

the Board of Health is very anxious to make use of the floor mentioned, and, in appreciation of the authority given, is desirous of making the necessary alterations and improvements thereto, to fit it for the purposes required, and to build a bridge connecting the two buildings mentioned, and from estimates received for making these improvements believes that it will cost between five and six thousand dollars, which amount your honorable body is respectfully requested to provide from available funds, as there is no part of the public health fund which could be spared for that purpose.

Prior to the beginning of the present fiscal year, the ordinance authorizing licenses to be issued to milk dealers in this city, provided, among other things, that the moneys derived from such licenses should be used to promote the work, and pay the expenses of the milk inspection department of this city, some of which money was used for the purchase of automobiles and the keeping of them in repair for the use of the milk inspectors, this money being no longer available for these purposes the Board of Health is compelled to request your honorable body to provide these expenses from available funds, and at the present time desires to exchange a used car for a new one, paying the difference in cash, or be authorized to make the necessary repairs to the car in question, the total outlay not to exceed \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF HEALTH,
 By John F. McKinlay,
 Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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 Dorchester Street, from McClellan avenue to Pennsylvania avenue, where not already open as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening Monday, Sept. 17, 1917, which was confirmed by the Court Oct. 1, 1917.

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 Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
 Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your Honorable Body that the fines in the court from September 4 to September 29, inclusive, for violation of the city ordinances, amount to one thousand, one hundred and twenty-eight (\$1,128.00) dollars, which amount has been deposited with the City Treasurer, and his receipt therefor taken.

Respectfully,
 JOHN A. GROGAN,
 Clerk of the Recorder's Court.
 Accepted and placed on file.

From the Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Some time ago, upon a request from me, your Honorable Body allowed me to get in some extra stenographers for the purpose of properly taking care of the unforeseen work with which this Court has been flooded.

I had hoped that the situation might return to the condition that it was in before this mass of work was placed in our hands, but I am now of the opinion that the work is even more extensive than it has ever been before.

The ordinance cases which used to run from two to five thousand a year have reached twenty-five thousand during the past year, and the criminal cases which used to run less than one thousand, will probably run twenty-five hundred this year.

It will be utterly impossible for me to give satisfactory service to the public unless you allow me to keep on this extra help. I therefore request that you make some provision to continue their employment until the work can be well handled without them.

Respectfully yours,
 JOHN A. GROGAN,
 Clerk of the Recorder's Court.
 Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From Department of Buildings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
 Gentlemen—The following is a resolution adopted by the Building Commission at their meeting of Oct. 1, 1917, which is to be referred to you:

"It was moved and supported that Chief Inspector Dupont be authorized to send the Common Council copies of the communications read before the Commission, setting forth certain facts, which have previously occurred. Motion carried."

The letters attached are the communications referred to in the above resolution.

By Order of the Building Commission.
 By CHARLES C. LUDY,
 Secretary.

Honorable Building Commission:
 Gentlemen—On June 19, 1917, I sent a letter to Mr. George Ross, Alderman of the Eighth ward, Detroit, pleading with him and appreciating his civic pride. I also notified him that if he would notify this Department of any violations on buildings within the City of Detroit, I would give him my hearty support and assured him the same would be given attention and the violators rigidly dealt with.

I cannot understand Alderman Ross' attitude in the matter for he has not notified this Department to this date by letter of any violations in the city. From all indications it appears that this has become a personal matter in order to wreak vengeance for Harry Hollands, who is Alderman Ross' advisor in regard to many alleged violations, which have not been proved to this date. Mr. Hollands was dismissed by the Building Commission, on December 15, 1916, and this dismissal was sustained by the Civil Service Commission on the grounds of insubordination.

Yours respectfully,
 Department of Buildings,
 HENRY A. DUPONT,
 Chief Inspector.

Mr. George W. Ross,
 Alderman of Eighth Ward:
 Dear Sir—Relative to the many violations on building construction alleged to be going on within the City; I will