

One of the most prominent features of these is that providing for the acquirement by the city at an agreed price of the garbage plant at the expiration of the contract.

In the brief time since my first inquiries were made it has been impossible to make as exhaustive a digest of the replies thereto as might be desirable, but a number of valuable reports have been received and all the papers and documents on hand are at the service of your honorable body and the Committee on Health; also any other information on the subject, which I may be able to procure.

Respectfully,
F. A. BLADES,
Controller.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Health.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of the enclosed supplemental estimate from the Park and Boulevard Commission, which I herewith transmit to your honorable body.

Respectfully,
F. A. BLADES,
Controller.

Accepted.

The following is the estimate.
To the Honorable the City Controller, Detroit:

Dear Sir—At a special meeting of the Commissioner of Parks and Boulevards held this day, I was directed to ask you to submit the following supplementary estimates to the Common Council, this P. M., that the matter might receive their immediate action:

BELLE ISLE IMPROVEMENT.

A shelter pavilion in general for bicyclists and others, to be placed upon Belle Isle Park..\$10,000 00

CITY PARKS IMPROVEMENT.

Improvements of the City Hall lawn 2,500 00
Total\$12,500 00

Respectfully submitted,
M. P. HURLBUT,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Parks and Boulevards.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of the enclosed supplemental estimate from the Board of Poor Commissioners, which I herewith submit to your honorable body.

Respectfully,
F. A. BLADES,
Controller.

Accepted.

The following is the estimate:
Hon. F. A. Blades, City Controller:
Dear Sir—At the suggestion of Mayor Maybury, we beg leave to call the attention of the Common Council through you, to the matter of providing funds for the planting of idle land by needy poor during the coming season. Heretofore this estimate has not been made by this board, but has usually been placed in the schedule by resolution of the Common Council. The board are satisfied that considerable help is afforded many poor people by this measure, and in many cases it is no doubt

the means of keeping them from applying for other relief.

We therefore ask for \$2,000 as a supplemental estimate for the purpose.

Very respectfully,
JOHN NAYLON,
THOMAS BARLUM,
L. H. BECK,
A. C. VARNEY,

Board of Poor Commissioners.

By the Board,
P. H. DWYER,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

From the Corporation Counsel.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In the matter of opening the alley in the block bounded by Michigan avenue, Buchanan street, Welsh and Livernois avenues, upon investigation I find that if opened in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Common Council on Dec. 14, 1897, it will take three inches off the full length of a house standing on the corner of the alley as proposed. The alley as proposed would be 18 feet wide. The City Engineer says the width of the alley can be reduced, so as to avoid taking this building, and thus save considerable money, and at the same time furnish an alley of sufficient width to accommodate the abutting property.

I therefore recommend that the resolutions adopted by the Common Council on Dec. 14, 1897, (Council proceedings page 1051), be rescinded, and new resolutions adopted.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES FLOWERS,
Corporation Counsel.

Accepted, and leave being granted the following resolutions were offered:

By Ald. Grunow:
Resolved, That the resolutions adopted by the Common Council, for the opening of an alley in the block bounded by Michigan avenue, Buchanan street, Welsh and Livernois avenues, on Dec. 14, 1897, (Council proceedings page 1051), be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Ald. Auberlin, Batchelder, Coats, Deimel, Dingwall, Goldwater, Greusel, Grunow, Haarer, Hacker, Houghton, Koch, Licht, McGraw, Marx, Masak, Merrell, Moeller, Rathmann, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Seely, Tossy, Weber, Weiler, Youngblood and the President—29.

Nays—None.
By Ald. Grunow:
Resolved, That it be and is hereby declared by the Common Council of the City of Detroit, that it is necessary to make in said city the following described improvement, and the same is for the use and benefit of the public, viz.:

Opening an alley in the block bounded by Michigan avenue, Buchanan street, Welsh and Livernois avenues, where not already opened.

That they deem it necessary to take private property for the purpose of making such improvement, which property is situated in said City of Detroit and is bounded and described as follows:

All that part of lot eighty-four (84) of the plat of the subdivision of the estate of Stephen Livernois, being part of private claim five hundred and seventy-four (574), de-