

Taxes.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
Gentlemen—Your Committee on Taxes, to whom was referred the petitions of David Adel, Mary D. Edwards, and Frank W. May for the removal, cancellation, etc., of certain taxes assessed against them, respectfully report that we have given these matters our careful consideration and beg leave to state the following facts and conditions:

Re petition of David Adel, we find that the petitioner was assessed upon a valuation of \$600 for the year 1900, whereas in fact he disposed of his business to H. Shapiro in January, 1899, which was shown by a bill of sale presented to your committee.

Re petition of Mary D. Edwards, we find that she was assessed upon a valuation of \$2,500 for the year 1900, which was raised from \$1,200 for the previous year; that said assessment was arbitrarily made by the Board, because the petitioner filed no statement. The petitioner was sworn, and from the testimony taken we are unable to see where the value of their personal property was worth more than \$500.

We therefore recommend that she be refunded the difference between \$2,500 and \$500.

Re petition of F. W. May, we find that he was assessed for a mortgage of \$3,000, which was given on Oct. 12, 1900, assigned to Mr. Bigelow on Oct. 23, 1900, and discharged on June 17, 1901, hence in our opinion, as well as that of the Corporation Counsel, the petitioner can not be held liable thereof.

We therefore recommend that their requests be granted and we herewith offer the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. SMITH,
EDWARD WILDMAN,
DANIEL CAMPBELL.

Accepted and on leave, the following resolutions were offered:

By Ald. Smith:

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes be and he is hereby instructed to cancel taxes upon the personal assessment held against Frank W. May for the year 1901, being upon a valuation of \$3,000 (page 242, 1901, Fourteenth Ward), the same being erroneous.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beammer, Campbell, Dederich, Freda, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

By Ald. Smith:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to draw a warrant upon the proper fund in favor of Mary D. Edwards for the sum of \$30 36, being the taxes upon a personal assessment of \$2,000 assessed against her for the year 1900, upon presentation of the proper receipt showing that she paid the taxes upon a valuation of \$2,500 for said year.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beammer, Campbell, Dederich, Freda, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, Mc-

Guire, Magee, Marx, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

By Ald. Smith:

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes be and he is hereby instructed to cancel the taxes upon an assessment of \$600 held against David Adel for the year 1900, said assessment having been erroneously assessed for said year.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beammer, Campbell, Dederich, Freda, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

Street Openings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Rev. Chas. J. Hutter, for the vacation of an alley in the block bounded by Frederick, Farnsworth, Field and Sheridan avenues, respectfully report that we have investigated the matter, and find that the entire property in said block is owned by St. Anthony's Roman Catholic congregation; that there is now in the course of erection a large church and other buildings in connection therewith upon that half of the block lying west of Sheridan avenue, and that the other portion thereof is now occupied and has been for several years past by a school building, and the petitioner's homestead.

Your committee are unable to see why the request should not be granted, and therefore recommend that the alley hereinbefore mentioned, be vacated and herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. STEIGER,
WM. F. MOELLER,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted, and leave being granted, the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Moeller:

Resolved, That the public alley lying in the block bounded by Field, Sheridan, Farnsworth and Frederick avenues, more particularly described as block 2, of J. S. Foley's sub. of part of the Church farm, lying between Gratiot avenue and Frederick street, be and the same is hereby vacated.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beammer, Campbell, Dederich, Freda, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of William J. Gray

for the opening of Bellevue avenue, from Ferry avenue to the Boulevard, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to state that we are of the opinion that said street should be opened as petitioned for, and we therefore recommend that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to cause the proper resolutions to be prepared for the opening of said street between Ferry avenue and the Boulevard, where

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. STEIGER,
WM. F. MOELLER,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Dolan for the vacation of a portion of an alley lying south of the south line of Theodore street, between the west line of Moran street and the west line of the M. Moran farm, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter, and beg leave to state that the petitioner if the owner of all that part of outlot 29 of the M. Moran farm, lying north of the north line of Warren avenue, the north line of which part of said outlot 29, abuts upon that portion of the alley sought to be vacated.

Theodore street was opened at this point in July, 1900, and in opening said Theodore street, this alley was taken, with the exception of the south 1.85 feet, which left a strip 1.85 feet wide between the south line of Theodore street, as opened, and the property of the petitioner.

Your committee is advised by the Corporation Counsel that the taking of such a large part of this alley in the opening of Theodore street operated as a virtual vacation of the entire alley, and that the narrow strip abutting upon Mrs. Dolan's property would revert to her, but as she is desirous of having a record title to this strip, and as it may be important in the future, should Theodore street be paved, to put the property of petitioner in a position where an assessment may be made against it without any question, and as the strip is of no value to anyone in its present condition, your committee would recommend that the strip above referred to and described, which is 1.85 feet wide, and 497 feet long, be vacated, and offers the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. STEIGER,
WM. F. MOELLER.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Moeller:

Resolved, That that portion of the public alley running between the west line of Moran street and the west line of the M. Moran farm, which was left and not included in the opening of Theodore street, and which lies south of the south line of Theodore street, being a strip 1.85 feet in width and 497 feet, more or less, in length, be and the same is hereby vacated.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beam-
er, Campbell, Dederich, Freda, Hill-

ger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Moeller, McNevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weller, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of C. B. Hutchins & Sons for the vacation of the alley in the block bounded by Livernois, Military and Toledo avenues and the railroad track, have carefully investigated the matter and find that the petitioners are the owners of all the property abutting upon this alley, which property is used for manufacturing purposes. As the petitioners are the only persons interested in said alley, and as the vacation of it would enable said petitioners to enlarge their plant, we respectfully recommend that said alley be vacated, upon condition that if the property is ever abandoned as a manufacturing site the alley will be rededicated, and herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. STEIGER,
WM. F. MOELLER,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered.

By Ald. Moeller:

Resolved, That the alley in the block bounded by Livernois, Military and Toledo avenues and the railroad track be and the same is hereby vacated, provided that in the event of the abandonment of the property in the above described block as a manufacturing site, the alley as present located will be rededicated.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beam-
er, Campbell, Dederich, Freda, Hill-
ger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating,
Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, Mc-
Guire, Magee, Marx, Moeller, Mohn,
Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Smith,
Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weller,
Wildman, and the President Pro Tem

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Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Henry B. Lathrop and Isabella G. B. Lathrop, for permission to vacate the plat of Lathrop's sub. of the e. part of the n. 459.69 ft. of outlot 5, fractional secs. 29 and 32, township 1 s., range 12 e., respectfully report that we have given the matter careful consideration and find that through some error when this plat was recorded, there was a small strip of land forming a part of outlot 6 of fractional secs. 29 and 32, town. 1 s., range 12 e., lying between the east line of this plat and St. Aubin avenue, which left this subdivision with no frontage on St. Aubin avenue. The owners of the sub. have since purchased this narrow strip and desire to vacate the old plat and record a new one which shall include the aforesaid strip.

Your committee is advised that the paving of St. Aubin avenue has been

delayed owing to the fact that there has been a doubt as to the collection of the assessment along this block from Fiquette avenue to Trombley avenue, owing to this peculiar situation.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the necessary permission be granted the Department of Public Works to vacate the plat of Lothrop's sub., above described, so that a new plat may be recorded, and submit the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. STEIGER,
WM. F. MOELLER,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

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

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to vacate the plat of Lothrop's sub. of the e. part of the n. 459.69 feet of out-lot 5 of fractional sections 29 and 32, township 1, s. range 12, e.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Dederich, Freda, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the president Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings to whom was referred the petition of Vincent Field for the acceptance of a deed in lieu of the refunding of certain general city taxes assessed against the property proposed to be deeded for the years 1900 and 1901, respectfully report that we have given this matter our careful consideration and find that the petitioner is the owner of a large portion of the property lying between the Boulevard and Field avenue, south of Mack; that a portion thereof, lying immediately south of Mack avenue was sold to the Board of Education for school purposes, said portion extending s'ly to the north line of Preston street, if extended; that said street is not opened at this time, but the petitioner is willing to deed the same to the city; provided, the city refunds to him the taxes, pro-rata, paid thereon for the years 1900 and 1901.

Taking all things into consideration, we believe it will be to the best interests of the city to accept the deed offered, upon the condition made by the petitioner, because of the fact that it will prevent the erection of any building too near the Eastern High school, and further because it will give said school premises an entire block free of other buildings. We therefore recommend that the proposition be accepted and herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. STEIGER,
WM. F. MOELLER,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

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

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant upon the proper fund in favor of Vincent Field

for the sum of \$97 78, being the taxes assessed, pro-rata, upon the property lying in the line of Preston street, if extended, between the Boulevard and Field avenue, for the years 1900 and 1901; provided, that said Field deeds unto the City of Detroit said property above mentioned, and said deed is accepted by the Committee on Ways and Means and approved by the Common Council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Dederich, Freda, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the president Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

Discharge of Committee.

Ald. Moeller moved that the Committee on Street Openings be discharged from further consideration of verdicts on matter of opening alleys between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, south of Michigan avenue, and between Howard street, Lafayette, Thirteenth and Fourteenth avenues, (the assessment districts having been fixed by resolutions adopted on the 12st inst.), which motion prevailed.

Liquor Bonds.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Liquor Bonds to whom was referred the various Liquor Bonds, respectively report that we have carefully examined the same and find that the bonds have been certified as correct in form by the Corporation Counsel; we therefore recommend that the bonds as reported by the City Clerk on the 19th day of November, 1901, be and are hereby accepted and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. NEVERMANN, JR.,
H. F. LIPHARDT,
BASIL A. LEMKE.

Accepted and adopted as follows.

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Dederich, Freda, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

Claims and Accounts.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petitions of Anna Kloetzel, asking for damages for injuries sustained by falling upon an alleged defective sidewalk, and Fred Cotney, for injuries alleged to have been sustained by falling from his bicycle, respectfully report that we have given the same careful consideration; have listened to the testimony of the claimants as well as that of several witnesses, and after consultation with the Corporation Counsel have come to the conclusion, that in our judgment there is no legal liability against the