

some way reduced, without prejudice to the cause of education.

The schools were carried through the year 1863 on the sum of \$39,457.33 the whole sum expended having been \$53,780.04, of which was paid on debts the sum of \$14,322.71.

I believe from a hasty examination of the enclosed papers that some reduction might and ought to be made in the expenditures of the Board, and without any injury to the schools. The increase of the salaries of teachers asked for may be necessary and proper in some cases, but no more necessary, certainly, than the increase of the salaries of many other servants of the city.

I leave the subject to your honorable body with the single expression of my opinion, that the per capita tax of nearly \$33,000, with the further sum of, say \$8,000, for the purpose of extinguishing the debts of the Board, ought, with the primary school fund, to suffice for the year 1864.

Respectfully, &c.,
A. H. REDFIELD, Controller.

Accepted and ordered printed.
A. d. Bond moved a reconsideration of the last vote.

Carried.
On motion, the communication was referred to the Committee on Education, by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bond, Cahoon, Cicott, Frost, Gies, Knight, Lafferty, McGinnis, Meldrum, Ralph, Sheley, Weir, President—13

Nays—Ald. Brooks, Gallagher, McGonegal, Purcell—4.

FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY.
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
DETROIT, April 11th, 1864, }

To the Hon. the Common Council:
Gentlemen—In compliance with instructions heretofore given me by your honorable body I introduce another resolution for the opening and extending of Howard street, in the Ninth Ward, as follows, to wit:

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the city of Detroit, That it is necessary to make the following improvement in the city of Detroit: To open and extend Howard street, in the Ninth ward of said city, westwardly from its present westerly terminus on Thompson street, by opening and extending it westwardly, at its present width of sixty feet, until it reaches and unites with Henry street in said Ward.

And the said Common Council do hereby declare that they intend to take and use for the purpose of making said improvement, a strip of land sixty feet in width, running from the present westerly terminus of Howard street, on Thompson street, to the present easterly terminus of Henry street, one hundred and three feet easterly of Trowbridge street, bounded northerly by the northerly line of Howard street, as extended, and southerly by the southerly line of Howard street as extended, and embracing portions of the Godfroy farm, the Lafferty farm, the Thompson farm, and the Lafontain farm so called.

And the said Common Council do further declare, that they will, on the sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1864, at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M. of that day, apply to the Recorder's Court of said city for the drawing and empanelling of a jury, to ascertain the necessity for using the property above described, as intended to be taken and used for the purpose of making said improvement, and to ascertain the just damages and compensation to which any person may be entitled if said improvement be made.

And the City Clerk of said city is hereby directed to cause this resolution to be published for four successive weeks before said sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1864, in The Detroit Free Press, the official daily newspaper of said city, and the Daily Michigan Volksblatt, another daily newspaper published in said city.

And the Marshal of said city is hereby directed to serve notices of this resolution on the persons, and in the manner prescribed in section three of chapter seven of the charter of said city.

Very respectfully,
THOS. H. HARTWELL,
City Attorney.

Communication and resolution accepted and adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Bond, Brooks, Cahoon, Frost, Galla-

gher, Gies, Knight, Lafferty, McGinnis, McGonegal, Purcell, Ralph, Sheley, Weir, President—15.
Nays—Ald. Meldrum—1.

FROM THE SAME.
DETROIT, April 12, 1864.

To the Hon. the Common Council:
Gentlemen—Enclosed please find two ordinances which I was instructed at your last session to introduce, to wit:

An ordinance to amend section 4 of chapter 80, title 10, of Revised Ordinance, 1863.

An ordinance to amend section 3 of chapter 78, title 10, of Revised Ordinance, 1863.

Very respectfully,
THOS. H. HARTWELL,
City Attorney.

Accepted, and, on motion, "An ordinance to amend section 4 of chapter 80, title 10 of the Revised Ordinances of 1863," was read a first and second time by its title, and, on further motion, was put upon its final passage, read the third time by sections, and was laid over under the rules, by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bond, Brooks, Cicott, Gallagher, Gies, Knight, Lafferty, McGinnis, Meldrum, Ralph, Sheley, Weir, President—13.

Nays—Ald. Cahoon—1.
Ald. Cahoon moved a reconsideration of the last vote.

Carried.
Ald. Cahoon then moved that the ordinance pass. Carried as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Bond, Brooks, Cahoon, Cicott, Frost, Gallagher, Gies, Knight, Lafferty, McGinnis, McGonegal, Meldrum, Purcell, Ralph, Weir, President—16.

Nays—None.
On motion, the title of the ordinance was approved.

On motion, "An ordinance to amend section 3 of chapter 78, of title 10 of the Revised Ordinances of 1863," was read a first and second time by its title, and, on motion, was put upon its final passage, read the third time by sections, and laid over under the rules. Ald. Lafferty voting in the negative.

Ald. Lafferty moved a reconsideration of the last vote.

Carried.
Ald. Lafferty then moved the passage of the ordinance.

Carried by the following vote:
Yeas—Ald. Bond, Brooks, Cahoon, Cicott, Frost, Gallagher, Gies, Knight, Lafferty, McGinnis, McGonegal, Meldrum, Purcell, Ralph, Sheley, Weir, President—17.

Nays—None.
On motion, the title of the ordinance was approved.

FROM THE CITY COUNSELLOR.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I respectfully report that I think the suit brought by Mrs. Eagan, and now pending in the Circuit Court, can be adjusted on terms more advantageous to the city than would result from litigation. I therefore respectfully recommend that the matter be referred to a committee with power.

Respectfully,
W. GRAY, Counsellor.

April 12, 1864.
Accepted and moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts, City Counsellor and Controller, with power.

Ald. Purcell moved to amend by referring it to the Counsellor and Controller, with power.

Carried.
The question then being on adoption of the original motion as amended, the same was laid over under the rules, Ald. Knight voting in the negative.

FROM THE CITY SURVEYOR.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Having been directed by your honorable body to stake out the walks in Cass Park, in view of planting trees therein, I respectfully suggest to your honorable body that the same be graded before planting the trees. As the ground is very uneven and rough, it will require to be filled up at least two feet in some parts. The Supervisor of the Fifth Ward is at present engaged in cleaning the paved streets in his ward, and it would be well to direct him to deposit all gleanings in the park.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
EUGENE ROBINSON, City Surveyor.