

bien street crossing of the C. & G. T., the M. C. and the L. S. & M. S. Rys. in your city, has been received, and the same will receive attention as soon as possible, in the regular course of business.

Very respectfully yours,  
**CHASE S. OSBORN,**  
 Commissioner of Railroads.  
 Accepted and placed on file.

**FROM THE SAME.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—On February 7th, 1899, I communicated to your honorable body the fact that a number of election districts of the city contained more than six hundred and fifty (650) registered electors (the limit provided by law), which communication was referred to your Committee on Ordinances, and no report having been made thereon, I again beg to call your attention to the matter at this time in order that an intelligent estimate of the amount of money necessary for properly conducting elections may be made, should additional districts be created.

Very respectfully,  
**JOHN A. SCHMID,**  
 City Clerk.  
 Accepted and referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

**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 Jan. 27, 1900, also official bonds of John Barlow, John A. Grogan, and A. Cyrowski and J. H. Allen, as Constable of the Sixth ward and of J. W. Millen, member of the Board of Public Works, 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,**  
**OSCAR B. MARX,**  
**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, Marx, Mayhew, Merrill, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steinger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.  
 Nays—None.

**FROM THE SAME.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the communication from the Controller, submitting proposals for the purchase of \$150,000 of Public Improvement Bonds of the City of Detroit, respectfully report that we have examined the matter and recommend that the bonds be awarded to N. W. Harris & Co. of Chicago, at par and a premium of \$9,811.00, they being the

highest bidders for said bonds, and herewith offer the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,  
**WALTER H. COOTS,**  
**OSCAR B. MARX,**  
**OLIVER H. GRUNOW,**  
**WM. C. HOUGHTON,**  
**JOHN WEIBEL.**

Accepted and leave being granted, the following resolution was offered:  
 By Ald. Coots:

Resolved, That the bid of N. W. Harris & Co. of Chicago, for the Public Improvement Bonds, amounting to \$159,811.00, and accrued interest, being the highest bid, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby instructed and authorized to sell one hundred and fifty Public Improvement Bonds of the face value of one thousand dollars each, to N. W. Harris & Co. of Chicago, for the sum of \$159,811.00, with accrued interest.

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to prepare the bonds so ordered sold, in compliance with the provisions of the City Charter, and to deliver the same to the City Treasurer, as required by law.

Resolved, That upon the receipt of such bonds the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to notify the proper parties that they are ready for delivery and to deliver the same to the persons entitled thereto upon receipt of the principal, \$150,000.00, and a premium of \$9,811.00, and accrued interest, if any.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Bleil, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Marx, Mayhew, Merrill, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steinger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.  
 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 C. K. Brandon et al., for the acceptance of a deed, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to state that said deed is given in accordance with a report submitted by the Committee on Taxes at a session held Dec. 26th ult., which was adopted by the Common Council. We find that said deed is certified to by the Corporation Counsel as being correct in form and execution and title satisfactory and by the City Engineer as being correct in description. We therefore recommend that said deed be accepted and the Controller be instructed to cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Wayne and we herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
**WALTER H. COOTS,**  
**OSCAR B. MARX,**  
**OLIVER H. GRUNOW,**  
**WM. C. HOUGHTON,**  
**JOHN WEIBEL.**

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered:  
 By Ald. Coots:

Resolved, That the quit-claim deed of Calvin K. Brandon and wife to the City of Detroit of all that certain piece

or parcel of land, situate in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, known and described as follows, to-wit: A strip of land ten (10) feet in width from east to west, next adjacent and appurtenant to the rear or westerly line of lot 222 and extending northerly to and including lot 293 of Brandon's sub. of that part of P. C. 337 and 257, between Jefferson avenue and Mack street and west of the east line of Cadillac Boulevard. Also the south 34 ft. of that part of P. C. 257, between Jefferson avenue and Mack street, Hamtramck, according to the original plat thereof, recorded Nov. 6th, 1885, in liber 9 of plats, page, 32, be and the same is hereby approved and accepted and the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Wayne, Michigan.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Bleil, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Marx, Mayhew, Merrill, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.

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 Jan. 30, 1900, 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. MCGUIRE.

Accepted and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Bleil, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Marx, Mayhew, Merrill, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.

Nays—None.

**Franchises.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Franchises, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Marx relative of the running of the Baker street cars to Field avenue via Mt. Elliott and Jefferson avenues, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to state that there is no question but what the present service discommodates a good number of citizens who ride east on the Baker cars, desiring to reach Belle Isle bridge or the immediate neighborhood, by compelling them to walk from Mt. Elliott avenue and Congress street south two blocks to the Jefferson avenue line, which cars are usually pretty well crowded by the time they reach this point. We further state that the franchise granted them upon Congress and Fort streets distinctly says that said cars shall run east on Congress street

to Mt. Elliott avenue, thence south on Mt. Elliott avenue to Jefferson avenue, thence east on Jefferson avenue, to the intersection of Field avenue, which ordinances, it will be seen, are being violated at the present time, inasmuch as it is absolutely necessary, especially at this time of the year, that said cars should run to their destination at the intersection of Jefferson and Field avenues, we recommend that said Detroit Citizens' Street Railway Co. be given until Feb. 5th to comply with the ordinance governing the same, and if not complied with within that time the Corporation Counsel be instructed to commence such proceedings against said company as may be necessary to compel them to give the required service, and we herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. SMITH,  
OSCAR B. MARX,  
WM. C. HOUGHTON.  
WM. HILLGER,

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Smith:

Resolved, That the Detroit Citizens' Street Railway Co. be and it is hereby directed to cause the Baker street cars to run to Field avenue via Mt. Elliott and Jefferson avenues, instead of turning at Mt. Elliott avenue, as is now the custom, for the accommodation of the general public, said company to comply with said request within five days; and further

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby directed to take such legal steps as may be necessary to compel said company to give said service, if not complied with by Feb. 5th, 1900.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Bleil, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Marx, Mayhew, Merrill, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.

Nays—None.

**Sewers.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the communication from the City Controller relative to the money received by him, being \$250, from the village of Highland Park, awarded by Judge J. W. Donovan of the Wayne Circuit Court in the matters of sewers in said village of Highland Park and Palmer Park, and the use of the Woodward avenue sewer, as per his decision of Dec. 28th, 1898, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to report that this Committee have never had anything to do with the matter of the aforesaid connections in any form or manner, and therefore recommend that the communication be accepted and placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,

MAX C. KOCH,  
J. J. HAARER,  
WM. HILLGER.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Sew-