

city, and that the R. R. Co. and Henry Ohrns claimed to hold the property by adverse possession.

Inasmuch as the matter has assumed such shape that legal steps may be necessary, the Board suggests that the whole matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel for investigation and report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MILLEN,

President.

Accepted, and recommendation concurred in.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The communication of his Honor, the Mayor, to your honorable body at its meeting, in regard to the use of the city's track in Third avenue, between Grand River and Ledyard, by the Detroit & Northwestern Railway Co., contains the gratuitous statement that "the Board of Public Works has heretofore assumed to give franchises in the streets of the city." The Board hastens to reassure His Honor and the Common Council. They have done nothing of the kind. The present Board of Public Works has simply followed the system which has been in vogue for years past, and never before been questioned, so far as they are aware, of granting permits for crossovers, turnouts, switches, curves, etc., on the advice of the Corporation Counsel, their only competent legal adviser, that it was their right and duty to grant them, and that the companies were entitled to them under their original franchises granted by the Common Council. After the hands of the railway company had been tied by an injunction at the instance of your honorable body, and was in the hands of the Circuit Court for determination, the Board of Public Works, which is composed of law-abiding citizens, thought it wise to await the court's decision and kept its hands off the property of the company. This old straw has been thrashed over so often that the Board supposed its position was well understood by every citizen who reads, and the statement of the chief executive to your honorable body came as a painful surprise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MILLEN,

President.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Board of Health.

Transmitting report of non-collection of garbage, etc., for week ending June 16, 1900.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Health.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held on the 11th inst., a resolution, of which the following is a copy, was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the judgment of the Board of Health of the City of Detroit that the requirements of a city of approximately three hundred thousand people and their bodily physical comfort and welfare need the construction at once by this city of one or more sunken lavatories and toilet rooms in the center of this city.

"Resolved, That we do hereby respectfully recommend to his honor the

Mayor and the Detroit Common Council that they proceed to the speedy construction of the same, and at least provide for one such either up on Fort street near the west side of Woodward avenue or on the east side of Woodward ave. or west end of the Park on Michigan Grand Boulevard, as a measure of public health and convenience, on the most urgent recommendation of this Board.

"Resolved further, That the Secretary of this Board be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to his honor the Mayor of this city, also to the honorable the Common Council, that these public necessities so essential for women and children and the strangers visiting our city may be afforded at as early a date as possible."

Yours respectfully,

JOHN F. M'KINLAY,

Secretary.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Health.

From the City Treasurer.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have appointed Mr. Rufus W. Jacklin as Deputy City Treasurer.

Respectfully,

WM. B. THOMPSON,

City Treasurer.

Accepted and placed on file.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I herewith hand trial balance for the month of May, 1900.

Very respectfully,

W. B. THOMPSON,

City Treasurer.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

From the Receiver of Taxes.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I enclose herewith a statement of taxes for 1899, assessed against various transportation companies, all of which claim to be exempt, under the law, from taxation in the City of Detroit. The total amount of taxes standing upon the books of this office against said companies is \$13,215.06.

I would respectfully ask your honorable body to investigate the question of the liability of these companies and direct proceedings to be taken for the collection of said taxes, if they are legally assessed, and if not, that the amount standing upon the books of this office may be cancelled.

Yours respectfully,

THOS. M. LUCKING,

Receiver of Taxes.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

From the Clerk of the Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your honorable body that a jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of opening Fifteenth street from Warren avenue to Merrick avenue

rendered a verdict in favor of said opening May 3d, 1900, which was confirmed by the Court June 18th, 1900.

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

Respectfully,
JOHN A. GROGAN,
Clerk.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

From the Clerk.

That he presented such portion of the proceedings of the last session as is required by the Charter to be so presented, to his honor the Mayor for approval on the 16th inst., and that they were approved on the 19th inst.

Also, that he presented to the Mayor for approval an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the solicitation by store keepers, their agents and runners, of passers by on the public streets of the City of Detroit," which was approved on the 19th inst.

Accepted and placed on file.

Also, that Timothy E. Tarsney has filed official bond as Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, that the following named persons have filed their indemnity bonds for trafficking in liquor: Tivoli Brewing Co., Tivoli Brewing Co.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Bonds.

Also that he has received the following:

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I inclose you herewith this company's acceptance of the Ordinance approved May 29th, 1900, for the track on Clay avenue from its intersection with Oakland avenue, to the easterly City Limits.

Yours truly,

J. C. HUTCHINS,
Vice President.

Accepted and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Ways and Means.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the reports of the various city officers for the week ending June 16, 1900, also the lease of the Majestic Building Co. for the Corporation Counsel's offices, respectfully report that with the Chief Accountant we have examined the same and believing them to be correct, recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. COOTS,
OLIVER H. GRUNOW,
WM. C. HOUGHTON,
JOHN WEIBEL.

Accepted and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Bleil, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Mayhew, Merrell, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler and the President—31.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of S. B. Miller submitting agreement in the matter of report that we have carefully considered the matter and recommend said agreement be accepted and placed on file in the Controller's office.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. COOTS,
OLIVER H. GRUNOW,
WM. C. HOUGHTON,
JOHN WEIBEL.

Accepted and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Bleil, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Mayhew, Merrell, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler and the President—31.

Nays—None.

Claims and Accounts.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the Controller's list of approved accounts of June 19th, 1900, also voucher No. 1379, The J. B. Ford Co., \$24.90, previously held up for further consideration, respectfully report that we have examined the same, and believing the same to be correct, recommend that they be paid from the proper funds.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BLEIL,
RICHARD P. JOY,
BASIL A. LEMKE,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Bleil, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Mayhew, Merrell, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler and the President—31.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of John Storm for injuries sustained on account of a fall on an alleged defective covering to a manhole on Randolph street, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter; have listened to testimony, and believe from the evidence submitted to us that it would be advisable for the city to compromise the claim for the sum of \$750 in full settlement, and we herewith offer the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BLEIL,
RICHARD P. JOY,
BASIL A. LEMKE,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Bleil:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the