OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Adjourned Meeting. ST. PAUL, March 27, 1884 7:30 o'clock p. m. }
The Council met pursuant to adjournment

and were called to order by the Clerk.

In the absence of the presiding officer, Ald. Dowlan was called to the chair. Present-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr.

Chairman-9. COMMUNICATIONS.

From Geo. W. Eckles-For permission to remove frame building. Committee on Fire Department.

From F. Henning— For rebate on liquor license. Committee on License.

From Geo. Mitsch, administrator, and others-Protest against the construction of a sewer on Seventh street, between Jefferson avenue and View street. Committee on Streets.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS. Of City Attorney-Agreement-

To the Honorable the President and Common Council: GENTLEMEN: I herewith transmit the agreement of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway company, the St. Paul & Duluth Railroad company, and the Union Depot company, to construct a bridge over so much of Third street as said corporations

use for tracks.

If the agreement is satisfactory I enclose preliminary order to the Board of Public Works in regard to the building of approaches for your approval. Respectfully, W. P. Murray, City Attorney.

March 27, 1884. The contract referred to read and ac cepted, and the proper city officers instructed to execute the same on behalf of the city by the following vote:

Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9

Of Building Inspector—Deputy Inspector— To the Honorable the President and Com-mon Council of the City of Paul:

GENTLEMEN: On the 14th day of January, 1884, I appointed James Starkey, Deputy Inspector, and fixed his pay at fifty doilars per month until such time as the office should become more nearly self-sustaining. I think that in view of the great amount of ork that this office is now called on 'to perform and the fact that is now more than self-sustaining the salary of the Deputy should be to the limits of the ordiincreased nance of one hundred dollars per month, and with your permission I shall feel it but justice to Mr. Starkey that I fix his salary at that price of one hundred dollars per month dating from March 1st, 1884. The work takes the whole of the time of myself; and Deputy. I consider that the ordinance is doing a great deal of good in getting a better class of buildings all over the city: ceipts of this office for this month will be over \$350, and will, I think, increase each month. Respectfully GATES A. JOHNSON. March 27. 1884.

Permission granted by the following vote: Yeas—Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. To the Honorable the President and Com-

mon Council, City of St. Paul: GENTLEMEN: The Board of Public Works have authorized the Clerk of said Board to employ assistants at the following compen-

R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board of Public Works. March 17, 1884.

Action concurred in by the following vote: Yeas—Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9. REPORT OF BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

To the Honorable City Council, City of St.

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Fire Commissloners would respectfully request of your honorable body that a change be made, if possible, in the matter of holding primary ward meetings and precinct elections at the several engine houses in the city where the same are now, or have been held, by old cus-

Your Commissioners believe it detrimental to the fire department service to have these meetings and elections so held, and hope that the same can be changed. Respectfully submitted. By order of the Board.

F. R. Delano, President. March 25, 1884.

Committee of Ways and Means. REPORT OF BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board herewith transmit the following

report of their Superintendent:
To the Honorable President and Members of
the Board of Water Commissioners:

Some time ago the Board of Fire Commis sioners made serious charges against the Water Board and its management, and in justice to your honorable body as well as myself I make the following statement:

The five hydrants are kept in as good re pair as any city in this latitude, if not ter; during February and the first fifteen days of March I had three men and one horse at work on hydrants, and every hydrant that was out of service over night was reported to the Chief of the Fire Department, and there was not at any one time over four (4) out of service, and with the frost a greater depth in the earth than I ever saw it before in the twelve years I have been on these works.

I would state that every fire that occurs, if it is put out, it is a splendid fire department; building burns down, it is the fault of the water department. That is not only the case here, but all over the country. I would state in regard to the Griggs & Foster fire, the hydrants the fire department complained of were tested and found all right on Saturday, the day previous to the fire, and also on the Monday following, and any one knows that a hydrant will not thaw out of itself with the thermometer 20 degrees below zero. It was also examined every day the week following the fire and never found out of

The engineer that claimed it was frozen is known to get so excited at a fire that when they call for water that he opens the throttle of the engine before he opens the hydrant, and it is a common thing to see two (2) men trying to open a hydrant the wrong way by turning to left instead of to the right, and we have a great deal of trouble in repairing hydrants broken by such treatment. is not a hydrant that any cool man cannot

At the Griggs & Foster fire the assistant chief told me that steamer No. 5 could not get water enough, and asked me to go over and see. I did so, and asked the engineer what was the matter, and he said the main was too small. I told him he could not use 1/4 of the water he was getting, which was the

The suction hose of No. 5 engine is a 4 inch, and in that suction is a strainer that takes up 65 per cent. of its capacity, which the Chief of the Fire Department was aware of at that time, and for the past three months and then find fault with the water works. In the above case I tried the hydrant and found the thread partly strained in trying to open it wider, when it was wide open, be cause he could not get water enough. would also state that the fire depart ment got a better hydrant stream than afterwards through the steamer. The above I can verify under oath, to the

satisfaction of any fair man. In shutting the hydrant at Third and Rosa bel at the same fire, the fireman that shut it used all the force he could with both hands, and gave it a yank and said, "Damn you, take that," which I could have shut with one hand; this one of my men was a witness to. On the 16th of March, in trying steamer No. 2 at Sixth and Wacouta for Sitting Bull. one of the firemen in shutting the hydrant used all his power with both hands, and I told him that one hand was enough to shut any hydrant, and told him he would break all

the hydrants. He said he didn't care, they all do it, and I think he was about right. I would also state that several hydrants have been set this winter in rock formation, but the Chief of the Fire Department was notified that they would not be in service until spring, and it was agreed that barrels should be placed over them and nailed to the sidewalks, so that the fire department would not be deceived and undertake to draw water

firemen tore off this barrel and tried to get ance with law; therefore, be it water from it.

In regard to the cigar box full of stones and gravel taken from suction of No. 1 steamer, which is said to have been taken from a hydrant, I am reliably informed that this steamer had been at not cleaned the suction strainer until after this hydrant was used in which it is claimed the gravel was taken from.

Respectfully yours, J. B. OVERTON, Superintendent Water Works. March 18, 1884.

Committee on Fire Department. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Of Committees on Streets and Ordinances-Street Car Ordinance-Committee to whom was referred the draft of ordinance entitled, an ordinance in relation to the St. Paul City Railway company, report the same back as amended by said

Ald. Otis moved that the rules be so far ispended as to allow said ordinance to pass o its second reading. The motion prevailed by the following

Yeas—Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman—

Nay-Ald. Van Slyke-1. The said ordinance was thereupon read a econd time and passed by the following Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-

Nay-Ald. Van Slyke-1.

Of Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges—Wabashaw and other streets, grades

Committee to whom the report of the Board of Public Works "relative to the grade of Wabashaw street, and a change on intersecting streets, etc." was referred, report the same back and recommend that it be recommitted to board to see if they cannot conform their re-port to the petition of the property owners of Vabashaw street, etc. Adopted.

Oakland Street Opening-

Committee to whom the report of the Board of Public Works relative to opening Oakland street was referred, recommend that said report be recommitted to said Board for further ensideration.

Of Committee on Public Buildings-Tele-To the Honorable President and Common

Council: Your committee to whom the matter of lephone service for the city was referred

espectfully report: After having had an interview with C. D. Jones, superintendent for Telephone Company, we find, as represented by him, telephones located in the different city offices as follows: Mayor's office, City Clerk's, City Engineer, Chief of Police and Building Inspector's office. It appears that some of these telephones have been paid for monthly

Your committee recommend that one teleshone be taken out of the Chief of Police ofice, and placed in the office of President of Board of Health, and by so doing will not increase the number of telephones in service and will supply the wants of the different

This gives the city six telephones in service, all of which your Committee recommended be furnished and maintained in good working order by the Telephone Company to the city free of all charges.

ED. C. STARKEY,

Chairman Committee on Public Buildings. Adopted. (See resolution.) MISCELLANEOUS. By Ald. Starkey-

An order for twenty-five fire alarm boxes, Committee on Fire Department.

Resolutions.

By Committee on Public Buildings-Resolved, That the Telephone company rep esented by Chas. D. Jones be and is hereby instructed to cause one of the telephones now in the office of Chief of Police to be re moved to the Health office. Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith.

Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9 Approved March 29, 1884. Ry Ald. Smith-

solved, that an order be drawn in favor of P. Tierney for two hundred and fiftyfour and 87-100 dollars (\$254.87) being amount of deductions from his estimates for grading Pleasant evenue and Chestnut streets.
Yeas—Ald. Robert. Fisher, Otis, Smith. Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr.

Adopted March 29, 1884. By Ald. Johnson-Resolved, That the oil lamp contractor ordered to put up post and lamp and light the same at northwest corner of Uniersity and Virginia avenue. Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith.

Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9 Approved, March 29, 1884. By Ald. Johnson-

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and are hereby instructed to cause cross walks to be laid as follows: On the east

side of Farrington avenue, across Nelson avenue. On the east side of Farrington avenue, across Marshall avenue. On the east side of Farrington avenue, across Iglehart street. Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith,

Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman—9 Approved March 29, 1884.

By Ald. St. Peter-Resolved, That the City Engineer is hereby instructed to report a grade on Livingstor avenue, from Odell street to Curtice street. Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr.

Approved March 29, 1884.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works cause a crosswalk to be constructed across Summit avenue at its junction with Nelson Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr.

Chairman-9. Approved March 29, 1884. By Alà. Johnson Resolved, That the Board of Public Works

cause a crosswalk to be constructed on the west side of Virginia avenue across University avenue. Yeas—Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith,

Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9. Approved March 29, 1884.

By Ald. Van Slyke-Resolved, That the Committee on Parks are authorized to employ William Tynan and Robert Wright to work respectively in Rice and Irvine parks from April 1, 1884, to October 15, at a salary of \$50 per month. Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr.

Chairman-9. Approved March 29, 1884.

By Ald. Dowlan-Resolved, That the Board of Public Works cause a cross-walk to be laid on south side of Pearl street across Jackson street Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, ohnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9.

Approved March 29, 1884. By Ald. Starkey-Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and are hereby requested to cause cross walks to be laid as follows: On the east side of Hoffman avenue across Conway, Euclid, Cherry and Plumb streets, and Hudson avenue. Also north side of Hudson avenue across Hoffman avenue, and on north side of Fifth street across Bates avenue Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith,

Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Approved March 29, 1884. By Ald. St. Peter-WHEREAS, It appears that the pretended

that in one case on Fourth and Franklin the was informal, defective and not in accord-Resolved. That the City Attorney of this city examine and investigate into the said pretended vacation of said "Prospect Terrace," and report the result of such examination and investigation to this Council at the earliest practicable date, in order that work at a fire cistern and the engineer had such further action may be taken therein as the nature of the case shall require

Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith. Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9. Approved, March 29, 1884.

By Ald. Johnson-Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and are hereby instructed to cause a sidewalk to be laid on the east side of Farrington avenue from Dayton avenue to Marshall avenue, and in front of lot 16, block 5, Nininger's addition.

Yeas--Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9 Approved March 29, 1884.

By Ald. St. Peter-It is hereby ordered by the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: That the mater of grading Bidwell street, from Delos street to Curtice street be, and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Public Works to investigate and report: First. Is this improvement proper and

necessary Second. Give the Conneil an estimate of expense thereof, and state whether onehalf of the cost thereof is to be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let. Third. Can real estate to be assessed for said improvement, be found benefited to the

extent of damages, costs and expenses, cessary to be incurred thereby? Fourth. Is such improvement asked for upon the petition or application of the owners of a majority of the property to be assessed

such improvement? Fifth. Send the Council a plan or profile of said improvement as required by law, if you report in favor of the same. Send the Council a proper order directing the work to be done Yeas--Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnon, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr.

It is hereby ordered by the Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

Approved March 29, 1884.

That the matter of constructing approaches to the proposed bridge on Third street be-tween Kittson and Commercial streets be, and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Public Works to investigate and First. Is this improvement proper and

Second. Give the Council an estimate of the expense thereof, and state whether one-half of the cost thereof is to be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let.
Third. Can real estate to be assessed for said

improvement, be found benefited to the extent of damages, cost and expenses, necessary to be incurred thereby?

Fourth. Is such improvement asked for upon the petition or application of the owners of a majority of the property to be as-

ssed for such improvement? Fifth. Send the Council a plan or profile of said improvement as required by law, if you report in favor of the same. Send the Council a proper order

directing the work to be done. Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, ohnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9. Approved March 29, 1884.

By Ald. St. Peter-It is hereby ordered by the Common Council

of the City of St. Paul: That the matter of opening, widening and extending Prospect Terrace (100) one hundred feet wide from Hall avenue to Bellows street, he and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Public Works to investigate and report:
First. Is this improvement proper and

Second. Give the Council an estimate of the expense thereof, and state whether one-half of the cost thereof is to be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let. Third. Can real estate to be assessed for

extent of damages, cost and expenses, necessary to be incurred thereby? Is such improvement asked for upon the petition or application of the owners of a majority of the property to be assessed for such improvement?

said improvement, be found benefited to the

Send the Council a plan or profile of said improvement as required by law, if you report in favor of the same. Send the Council a proper order directing the work to be done. Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith. Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr.

Chairman-9. Approved March 29, 1884.

By Ald. St. Peter-It is hereby ordered by the Common Coun-cil of the City of St. Paul:

That the matter of grading Greenwood avenue from Concord street to the line of Morrison's addition, to West St. Paul, be and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Public Works to investigate and report: First. Is this improvement proper and Second. Give the Council an estimate of

the expense thereof, and state whether one-half of the cost thereof is to be paid into the C'ty Treasury before the contract is let. Third. Can real estate to be assessed for City Water Works..... said improvement, be found benefited to the extent of damages, cost and expenses, necessary to be incurred thereby?

Fourth. Is such improvement asked for upon the petition or application of the owners of a majority of the property to be assessed for such improvement?

Fifth. Send the Council a plan or profile

of said improvement as required by law, if you report in favor of same. Sixth. Send the Council a proper order directing the work to be done.

Yeas—Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, ohnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9. Approved March 29, 1884.

It is hereby ordered by the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: That the matter of paving Fourth street from Jackson street to St. Peter street with cedar blocks and granite curbs be, and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Public Works to investigate and First. Is this improvement proper and

necessary? Second. Give the Council an estimate of the expense thereof, and state whether one-half of the cost thereof is to be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let. Third. Can real estate to be assessed for said improvement, be found benefited to the extent of damages, cost and expenses, necessary to be incurred thereby?

Fourth. Is such improvement asked for upon the petition or application of the owners of a majority of the property to be assessed for such improvement Send the Council a plan or profile of said improvement as required by law, if

Sixth. Send the Council a proper order Yeas-Ald. Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9. Approved March 29, 1884.

By Ald. Dowlan-It is hereby ordered by the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: That the matter of constructing a sewer on Mt. Airy street, from Mississippi to L'Orient

streets, be, and the same is hereby referred

to the Board of Public Works to investigate and report: First. Is this improvement proper and necessary? Second. Give the Council an estimate of the expense thereof, and state whether onehalf of the cost thereof is to be paid into the

city Treasury before the contract is let. Third. Can real estate to be assessed for said improvement, be found benefited to the extent of damages, cost and expenses, necessary to be incurred thereby? Fourth. Is such improvement asked for upon the petition or application of the owners of a majority of the property to be assessed for such improvement?

Fifth. Send the Council a plan or profile of said improvement as required by law, if you report in favor of the same. sidewalks, so that the fire department would not be deceived and undertake to draw water from them. I have been reliably informed (so called), in the Sixth ward of this city, Yeas—Ald. Robert. Fischer, Otis, Smith, National German-Ameri-Send the Council a proper order

Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Chairman-9 Approved March 29, 1884.

Adjourned. JNO. DOWLAN. President pro tem. of Council. THOS. A. PRENDERGATS, City Clerk.

OFFICIAL. Proceedings of the Common

Council.

Regular Meeting. St. Paul, April 1, 1884. Vice President Cornish in the chair. Present-Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis. Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Vice President-11. COMMUNICATIONS.

From His Honor the Mayor-Appointments, etcThe Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to advise you that I have appointed Maurice Drinan upon the regular police force, vice Oliver Peltier, resigned; also that I have appointed Edward Delancy upon the regular police force, vice Patrolman John Casey, deceased. Also that I have appointed William Maroe as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Saint Paul Work House, vice A. S. Elfelt, his term of office expired March 31,

pointments be confirmed. Very respectfully, C. D. O'BRIEN, Mayor. April 1, 1884. Committee on Police.

1884, and I respectfully request that said ap-

Also, Appointments, etc.-To the Hon. the Common Council of the City

GENTLEMEN: I have this day received and accepted the resignation of Bowlin as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners of this city, and have the honor to inform you that I have on this date appointed Mr. Terrence Ken .. y as the successor of Mr. Bowlin.
Respectfully submitted,

C. D. O'BRIEN, Mayor. April 1, 1884.

Committee on Fire Department.

From Margaret Fitzgerald—

Claim for injuries received by falling into a coal hole on Wabashaw street. Committee on Claims. From Henry Vanderlinde For permission to erect frame building in

Committee on Fire Department. From Michael T. Ward-For permission to pile slabs on the levee

in the Sixth ward. Committee on Streets. From William F. Davidson and others-For the paving of Fourth street from Jack-on to Wabashaw street. Board of Public Works.

From W. F. Golisch and others-For the construction of a sewer on Mississppi street from Williams street to Pennsylania avenue. Board of Public Works with order. From E. M. D. Wright and others— For permission to make certain alterations

in dwelling house and barn. Committee on Fire Department. From the Minnesota & Northwestern Railroad company— Acceptance of Ordinance No. 364. Accepted and entered on file.

For the grading of Lincoln avenue be tween Oakland and Victoria streets. Board of Public Works with order. From John Kerwin-Relative to bridge on Mississippi street, etc. Committee on Streets.

From M. T. Emery and others-

From Geo. W. Eckles--For permission to move frame buildings. Granted--(See Ordinance No. 380.) From G. W. H. Bell and others-For the appointment of Patrick Griffin as Poundmaster, etc.

Committee on Police. From Snell & Olive, E. Magnussen, Chas. Faber, Chas. Kellerman, G. Obracht, W. A. Neubauer, John Kialikenski & Co. and Sell & Farrell-For transfer of licenses.

Committee on Licenses. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS, Of City Treasurer--To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul: GENTLEMEN:-I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the receipts and disbursements of this office from March 1

RECEIPTS.

to April 1, 1884:

Treasurer.... City Bonds for Sewerage .\$171,223 58 purposes, \$95,000. City Bonds for Workhouse Redeemed Certificates of Sale, paid by owners of property.... r. A. Prendergast, City Clerk. Gates A. Johnson, Building Inspector. 45 00 P. O'Regan, Market Mas-200 00 ter..... F. Fairchild, Clerk Municipal Court..... F. A. Renz, Supt. Work-36 05 house...... Fire Department, c 45 79

Interest on deposits, First \$4 17 National Bank ... 18 93 26 30 Same, St. Paul National Bank..... Same, Savings Bank.... Same, People's Bank.... 11 82 \$105 25 LICENSES. Liquor. \$1,100 00
Butchers 250 00
Peddlers, with vehicle 100 00

 Sewer on St. Peter street...
 \$1,515
 50

 Sewer on Fifth street...
 175
 00

 Sewer on Douglass street...
 564
 00

 Sewer on Walnut street Opening Dakota avenue.... Opening Sixth ward levee ... Grading Exchange street ... Grading Mackubin street... Grading Cedar street..... Grading Sherman street Grading Bedford and Deca-

tur..... Grading Third street..... Grading alley in block 30, R. I..... 50 00 \$9,448 75 Paving Wabashaw street ... avenue..... DISBURSEMENTS. City orders paid...... \$114,917 63 Interest coupons paid... 4,214 06 City workhouse warrants St. Paul library, warrants paid..... Expense account...... Redeemed certificates of 84 61 3,271 50

rants paid.....ame, interests, coupons 25,918 36 ame, interests, coupons paid..... -\$166,222 66 By balance..... 205,456 28 \$371,678 88

Bank of Minnesota. Bank of Minnesota..... Second National bank.... St. Paul National bank... Savings bank......
People's bank.....

9,847 58 9,374 01 Respectfully submitted, GEORGE REIS, City Treasurer.

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19,976 87

April 1, 1884. Comptroller. Of City Comptroller-Audited claims, viz: Michael O'Brien, \$2,805; Kennedy & Chittenden, 90 cents; Board of Water Commissioners, \$8; P. H. Kelly Manufacturing Company, \$12.20; F. G. Draper & Co., \$5.40; & Carleson, 75 cents; Griggs & Foster, \$1,079.23; McMasters & Getty, \$1.75; Prendergast Brothers, \$40.43: J. P. Gribben, \$4,453,38. Allowed and ordered paid by the following

vote: Yeas-Ald. Dowlan, O'Conner, Robert Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Vice President-11. Also,

Pay roll returned-To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul: GENTLEMEN: The attached pay roll of the sewer force for March, 1883, is herewith presented to the Common Council for

The Board of Public Works have increased year to \$1,200, which requires confirmation before payment can be made. Very respectfully, John W. Roche, City Comptroller.

April 1, 1884. Action of Board of Public Works in increasing salary approved by the following Yeas-Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor, Robert,

Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Vice President—11. Of City Attorney—Contingent fund—
The Attorney submits his contingent fund statement from November, 1882, to date. Public accounts.

Of City Engineer Claims-The Engineer submits, approved by him, the following claims, viz:
M.O'Brien \$371.80, H. R. DeLaplain \$71.25, Peter Steghe \$5. Committee on Claims.

Of Inspector of Buildings— Report for March, 1884, with Treasurer's receipt accompanying for \$412.50. Public accounts. Of Cierk of Municipal Court-Report for month of March, 1884, with

Treasurer's receipt accompanying for \$761.20, collections for said month Of Chief of Police-Report for month of March, 1884, showing the amount of fines and costs collected to be

Total number of arrests, 113.

Public accounts. Of Captain of Police-Report showing the number of gas and oil lamps not lighted during the month of March, 1884, as follows:

Minnehaha Street Change of Grade—
To the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council approved Feb. 21, 1884, relative to the change of grade on Minnehaha street, from Seventh (7th) street to Burr street, and having investi-gated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is neces-sary and proper; that the estimated expense thereof is \$20,000: that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the ex tent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said im provement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we

herewith send a plan or profile of said im-provement, if you desire to make the im-JOHN FARRINGTON, President. R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board Public Works. March 31, 1884. Committee on Streets,

Also, Concord Street Change of Grade— To the Common Council of the City of St.

Paul: The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved August 16, 1883, relative to the change of grade on Concord street from Andrew street to Arthur avenue, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper; that the estimated expense thereof that real estate ed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improve ment, if you desire to make the improve-

ment. Yeas 6, nays 0.

JOHN FARRINGTON, President. R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board Public Works. March 31, 1884.

Adopted, and City Clerk to give the nec essary notice for said change of grade, by the following vote: Yeas .- Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Vice-President—11.

Also, Wabashaw street grade and other streets change of grade—
To the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council approved July 7, 1883, relative to establishing a grade on Wabashaw street, from Bluff street to Rice, and changing the grade on Park avenue, from Martin to Sherburne street, Aurora avenue from Grant to Rice street, St. Peter street from Martin street to University avenue, University avenue from Grant street to Rice street. Brewster avenue from Sherburne street to University avenue and alley in blocks 2, 10 and 13, Ewing & Chute's addition, and having investigated the proposed improve-ments, respectfully report that said improvements, are necessary and proper, establishing a grade street to Rice street, as indicated by the vellow line-and changing the grade on St. Peter street, from University avenue to a point 220 feet south of Aurora avenue. Park avenue, Aurora avenue from Grant street to Rice street. University avenue from Grant Sherburne avenue to University avenue, and Chute's addition, as indicated by the vellow line on the accompanying profiles; that estimated expense thereof is \$76,000; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages. costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby, that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said im-

provement, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 5, nays 0. JOHN FARRINGTON, President. R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board Public Works. April 1, 1884.

Committee on Streets.

Also, Aurora Avenue grading—
To the Common Council of the City of St.

The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council approved January 17, 1884, relative to the grading of Aurora avenue from Rice street to Western avenue, and having investigated the proposed improve-ment, respectfully report that said improve-ment is necessary and proper; that the esti-mated expense thereof is \$4,100, one-half of which need not be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, and we herewith send a order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 6.
Approved March 24, 1884.

JOHN FARRINGTON, President. R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board of Public Works. Adopted-(See order to Board of Public Also,

To the Common Council of the City of St.

Sewer on Oak Street-

under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council approved March 20, 1884, relative to the construction of a sary and proper; that the estimated expense thereof is \$2,040, one-half of which need not be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improve-ment is not asked for by a peti-tion of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an rder for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 6.

JOHN FARRINGTON, President. R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board of Public Works. March 31, 1884. Adopted-(See order to Board of Public

Works.)

Also, Prairie Street Grading-To the Common Council of the City of St.

The Board of Public Works have had under onsideration the resolution on order of the Common Council approved March 20, 1884, The Board of Public Works have increased Inspector Maguire's salary from \$1,000 per Douglas street to Western Avenue, and having investigated the proposed fmprovement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper that the stimate expense thereof is \$4,800 one-half of which need not be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the costs and expenses necessary to be incurred that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of perty to be assessed therefor, but we here with send a plan or profile of said improvement and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 6. JOHN FARRINGTON, President.

R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board of Public Works. March 31 1884 Adopted-(See order to Board of Public

Also, Sewer on Broadway. To the Common Council of the City of St.

The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved March 20, 1884, relative to the construction of a sewer on Broadway street, from Third (3d) street to a int one hundred-and fifty (150) feet north f Prince street, and having investigated the | the Library was removed, and a large numroposed improvement, respectfully report can be contract is let; that all persons of good deportment and in persons of good deportment and in required by our by-laws, can add stock of knowledge, if so inclined. vanced scholars the collection is your department will be augment is but every department will be augment. not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed there-for, but we herewith send a plan or profile provement. Yeas 6; navs 0.

John Farrington, President.
R. L. Gorman, Clerk Board of Public Works. Adopted-(See order to Board of Public Also,

Contract Awarded-Third street from Sibley to Pleasant avenue, with cedar blocks and granite curbs, and construction of the necessary retaining wall

of \$11,500.00, with J. P. Gribben and J. T. Young as sureties.

Young as sureties.

Award approved by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor, Robert,
Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Vice President-11.

Also,

on a line ten feet in the street between St.

Peter and Market streets, he being the

The Board submit, approved by them, the pay roll of Inspectors for the month of March, 1884, amounting to \$483.60. following vote.

Yeas—Ald. Dowlan, O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Smith, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, St. Peter, Mr. Vice President-11. Bond of Clerk-The board submit, approved by them, the official bond of R. L. Gorman, clerk of said board, in the sum of \$1,000, with E. S. Gorman and Geo. Mitsch as sureties.

Committee of Ways and Means.

Committee on Claims.

damaged

Claims-The board submit, approved by them the following claims, viz St. Paul Book and Stationery company, \$108.66; Mark Costello, \$26.77; Geo. Mitsch, \$21.05; J. P. Gribben, In conclusion, the best judgment has been \$82.44;Geo. J. Mitsch & Co.,75 cents;American Manufacturing company, \$39; Ranney & Hodgman, \$12; J. S. Burris, \$20; J. G. Hinkel, \$6; Jno. Martin, \$16: John Foos, 87.40; Colbert, Hill & Co., \$3; McMasters & Getty, \$1.75. Michael, Bros. \$9.00, Brewer & Rhodes, \$40.97.

Also, Sophia Weber's Petitions-The board return said petition and report that, having viewed the premises, they concur in the report of the City Engineer thereon. The Engineer reports to the effect that the proprietor in question has not been

Adopted. Mississippi Street Change of Grade. The board return the profile for said change of grade, and report that they have viewed the property on the line of the proposed change, and still adhere to their report of January 5, 1884. Recommitted.

The Board submit their report for the month of March, 1884, showing the expenditures to be \$3,658.87, accompanied by vouchavenue from Martin street to Sherburne REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF THE ST. PAUL PUB-

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONTROL.

of the City of St. Paul:
GENTLEMEN: The Board of Directors of
the public library respectfully submit their
second annual report. The report of a year
ago, in order to conform to the law was reads in a short time after the opening of the library to the public, and before the receipt of city funds to operate it, and so the financial portion of this report will cover the time from

the organization of the institution, Sept. 25,

Section 7 of the act of the legislature, ap proved March 4, 1879, requires that "the board of directors shall make on or before the first day in April in each year, an annual report to the City Council, stating the condi-tion of their trust on the first day of March of that year; the various sums of money re-ceived from the library fund, and other sources, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of persons attending; the number of books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest.

The amount received from the tax of 1882, was \$4,793.32; received from fines, lost books paid for and other sources, \$568.94; total receipts, \$5,362.26. The total expenditures have been \$8,272.46, fully exhibited in the hereunto annexed report of the secretary of the board. The principal expenditures being for rent, \$1,300; liabilities of the Paul Library Association, \$146.78; salaries, \$2,427.70; gas, \$548.81; fuel, \$316.40; books and periodicals, \$746.92; furniture, includplan or profile of said improvement, and an ing fitting up new rooms, \$1,460.15; stationery and printing, \$273.49; insurance, \$159.70; binding books and periodicals, \$686.75; miscellaneous, \$205.76. We fully believe for these expenditures, probably as much satisfaction has been rendered to the public as this amount of money has ever accomplished. The books and periodicals now number

paid for, and only three are missing; 3,493 persons have taken readerships, of which 1,767 are males and 1,725 are females. The sewer on Oak street, from Walnut street number of books loaned out in fourteen to Sherman street, and having investiments is 62,244, of which 5,043 were history gated the proposed improvement, respect-fully report that said improvement is neces-voyages and travels, 48,543 fiction and juveniles, 1,477 science and arts, and 3,688 were miscellaneous, besides 4,125 not classified. The reading room is now supplied with sixty-four magazines and newspapers, and will be added to as the funds admit. Its frequenters show, in their quiet and orderly behavior, that they duly appreciate the value of this provision of the city government. The number of persons who make use of the privileges of the library is in excess of the anticipations of its friends; under the old organization there were less than 460 readerships. Further particulars will be found in

the report of the Librarian, hereto annexed. The necessity of securing larger accommodations, preparing the hall for our occupancy, and the necessary assistance for the library service, has shown that the first appropriation of one-eighth of a mill was insufficient for the purpose, and, consequently, the war-rants we have issued have been in excess of the receipts, and must continue to be so un-til the proceeds of the tax of 1883 can be made available from the June settlement. The larger part of the outstanding warrants are held by our fellow director, Henry P. Up-ham, and to him the public thanks are due for keeping the credit of the Board in the best condition, without any charge for inter-

est for the money advanced.

In our previous report we informed the Council that a lease had been made with D. W. Ingersoll, Esq., for five years for our present quarters. For this lease we are to pay the sum of twelve hundred dollars a year. The directors consider themselves very fortulighted, well proportioned, with a commandng view, and in every respect the most desirable accommodation that could at present

be obtained in the city. The terms of the transfer of their books, made by the Library Association, required that the directors of the Public Library should ssume and provide for the outstanding liabilities of that institution, and the Secretary's binness of that institution, and the Secretary **8** report shows that the sum of \$146.78 was the total amount required for that purpose. The number of volumes in the Association Library was \$,051, for which we paid at the rate of about one cent and four-fifths of a cent a volume, and these 8,051 books have furnished the greater part of the 62,244 circulation of the past fourteen months.

We have taken the precaution to place in-surance on the books and fixtures to the amount of ten thousand dollars. A reference department was opened when

ber of persons have availed themselves of its that said improvement is necessary and privileges, including many pupils from the proper, rebuilding Broadway street sewer from higher grades in our public schools. In all proper, rebuilding Broadway street sewer from a point 122 feet south of Third street to a advanced cities the public library is becoma point 122 feet south of Third street to a point 150 feet north of Prince street manhole; that the estimated expense thereof is \$5,685, one-half of which need not be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let; that all persons of good deportment and habit, as all persons of good deportment and habit, as required by our by-laws, can add to their vanced scholars the collection is vet weak, the time will soon come when the specialist will be able to here find the books he desires. Our readers are drawn from every class of of said improvement, and an order for your society, and they come regularly from the adoption, if you desire us to make the imits volumes with the highest satisfaction. The younger classes of our population who grow up under the influence of this beneficent institution will have their pride and their local patriotism stimulated by these helps, and will advance with a growing gratitude for the liberality of the council that has provided so generously for all, and especially The Board report that they have awarded Andrew Jaicks the contract for paving aid would have been without reading re-That the library was a needed want in our

city is proved by the use that has been made of its volumes during the past year. The Peter and Market streets, he being the census of 1860 gard 503,185. The year's circles and responsible bidder there-constructed bid \$50.884, bond in the sum culation of the Chicago public library for 1882. census of 1880 gave St. Paul a population of was 349,977, while our library circulated last year 59,612. As Chicago largely increased in population during the two years subsequent to 1880, and if the two cities have the same proportion of readers to its population, then the census of St. Paul at this time must be nearly 100,000, as otherwise our population must largely excel that of Chicago in the desire to read. It has been prophecied in regard to the relation that the public libraries hold to populations that "the library will Allowed and referred to Compiroller by the stand side by side with the school, the press and the church, as one of the four great inellectual and moral forces which ar ing the community," and our people seem to be encouraging its fulfillment. We have every reason to be satisfied with

the intelligent devotion to their duties by the librarian and her assistants.

As the rooms now occupied will be too small before the expiration of our lease in 1888, it is a proper time to suggest to your honorable body that it might be well to secure, if possible, a large portion of the upper story in the contemplated new city hall for the public library, which would answer until

exercised in the selection of the new pur-chases, and we shall be gratified to have the assistance of the council or city authorities, or the public, in the further additions to the

On behalf of the directors. ALEX. RAMSEY, President. WM. H. KELLEY, Secretary. St. Paul, March 26, 1884.
Secretary's report of receipts and disbursements from October 1, 1882, to February 29,

RECEIPTS Credited to Library fund March, 1883.....\$1,242 24 Credited to Library fund

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\$8,273 62 \$8,273 62 Respectfully submitted, WM. H. KELLEY. Secretary of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul Public Library. St. Paul, March 3 1884.

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To the Board of Directors of the St. Paul Public Library: GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully sub-

mit my annual report as Libarian, embracing the statistics of the Library from January 1, 1883, to the close of the official year ending February 29, 1884. The Library opened for circulation of books on the 2d day of January 1883, with 8,051 volumes, of which about 6,600 were for general circulation, and the remainder were books of reference. The accessions since the opening have been 902 volumes, of which 658 have been bought, and 244 have been given. The number of vol-umes now out and discarded was 196, of which all but one were books of prose, fiction and juveniles. The number of volumes lost and paid for was 26. The net increase of books, therefore, has been 680 volumes.

The donations since the opening of the Library to the public have been 244 volumes and 422 pamphlets. A list of the donors and the number of their gifts accompanies this report.

DONATIONS.

borrowers is 3,492, of which 1,767 are males and 1,725 are females; 3,444 have deposited certificates of guaranty and 48 have made a money deposit.

Of the latter number 30 have withdrawn their 8,731 volumes; there have been purchased deposit; leaving the number now drawing during the year 658 volumes, and 244 have books on a money deposit 18. The daily av-Paul:

Deen donated; 196 volumes have been worn

The Board of Public Works have had out and discarded, and twenty-six lost and been 10. The amount of fines received for

The present number of registered book