

said Coleman has sustained or shall sustain, by reason of the premises, (to be estimated by the Engineers in charge,) the said City will pay, and such further time, in which to complete said Bridge, as said Engineers may consider just and equitable towards said Coleman, they are hereby empowered and requested to extend to him.

Referred to Bridge Committee.

By Ald. Briggs—Resolved, That Enos Blossom be paid the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, for additional salary as City Superintendent.

On motion of Ald. Jordan laid on table, as follows:

Ayes—Ald. Robins, Pancost, Shelton, Winslow, Warren, Filon, Jordan, Bauer and Quin—9.

Noes—Ald. Briggs, Breck, Sabin, Moore, Bennett and Morey—6.

By Ald. Sabin—Resolved, That the City Attorney be and he is hereby requested to report to this Board his opinion as to whether or not this Board have power to pass an ordinance for the weighing of coal, and that if such power exists in this Board, that the Attorney be requested to prepare an ordinance to that effect.—Adopted.

By Ald. Pancost—Resolved, That the communication from the City Physicians, submitted to the Common Council Sept. 1, be referred to a Select Committee. Adopted.

The Committee consists of Ald. Pancost, Shelton and Morey.

On motion of Ald. Warren, the Board adjourned.

WASHINGTON GIBBONS, Clerk.

In Common Council, Oct. 9th, 1855.

REGULAR MEETING.

Present—The Mayor, Ald. Robins, Pancost, Harlow, Briggs, Breck, Montgomery, Shelton, Winslow, Warren, Douglass, Filon, Clark, Jordan, Sabin, Moore, Bennett, Hilton, Bauer, Quin and Morey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended by inserting after the word "vote," respecting the adoption of the resolution of Ald. Breck, relating to the assessment rolls, as modified by the amendment of Ald. Robins, as follows:

Ald. Quin moved to reconsider the said vote. Lost, as follows:

Ayes—Ald. Briggs, Shelton, Winslow, Sabin, Moore, Morey and Quin—7.

Noes—Ald. Robins, Pancost, Breck, Warren, Filon, Jordan, Bennett and Bauer—8.

And thus amended were approved.

PETITIONS AND ACCOUNTS.

By Ald. Robins—The proceedings of the meeting of citizens, held on the 8th inst., respecting the city's subscribing for stock in, and loaning its credit to, the Rochester Water Works Company; table and ordered published with proceedings.

PUBLIC PROTEST AGAINST THE PROPOSED WATER SCHEME.—A large public meeting was held at the City Hall on Monday evening, Oct. 8th, to protest against the proposed subscription and loan to the Water Works project.

Hon Jacob Gould presided. A Committee of five was appointed to report Resolutions, consisting of Messrs. Farrar, Mumford, W. A. Reynolds, Loder and Belden.

They submitted the following series, which, after discussion by Messrs. Griffin, Chas. A.

Jones, Perry, Kelsey, Ald. Breck, Bloss and others, were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, It appears by the proceedings of the Common Council at their meeting on the 2d instant, that they propose to increase the debt of the city, by the sum of \$350,000, and the sum of \$24,500 (interest,) annually, for the purpose of defraying a portion of the expense of Water Works for the city; and whereas they invite an expression of public sentiment on the subject.

Resolved, That we regard, with anxiety and alarm, the proposal of a scheme which will so largely increase the enormous burden of taxation, by which the enterprise and prosperity of our city are already depressed.

Resolved, That however desirable a supply of pure and abundant water may be, the present population and wealth of our city, and the financial condition of our municipal affairs, will not warrant the large expenditure necessary to carry the water a distance of eight miles, and to force it to the great elevation required.

Resolved, That sufficient time has not yet been afforded for our citizens generally, to give this matter that examination and reflection which its importance demands, but that the following facts and considerations conclusively show that an enterprise of such magnitude should not now be undertaken:

The present funded debt of the city is..... \$446,000

The proposed measure will add now..... 350,000

Making the whole debt..... \$796,000

Or nearly double its present amount, with the certainty that it will have to be increased very soon to more than a million.

Our city expenses, already oppressively large, must be much increased within a very few years by the erection of new bridges across the Genesee river at a cost of at least \$50,000, over and above the \$20,000 just incurred for Main street Bridge, and by other large items of expense.

The present annual tax on the city for city and county expenses, is about two per cent., on assessed valuations of real and personal property, equal to one-fifth of the income of fully improved real estate, and between a third and a quarter of the income of personal property; and even this large rate increases rapidly, every year, under the operation of ordinary causes.

This large increase of city debt and taxation not only falls severely upon individuals, but seriously retards the growth and prosperity of the city by deferring strangers from taking up their residence here, and by compelling many of our citizens to seek new homes where they can more fully enjoy the fruits of their enterprise, and where the public treasury will not exact so large a portion of their property and earnings.

Resolved, That in view of these considerations and many others which might be mentioned, any attempt at the present time on the part of our city, in its corporate character, to defray the expense of water-works, would be fraught with evils far greater than any benefits which such an improvement would confer,—but that the plan contemplated by the ordinances now before the common council is open to the gravest objections on other grounds. This plan does not make the investment of any individual capital a condition of the city's subscribing or loaning the \$350,000. It does not require any responsible guaranty whatever that the funds will be applied to the intended object, or, that, if so applied, it will not be necessary for the city to advance the whole additional amount requisite to complete the work in order to make the previous expenditure available. Nor would there be any security for the money advanced in the obligation of a corporation having no responsibility, because having no capital except the money furnished by the city. The investigations and reports of the highly respectable Water Company which preceded the one recently formed, show that the estimate of \$500,000 recently reported to the common council is fallacious, and in the opinion of some of the most competent engineers the plan recommended to the common council will involve an expense of one million dollars—one-twelfth of the entire assessed value of the real and personal property of our citizens. No accurate pecuniary returns can be expected from the investment of this large sum, for if they could individual capital would accomplish the work, and if no such returns can be relied upon, individual means will not be contributed however large a portion of the capital may be furnished by the city.

It necessarily follows, therefore, that if this \$350,000 be advanced, the city will be compelled to pay the whole re-

maining capital that may be found necessary, even to the amount of a million dollars, or submit to a total loss of the \$350,000.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary, be presented to the common council, at its next meeting, and that a remonstrance, to be signed by the citizens, be also prepared, and submitted to the common council.

Resolved, That the common council be requested to suspend all action upon the ordinances reported, until the public opinion on the subject be satisfactorily ascertained.

J. GOULD, Chairman.

G. H. MUMFORD, } Secretaries.
ALEX. MANN, }

Also remonstrance of H Sibley and others against such subscription and loan; table.

By Ald Briggs—Account of P D Wright; street committee.

By Ald Breck—Account of C T Amsden; fire department committee.

By Ald Montgomery—Account of F A Whittlesey; contingent expense committee. Petition of S Hamilton; committee on wooden buildings.

By Ald Warren—Account of N Harrington; contingent expense committee.

By Ald Filon—Accounts of W G Stewart, Fire Company No. 2. Proceedings of Fire Company No. 8; fire department committee.

By Ald Clark—Account of Crane & Case; fire department committee. Account of A McWhorter, lamp and police committee.

By Ald Sabin—Petitions of B Rupp, G Zimmer; table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Ald. Warren, of the Contingent Expense Committee, reported in favor of the accounts of Preston Smith, F. A. Whittlesey, J. Groh, F. L. Warren, R. Hart, S. P. Allcott, O. Morgan, C. Dutton, J. V. Moshier, J. Swaab, Democratic Printing Association, less \$30 for Wood Measurer's receipts. Referred to Finance Committee for payment.

Ald. Briggs, of the Street Committee, reported in favor of the account of Stroup & Butler.— Referred to Finance Committee for payment.

Ald. Morey, of the Poor Committee, reported in favor of the accounts of J. McDowell, W. Hubbard, Riley & Hughes. Referred to Finance Committee for payment.

Ald. Shelton, of the Sewer Committee, submitted the following:

The Sewer Committee would respectfully report, that we have been to Broadway, (as contemplated by the resolution of Ald. Jordan, which was referred to the Sewer Committee,) and examined the street in front of the premises of Mr. Perry, and find it in a bad condition.

The gutters on both sides of the street contain stagnant water, in consequence of there being no suitable outlet for the same,—the gutters on either side being partially filled up, thereby obstructing the free course of the water through Denning street to the Canal. We find it positively necessary, for the improvement of said street, that a sewer should be constructed in the middle thereof, built in a substantial manner, from Alexander to Griffith street, as soon as an outlet can be obtained by a culvert under the Canal, at some suitable place that may be adequate for a large territory in this section of the city, which greatly requires a drainage. We would respectfully recommend that application be made immediately to the Canal Commissioner for the construction of such culvert the present

winter, while the enlargement of the Canal is in process. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. SHELTON,
MARTIN BRIGGS,
WM. BRECK.

Accepted.

Ald. Filon, of the Fire Department Committee, reported in favor of the petition of Stumps and others. Accepted.

Ald. Moore, of the Lamp and Police Committee, reported in favor of the account of Smith, Benton & Co. Referred to Finance Committee for payment.

Ald. Quin, of the Committee on Wooden Buildings, reported in favor of the petitions of J. Pitman, S. Hamilton, M. Kirkpatrick, E. Niles. Accepted.

Ald. Quin, of the Market Committee, reported that Stall No. 9 Centre Market had been spoiled of its fixtures since it was leased to Peter Tone, and suggested that same be repaired. Accepted.

Ald. Douglass, of the Committee on City Property, reported that the expense of repairing the roof of the City Hall would be about \$130. Accepted.

EXECUTIVE.

The Clerk submitted the following:

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The Treasurer would report the amounts chargeable to the following accounts, ending September 30, viz:

Contingent Fund,.....	10,044 95
Lamp and Police Fund,.....	13,645 00
Fire Department do	5,525 47
Highway do	7,975 98
Poor do	10,354 98

P. M. BROMLEY, Treasurer.

Rochester, City Treasurer's Office, October 9th, 1855.

BALANCE SHEET TREASURER'S LEDGER, OCTOBER 1st, 1855.

	Dr.
Cash,	1,671 77
Contingent Fund,	1,556 87
L and Watch Fund,	9,848 73
Fire Department Fund,	3,889 52
Highway " "	7,718 02
Poor " "	8,749 46
City Tax Sales,	3,546 81
Board of Education,	2,219 99
Interest Account,	22,939 57
Local improvements,	8,159 08
Bonds and Mortgages,	32 50
City Property,	46,848 05
" Comptroller,	47,411 48
R & G V R R Stock,	300,000 00
Bills Receivable,	115 40
Return Tax,	21 43
State N Y,	1,699 52
Atkinson street improvement,	29 61
Brown street walk,	43 00
Chatham street walk,	17 53
" " grade,	61 80
Canal street improvement,	17 00
Chesnut " "	457 43
Main " sewer,	92 04
" " opening,	4,970 74
North " grade,	148 17
Frances " opening,	18 53
Reynolds street opening,	19 50
Cherry " improvement,	7 72
New Main " walk,	18 71
Frankfort alley widening,	66 00
1st Ward,	4 70
2d " "	540 47
3th " "	26 32
4th " "	63 50
5th " "	7 52
6th " "	57 35
8th " "	4 28
9th " "	4 70
10th " "	3 75