reports that this is a proper location for a watering-trough as a public convenience.

No 65. To pave Manhattan Avenue, between 100th and 103rd Streets, with asphalt block pavement.

The avenue is graded and provided with sewers and gas-mains, and measures are in progress to lay water-mains. The pavement is necessary, and as it is petitioned for by the property owners to be assessed for the cost thereof, there appears to be no objection to an asphalt block pavement.

No 36. To fence vacant lots north side of 99th Street and south side of 100th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.

These lots are surrounded by improved property, and should be fenced in to prevent the deposit of refuse and the commission of nuisances on them.

No 37. To lay water-mains in 101st Street and in 102nd Street, between Central Park West and Manhattan Avenues, and in Manhattan Avenue, between 100th and 103rd Streets.

The Chief Engineer reports that these water-mains are necessary to supply houses already erected and in course of erection.

No 60. To lay water-mains in Bailey Avenue, between Kingsbridge Road and Boston Avenue, and in 156th Street, between Railroad and Cortlandt Avenues.



The Chief Engineer reports that the avenue and street are graded, and that there are 16 houses to be supplied with water. The water-mains are necessary.

No 61. To lay water-mains in 167th Street, between 3rd and Brook Avenues.

The Chief Engineer reports that the street is graded, and that there are six houses to be supplied with water. The water-mains are necessary.

No 55. To permit D. J. Carroll to place and keep a platform scale on the north side of 18th Street, near the corner of Avenue C.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the proposed platform scale will be no obstruction to public travel, and therefore not objectionable.

No 42 To permit John D. Strahmann to put a barber's sign on the lamp-post at No 1360 Lexington Avenue.

I concur in the report of the Supt. of Lamps and Gas that public lamps should not be used for such advertising purposes, and the resolution should not be approved.

No 52. To permit the Gilford Union to place transparencies on six unused lamp-posts at various locations on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Avenues for four weeks.

I doubt the propriety of granting any such privileges. The whole system of permitting this kind of advertising upon the public highways, and using City property therefor, is pernicious, and the demand for such licences is on the increase.

No 34. To pave 63rd Street, from the Boulevard to Columbus Avenue, with asphalt, as soon as the funds in the possession of the Commissioner of Public Works will allow the same.

While an asphalt pavement on this part of 63rd Street in place of the trap block pavement which was laid in 1881, appears desirable, there is now an appropriation of only \$250,000 for repavements for 1895, which will be utterly inadequate for repavements which are of much



greater necessity. Furthermore, no repavement under this appropriation can be made, and no ordinance or resolution of the Common Council would be operative, without previous certificate by the Commissioner of Public Works that the safety, health and convenience of the public require the repavement, as provided in section 321 of the Consolidation Act. The resolution, if approved, would embarrass this Department.

No 38. To permit Emil F. Hess to place and keep a wooden movable pedestal in front of No 1623 1st Avenue.

I concur in the report of the Supt. of Incumbrances that this would be an objectionable and illegal obstruction on the public sidewalk.

No 44. To permit the Young Men's Institute of the Young Men's Christian Association to place and keep a bulletin board around the elevated railroad column in front of No 222 Bowery.

I concur in the report of the Supt. of Incumbrances that this would be objectionable on account of causing the collection of crowds on the sidewalk and consequent obstruction to the public use thereof. The Elevated Railroad Co. prohibits advertising on its structure.

53. To permit Jacob Rothschild to place a temporary portable structure, enclosing a sidewalk elevator, within the stopp-line in front of No 154 Crosby Street.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that this structure is already in place, and is an illegal obstruction of the public sidewalk.

No 54. To permit John H. Iden to erect an awning in front of premises S. W. corner of 1st Avenue and 4th Street.

The erection of such awnings is permitted by general ordinance passed in April, 1886. The present resolution is, therefore, unnecessary.



No 56. To permit Lanza and Nesi to keep a movable pole and sign on the curb in front of No 103 3rd Avenue.

I concur in the report of the Supt. of Incumbrances that such movable sign at or near the curb would be an objectionable and illegal obstruction.

No 40. To permit Nathan Wasserberger to keep a stand for the sale of soda water in front of No 109 Rivington Street.

No 43. To permit Morris Rosenbloom to keep a stand for the sale of soda water in front of No 107 Essex St.

No 46. To permit Max Block to keep a stand for the sale of soda water, etc., in front of No 100 Eldridge Street.

No 47. To permit Jacob Segall to keep a stand for the sale of soda water etc., in front of No 53 Bowery.

No 48. To permit William Wasserman to keep a stand for the sale of soda water, etc., in front of No 306 Broome Street.

No 49. To permit Wolf Fleisher to keep a stand for the sale of soda water, etc., in front of No 307 Broome Street.

No 50. To permit Simon Sagalowitz to keep a stand for the sale of soda water, etc., in front of No 111 Forsyth Street.

In regard to the foregoing resolutions for soda water stands, I beg to repeat my report of 4th inst. on similar resolutions, viz: that while the provisions of chapter 418, Laws of 1887, and chapter 115, Laws of 1888, authorizing the Common Council to grant such privileges, are apparently complied with, the stands would become fixed obstructions on the public sidewalks which this Department would have no power to remove unless the privileges conferred by the law and the resolutions should at any time be exceeded. The Supt. of Incumbrances also reports to me that he is in receipt of numerous complaints from store keepers of unjust discrimination and unfair competition in allowing people to use public sidewalks

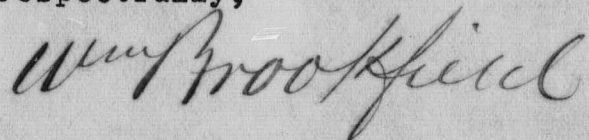


for the sale of articles and pursuit of trade free of rental, while they have to pay rent for their stores. This system is pernicious and the demand is growing.

No 39. To permit Marks Lazarus to keep a stand for the sale of notions and fancy goods in front of No 47 Hester Street.

The report made on the foregoing resolutions for soda water stands applies in this case, and, in addition thereto, I would state that the resolution is clearly outside of the powers conferred by the Laws of 1887 and 1888, which limit the privileges the Common Council may grant to stands for the sale of soda water, fruit, newspapers and periodicals.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm. Brookfield".

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* March 18, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the enclosed resolution,  
No 94, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting  
your action, to lay a crosswalk within the lines of the  
southerly sidewalk of 121st Street, from the easterly  
line of St. Nicholas Avenue to the westerly line of  
8th Avenue, I beg to call your attention to the  
accompanying certificate, that the crosswalk is neces-  
sary for the "safety, health and convenience of the  
public," and to recommend the approval of the resolution  
and ordinance.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*

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Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* March 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 75. To permit the Fire Department to place small signs on the public lamp-posts to indicate the locations of fire alarm signal boxes.

These signs are necessary to facilitate the finding of fire alarm boxes in cases of fire. It is, therefore, recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 84. To lay water-mains in Amsterdam Avenue, from 133rd to 135th Street, and in 133rd Street, between Amsterdam and Convent Avenues.

These sections of Amsterdam Avenue and 133rd Street are graded, there are eight houses to be supplied with water and water-mains are necessary, but the resolution should be amended to read:

"That water-mains be laid in Amsterdam Avenue, from 133rd to 135th Street, and in 133rd Street, between Amsterdam and Convent Avenues, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882."

No 85. To lay crosswalks across Barclay and Vesey Streets on the easterly and westerly sides of Church Street.

As stated in the certificate of the Commissioner of Public Works accompanying this resolution, the crosswalks provided for are necessary for the "safety, health and convenience of the public." It is, therefore, recommended that the resolution be approved.



No 87. To lay water-mains in 164th Street, between Morris and Railroad Avenues, and in 168th Street, between 3rd and Railroad Avenues.

The water-mains provided for in this resolution are necessary, the streets in which they are to be laid being graded, and there being 18 houses to supply with water.

No 93. To fence vacant lots on 89th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, and on Amsterdam Avenue, between 88th and 89th Streets.

These vacant lots are dangerous and ought to be fenced in. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 95. To lay water-mains from Pleasant Avenue and 121st Street to and under the Harlem River to and across Randall's Island.

The water-mains provided for in this resolution are necessary to supply the institutions on Randall's Island, as the water-mains through which these institutions are supplied at present are liable to be interfered with by the dredging of the Harlem River now proceeding under the direction of the U. S. Government.

No 73. Permitting S. Harris to place a clock and post in front of No 382 Grand Street.

The proposed post and clock do not exceed the dimensions prescribed by the ordinances governing the erection of such posts and clocks. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 89. To pave 89th Street, from 4th to 5h Avenue, with granite blocks.

The street is graded and provided with sewers and gas-mains, but no water-main. It is proper that the street be paved, however, and the Chief Engineer will be instructed to see that the water-mains are laid in advance of the pavement. The approval of the resolution



is recommended.

No 90. To pave 107th Street, from Columbus Avenue to Central Park West, with granite blocks.

This street has been regulated and graded, and has a sewer and gas pipes but no water mains. The pavement is necessary, and I have instructed the Chief Engineer to see that water-mains are laid in advance of the pavement. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 70. To rescind, annul and repeal the resolution passed december 11th, 1894, to regulate and grade 12th Avenue, from 133rd to 138th Street.

The Supt. of Street Improvements reports that this avenue should be regulated and graded for the following reasons:

The avenue has been legally acquired by the City, and the citizens are entitled to have it put in a condition suitable for public travel.

Under the ordinance which the present resolution would repeal, a surveyor was appointed. He has completed his preliminary survey, filed his map and estimate of quantities, and his bill for these services has been transmitted to the Comptroller for payment. In its present condition, the avenue stops at the foot of an embankment about 30 feet high. By regulating and grading the avenue to 138th Street, a large section of water front will be opened up, which will be a boon to the public in that part of the City. It is the experience of this Department that improvements of all kinds follow the regulating and grading of a street or avenue, and that the tax valuation of the property is increased thereby.

It is respectfully recommended that the resolution of repeal be not approved.

No 72. To permit John G. Meister and Jacob Faust to keep a watering-trough at 1286 1st Avenue.

No 79. To permit Charles Martin to place and keep a watering-trough in front of No 676 Morris Avenue.

No 80. To permit Charles Weiss to place and keep a watering-trough in front of 548 St. Ann's Avenue.

The watering-troughs provided for in these resolutions are necessary to water horses. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.



No 83. To permit the Harlem Catholic Club to place transparencies on five unused lamp-posts, and to keep them there not longer than four weeks.

This resolution should be amended so as to comply with the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday last, limiting to two weeks the time for keeping transparencies on lamp-posts, and also limiting to four the number of lamp-posts on which transparencies may be placed.

No 88. To lay water-mains in Tinton Avenue, from Home Street to 169th Street.

This resolution is unnecessary as the work provided for is included in a resolution passed last year to lay water-mains in Tinton Avenue, between 163rd and 169th Street. A contract for these water-mains will be signed in a few days.

No 91. To lay water-mains in Franklin Avenue, from Tremont Avenue to Oakland Place.

The Chief Engineer reports that Franklin Avenue, between Tremont Avenue and Oakland Place, is not graded, and that it should be graded before water-mains are laid. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 92. To fence vacant lots on north side of 80th Street, between the Boulevard and West End Avenue, and between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive.

Since the introduction of this resolution the lots referred to have been fenced in, therefore the resolution should be vetoed.

No 69. To permit Peter Kelly to place and keep a stand for the sale of newspapers, periodicals and fruit in front of No 155 Centre Street.

No 74. To permit Max Tannenbaum to place and keep a soda water and fruit stand in front of Nos 103 and 105 Ridge Street.



I beg to substantially repeat my reports of the 4th and the 11th inst. on resolutions for similar stands, viz: that while the resolutions appear to conform to the provisions of chapters 418, Laws of 1887, and 115, Laws of 1888, such stands would become fixed obstructions on the public sidewalks, which this Department would have no power to remove., and that many storekeepers justly complaint of being placed in unfair competition with standholders who pay no rental.

No 71. To permit George F. Lillienthal to erect an iron winding stairway within the stoop-line from the sidewalk to the first story of No 166 Maiden Lane.

I concur in the report of the Supt. of Incumbrances that such a structure on the public sidewalks, especially in a narrow and crowded thoroughfare like Maiden Lane, would be a very serious obstruction, and it is believed that the Common Council has no power to grant permission for the same.

No 76. To permit the N. Y. Free Circulating Library to erect a sign upon a post 7 feet high at the S. E. corner of 14th Street and 8th Avenue.

From report of the Supt. of Incumbrances it appears that it is proposed to place this sign at the curb, where it would be a serious obstruction to public travel, and it is believed that the Common Council has no power to grant permission for the same.

No 82. To permit George Alexander to place and keep a show-case within the stoop-line in front of No 21 West 30th Street.

It has always been held that no power is vested in any branch of the City Government to permit the erection and keeping of show-cases on any part of the public sidewalks, and, in the event of any complaint from a neighbor or other person, the Bureau of



Incumbrances would have to remove the show-case notwithstanding any supposed authority for the same by this resolution.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collins*

*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.



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

*New York,* March 25, 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 102. To permit Henry Seebeck to place and keep a watering-trough in front of No 357 Pearl Street.

The Water Purveyor reports that this is a proper location for a watering-trough for public convenience.

No 104. To permit E. Mahler to place and keep an ornamental clock and pillar in front of No 733 6th Avenue.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the pillar and clock will not exceed the dimensions prescribed by general ordinance. There is no objection to the resolution.

No 105. To permit Jacob Rothschild to place and keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of the Hotel Majestic, 72nd Street and Central Park West.

The Supt. of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to the resolution.

No 100. To permit the Mattson Rubber Company to extend a vault in front of No 8 College Place 16 feet beyond the present curb-line.

The widening and extension of College Place has recently been consummated, and this Department is about



to regulate and grade the street, build sewers and lay water-mains, according to the altered lines. The gas-mains and electric subways will have to be changed to conform to the altered lines. I concur in the report of the Chief Engineer that, under these circumstances, it is not advisable to allow such vault extension into the carriageway of the street. In fact it is very doubtful whether a municipal corporation has the right to grant a license for the private use of a highway which belongs to the <sup>whole</sup> public. I recommend that the resolution be not approved.

No 101. To pave 112th Street, from 5th to 7th Avenue, with asphalt.

This conflicts with an ordinance approved June 5th, 1894, to pave 112th Street, from 5th to Lenox Avenue, with granite blocks, for which a contract and specifications have been prepared. I recommend that the resolution be disapproved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles M. J. Collis*

*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York, April 1, 1895.*

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:

No 111. To place and light a public lamp opposite the alley-way at No 212 West 18th Street.

In accordance with the report made by me to the Board of Aldermen, and attached to the resolution, the public lamp is necessary.

No 112. To permit E. H. McDonald to place and keep an ornamental lamp post and lamp in front of No 304 Bowery.

The Supt. of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to the resolution.

No 113. To permit Sebastian Brown to place and keep a platform scale at foot of East 86th Street.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the proposed platform and scale will not interfere with public travel, and that there is no objection to the resolution.

No 114. To permit Messrs Wise and Miller to remove an ornamental clock and post from in front of No 865 Broadway to the front of No 332 5th Avenue.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that there is no objection to this change in the location of the ornamental clock and post.



No 116. To pave 133rd Street, between 12th Avenue and the Boulevard, with granite blocks.

The Water Purveyor reports that the street is sewered and provided with gas-mains, and that water-mains will be laid in advance of the pavement. The pavement is necessary and there is no objection to the resolution.

No 118. To lay water-mains in 108th Street, from the Boulevard to Amsterdam Avenue.

The street is graded and sewered, and there are three houses to be supplied with water. The water-mains are necessary.

No 119. To lay water-mains in Brook Avenue, between 133rd and 138th Streets; in Union Avenue, from Kelly to 149th Street, and in 132nd Street, from Brook Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue.

The Chief Engineer reports that these streets are graded and sewered, and that there are 20 houses to be supplied with water. The water-mains are necessary.

No 120. To lay water-mains in Lind Avenue, between Union Street and Sedgwick Avenue.

The Avenue is graded and there are 13 houses to be supplied with water. The water-mains are necessary.

No 122. To lay water-mains in 139th Street, from Ryder Avenue to Morris Avenue.

The street is graded and there are four houses to be supplied with water. Water-mains are necessary.

No 123. To lay water-mains in 133rd Street, between 12th Avenue and the Boulevard.

The street is graded and sewered and the water-mains are necessary.

No 107. To permit the Cass Realty Corporation to extend show-windows on the second story of Nos 209 to



113 East 23rd Street two feet from the house line.

It does not appear that this is supported by a petition, and by the consent of the owners of 50 feet of property on either side of the premises, as chapter 5, article 4, section 34 of the Revised Ordinances require, and it further appears that the resolution is in conflict with the provisions of the Consolidation Act, section 86, relating to the powers of the Common Council, viz:

Subdivision 3. To regulate the use of sidewalks and prevent the extension of building fronts and house-fronts within the steep-lines.

Subdivision 4. To prevent encroachments upon and obstructions of the streets, highways, roads and public places, not including parks, and to authorize and require the commissioner of public works to remove the same; but they shall have no power to authorize the placing or continuing of any encroachment or obstruction upon any street or sidewalk, except the temporary occupation thereof during the erection or repair of a building on a lot opposite the same.

The resolution should, therefore, be disapproved.

No 108. To place and light two street lamps at the foot of the stairs leading to the iron bridge on Eagle Avenue, crossing Clifton Street.

From report of the Supt. of Lamps and Gas, I find that there is now one bracket lamp on the stairs referred to, and a gas lamp post on the sidewalk about ten feet distant from the stairs. At the same time the street is lighted by electric lamps which displace gas lamps. I concur in the report of the Supt. of Lamps and Gas that the object of the resolution will be sufficiently attained by lighting the bracket lamp on the stairs, against which there is no objection. The resolution should be amended to that effect.

No 109. To place an additional public lamp at the corner of Hudson and Bethune Streets.

The Supt. of Lamps and Gas reports that, by personal



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examination at night, he finds no necessity for a gas lamp at this corner, as there is an electric lamp about 75 feet distant from the location, and a regular gas lamp about 60 feet north of the corner. He states that if an additional gas lamp is needed it should be placed at the S. W. corner of that street intersection, where there is a U. S. Branch Post Office. ~~Under these circumstances~~

~~the resolution should be disapproved or amended to that effect.~~

✓ No 116. To pave 158th Street, from the Boulevard to Public Drive or Lafayette Avenue.

The street has been graded and is supplied with water-mains and gas-mains, but there is no public sewer. There is no petition from the property owners for a sewer, and even if there were one, the construction of it could not be accomplished before next autumn. The resolution for paving the street is, therefore, premature, and should not be approved.

✓ No 117. To lay water-mains in Oakland Place, from Franklin Avenue to Clinton Avenue.

The Chief Engineer reports that Oakland Place, between these avenues, is not graded, and should be graded before water-mains are laid. The resolution is, therefore, premature, ~~and should not be approved.~~

✓ No 121. To lay water-mains in 102nd Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue.

The Chief Engineer reports that a resolution for these water-mains was approved March 14th, 1895. The present resolution is, therefore, unnecessary.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collins*

*Deputy* Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,*

*April 8, 1895.*

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

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

No 106. To permit E. F. Miller to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 712 Tremont Avenue.

As the lamp is to be erected and supplied with gas at the expense of the applicant for permission to place it, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 125. To place an additional street lamp in front of the parochial residence of St. Lawrence's Church, No 980 Park Avenue.

This resolution is objected to on the ground that there are two lamps in front of the church adjoining the parochial residence, and one in front of the residence itself. It is considered that these lamps furnish sufficient light, and it has never been customary to place two lamps in front of residences. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved, there being already five lamps on the block.

No 126. To permit B. Lewin to erect and keep a stand on the sidewalk inside the stoop-line in front of No 198 West 4th Street, for the sale of newspapers, periodicals, etc.

It is recommended that this resolution be vetoed on the ground that it would establish upon the sidewalk



a stand which could not be interfered with by this Department. Stands of this description are the cause of numerous complaints by storekeepers on account of unfair competition.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York.* April 15, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution, No 149, permitting John T. Welch to place a platform scale at the foot of 18th Street, East River, I would respectfully report that there is no objection to the resolution, as it is shown that traffic will not be impeded by placing the platform scale at the place mentioned.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Brodhead*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office.*

*No. 34 Chambers Street*

*New York,* April 15, 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 161. To lay water-mains in 37th Street, from 1st Avenue to the East River.

The Chief Engineer reports that the water-mains provided for in this resolution are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 150. To appoint Henry G. Opdyck a city surveyor.

Consulting Engineer Towle reports that Mr. Opdyck is competent to perform the duties of city surveyor. It is, therefore, recommended that the resolution be approved

~~No 147. To permit the Lyceum of St. Rose of Lima Church to keep transparencies on lamp-posts at N. E. corner of Pitt and Grand Streets, and S. W. corner of Cannon and Delancy Streets.~~

The approval of this resolution is recommended.

✓ No 142. To permit the Athletic Club of St. George's Church to place a transparency on the lamp-post S. W. corner of 2nd Avenue and 17th Street.

It is recommended that this resolution be approved.

✓ No 146. To permit St. Jerome's Church to place transparencies on lamp-posts at various places.

The approval of the resolution is recommended.



No 148. To permit the Young Men's Christian Association to place transparencies on various lamp-posts.

It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 154. To light 114th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

The gas-mains and public lamps provided for in this resolution are necessary, and the approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 155. To place four lamp-posts and lamps in front of the Union Methodist Episcopal Church in West 48th Street.

The lamps provided for are necessary. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 160. To fence the west side of Lexington Avenue, from 97th to 98th Street, and the north side of 97th Street, running west for 105 feet; and the south side of 98th Street, running west from Lexington Avenue for a distance of 105 feet.

The fencing provided for in this resolution is necessary, the vacant property being used for all kinds of nuisances. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No. 144. To widen 120th Street, between the Boulevard and Amsterdam Avenue.

No 145. To improve the sidewalks of 116th Street, between the Boulevard and Amsterdam Avenue.

The Supt. of Street Improvements reports that the improvements provided for in these resolutions are for the benefit of the public. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 147. To permit J. J. Hakeler to keep a demi-john in front of No 1557 Avenue A.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that to place a



demijohn on the sidewalk, as provided in the resolution, would create an unsightly obstruction, and be a serious violation of law. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 141. To permit Flagenheimer Bros to place and keep a demijohn in front of No 1028 Second Avenue.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the demijohn mentioned in the resolution is a huge sign which has been complained of several times, and was once removed to the Corporation Yard. The resolution should be disapproved, on the ground that the placing of the demijohn as provided in the resolution would constitute an illegal obstruction.

No 140. To permit the Young Men's Institute to place and keep a bulletin board in front of No 222 Bowery.

No 135. To permit Joseph Klein to erect a storm-door in front of No 32 Church Street.

No 137. To permit Jules Blau to keep a show-case in front of No 425 Broadway.

No 134. To permit Henry N. Kuesel to keep a storm-door in front of No 14 College Place, and two in front of No 64 Park Place.

The four preceding resolutions are objected to on the ground that the bulletin board, show-cases and storm-doors proposed to be placed at the different places mentioned in the resolutions would constitute illegal obstructions. It is recommended that the resolutions be not approved.

No 139. To permit the Trustees of the Church of the Strangers to place and keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp at the S. W. corner of 8th Street and Broadway.

As the proposed lamp would be used for advertising purposes, the Supt. of Lamps and Gas recommends that permission be not granted to place it, especially as the corner of Broadway and 8th Street is business property belonging to other parties whose consent should be obtained before giving authority to place the lamp.



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No 143. To permit the Biff Benevolent Club to keep a transparency on the lamp-post S. E. corner of 14th Street and Avenue A.

This resolution is defective inasmuch as it does not correctly specify the time for which permission is to be granted to place and keep the transparency.

No 138. To rename College Place and Greenwich Street, from Chambers to Dey Street.

The Supt. of Street Improvements reports that as there is now before the Common Council a resolution to rename South 5th Avenue, West Broadway and College Place, which form one continuous street from West 4th Street to Dey Street, he agrees with the report of the Committee on Streets, and recommends that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.

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*Department of Public Works*

*Commissioner's Office*

*No 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* April 16, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

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

No 158. To pave 98th Street, from Lexington to 3rd Avenue, with trap block pavement.

No 159. To pave 95th Street, from Madison to 5th Avenue, with trap block pavement.

The cost of these pavements is to be assessed on the property benefited, and the Water Purveyor reports that it is the desire of property owners affected to have the cheapest pavement that can be had laid at their own expense in the expectation that, in four or five years the City will repave the streets with a first class pavement at the cost of the taxpayers at large. It would certainly be to the benefit of the City if all pavements payable by assessments were laid on concrete foundation. The resolutions should therefore be amended to provide for concrete foundation. The streets have been regulated, graded and sewered, and water and gas pipes have been laid. There is no other objection to the ordinances.

No 130. To permit Thomas Sheehan to place a watering-trough in front of his premises, No 649 1st Avenue.

This is a good location for a watering-trough and




the approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 151. To permit Fred. Gobber to keep a watering-trough at 500 West 20th Street.

A watering-trough at this location is desirable, and the approval of the resolution is recommended.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm Brookfield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* April 22, 1895.

HON. 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 180. To permit John H. Rogers to place and keep a watering-trough S. W. corner of Lewis and 8th Streets.

The Water Purveyor reports that there is no watering-trough in the neighborhood of Lewis and 8th Streets, and as the proposed watering-trough would be for the benefit of the public, without expense to the City, it is respectfully recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 174. To rename and renumber College Place, West Broadway and South 5th Avenue.

This change is necessary as the streets mentioned now constitute one direct thoroughfare. Three names would therefore lead to confusion. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 162. To light 115th Street, from Manhattan to Morningside Avenue East.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that this block is nearly all built upon and gas light is required. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 163. For two lamps in front of the Synagogue Warschauer Sochatjower, 121 Ludlow St.



There are no public lamps in front of this Synagogue. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 164. To light Union Avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to Kelly Street.

Gas light is necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 165. To light 97th Street, from 4th to 5th Avenue.

The Supt. of Lamps and Gas reports that gas light is necessary. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 166. To light 130th Street, from Amsterdam Ave. to St. Nicholas Terrace.

Gas light is necessary. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No 168. To light 120th Street, from Central Park West to Manhattan Avenue.

Gas Light is necessary. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 178. To permit the Young Men's Christian Association to place transparencies on certain lamp-posts.

There is no objection to the approval of this resolution.

No 179. To permit the Lenox Presbyterian Church to place transparencies on certain lamp-posts.

It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 177. To permit Henry Anhaltzer to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 117 3rd Avenue.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No 170. To permit H. J. Haynor, of 57 West 33rd Street, to place and keep a movable sign on the sidewalk inside the stoop-line of his premises.



It is recommended that this resolution be disapproved because the proposed sign would be an illegal and dangerous obstruction.

No 172. To permit Franklin B. Crouch to place and keep a storm-door at No 202 Grand Street.

It is recommended that this resolution be disapproved on the ground that the storm-door would be an illegal obstruction, and also because complaints have already been made against a storm-door at that place.

No 169. To permit Marcus Jacobs to keep a soda water stand in front of No 144 Henry Street.

Storekeepers who have to pay rent continually complain of the unfair competition to which they are subjected with stand-owners who use the sidewalks free of charge. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 181. To permit Isaac Miller to erect a showcase on the S. W. corner of 90th Street and 3rd Avenue.

The show-case provided for would be an illegal obstruction on the sidewalk, and it is, therefore, recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 167. To permit the Montifiore Home to lay a 4-inch gas-main under the roadway of Hamilton Place, from a gas tank to be placed under the sidewalk on the east side of Hamilton Place, etc.

This resolution should be amended so as to provide that the gas tank shall not be placed under the sidewalk, but shall be put on the property of the Montifiore Home. In other respects there is no objection to the resolution.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works*

*Commissioner's Office*

*No 31 Chambers Street*

*New York, April 26, 1896.*

HON. WILLIAM. L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the accompanying resolution, No 171, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action, to permit John Glass to lay a rail-track and switch in front of Nos 15 to 19 Tenth Avenue, connecting with the tracks of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, I have the honor to report as follows:

The rail-track and switch are intended to facilitate and cheapen the transportation of merchandise to and from the premises named in the resolution. The presence and operation of any kind of rail-tracks in a street always tends to the injury of the pavement by more rapid wear and increased expense for maintenance. They are also more or less of an obstruction to wagon traffic. In both of these respects the ordinary T rails, which are used for freight transportation, are the most objectionable. The standing of freight cars on such tracks also seriously obstructs general traffic, and creates a nuisance, which, however, may be prohibited by proper police surveillance.

On the lower part of 10th Avenue the volume of freight transportation for short distances is very great, and the privilege of maintaining rail-tracks to connect



with the Hudson River Railroad has been granted to a number of stores and warehouses.

The objections mentioned would, in a great measure, be overcome by an amendment of the resolution, substituting in place of the words "shall at all times keep the tracks hereby authorized to be laid in good repair, also the pavement between said tracks, and at least two feet outside thereof, in good condition and repair," the following: "Shall lay a rail of a pattern acceptable to the Commissioner of Public Works, and lay and maintain during the continuance of the privilege granted by the resolution a pavement that shall be in all respects satisfactory to the said Commissioner, and shall extend for the whole length of said switch or tracks, and from the pavement maintained by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to the curb stone."

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
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*New York,* April 29th, 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. 186. For additional public lamps in 72nd Street, from the Central Park to Riverside Drive.

Under the present apportionment of public lamps on this street, made many years ago, the street is inadequately lighted. The additional lamps are necessary.

No. 187. For an additional public lamp in front of the parochial residence of the Church of St. Lawrence, No. 980 Park Avenue.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 201. For gas mains and public lamps in 117th Street, between Amsterdam and Morningside Avenues.

There are seven houses on this block, and gas light is necessary.

No. 202. For gas mains and public lamps on Webster Avenue, from Burnside Avenue to the Southern Boulevard.

This is a prominent thoroughfare, recently graded, and requires public lamps.

No. 203. For gas mains and public lamps in Main St. from Kingsbridge Road to Broux River.

This is a prominent thoroughfare, with a good McAdam pavement. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 204. For gas mains and public lamps on Van Courtlandt Avenue, between Jerome Ave. and Mosholn Parkway

On this short distance there are three dwellings, and gas light is necessary.

No. 205. For gas mains and public lamps on 148th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues.



The street has recently been regulated and graded.  
There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 206. For gas mains and public lamps on Fairmount Place, from Marmion Avenue to a point 200 feet east of prospect Avenue.

There are three dwellings and a stable on this part of Fairmount Place. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 207. For gas mains and public lamps on Marmion Avenue, from Tremont Ave. to Fairmount Place.

The Avenue is graded, and there is no objection to the resolution.

No. 208. For gas mains and public lamps on Monroe Avenue, between Columbine Ave. and 187th Street.

There are four dwellings requiring gaslight. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 209. For an additional public lamp in front of St. Joseph's Church, southside of 87th Street, east of First Avenue.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 210. To place and light a public lamp over the stairs leading to the iron bridge on Eagle Avenue, at the crossing of Clifton Street.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 211. To place and light a public lamp at the S.W. Cor. of Bethune and Hudson Streets.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 212. For gas mains and public lamps on 105th St. from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

There are two houses on this block, and others about to be erected. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 213. For gas mains and public lamps on Manhattan Avenue, from 106th to 110th Streets.

There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 214. For gas mains and public lamps on 102nd Street, between Central Park West and Manhattan Avenue.

There are five houses on this block, and others in course of erection. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 216. For gas mains and public lamps on Van Courtlandt Avenue, from Green Hill Road to the west side



of Mosholn Parkway.

There are three dwellings and a stable on this part of the Avenue. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 217. To place and light two public lamps in front of St. James Chapel, 177th Street, near Fleetwood Avenue.

There are no public lamps in front of this church, and there is no objection to the resolution.

No. 218. For gas mains and public lamps on Undercliff Avenue, from Washington Bridge to Sedgwick Avenue.

The Avenue has recently been graded and there are three houses, requiring gas light. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 219. For gas mains and public lamps on Grenada Place, from St. George's Crescent to Mosholn Parkway.

There are ten dwellings and a stable, requiring gas light. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 220. For gas mains and public lamps on St. George's Crescent, between Cordova Place and Van Courtlandt Avenue.

There are five dwellings and two stables, requiring gas light. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 221. For gas mains and public lamps on Villa Avenue, from Potter Place to Van Courtlandt Avenue.

There are nine dwellings, requiring gas light. There is no objection to the resolution.

No. 222. To place and light two public lamps in front of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Union Avenue, south of 165th Street.

There are no public lamps in front of this Church, and there is no objection to the resolution.

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No. 194. To permit the Trustees of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb to lay three steam pipes across Fort Washington Avenue, south of 165th Street, to connect buildings of the Institution.

The Institution owns the property on both sides of the Avenue, and the Chief Engineer reports that there is no objection to the resolution.

No. 229. For water mains on Amsterdam Avenue, 133d and 135th Streets, and in 133rd Street, between Amsterdam and Convent Avenues.



There are eight houses in course of erection which will require water supply. The water mains are necessary

No. 230. For water mains in McComb's Dam Road, between 8th Avenue and 153th Street.

The road is graded, and there are four houses and a stable, requiring water supply. The water mains are necessary.

No. 231. For water mains in 98th Street, between 3rd and 5th Avenues.

The street is graded and sewered. The water mains are necessary.

No. 232. For water mains in Tremont Avenue, from Railroad Avenue to Boston Road.

The Avenue is now being regraded, which necessitates the laying of new water mains. There are 34 houses on the line of the Avenue. I recommend the approval of the resolution.

No. 233. For water mains in 87th Street, between Amsterdam Ave. and the Boulevard.

The street is graded and sewered, and there are four houses in course of erection on the block. The water mains are necessary.

No. 234. For water mains in Manhattan Avenue, between 106th and 110th Streets.

The Avenue is now being graded, and will shortly have to be paved. The water mains should be laid in advance of the pavement. The approval of the resolution is recommended.

No. 235. For water mains in 98th Street, from the Boulevard to West End Avenue.

The street is graded, and there are three houses requiring water supply. The water mains are necessary.

No. 236. For water mains in 105th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

The street is graded, and there are two houses requiring water supply. The water mains are necessary.

No. 237. For water mains in Lebanon Street, from Clinton Ave. to Crotona Ave.



The street is graded, and there are three houses requiring water supply. The water mains are necessary.

No. 238. For water mains in Elmwood Place, from Clinton Ave. to Crotona Ave.

The street is graded, and there are three houses requiring water supply. The water mains are necessary.

No. 239. For water mains in Crotona Avenue, from Tremont Avenue to Lebanon Street.

The Avenue is graded, and there are four houses requiring water supply. The water mains are necessary.

In the three foregoing resolutions, Nos. 237, 238, and 239, the usual clause, "as provided by Section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882," is omitted. Although this probably does not invalidate the resolutions, it would be well to amend them by adding that clause.

No. 240 For water mains in 157th Street from 8th Avenue 700 feet westerly.

The street is graded, and the Chief Engineer reports that the water mains are necessary for protection from fires.

No. 215. For gas mains and public lamps in 98th Street, between the Boulevard and West End Avenue.

The Supt. of Lamps & Gas reports that the street is already provided with gas mains and public lamps. The present resolution is, therefore, unnecessary.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.