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FORTY-SECOND

GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

VESTRY

OF THE

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,

LONDON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1898.

Pursuant to the Act, 18th and 19th Vic., cap. 120.

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Report of the Auditors appointed under the Local Government Act, 1894.

WE, FREDERIC JAMES BARTHOLOMEW, WILLIAM JAMES BRETT, GEORGE ROBERT HOOD, HARRY MOORE, AND WILLIAM TAYLOR, the Auditors appointed under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894, to examine and audit the Accounts of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, for the year ending 25th March, 1898, having carefully and diligently examined and investigated the Accounts of the said Vestry for the period aforesaid, and the Vouchers in support of same, and the Books, Papers, Instruments and Writings in their custody or control relating thereto, do hereby certify and declare that WE have this day audited the said Accounts of the said Vestry, at the Vestry's Offices, Town Hall, Rotherhithe, in the Administrative County of London, and that the said Accounts are true and correct, and WE do allow the same accordingly, and sign the same in token of such our allowance thereof.

WE have also audited the Accounts and Vouchers in connection with the Princess of Wales Jubilee Dinner Fund, 1897, and find them correct.

WE desire to testify our appreciation of the excellent manner in which the Accounts of the Parish have been kept, and to the uniform correctness of the same.

Given under our hands this 6th day of June, 1898,

(Signed)

W. J. BRETT,

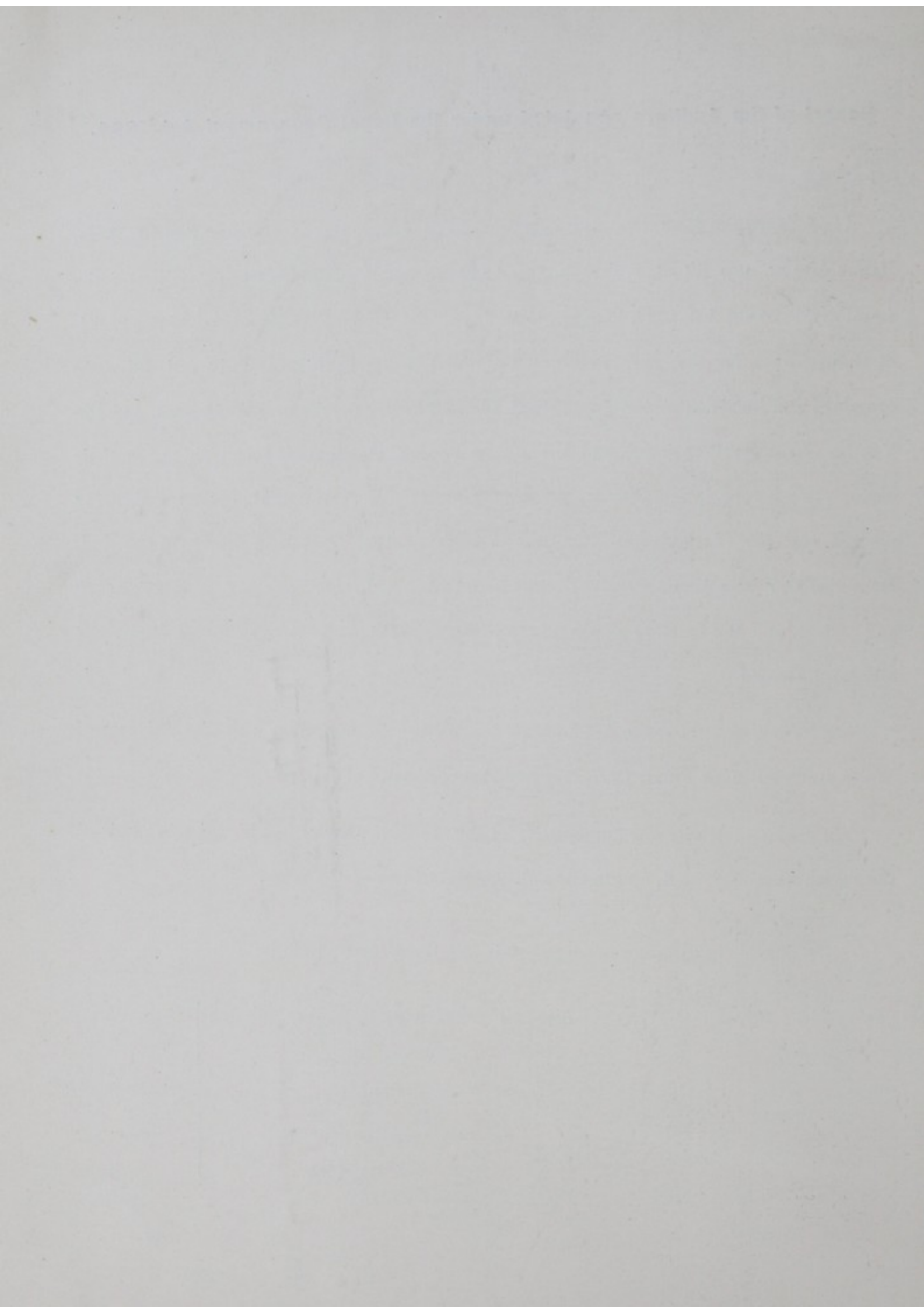
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HARRY MOORE,

G. R. HOOD,

} *Auditors.*



VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT.

Showing the Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 25th March, 1878, under the "Metropolis Local Management Act,"
18th and 19th Victoria, cap. 120.



ties owing by the Vestry on the 25th March, 1898.

*Paving and General Purposes Account	...	...	...	8517	14	0
Erection of Wharf, etc., Loan Account	...	...	...	5669	2	5
				14186	16	5
Overspent on Erection of Town Hall, etc., Loan Account				310	18	3
				13875	18	2

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VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

Summary Statement.

One Year ending 25th March, 1898.

SEWERS ACCOUNT.

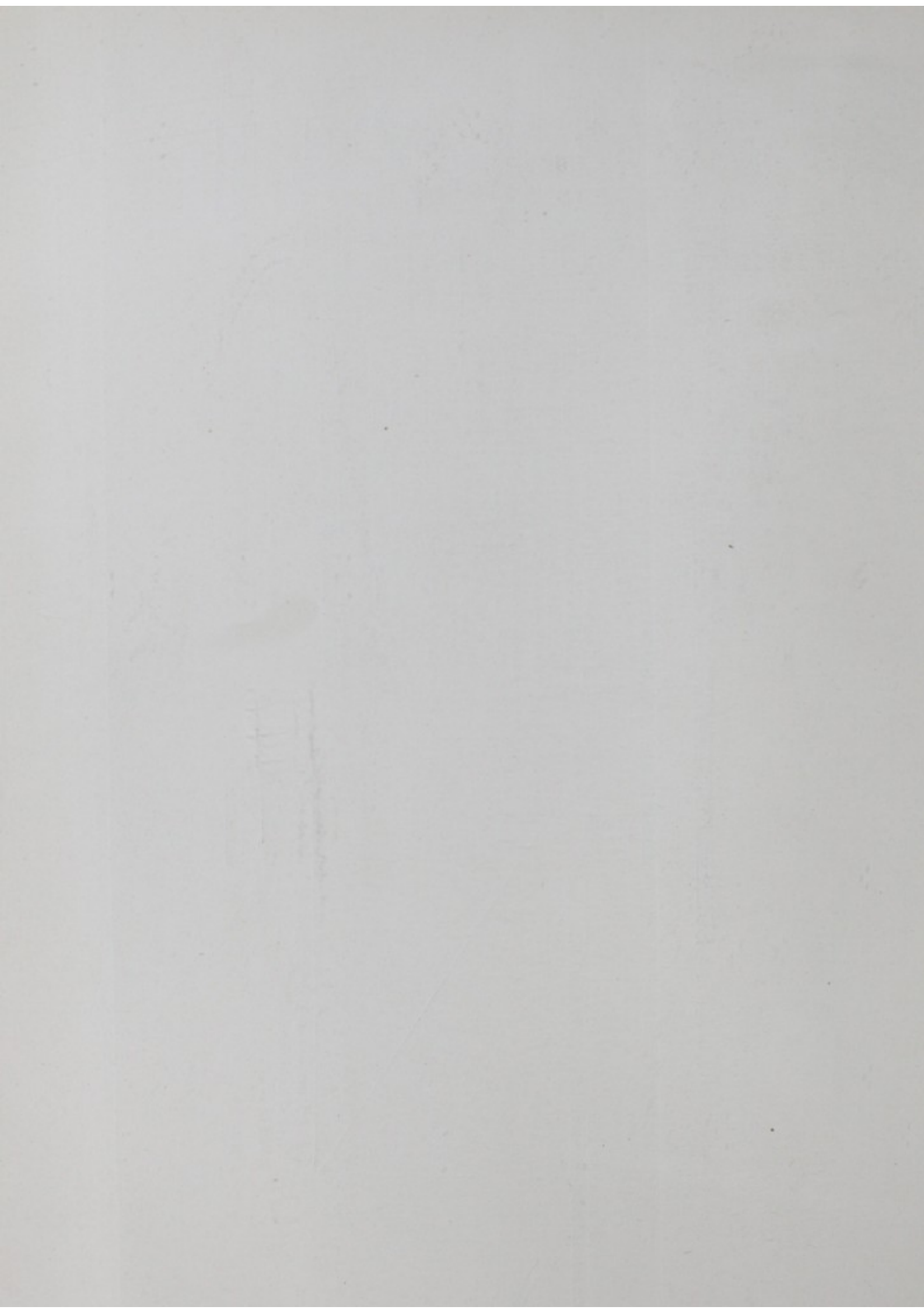
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
To Cash from Overseers on Account of Precept...				2325	0	0		By Salaries, one year (proportion) ...			586	1	10
" Sewer Deposits	344	10	7					" Sewers' Labour, Flushing Sewers, etc. ...	458	14	0		
Less Amount returned	29	6	7					" " Repairs to Sewers ...	79	3	9		
				315	4	0		" " New Drainage Work ...	231	11	6		
" Interest on Current Account at Bank (proportion)				1	17	0					769	9	3
								" Sewers' Cartage, Flushing ...	63	15	5		
								" " Slop from Gullies and Sewers	115	10	9		
								" " Materials ...	40	8	0		
											219	14	2
								" Barging, Slop, etc. (proportion) ...	57	13	3		
								" " Excavation " ...	10	16	4		
											68	9	7
								" Plant and Repairs ...	164	0	6		
								" Materials, Ironwork, Tools, etc. ...	353	9	2		
											517	9	8
								" Urinals, maintenance of and water supply to (including amount of £44 11s. 10d. paid to the Vestry of Bermondsey in respect of urinal at "John Bull" P.H., and "Queen Charlotte" P.H.) ...	246	7	2		
								Less damages recovered ...	2	16	1		
											243	11	1
								" Disinfectants ...			33	12	1
								" Printing and Stationery (proportion) ...			84	8	7
								" Committees' Expenses (proportion)...			8	12	0
								" Sundries—Postage Stamps, Advertisements and other Incidental Expenses ...			43	3	3
Total for the year	2642	1	0					Total for the Year	2574	11	6		
Balance 25th March, 1897	560	0	8					Balance 25th March, 1898	627	10	2		
	£3202	1	8								£3202	1	8

SUMMARY STATEMENT.—*Continued.*

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.

To Cash from Overseers on Account of Precept...	£	s.	d.
„ Interest on Current Account at Bank (proportion)	2100	0	0
			1	17	0
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Total for the Year	2101	17	0
Balance 25th March, 1897	489	18	11
			£2591	15	11

By Salaries, one year (proportion)	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
„ Lighting Public Lamps, etc., ...	...	...	1660	13	9	273	9	1
Less amount received for lighting private lamp corner of Warndon Street	£3	0	7					
Ditto, for lighting new Approach roads	...	...	11	11	7			
			14	12	2			
			1646	1	7			
„ New Lamp, repairs, etc.	...	...	131	3	7			
			1777	5	2			
„ Lighting Christ Church Clock	...	...	29	17	4			
„ „ St. Mary's Church Clock	...	...	37	19	5			
„ Printing and Stationery (proportion)	...	...	39	18	5			
„ Sundries—Postage Stamps, Advertisements, and other Incidental Expenses	...	...	13	2	4			
			2171	11	9			
Total for the Year	...	...	420	4	2			
Balance 25th March, 1898	...	...	£2591	15	11			



SUMMARY STATEMENT.—Continued.

PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash from Overseers on Account of Precept				29275	0	0	By Salaries, one year (proportion) ...	1741	0	1			
" Amount received from the Equalisation of Rates Fund under the Equalisation of Rates Act ...							Less moiety received from L.C.C. in respect to Salaries of Sanitary Officers	166	11	3			
" Trench Work and Paving ...	1044	14	4	2732	18	10	" Sick Pay, Grants, etc. ...				1574	8	10
Less amount returned ...	1	17	11				" Paving— Ainsty Street ...	62	18	3	155	8	6
" Notification Fees ...				1042	16	5	Labour ...	3422	11	2			
" Bents under Agreements ...				56	17	0	Cartage ...	840	2	8			
" Fines recovered under the Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts ...				9	9	0	Barging ...	34	7	4			
" Fines recovered under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 ...				24	0	0	Materials ...	3592	4	9	7952	4	2
" Fines and Costs (4s.) recovered under the Margarine Act ...							" Scavenging—Labour ...	2016	19	8			
" Fines and Costs (22s.) recovered under the Metropolis Management Acts ...				1	2	0	Cartage ...	1132	1	11			
" Licence Deposits ...	57	2	0	4	7	0	Watering ...	386	12	5			
Less amount returned ...	32	6	2				Barging ...	782	13	2			
" Interest on Current Account at Bank (proportion)				24	15	10	Plant and Repairs ...	638	0	4			
" Sale of Old Materials ...				18	18	6	Less amount received from the Surrey Commercial Dock Company for Scavenging, etc., New Approach Roads	4956	7	6			
" Hire of Steam Roller ...				11	5	6		35	5	9	4921	1	9
" Use of Weighbridge and Crane ...				4	14	6	" Dusting— Labour and Contractor ...	559	13	1			
" Sundries ...				3	5	4	Cartage ...	195	10	1			
				9	1	6	Barging ...	104	2	6			
							Vans and Repairs ...	269	19	4			
							Trade Refuse ...	0	16	6			
								1130	1	6			
							Less amount received for removal of Ashes, etc. ...	18	2	6	1111	19	0
							" Plant, Repairs, etc. ...	487	9	9			
							Less amount received for damages ...	1	8	4	486	1	5
							" London School Board Precept ...	11153	13	1			
							Less amount returned in respect to reduction in Rateable value ...	5	2	4			
							" School Board Election Expenses ...	11148	10	9	11210	12	3
								62	1	6			
							" Instalments of Loans (as per folio 11) ...	1349	19	0			
							" Interest on Loans ...	1384	15	1			
							" Income Tax, Interest on Loan ...	0	1	6			
											2734	16	7
							" Legal Costs and Expenses ...				316	7	9
							" Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...				214	11	1
							" Sanitary Expenses and Expenses under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891:—						
							Erection of Temporary Shelter ...	484	14	1			
							Furnishing do. ...	63	19	5			
							Wages of Caretaker ...	3	10	0			
											552	3	6
							Parfying, destroying Old, and supply of New Bedding ...	143	17	3			
							Removing Infected Bedding ...	30	13	6			
							Disinfectants, etc. ...	14	6	5			
							Registrar's Returns to Medical Officer of Health ...	19	19	3			
							Printing ...	1	6	6			
							Sanitary Bags ...	2	5	0			
							Sundry Expenses ...	18	19	6			
							Less Costs recovered ...	3	10	0			
								15	9	6	780	0	11
							" Mortuary—Balance, Building Contract ...	17	7	6			
							Wages of Mortuary Keeper ...	92	15	0			
							Fittings, Repairs, etc. ...	5	3	0			
							Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	15	10	3			
							Printing and Advertisement ...	4	17	0	135	12	9
							" Expenses under Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts ...	124	5	6			
							Less Costs recovered ...	3	12	6	120	13	0
							" Expenses under the Housing of the Working Classes' Act, 1890 ...	25	9	4			
							Less Costs recovered re Fisher's Court ...	1	4	0			
											24	5	4
							" Notification Fees ...				56	18	6
							" Planting and Maintenance of Trees ...				21	0	0
							" Hill and Bell's Charity ...				6	0	0
							" Winding and Regulating St. Mary's Church Clock ...				5	0	0
							" Boundary Stones ...	19	0	6			
							Less amount received from Vestry of Deptford ...	9	10	3			
											9	10	3
							" Committees' Expenses (proportion) ...				34	8	0
							" Printing and Stationery (proportion) ...				337	14	6
							" Valuation Committee Expenses ...				60	0	0
							" Jubilee Dinner Expenses ...	11	15	0			
							Less amount repaid by Committee ...	11	15	0			
							" Sundries, Postage Stamps, Advertisements and other Incidental Expenses ...				164	14	4
Total for the year ...				33228	1	5	Total for the year ...				32433	8	11
Balance 25th March, 1897 ...				8207	6	1	" Debit Balance, Town Hall Management Account, transferred ...				167	6	1
£41435 7 6							" Debit Balance on Rotherhithe Street (by Ball Head Dock) Improvement Account transferred ...				316	18	6
							Balance 25th March, 1898				8517	14	0
							£41435 7 6						



SUMMARY STATEMENT.—Continued.

ERECTION OF TOWN HALL, VESTRY HALL, OFFICES, ETC., LOAN ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Loan from London County Council...				7220	0	0	By On Account of Building Works ...				6175	0	0
" Interest on Deposit Account at Bank ...	12	3	1				" " Architects' Commission ...				540	12	0
Less Income Tax ... £3 7 4							" Furniture and Fittings ...				2488	14	8
Interest on Overdraft at Bank 4 0 2							" Clerk of Works' Salary ...				31	10	0
	7	7	6				" Costs <i>re</i> Loan, etc ...				21	14	6
				4	15	7							
Total for the year				7224	15	7	Total for the year				9257	11	2
Balance 25th March, 1897				1721	17	4							
				8946	12	11							
Balance 25th March, 1898				310	18	3							
				£9257	11	2					£9257	11	2

ERECTION OF WHARF, ETC., LOAN ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Loan from London County Council...				6000	0	0	By Balance of River Walls, Dock, etc., Works						
" Quantities ...				2	0	0	(Contract No. 1) ...	368	9	11			
" Interest on Deposit Account ...	25	13	5				" On Account of Cart Sheds, etc., Works						
Less Income Tax ... 0 17 4							(Contract No. 2) ...	199	18	2			
				24	16	1	" On Account of Erection of Chimney Shaft						
							(Contract No. 3) ...	770	0	0			
											1338	8	1
							" Plant, Materials, etc. ...				1022	10	3
							" Costs <i>re</i> Loan ...				22	6	6
							" Salary, Clerk of Works ...				53	0	0
							" Printing ...				54	7	11
Total for the year				6026	16	1	Total for the year				2490	12	9
Balance 25th March, 1897				2132	19	1	Balance 25th March, 1898				5669	2	5
				£8159	15	2					£8159	15	2

SUMMARY STATEMENT.—*Continued.*

TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount received for Lettings	220	3	0				By Salaries of Hall Keepers and Housekeeper	151	17	0
Less Fees returned... ..	8	3	0				„ Uniforms, Assistance, etc.	28	17	7
				212	0	0	„ Rates, Taxes, Gas and Insurance	154	2	2
„ Rent of Coroner's Court				25	11	7	„ Coals, Coke, Oil Goods, etc.	45	15	8
							„ Winding and Regulating Clock	5	0	0
							„ Sundries	19	5	3
Total for the year				237	11	7	Total for the year	£404	17	8
Balance 25th March, 1898, transferred to Paving and General Purposes Account				167	6	1				
				£404	17	8				

ROTHERHITHE STREET (BY BULL HEAD DOCK) IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Contribution from London County Council	143	6	8				
Total for the year	143	6	8				
Balance 25th March, 1898, transferred to Paving and General Purposes Account	316	18	6	By Balance 25th March, 1897	460	5	2
	£460	5	2		£460	5	2

GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

Date of Loan.	Name of Lender.	Purpose of Loan.	Rate of Interest %	Amount Borrowed.		Amount Repaid.		Balance Outstanding Lady-Day, 1897.		Repaid during year out of Paving and General Purposes Account. (as per folio 8.)		Balance Outstanding Lady-Day, 1898.	
				£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1880, 17th August	London County Council	Widening of Rotherhithe Street by Gas Works, etc.	3½		2100		714 0 0		1386 0 0		42 0 0		1344 0 0
1881, 15th November	Ditto	Paving Works, Rotherhithe Street, by Gas Works, etc.	3½		2000		1500 0 0		500 0 0		100 0 0		400 0 0
1883, 6th November	Ditto	Paving Works, Commercial Dock Road	3½		1800		1170 0 0		630 0 0		90 0 0		540 0 0
1885, 1st July	Ditto	Acquisition of Site for formation of Entrance to Southwark Park, Abbeyfield Road	3½		250		106 0 0		144 0 0		8 0 0		136 0 0
1886, 7th October,	Ditto	Paving Works, Rotherhithe New Road and Raymouth Road	3½		4000		2000 0 0		2000 0 0		200 0 0		1800 0 0
1892, 17th May	Ditto	Paving Works, Albion Street	3½		3800		950 0 0		2850 0 0		190 0 0		2660 0 0
1893, 9th June	Ditto	Acquisition of Site for Town Hall (Drill Hall)	3½	1100		88 0 0		1012 0 0		22 0 0		990 0 0	
1894, 2nd May	Ditto	Acquisition of Site for Town Hall (85 and 87, Neptune Street)	3½	1250		75 0 0		1175 0 0		25 0 0		1150 0 0	
1894, 29th June	Ditto	Acquisition of Site for Town Hall (81 and 83, Neptune Street)	3½	1150		69 0 0		1081 0 0		23 0 0		1058 0 0	
1895, 6th February	Ditto	Erection of Town Hall	3½	10000		407 12 3		9592 7 9		213 18 4		9378 9 5	
1896, 6th August	Ditto	Ditto	3	5550		57 11 6		5492 8 6		117 15 4		5374 13 2	
1896, 6th August	Ditto	Ditto	3	1200		31 18 9		1168 1 3		65 6 7		1102 14 8	
1897, 11th December	Ditto	Ditto	3	7220	27470	—	729 2 6	—	19520 17 6	—	467 0 3	7220 0 0	26273 17 3
1894, 12th April	Ditto	Purchase of Bull Head Dock and Victoria Oil Mills for adaptation as a Wharf	3½	5000		270 0 0		4730 0 0		90 0 0		4640 0 0	
1895, 29th July	Ditto	Adaptation of Bull Head Dock and Victoria Oil Mills as a Wharf, etc.	3½	5000		151 12 3		4848 7 9		105 4 10		4743 2 11	
1897, 19th January	Ditto	Ditto	3	2760		—		2760 0 0		57 13 11		2702 6 1	
1897, 4th November	Ditto	Ditto	3	5430		—		—		—		5430 0 0	
1897, 4th November	Ditto	Ditto	3	570	18760	—	421 12 3	—	12338 7 9	—	252 18 9	570 0 0	18085 9 0
					60180	—	7590 14 9	—	39369 5 3	—	1349 19 0		51239 6 3



Estimate 1

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE—HALF-YEAR TO 29th SEPTEMBER, 1897.

PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Liabilities at Lady-day, 1897 :—							
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee							
Expenditure to Michaelmas, 1897 :—							
Salaries of Officers—proportion	740	0	0				
Collector's Poundage	145	0	0				
Rent of Vestry Offices and Stone Yard, and Taxes on the latter, Mortuary and the Wharf... ..	115	0	0				
Loans—Principal	1030	0	0				
Interest	825	0	0				
	1855	0	0				
Principal and Interest on Loans yet to be taken up	800	0	0				
School Board Precept	6000	0	0				
Maintenance of Trees	11	0	0				
Printing and Stationery—proportion	175	0	0				
Disinfecting and cleansing	250	0	0				
Dusting Contract	320	0	0				
Dust Pails, Renewals, etc.	25	0	0				
Barging Contract—proportion	400	0	0				
Expenses of Valuation Committee	25	0	0				
Balance of Mortuary Contract	25	0	0				
Erection of Temporary Shelter	330	0	0				
Wages of Roadmen	1100	0	0				
" Masons, etc.	1125	0	0				
" Labour at Wharf	120	0	0				
" Steam Roller	40	0	0				
	2385	0	0				
Casual Labour	50	0	0				
Permanent Sick Pay and Holidays	181	0	0				
Paving Works, Rotherhithe Street, (Silver Street, to Cow Lane)	225	0	0				
Paving Works, Ainsty Street	180	0	0				
" Aylton Street	20	0	0				
" Town Hall	130	0	0				
" Galleywall Road	75	0	0				
" Plough Road	145	0	0				
" South Wharf	25	0	0				
	800	0	0				
Redressing Setts	150	0	0				
Waterproof Coats, etc.	20	0	0				
Stopping, Cartage, Horse Hire, etc.	800	0	0				
Flagstones	100	0	0				
Ballast, Lime and Cement	250	0	0				
Setts and Kerb	100	0	0				
Broken Granite	600	0	0				
Street Watering	450	0	0				
Maintenance of Town Hall	50	0	0				
Furniture for Public Hall	350	0	0				
New Vans for Wharf	450	0	0				
Lamp Columns, etc., Town Hall	75	0	0				
Contingencies	250	0	0				
	18277	0	0				
	£24077	1	2				

ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Assets at Lady-day, 1897 :—							
Available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account							
The like on Deposit Account							
		7711	3	2			
		4770	0	0			
		12481	3	2			
Proportion due to Sewers							
Account							
The like, Lighting Account... ..							
		560	0	8			
		489	18	11			
		1049	19	7			
Capital Accounts :—							
Erection of Town Hall, etc.							
Erection of Wharf, etc.							
		1721	17	4			
		2132	19	1			
		3854	16	5			
Amount payable out of Capital Accounts							
		828	18	4			
		3025	18	1			
		4075	17	8			
					8405	5	6
Receipts to Michaelmas, 1897 :—							
Amount receivable from the Equalisation Fund Contributions to be received from the London County Council :—							
Rotherhithe Street (by Bull Head Dock) Improvement							
Moiety of Salaries of Sanitary Inspectors							
		143	0	0			
		165	0	0			
					308	0	0
					10013	5	6
Estimated amount required for the Half-year to Michaelmas, 1897							
					14063	15	8
					£24077	1	2

SEWERS ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Liabilities at Lady-day, 1897 :—							
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee							
Expenditure to Michaelmas, 1897 :—							
Salaries of Officers (proportion)... ..	260	0	0				
Collector's Poundage	30	0	0				
Printing and Stationery (proportion)	40	0	0				
Maintenance of Urinals by Vestry of Bermondsey	50	0	0				
Wages	400	0	0				
Holidays, Sewer Men	15	0	0				
General Works and Repairs	200	0	0				
Cartage, Flushing and Cleansing Gullies and Sewers	125	0	0				
Barging Contract (proportion)	50	0	0				
New Flushing Van	40	0	0				
Water for Urinals... ..	60	0	0				
Manhole Covers and Ironwork	30	0	0				
Disinfectants	25	0	0				
Contingencies	50	0	0				
	1375	0	0				
	£1621	12	0				

ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Assets at Lady-day, 1897 :—							
Proportion of available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account							
		560	0	8			
Estimated amount required for the Half-year to Michaelmas, 1897							
					1061	11	4
					£1621	12	0

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Liabilities at Lady-day, 1897 :—							
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee							
Expenditure to Michaelmas, 1897 :—							
Salaries of Officers (proportion)... ..	120	0	0				
Collector's Poundage	25	0	0				
Gas for Public Lamps, etc.	850	0	0				
Contingencies	25	0	0				
	1020	0	0				
	£1488	10	10				

ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Assets at Lady-day, 1897 :—							
Proportion of available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account							
		489	18	11			
Estimated amount required for the Half-year to Michaelmas, 1897							
					998	11	11
					£1488	10	10



VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF BOTHERHITHE, HALF-YEAR, TO 25TH MARCH, 1898.

PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE				ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Liabilities at Michaelmas, 1897 :—				Assets at Michaelmas, 1897 :—			
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee			5885 0 0	Available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account	5302	0	0
Expenditure to Lady-day, 1898 :—				The like on Deposit Account	275	0	0
Salaries of Officers (proportion)	740	0	0		5584	0	0
Collector's Poundage and Postages... ..	150	0	0	Proportion due to Sewers Account... ..	342	0	0
Rent of Stone Yard and taxes on the latter, Mortuary and Wharf	75	0	0	The like, Lighting Account	361	0	0
Loans :—Principal	1080	0	0		703	0	0
Interest	730	0	0		4881	0	0
	1810	0	0	Balances on Capital Accounts :—			
Principal and Interest on Loans yet to be taken up amounting to £13400	500	0	0	Erection of Town Hall, etc., Dr.	3154	0	0
School Board Precept	6000	0	0	Erection of New Wharf, etc., Cr.	576	0	0
Maintenance of Trees	11	0	0		2578	0	0
Printing and Stationery (proportion)	240	0	0				7459 0 0
Disinfecting, Cleansing, etc.	250	0	0	Receipts to Lady-day, 1898 :—			
Expenses of Valuation Committee... ..	30	0	0	Amount receivable from the Equalisation Fund		1300	0 0
Maintenance of Town Hall... ..	390	0	0	Rent of Coroner's Court (1 year)		40	0 0
Furniture for Public Hall	360	0	0	" " Overseer's Office, etc. (1 year)		37	0 0
Wages of Roadmen	1100	0	0	Contribution to be received from the London County Council :—			
" Masons, Paviors and Labourers	1150	0	0	Moist of Salaries of Sanitary Inspectors (1½ year)... ..		250	0 0
" Wharf Labourers... ..	120	0	0	Town Hall Lettings		100	0 0
" Steam Roller Driver	40	0	0			9186	0 0
	2410	0	0				
Permanent Sick Pay... ..	55	0	0				
Casual Labour	150	0	0				
Snow Labour and Extra Cartage	400	0	0				
Paving Works :—							
Union Road	200	0	0				
Rotherhithe Street (Silver Street to Cow Lane)	110	0	0				
Silver Street	200	0	0				
Yeman Street (Chilton Street to Boundary)	100	0	0				
	670	0	0				
Dusting :—							
Collection	320	0	0				
Disposal	210	0	0				
Dust Pails, renewals, etc.	25	0	0				
	555	0	0				
Scavenging :—							
Collection	260	0	0				
Disposal	220	0	0				
	580	0	0				
Disposal of surplus earth, etc.	50	0	0				
Horse-hire	300	0	0				
Re-dressing Setts	100	0	0				
Flagstones	100	0	0				
Ballast, Lime and Cement	250	0	0				
Setts and Kerb	100	0	0				
Broken Granite	500	0	0				
New Vans and Carts... ..	970	0	0				
Erection of Town Hall—Amount not raisable by Loan	400	0	0				
Incidentals	180	0	0				
Sundry Accounts	250	0	0				
	18576	0	0				
	£24461	0	0				£24461 0 0

*Estimated Amount required for the Half-year to Lady-day, 1898 15275 0 0

SEWERS ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE				ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Liabilities at Michaelmas, 1897 :—				Assets at Michaelmas, 1897 :—			
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee			274 0 0	Proportion of available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account		342	0 0
Expenditure to Lady-day, 1898 :—							
Salaries of Officers (proportion)	275	0	0				
Collector's Poundage	35	0	0				
Printing and Stationery (proportion)	60	0	0				
Maintenance of Urinals by Vestry of Botherhithe	50	0	0				
Wages... ..	400	0	0				
General Works and Repairs... ..	200	0	0				
Cleansing Gullies and Sewers :—							
Collection	50	0	0				
Disposal	25	0	0				
Flushing	25	0	0				
	100	0	0				
Horse Hire	50	0	0				
Disposal of surplus earth, etc.	20	0	0				
Water for Urinals	60	0	0				
Manhole Covers and Ironwork	30	0	0				
Disinfectants... ..	25	0	0				
Incidentals	50	0	0				
Sundry Accounts	50	0	0				
	1405	0	0				
	£1679	0	0				£1679 0 0

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE				ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Liabilities at Michaelmas, 1897 :—				Assets at Michaelmas, 1897 :—			
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee			459 0 0	Proportion of available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account... ..		361	0 0
Expenditure to Lady-day, 1898 :—							
Salaries of Officers (proportion)	125	0	0				
Collector's Poundage... ..	25	0	0				
Gas for Public Lamps, etc.	850	0	0				
Incidentals and Contingencies	25	0	0				
	1025	0	0				
	£1484	0	0				£1484 0 0

* NOTE.—No provision is herein made for the payment of principal and interest on any loan that may be raised in respect of the Scheme prepared by the Vestry for dealing with the Fulford Street and Braddon Street Insanitary Area, the cost of which is estimated at £29120 0s. 0d.





SCHEDULE OF FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES, &c.,

Belonging to the Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, on the 25th March, 1898:—

Name and Description of Property.	Date of Agreement or Purchase.	By whom occupied	For what purpose.	Nature of Tenure.	Annual rent payable by Vestry.
Stone Yard, Lower Road ...	19th Nov., 1897	The Vestry	Depôt	Lease for 21 years	£60
Town Hall, Council Chamber, Coroner's Court, Offices, etc.	—	Do.	Municipal Purposes, etc.	Freehold	—*
Bull Head Dock and the Victoria Oil Mills, 171 and 173, Rotherhithe Street	16th May, 1894	Do.	Purpose of a Wharf, Temporary Shelter, etc.	Do.	—
15, Cathay Street ...	March, 1895	Empty	—	Do.	—†
Strip of land fronting 158 to 166, Rotherhithe Street, and thrown into roadway	26th Aug., 1895	The Vestry	Public Roadway	Do.	—
Site of 168, Rotherhithe Street	25th Sept., 1895	Do.	Do.	Do.	—
Mortuary Buildings ...	—	Do.	Mortuary and Post-Mortem Room.	Do.	—

* Coroner's Court leased to the London County Council for a period of 21 years, from 5th May, 1897, at a yearly rental of £40. The Overseers also occupy rooms and pay rental therefor of £50 per annum.

† Sold.

STATEMENT OF INSURANCE POLICIES.

In force previous to, and during the year ended 25th March, 1898 :—

Date.	Name of Company.	Insurance.	No. of Policy.	Amount of Insurance.	Annual Premium.	When Payable.
11th April, 1895	North British and Mercantile Insurance	15, Cathay Street ..	3,151,367	£200	0 3 0	25th Mar.
18th July, 1895	The Scottish Boiler Insurance and Engine Inspection, Limited	Steam Road Roller ...	2,830M	£500	1 15 0	25th June
20th Feb., 1896	North British and Mercantile Insurance	Mortuary Buildings...	3,154,928	£1,000	0 15 0	25th Dec.
11th May, 1897	Sun Insurance Office ...	Town Hall Buildings	6,218,217	£20,000	15 0 0	29th Sept.
20th May, 1897	The London Assurance ...	Furniture, Fixtures, Books and Stationery, Gas Fittings, etc., at Town Hall	1,843,717	£1,500	1 10 0	24th June
28th June, 1897	The Scottish Boiler Insurance and Engine Inspection, Limited	Boiler of Steam Crane at Wharf	3,230M	£500	1 15 0	25th June
16th July, 1897	North British and Mercantile Insurance	House, Carpenter's and Blacksmith's Shop, Cart Shed, Shelter, and Steam Roller Shed, etc., at Bull Head Wharf	3,161,119	£2,000	2 15 6	25th Mar.
7th August, 1897	Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited ...	Liability of Vestry for personal injury to their workmen under the Employers Liability Act of 1880, and at Common Law.	£33,178	£6,000	4 10 0	7th August

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ALL CONTRACTS

Entered into by the Vestry in and subsequent to the year ending 25th March, 1898, and of all Contracts subsisting at the commencement of that year and continuing during the same.

Date of Contract.	Name of Contractor.	Nature of Works to be performed.	Contract Price.
December, 1888 ...	The South Metropolitan Gas Company	The Lighting of the Public Lamps with Gas, and maintenance of lamp columns and fittings	£3 3s. 9d. per Lamp per annum.
22nd October, 1894...	Walter Charles Benedict ...	The maintenance of all Trees in Southwark Park Road ; Galley Wall Road ; and Rotherhithe New Road, and the replacing of those that fail, for 5 years, from 17th July, 1894	£21 per annum.
3rd July, 1895 ...	Howell J. Williams ...	Erection of Town Hall, Vestry Hall, Offices, and other buildings connected therewith	£14998, being £14768 plus £230 for oak panneling to Vestry Hall.
17th December, 1895	Thomas Adams ...	Construction of River and Dock Retaining Walls, Open Dock, Slop Shoots, and other Works in connection therewith at Bull Head Dock	£3723 15s. 11d.
1st September, 1896	Henry Knight & Son ...	Erection of Cart Shed, Shelter, Steam Roller Shed, House, Office, Store, etc.	£2226 7s.
15th September, 1896	George Painter ...	The Collection and Removal of Dust, Ashes, Trade Refuse, etc., to Vestry's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, and the supply of the necessary men, horses, carts, etc., for one year, from 30th September, 1896	Dust, Ashes, etc., £637 16s. Trade Refuse 1s. 6d. per cubic yard.
15th September, 1896	A. T. Hobman & Son ...	The Removal of Road Sweepings, etc. to Vestry's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, for one year, from 30th September, 1896	2s. per cubic yard.
		Ditto Gully Slop, ditto ditto ...	2s. 3d. per cubic yard,
		The supply of 1-yard Material Cart, Horse and Man...	8s. 6d. per day.
		Ditto 1½-yard Watertight Slush Cart and Man ...	8s. 6d. do,
		Ditto Horse, Harness and Man for Watering ...	8s. do.
15th September, 1896	Flower & Everett ...	The Barging away of House Refuse, Road Sweepings, Slop, etc., from the Vestry's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, for one year, from 30th September, 1896	£900.
5th January, 1897 ...	Gillett & Johnston ...	The maintenance of Clock in Town Hall Tower in thorough and efficient working order	£5 per annum.
2nd March, 1897 ...	Flower & Everett ...	The Barging away of surplus Earth from any of Vestry's Excavations from date to 29th September, 1897	2s. per one-horse cartload,
12th March, 1897 ...	The Sanitas Company, Ltd. ...	The supply of Disinfectants and Sulphur Candles for one year, from 26th March, 1897	Schedule of prices.
13th March, 1897 ...	William Hunn ...	The supply of Scavengers' Bass Brooms and Handles for one year, from 26th March, 1897	Ditto.
13th March, 1897 ..	Thomas Wragg & Sons ...	The supply of Stoneware Drain Pipes for one year, from 26th March, 1897 ...	Ditto.
15th March, 1897 ...	Thomas Scholey ...	The supply of Thames Ballast, River Sand and Hoggin for one year, from 26th March, 1897	Ditto.
17th March, 1897 ...	Wakeley Bros. & Co. ...	The supply of Lime and Cement for one year, from 26th March, 1897 ...	Ditto.
22nd March, 1897 ...	Frederick Shaw & Co. ...	The supply and erection of ...	Ditto.

Date of Contract.	Name of Contractor.	Nature of Works to be performed.	Contract Price.
23rd March, 1898 ...	Thomas Scholey	The supply of Ballast, Sand and Hoggins, for one year from 26th March, 1898	Schedule of prices.
23rd March, 1898 ...	George Tyrie	The supply of Scavenging Brooms and Handles, for one year from 26th March, 1898	Ditto.
23rd March, 1898 ...	Adcock, Easton & Co.	The supply of Disinfectants and Sulphur Candles, for one year from 26th March, 1898	Ditto.
23rd March, 1898 ...	Fredk. Shaw & Co.	The supply and execution of Stationery and Printing, for one year from 26th March, 1898	25 per cent. below Schedule of prices.
24th March, 1898 ...	The Whitwell Coal Co.	The supply of Coals for one year, from 26th March, 1898	Schedule of prices.
25th March, 1898 ...	Thomas Wragg & Sons	The supply of Stoneware Drain Pipes for one year, from 26th March, 1898 ...	Ditto.
30th March, 1898 ...	E. Wells & Son	The supply of Coke for one year, from 26th March, 1898	Ditto.
4th April, 1898 ...	Wakeley Bros. & Co.	The supply of Lime and Cement for one year, from 26th March, 1898	Ditto.
19th April, 1898 ...	Philip Round	The supply of 500 Dust Pails to specification	26s. per dozen.

List of Agreements entered into with the Vestry, and in force previous to, during and subsequent to the year ending 25th March, 1898.

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
29th April, 1884	Eliza and William George Wells	To take as tenants from year to year all that piece of ground situate on the south side of Clarence Place, in front of Wells' Cottage and Stables	From year to year, subject to one month's notice	£ s. d. 1 0 0
24th Feb., 1886	Gillman & Spencer, Ltd., Gordon's Wharf Rotherhithe Street	Permission to lay a steam pipe underneath the roadway, Rotherhithe Street, between waterside and landside premises, Gordon's Wharf	From year to year, subject to removal at any time on notice from the Vestry	0 5 0
20th Feb., 1888	The Vestry of Bermondsey ...	The Vestry of Bermondsey to repair, maintain, cleanse, and water the whole of the portion of the carriageway of Rotherhithe New Road which lies west of No. 271, and also the whole of the carriageway of Southwark Park Road from Galleywall Road to Jamaica Road; and the Vestry of Rotherhithe to repair, maintain, cleanse and water the whole of the portion of the carriageway of Rotherhithe New Road, which lies opposite to and east of No. 271, and also the whole of the carriageway of Galleywall Road from Southwark Park Road to Rotherhithe New Road	Subject to six months' notice on either side	—
24th Dec., 1888	W. B. Dick & Co., Ltd. King and Queen Wharf Rotherhithe Street	Permission to lay five pipes between their waterside and landside premises, King and Queen Wharf	From year to year, subject to removal at any time on notice from Vestry	0 5 0
16th Oct., 1889	J. H. Etheridge, Stanley House, Fressingfield, near Harleston, Norfolk	Use of doorway opening from No. 67, Abbeyfield Road upon public footway leading to Southwark Park	From year to year. Vestry may brick up same at any time	0 1 0
10th Dec., 1889	Gillman & Spencer, Ltd., Gordon's Wharf Rotherhithe Street	Permission to lay two cast-iron pipes beneath the roadway between their waterside and landside premises, Gordon's Wharf	From year to year, subject to removal on receipt of 24 hours' notice	0 5 0
13th Dec., 1889	H. J. Enthoven & Son, Upper Ordnance Wharf Rotherhithe Street	Permission to lay a water pipe between their waterside and landside premises, Upper Ordnance Wharf	Ditto	0 5 0
11th Feb., 1890	Gillman & Spencer, Ltd., Gordon's Wharf Rotherhithe Street	Permission to lay a 6 in. cast-iron water pipe underneath the footway, Princes Street	Ditto	0 5 0

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
14th April, 1890	East London Railway (Joint Committee)	Permission to erect an advertising direction board in Vestry's depôt, Lower Road	From year to year, subject to removal within 7 days after receipt of notice	1 0 0
30th Nov., 1890	T. Kimber & Sons ... Rotherhithe New Road	Permission to erect a door 2 in. over the public footway in Rotherhithe New Road, at arch No. 532	Subject to removal on receipt of 24 hours' notice	No consideration
15th June, 1891	Edward Talbot, 24, Lower Road	Permission for user of a portion of Railway Avenue as a carriageway and maintenance of gates and footway	From year to year, during the pleasure of the Vestry	0 1 0
27th Oct., 1891	William George Wells, Oak Cottage, 13, Oak Place	Permission to close part of roadway leading to Oak Cottage, Clarence street	From year to year, to give up possession when required by the Vestry	1 0 0
3rd May, 1892	Samuel Salmon, 46, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.	The taking, as tenant, of the land being the surface over the sewer in rear of Nos. 19 to 23, Odessa Street	From year to year, to give up possession on last day of any month on receipt of one month's notice	0 5 0
10th June, 1892	South Metropolitan Gas Co. 709A, Old Kent Road, S.E.	Permission to construct bridge across Rotherhithe Street at their works	From year to year, subject to removal on receipt of one month's notice	1 0 0
18th Oct., 1892	Albert Bayley, 7, Bickley Row	The renting of piece of land, being the surface over the sewer at rear of Nos. 3 & 7, Bickley Row	From year to year, to give up possession on last day of any month on receipt of one month's notice	0 1 0
17th June, 1893	Gillman & Spencer, Ltd., Gordon's Wharf Rotherhithe Street	Permission to construct bridge across Clark's Orchard	From year to year, subject to removal on receipt of one month's notice	1 0 0
25th April, 1894	R. T. Cook, 31, Lower Road; and A. G. O. Higgins, 33, Lower Road	The giving up by Messrs. Cook and Higgins, after the erection of one-story additions to Nos. 31 and 33, Lower Road, of the remaining piece of land lying between the said new shop front additions and the footway to the Vestry, to be merged into the public footway	—	No consideration
8th May, 1894	Richard John Wood, 130, Lower Road	Permission to erect advertisement boards against premises adjoining No. 124a, Lower Road	From year to year, subject to removal at any time on one month's notice from Vestry Clerk or Surveyor.	0 1 0
26th May, 1894	The National Telephone Co., Ltd., 3, Southwark Street, S.E.	Permission to erect at Vestry's Depôt, Lower Road, ground pole and stay wires for carrying telephone wires	From year to year, subject to removal at any time upon 6 months' notice from the Vestry	0 5 0
29th June, 1894	Adam Luke Oliver, 26, Odessa Street	The taking as tenant by Mr. Oliver, all that piece or parcel of ground being the surface over the sewer in Elgar Street, abutting on property adjoining and at rear of No. 25, Elgar Street	From year to year, to give up possession on last day of any month upon receipt of one month's notice	0 1 0
12th Sept., 1894	Bellamy & Co.	Permission to remain	upon receipt of one month's notice from Vestry Clerk or Surveyor	No consideration

Name of Applicant and Address		Description of Work		Notice	
Charles William Cook, 50 to 34, Rotherhithe Street		Permission to erect an iron lattice girder bridge across Rotherhithe Street, between waterside premises, Nos. 137 and 139, and landside premises, Nos. 170 and 172		From year to year, subject to removal at any time upon receipt of six months' notice from the Vestry	
17th Oct., 1894	William Alexander Fisher, 9, Water Lane, E.C.	Permission to erect three cranes at Trinity Wharf, to project over the public footway		From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	
8th March, 1895	John Hollway, Trinity Wharf, 305 to 309, Rotherhithe Street	The Vestry to light private lamp at corner of Warndon Street and Rotherhithe New Road		From year to year, subject to removal of lamp column on receipt of one month's notice	
28th Nov., 1895	Frederick William Cook, "Sir Garnet Wolseley" P.H., 6, Warndon Street	Erection by Messrs. Aldridge of a shed over sewer belonging to Vestry, corner of Renforth Street and Aylton Street		Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	
28th Dec., 1895	Thomas and Henry Aldridge, 34 & 36, Albion Street	Permission for two lamps to remain as erected at 93, Union Road		Ditto	
11th Jan., 1896	Josiah Field Hall, M.B., 93, Union Road	Permission for lamp to remain as erected at "Raymouth Arms" P.H.		Ditto	
15th Jan., 1896	John Baker, "Raymouth Arms" P.H., 302, Southwark Park Road	Permission for lamp to remain as erected at Christ Church Schools, Paradise Street		Ditto	
13th Feb., 1896	Alfred Hancock, 122, Jamaica Road, S.E.	Permission to erect a flap from first floor doorway at their premises, Princes Street		From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	
13th Feb., 1896	Gillman & Spencer, Ltd., Gordon's Wharf Rotherhithe Street	Permission for lamp to remain as erected outside No. 50, Union Road		Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	
21st Feb., 1896	James Thomas Macnamara, 50, Union Road	Erection by Mr. Parr of stables over sewer belonging to the Vestry, upon his premises		From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	
27th March, 1896 and 5th Aug., 1897	Thomas Parr, 11, Lower Road	Permission to retain sunblind and revolving shutter-case erected at 29, Albion Street		Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	
9th June, 1896	Harry Palmer, 29, Albion Street	Permission to retain sunblind erected at No. 19, Albion Street		Ditto	
27th July, 1896	Geo. J. E. Conner, 19, Albion Street	Permission to erect a sunblind at No. 17, Albion Street		Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	
29th Dec., 1896	James Pocock, 17, Albion Street	The insertion in the Company's Bill in Parliament (Session 1897) of certain clauses as set out in the Vestry's Minutes of 19th January and 16th February, 1897, protecting the Vestry in respect to the substitution of girder for arch bridges; the notifying of the Vestry's Surveyor before commencement of any work; the repayment to the Vestry of cost of any necessary extra lamps occasioned by Company's Works; the submission of any dispute to arbitration; and the provision of means of communication between Silwood Street and White Post Lane, in view of the diversion of existing footpath		—	
27th Feb., 1897	South Eastern Railway Co., London Bridge, S.E.				

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
20th Mar., 1897	Chas. Hy. Mogridge, 92, Union Road	Permission to retain two lamps erected outside No. 92, Union Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
23rd Mar., 1897	John Shepherd, 286, Rotherhithe Street	Permission to erect a sign-board outside No. 286, Rotherhithe Street	Ditto	Do.
24th Mar., 1897	Henry Alfred Dyer, 22, Albion Street	Permission to retain sunblind erected at No. 22, Albion Street	Ditto	Do.
3rd May, 1897	The Surrey Commercial Dock Co., 106, Fenchurch Street, E.C.	The Vestry agree to the closing of a portion of London Road, pending the completion of new road No. 2, from Plough Road, Rotherhithe, to Grove Street, Deptford, the Company undertaking to form a temporary road to join new road with London Road meanwhile; to pay cost of maintenance, scavenging and lighting of temporary and new roads until the completion of the whole diversion, and also to pay to the Vestry the extra cost of maintenance of new road No. 1. (Lower Road to Commercial Dock Road) and No. 2 above mentioned, beyond what would ordinarily be necessary, for a period of eighteen months after their completion, and to indemnify the Vestry against any loss through any accident occurring by reason of the newness of the roads.	—	—
21st May, 1897	Ann Richardson, 87, Lower Road	Permission to retain sunblind erected at No. 87, Lower Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration
21st May, 1897	Ann Tregenna, 89, Lower Road	Permission to retain sunblind erected at No. 89, Lower Road	Ditto	Do.
29th June, 1897	Henry Austen Lambert, "Jolly Sailor" P.H., 95, Lower Road	Permission to erect a light circular sign over saloon-bar entrance to "Jolly Sailor" P.H.	Ditto	Do.
9th July, 1897	Crowley & Co., The Brewery, Alton, Hants, and 45, Wandsworth Road, S.W.	Permission to re-construct existing rolling way and cellar flaps at the "King and Queen" P.H., Rotherhithe Street, and to place a coal plate on the pathway at the side	From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	0 5 0
13th July, 1897	John Dudin & Sons, 35, Shad Thames, S.E.	Permission to erect an iron footbridge across Rotherhithe Street to connect waterside premises, No. 99, Rotherhithe Street, with their landside premises	From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of six months' notice	0 10 0
13th Aug., 1897	Geo. S. Bayley, 3, Blackheath Rise, S.E.	Permission to insert a coal plate in footway, York Place, for No. 36, Clarence Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration
16th Aug., 1897	William Henry Mills, "Duke of Suffolk" P.H.	Permission to erect an iron water pump	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration

	109, Albion Street	at No. 109, Albion Street	receipt of one month's notice from Vestry	consideration
3rd Nov., 1897	H. W. Watkinson, "Queen's Head" P.H., 33, Paradise Street	Permission for the retention of a circular saloon bar lamp erected at the "Queen's Head" P.H.	Ditto	Do
17th Nov., 1897	Alexander Fredk. Gardiner, Hope Wharf, 107, Rotherhithe Street	Permission for the retention of a jib erected at Hope Wharf	From year to year, subject to one month's notice	0 5 0
8th Feb., 1898	W. C. B. Bellamy, Bellamy's Wharf, Ltd., 175 & 177, Rotherhithe Street	Permission for the retention of lamp erected at Bellamy's Wharf	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice from Vestry	No consideration
9th Feb., 1898	Frederick Jackson, "King and Queen" P.H., 179, Rotherhithe Street	Permission for the erection of a lamp projecting over the footway at the "King and Queen" P.H.	Ditto	Do.
9th Feb., 1898	Fredk. Wm. Cook, "Sir Garnet Wolseley" P.H., 6, Warndon Street	Permission for the erection of a day and night sign projecting over the footway at the "Sir Garnet Wolseley" P.H.	Ditto	Do.
2nd March, 1898	Atkins & Co., Atkins' Wharf, 6, Odessa Street	Permission for the erection of a jib crane at Atkins' Wharf projecting when swung over the footway	Ditto	Do.
15th March, 1898	The Vestry of Bermondsey ...	The future maintenance by the Vestry of Bermondsey of the urinal adjacent the "John Bull" P.H., Southwark Park Road, and by the Rotherhithe Vestry of that by the "Queen Charlotte" P.H., Southwark Park Road (the Bermondsey Vestry having formerly maintained both, charging half the cost to the Rotherhithe Vestry.)	To take effect on the 26th March, 1898	—
18th March, 1898	William Packer, 46, Langdale Road, Peckham, S.E.	For payment by instalments of paving apportionment, Adams Gardens	—	—
6th April, 1898	Alexander Fredk. Gardiner, Hope Wharf, 107, Rotherhithe Street	Permission for the erection of a temporary wooden bridge across Rotherhithe Street at Hope Wharf	From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice from Vestry	0 10 0
9th April, 1898	Jno. Jas. Mullenger (Agent for Owner) 72, Albion Street	For payment by instalments of paving apportionment, Hadland Street	—	—
16th April, 1898	Richard Chas. Snow, 11, Claremont Place	Ditto ditto	—	—
18th April, 1898	George Bailey Smith, "Jolly Caulkers" P.H., 126, Lower Road	Permission to retain illuminated semicircular sign erected at the "Jolly Caulkers" P.H.	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration
5th May, 1898	James Mahoney, 20, Plough Road	For payment by instalments of paving apportionment, Adams Gardens	—	—

Agreements and terms for the supply of water to the parish.

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Price.
21st July, 1891	Southwark & Vauxhall Water Coy.	Supply of water to urinal, Hawkstone Road, near "Jolly Caulkers" P.H.	From year to year	As per the undermentioned schedule
21st July, 1891	Do.	Ditto rear of "Red Lion" P.H.	Do.	Do.
24th March, 1893	Do.	Ditto Rotherhithe New Road	Do.	Do.
5th October, 1894	Do.	Ditto Lower Road, near "Royal Oak" P.H.	Do.	Do.
5th February, 1895	Do.	Ditto Railway Avenue ...	Do.	Do.
16th July, 1895	Do.	Supply of water to Depôt, Lower Road	Do.	Do. and meter rent of 5s. per quarter
16th July, 1895	Do.	Ditto for Road Watering... ..	Do.	8½d. per 1000 gallons and meter rent 10s. 6d. per quarter
18th Sept., 1896	Do.	Placing and maintaining of 4 fire cocks at Town Hall Buildings	Do.	£4 4s. per annum
—	Do.	Supply of water for road watering, etc., at stand- posts, Hothfield Place, Culling Road and Rotherhithe New Road, corner of Warndon Street	Do.	8½d. per 1000 gallons and meter rent 10s. 6d. per quarter
13th Oct., 1896	Do.	Supply of water to urinal, Swan Lane	Do.	As per the undermentioned schedule
7th June, 1898	Do.	Do. Southwark Park Road, near "Queen Charlotte" P.H.	Do.	Do.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.					
From	25,000	gallons	per	quarter—not exceeding	50,000 gallons per quarter, 9d. per 1000 gallons.
"	50,000	"	"	"	100,000 " " 8d. "
"	100,000	"	"	"	200,000 " " 7d. "
"	200,000	"	"	and upwards	- - - 6d. "
and in respect of high service an additional rate of 25 per cent.					
Minimum supply—25,000 gallons per quarter.					
Meter rent 4s. per quarter.					

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Price.
—	Kent Water Works Coy....	Supply of water to urinal, Derrick Street	—	10d. per 1000 gallons
—	Do.	Ditto near "Globe" P.H., Rotherhithe Street	—	Do.
—	Do.	Ditto Lavender Bridge, Rotherhithe Street	—	Do.
9th February, 1897	Do.	Ditto Bull Head Wharf ...	—	Do. minimum charge £1 for 24,000 gallons
9th February, 1897	Do.	Supply of water to Bull Head Wharf, Shelter, House, Office, and Urinal	—	Do. do.
—	Do.	Supply of water for part of Parish between Surrey Bridge, Rotherhithe Street, to Plough Bridge, Plough Road, including side streets, being a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles	From year to year	£20 per mile per annum, or £50 for the whole area

Analyst's Report under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875.

The following are copies of Dr. John Muter's (the Analyst) reports for the year ending 31st December, 1897 :—

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the Parish of Rotherhithe, London, upon the articles analysed by him under the above Act during the quarter ending the 31st March, 1897.

Article submitted for Analysis.	State whether the sample was submitted to the Analyst by an Officer acting under the direction of a Local Authority, under Section 13 of Act, and if so, the name of such Authority.	Result of the Analysis, showing whether the sample was genuine or adulterated, and, if adulterated, what were the nature and extent of the adulteration.	The sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations.
Mustard	Inspector of Vestry	Genuine	10s. 6d.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Bread	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Arrowroot	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Arrowroot	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Bread	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	10 per cent. of added water.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Vinegar	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Brandy	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	85 per cent. of Starch and Sugar	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	70 per cent. of Margarine	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	85 per cent. of Starch and Sugar	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Ditto	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	43 per cent. of Margarine	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Bread	Do.	85 per cent. of Chicory	Do.	
		Genuine	Do.	

When it is considered that the Margarines examined all represented cases of sale without the proper notification, the above results show that 31.36 per cent. of the samples submitted were found to be in contravention of either the "Sale of Food" or of the "Margarine" Act, as against 15.30 in the corresponding quarter of 1896.

Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 51.
1st April, 1897.

(Signed) JOHN MUTER, Ph.D., F.R.S.E., Public Analyst.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the Parish of Rotherhithe, London, upon the articles analysed by him under the above Act during the quarter ending the 30th June, 1897.

Article submitted for Analysis.	State whether the sample was submitted to the Analyst by an Officer acting under the direction of a Local Authority, under Section 13 of Act, and if so, the name of such Authority.	Result of the Analysis, showing whether the sample was genuine or adulterated, and, if adulterated, what were the nature and extent of the adulteration.	The sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations.
Milk	Inspector of Vestry	Genuine	10s. 6d.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	33 per cent. of Flour and Turmeric	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Oatmeal	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Sago	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	65 per cent. of Chicory	Do.	
Mixture				
Butter	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mixture				
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mixture				
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	30 per cent. of Cream deficient	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do. (very poor)	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	60 per cent. of Arrowroot and Sugar	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Mixture				
Coffee	Do.	56 per cent. of Chicory	Do.	
Demerara	Do.	100 per cent. of coloured Sugar crystals (not Demerara)	Do.	
Sugar				
Coffee	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do. (poor)	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Demerara	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Sugar				
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	

Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 48.

2nd July, 1897.

(Signed) JOHN MUTER, Ph.D., F.R.S.E., Public Analyst.

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the Parish of Rotherhithe, London, upon the articles analysed by him under the above Act, during the quarter ending the 30th September, 1897.

Article submitted for Analysis.	State whether the sample was submitted to the Analyst by an Officer acting under the direction of a Local Authority, under Section 13 of Act, and if so, the name of such Authority.	Result of the Analysis, showing whether the sample was genuine or adulterated, and, if adulterated, what were the nature and extent of the adulteration.	The sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations.
Milk	Inspector of Vestry	Genuine	10s. 6d.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do. (poor)	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do. (very poor)	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	A member of the public	95 per cent. of Margarine	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Ditto	Do.	
Do.	Inspector of Vestry	Genuine	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Skim Milk	Do.	28 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Rum	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Skim Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do. (poor)	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	80 per cent. of Starch and Sugar	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Genuine (poor)	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Skim Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Skim Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Flour	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	

These results show a marked improvement in the food supply, the percentage of impurity being exactly half of what it was in the corresponding quarter of last year.

Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 48.

1st October, 1897.

(Signed) JOHN MUTER, Ph.D., F.R.S.E., Public Analyst.

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Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the Parish of Rotherhithe, London, upon the articles analysed by him under the above Act, during the quarter ending the 31st Dec., 1897.

Article submitted for Analysis.	State whether the sample was submitted to the Analyst by an officer acting under the direction of a Local Authority, under Section 13 of Act, and if so, the name of such Authority.	Result of the Analysis, showing whether the sample was genuine or adulterated, and, if adulterated, what were the nature and extent of the adulteration.	The sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations.
Margarine	Inspector of Vestry	Genuine	10s. 6d.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Bread	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee and Chicory	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	13 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Flour	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Rum	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	

These results show that (excluding the samples seized under the Margarine Act) only 1.45 per cent. of the samples examined were found impure under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, thus showing the excellent effect of efficient inspection, and being a very gratifying condition of the local food supply.

Canal Boats Acts.

The following is a copy of the Annual Report of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe (the Registration Authority in regard to the Grand Surrey Canal) to the Local Government Board, as to the execution of the Canal Boats Acts, 1877 and 1884, and of the Regulations made thereunder, and as to the steps taken by such Authority during the year ending 31st December, 1897, to give effect to the provisions of the said Acts and Regulations :—

Canal Boats Acts, 1877 and 1884.

Have you any Hospital accommodation for any case of infectious disease met with on a Canal Boat in your Sanitary District ?	...	...	...	Yes
Is Inspector's remuneration inclusive with payment for other duties ?	...	...	...	Not entirely
If special, how much ?	...	...	...	10/6 for each Boat newly registered
Number of Boats added to Register in 1897	...	...	...	None
Number re-registered owing to Structural Alterations	...	...	...	None
Number re-registered owing to other reasons	...	...	...	None
Total number registered in the Rotherhithe Registration District to 31st December, 1897	...	...	...	21
Total number of Registrations cancelled	...	...	...	6
Actual number of Boats on Register at 31st December, 1897	...	...	...	15
Number of Boats inspected from all Districts in 1897	...	...	...	26
Number of Boats conforming to the Acts and Regulations	...	...	...	24
Number of Boats infringing the Acts and Regulations	{ one, can for water lost ... } { one, certificate not shown }			2
Total number for which the Cabins were registered	...	...	...	80
Total number occupying the Cabins	...	...	...	74
Details of Occupation :—Male Adults				43
Female Adults				9
Children of School age				11
Children under School age				11
				—
				74

Details showing numbers infringing in respect to :—

No. of cases met with										No. of cases remedied.	
None	...	Notification of Change of Master	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Registration...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
One	...	Absence of Certificate (Master had it with him ashore)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	One
None	...	Certificate not identifying Owner with Boat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Marking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Overcrowding	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	None
one	...	Partition (Reg. 8 b. ii.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Females over 12 Improperly Occupying	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Cleanliness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Painting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Dilapidation...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Removal of Bilge Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Without Pump	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Refusal of Admittance of Inspector	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	None
One	...	No proper Water Vessel (Lost in coming down the River)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	One
None	...	Without requisite Double Bulkheads	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	None
None	...	Non-notification of Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Number of Boats detained for Cleansing (not for I. D.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
Two	Total cases met with.									Total cases remedied	Two

Number of Legal Proceedings taken...	...	...	...	None
Number of Printed Notice Forms issued	...	...	...	One
Number of Notices attended to	...	...	...	One
Number still corresponding about	...	...	...	None

Charity Trustees.

Trustees of Mrs. Bayly's Charity :

The Rector.

The Curate.

The Churchwardens.

Mr. Edward Talbot, 24, Lower Road.

„ Edward James Talbot, 72, Union Road.

„ Francis John Bisley, J.P., 68, Union Road.

„ Samuel Brownfield, 97, Lower Road.

„ George Butcher, 186, Rotherhithe Street.

„ Samuel Ward Copping, 99, Lower Road.

„ Ralph Westall Walker, 14, Rebecca Terrace, Gomm Road.

Robert Thomas Nichols, M.D., 20, Union Road.

Mr. Francis Thomas Talbot, 20, St. James's, New Cross, S.E.

Clerk:

James John Stokes.

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„ William Royal, 26, Lower Road.

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„ George Butcher, 186, Rotherhithe Street.

„ John Reeson, 249, Lower Road.

„ William Joshua Carr, 158, Lower Road.

„ Walter George Streeton, 29, Silwood Street.

„ Richard John Wood, 130, Lower Road.

„ Charles Jollands Thompson, Swedish Yard, Surrey Commercial Docks.

„ Henry Bellsham, 247, Lower Road.

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Street.

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Terrace.

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hithe Street.

„ George Wood, 270, Rotherhithe Street.

„ Robert James Rushbrook, 66, Plough
Road.

„ Walter George Streeton, 29, Silwood
Street.

„ Edmund Rumney Smith, 143, Lower
Road.

„ Samuel Ward Copping, 99, Lower Road.

„ Charles Jollands Thompson, Swedish
Yard, Surrey Commercial Docks.

„ John David Hawkins, 70, Lower Road.

„ Charles William Cobon, 86, Union Road.

Rev. Henry Horne Selby-Hele, Holy Trinity
Vicarage, Trinity Road, Rother-
hithe Street.

„ Samuel Martyn Bardsley, Christ Church
Vicarage, Lower Road.

Mr. William Robert Millar, 101, Lower Road.

„ Walter Beasley, 187, Lower Road.

„ Henry Moore, 12, Lower Road.

„ Henry Bellsham, 247, Lower Road.

„ Robert Thomas Nichols, M.D., 20,
Union Road.

„ William Royal, 26, Lower Road.

„ Henry Pocock, senr., 6, Culling Road.

„ Richard John Wood, 130, Lower Road.

„ John Reeson, 249, Lower Road.

„ William Joshua Carr, 158, Lower Road.

„ Henry Lovell Bartlett, 30, Lower Road.

Those underlined are authorised to sign Leases on behalf of the Trustees.

Public Libraries Act.

At a meeting of the Vestry held 5th October, 1897, Messrs. Robert Leishman Stuart, Ralph Westall Walker and Francis John Bisley were elected Commissioners for Public Libraries and Museums in this Parish for the ensuing three years.

The names of the Commissioners are as follows (the same being divided into three classes as provided by the Act):—

1st Class.—Offices to be vacated October, 1898: Mr. George Mabbs, Mr. Edward James Talbot and Mr. Hugh Young.

2nd Class.—Offices to be vacated October, 1899: The Rev. Canon Beck, M.A., J.P. (Chairman), Mr. Francis Thomas Talbot and Mr. Charles Jollands Thompson.

3rd Class.—Offices to be vacated October, 1900: Mr. Robert Leishman Stuart (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Ralph Westall Walker and Mr. Francis John Bisley.

Clerk:

JAMES JOHN STOKES.

Librarian:

HERBERT ARCHER SHUTTLEWORTH.

Day of Meeting, fourth Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m.

The following is a copy of the audited Financial Statement of the Commissioners to 25th March, 1898:—

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure

By the Commissioners for Public Libraries and Museums for the above-named Parish

FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 25th DAY OF MARCH, 1898.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
Cash Balance	...	113	1 0	Building, Repairs, and Main- tenance	...	133	0 7
Amount received from Rates	832	0	0	Books, Periodicals, &c.	...	179	2 11
Fines and Sales	...	38	16 7	Salaries	...	336	6 0
Other Receipts	...	1	11 6	Establishment Charges	...	37	8 10
		872	8 1	Repayment of Loans	...	108	0 0
				Interest on Loans...	...	73	19 4
				Total Expenditure...	...	867	17 8
				Cash Balance	...	117	11 5
Total		£985	9 1	Total		£985	9 1

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Financial Statement with the Vouchers, and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with. I hereby further certify that I have ascertained, by Audit, the correctness of such Statement, and that the amount expended by the Commissioners during the year ended the 25th day of March, 1898, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is eight hundred and sixty-seven pounds, seventeen shillings and eight pence.

As witness my hand this 11th of July, 1898.

(Signed) T. BARCLAY COCKERTON, *District Auditor.*

Baths and Wash-houses Acts.

At a meeting of the Vestry held 2nd November, 1897, Messrs. Ralph Westall Walker, and Charles Jollands Thompson were elected Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses for this Parish for the ensuing three years, and Messrs. John David Hawkins and John Chew Mortimer were elected Auditors of the Commissioners' Accounts for one year.

The names of the Commissioners are as follows, viz. :—

To go out of Office, 1898.	To go out of Office, 1899.	To go out of Office, 1900.
Mr. Robert Leishman Stuart	Mr. Edward James Talbot	Mr. Ralph Westall Walker
„ Sidney Brownfield	(Chairman)	(Vice-Chairman)
	„ Francis Thomas Talbot	„ Charles Jollands Thompson
	„ Robert Wallace Moss	

The retirement takes place annually in November.

Clerk :

JAMES JOHN STOKES.

Superintendent :

THOMAS HENRY WRIGHT FEY.

Matron :

LUCY ANNE FEY.

Day of Meeting:

First Wednesday in each month at 7 p.m.

The following is a copy of the Commissioners' Balance Sheet for the year ending 25th March, 1898.

Loans Account.

RECEIPTS TO LADY-DAY, 1898—					
		£	s.	d.	
Cash from Overseers ...	1950	0	0		
Less proportion transferred to working account ...	524	7	5		
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		1425	12	7	
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		£1425	12	7	
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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Instalments off Loans	969	13	4			
„ Interest on Loans ...	455	19	3			
	<hr/>			1425	12	7
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				£1425	12	7
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Working Account.

RECEIPTS TO LADY-DAY, 1898—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Baths	1167	3	3			
Wash-houses	409	15	1			
Sale of Soap and Soda	39	2	1			
Rent of Offices	60	0	0			
Other Receipts (Hire of Baths, and Sale of Old Chairs)	25	15	0			
	1701	15	5			
Less amount unpaid	0	0	2			
				1701	15	3
Proportion of amount received from Overseers				524	7	5
				2226	2	8
Balance due to Treasurer				104	18	8
				£2331	1	4

	£	s.	d.
By Balance at last Audit	7	12	8
„ Wages, as per sheets	827	17	8
„ „ Extra, Illness of Engineer	13	14	4
„ „ „ Cleaning flues, etc.	20	0	9
„ Clerk's salary	40	0	0
„ Water	244	1	3
„ Coals and Coke	439	19	8
„ Gas	16	16	10
„ Soap and Soda	23	4	8
„ Rates, Taxes and Insurance	328	0	1
„ Printing and Stationery	18	17	3
„ Repairs to Engine and Machinery, viz.:			
Boilers and furnace bars	73	10	7
Drying closet and flues	42	18	9
Steam tubing	16	5	0
Machinery	24	4	4
Insertion and Hose	13	13	4
Sundries	1	13	2
„ Repairs to Buildings	79	5	8
„ Boiler Fluid	7	17	10
„ Oilman's Goods	37	19	4½
„ Towelling and Drapery	24	6	9½
„ Cartage of Ashes	14	2	7
„ Ironmongery	5	4	5
„ Sundry small accounts	9	14	4
	£2331	1	4

NOTE.—In the year 1884-5, the Commissioners transferred to the Loans Account out of profits, the sum of £500; in 1886-7, £463 14s. 11d.; in 1887-8, £504 4s. 1d.; in 1888-9, £168 1s. 6d.; in 1889-90, £431 18s. 8d.; in 1891-2, £55 10s. 6d.; in 1892-3, £23 10s. 2d.; and in 1893-4, £387 9s. 1d., making together £2534 8s. 11d., which has been applied towards the repayment of the moneys borrowed from the Metropolitan Board of Works, and the Interest thereon, and in aid of the Poor Rate.

	£	s.	d.
Total amount of Loans borrowed from Metropolitan Board of Works	29,000	0	0
Amount paid off	17,158	0	0
Amount outstanding	£11,842	0	0

Boundary Stones.

On 20th July, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having met the Deptford Overseers and having jointly perambulated the boundary of the Parishes of St. Paul, Deptford, and St. Mary, Rotherhithe, and examined the condition of the various boundary stones, and having mutually agreed, subject to the approval of the Vestry, as under:—

To place two iron posts next two boundary stones in the Docks, the tops of the stones in question being nearly level with the ground.

To re-cut two stones in Yeoman Street.

To re-cut two stones in the pavement in Croft Street.

To re-cut and paint one stone in the rear of Messrs. Crookenden's premises in the Lower Road, and to replace and re-cut another.

To re-cut one stone in the pavement by the entrance to Messrs. Crookenden's.

To deface the stone in Leigh Cottage, Midway Place, the description of the boundary being wrong.

To place a stone in the rear of No. 2, Oldfield Road.

To re-cut stone in rear of No. 1, Alpine Road, Deptford.

To place a stone in the back addition of No. 22, Eugenia Road, and

To re-cut stone in Whitepost Lane.

The before-mentioned work to be carried out by the Rotherhithe Vestry, and the cost thereof equally divided between the two Parishes.

This was approved by the Vestry.

Bull Head Dock and the Victoria Oil Mills.

Boundary Wall.

On 20th July, 1897, the Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported having considered a letter from Messrs. G. & H. Green relative to the wall to be erected between Bull Head Dock and Surrey Commercial Wharf, asking the Vestry to raise the height of the existing wall upon terms to be agreed, and stating that they had agreed with the Surveyor for a slight rectification of the boundary of the two premises.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That Messrs. Green be informed that the Vestry do not see their way to entertain their application, but that the give-and-take line arranged by the Surveyor with them is approved.

A further letter was subsequently received from Messrs. Green, enquiring whether the Vestry were prepared to negotiate for the absorption of a part of Surrey Commercial Wharf for the purpose of widening the street.

The Vestry on the 18th January, 1898, RESOLVED—That upon Messrs. G. & H. Green giving up to the Vestry about 358 square feet of Surrey Commercial Wharf, to be thrown into the roadway, the Vestry re-build the boundary wall to its existing height of about 25 feet free of cost to them,

A letter was subsequently received from Messrs. Bradshaw Brown & Co. on behalf of the Trustees of Surrey Commercial Wharf, stating that on condition the Vestry did not damage the existing corrugated iron roof which was supported on corbels in the old wall on the Vestry's property; that the Vestry built the new wall in place of the said old one, to satisfy the requirements of the Building Act, and continued the said wall on the straight give-and-take line as agreed; that the Vestry carefully removed the southern part of the old shed building on the Trustees' land facing Rotherhithe Street, and the boundary wall and fence to same to the point shown in red on the plan; and that the Vestry would provide and erect to an approved curve (also shown on plan) a fence about 86 feet long, 7 feet high, of oak posts 9 feet apart, 3 arris rails covered with fir feather-edged boarding with counter

rail and capping studded with tenter hooks, and 9 inch oak gravel planks, the whole to be twice tarred on both sides ; the Trustees were willing to give up the land coloured blue and red on the plan—being 358 square feet coloured blue, and 65 square feet coloured red.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That Messrs. Bradshaw Brown & Co. be informed that the Vestry will take all reasonable precautions not to damage the existing corrugated iron roof, but can take no responsibility in the matter ; and will build a new wall in place of the existing wall as already resolved, upon condition that $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches of the said new wall be placed upon ground belonging to the Trustees for a length of about 70 feet from the river end of the proposed new buildings, so as to form a continuous support to the existing corrugated iron roof, such $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches of the new wall to be considered a party wall, the Trustees and the Vestry to have equal rights of user thereto, the new wall to satisfy the requirements of the Building Act, and to be continued on the straight give-and-take line as agreed, and will agree to the remaining conditions of the letter subject to the additional land, about 65 feet superficial, to be given up by the Trustees, being at each end of the proposed improvement to the approval of the Surveyor to the Vestry, instead of in the centre as shown upon the plan.

The matter had not been completed at the close of the year.

Cart Shed, Shelter, House, Office, Workshop, etc.

These buildings were completed by the Contractors, Messrs. Henry Knight & Son, in the month of May, 1897, to the satisfaction of the Vestry and their Surveyor, and formally taken over from the Contractors.

Chimney Shaft.

The tender of Messrs. Henry Knight & Son, of Chesnut Road, Tottenham, for the erection of a chimney shaft, 150 feet high, in connection with the proposed Refuse Destructor at Bull Head Dock, at the sum of £2428 3s., was accepted by the Vestry on 5th October, 1897.

The work has been commenced, but was not completed at the close of the year.

Destructor Buildings, etc.

The detail plans of these buildings prepared by the Surveyor were approved by the Vestry on the 20th July, 1897, when the Clerk was instructed to issue the advertisement inviting tenders for the work in due course.

Loading and Unloading Goods.

On 6th July, 1897, the Vestry decided to let the Wharf for the loading and unloading of goods when available, at the following charges :—

10s. a day for barges.

15s. „ „ schooners.

3d. per ton for use of crane for ordinary work with a minimum charge of 10s.

2d. per load for use of weighbridge.

Rate for special work to be left to Surveyor with a minimum charge of 10s.

Sufferance Privileges.

On 7th September, 1897, the Clerk reported with reference to the bond which the Commissioners of Customs required to be entered into in regard to sufferance privileges granted by them for the landing of stone, iron and wood at the Vestry's Wharf, that he had had an interview with the Secretary of the Board, and that some doubt had arisen as to the power of the Vestry to enter into such a bond as principal, but the Secretary had requested him to intimate when the Wharf was finished, and to forward the names of two gentlemen prepared to act as sureties to the bond, and in the event of the Board of Customs' Solicitor deciding that the Vestry could not enter into the bond as principal, the Vestry would be required to appoint some gentleman as principal.

The matter had not progressed at the close of the year.

By-laws, Regulations and Officers' Duties.

Officers' Duties.

Hall and House Keepers.

On 18th May, 1897, the Vestry approved the following list of duties prepared by the Clerk:—

1. The Hall-Keeper and his wife shall act at all times under the directions of the Vestry Clerk, and devote the whole of their time to their duties.

2. The Hall-Keeper shall commence duty not later than 7.30 a.m. daily (Sundays excepted) or such earlier time or times as may be required, and shall remain on duty (with the exception of the necessary intervals for meals) until the building is closed for the night, and shall not leave the building at other times without first obtaining the consent of the Vestry Clerk.

3. The Hall-Keeper and his wife shall be responsible for the complete and efficient cleansing, warming, lighting, ventilating and safe-keeping, etc., of the building and the property therein.

4. The Hall-Keeper shall see that the various offices are properly swept, dusted and ready for occupation by the staff not later than 9 a.m. (Sundays excepted), and shall see that the gas and the fires are safely extinguished when the offices and rooms are vacated for the day.

5. The Hall-Keeper shall take care that all chimneys, lavatories, water-closets, etc., in the building are periodically and satisfactorily cleansed, and report anything amiss with the same to the Vestry Clerk.

5a. The Hall-Keeper shall attend to the furnaces and heating apparatus to regulate the temperature of the Hall, and see that the same is done with safety to the building.

6. The Hall-Keeper shall see that the corridor and vestibules are kept quiet and orderly while the building is in use.

7. The Hall-Keeper shall report immediately to the Vestry Clerk any instance in which the conditions of the letting of the Public Hall, etc., shall have been or are likely to be infringed, and shall be responsible for the preparation of the Public Hall, etc., or any other portion of the building which may be let for concerts, balls, lectures, meetings, or other entertainments.

8. The Hall-Keeper shall see that the external doors of the building are kept open during the time when the business of the Vestry is being transacted, and shall at the termination of the business each day, see that all external doors and windows are properly and efficiently fastened and made secure on the inside.

9. The Hall-Keeper shall see that the Coroner's Court is properly swept and dusted, and ready for occupation when an inquest is to be held.

10. The Hall-keeper and his wife shall not be allowed to take charge of or be responsible for the cloak rooms in connection with any of the lettings of the Hall.

11. The Hall-Keeper shall be in uniform during the time he is on duty in the building or engaged in the business of the Vestry.

12. When pressure of work necessitates it, the Hall-Keeper shall be at liberty to make application for special temporary assistance to the Vestry Clerk, who shall be at liberty to determine whether any, and if so, what further assistance shall be supplied.

13. The Hall-Keeper shall see that the firebuckets in the building are kept filled with water, and that the fire extinguishing apparati are kept in proper working order, and shall examine the same each week.

14. The Hall-Keeper shall be in attendance during office hours in the enquiry office adjacent to the Vestibule of the building, with a view to answering the enquiries of persons entering the building and desiring information.

15. The Hall-Keeper shall keep a Requirement Book in which he shall enter all articles required, and submit such book to the Vestry Clerk for signature before ordering the same from the contractors to the Vestry.

16. The Hall-Keeper and his wife shall carry out such further instructions as may from time to time be given them by the Vestry Clerk.

Surveyor.

On 18th May, 1897, the Vestry decided to place the structure of the Town Hall in charge of the Surveyor, and instructed him, when necessary, to supervise the arrangements in the hall for public entertainments.

Regulations.

Forecourts.

On 6th April, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED :—That in dealing with the forecourts of houses where the walls are damp, the owners be required to pave such forecourts for a distance out from the front of not less than eighteen inches.

Wharf.

On 7th September, 1897, the Vestry approved the following rules for observance at the wharf.

1. The wharf is opened and closed on week days as under —

		Opened.	Closed.
March to October	... ..	6 a.m.	5.30 p.m.
November to February	... ..	7 a.m.	5 p.m.

except on Saturdays, when it is closed at 1 p.m. No work will be done on Sundays nor on week-days after the hour of closing, unless by permission of the Surveyor to the Vestry.

2. The wharf is available for the loading or unloading of goods when not required for the purposes of the Vestry, upon terms to be obtained at the Surveyor's Office, Town Hall ; but the Vestry, through its Surveyor, reserves the right to refuse any application.

3. All charges for the use of the wharf must be paid in advance, and persons desirous of using the same must first obtain the necessary authority from the Surveyor's Office, Town Hall, and produce the same to the Storekeeper before commencing to load or unload, who has instructions to prevent unauthorised persons mooring in the dock or upon foreshore frontages.

4. The steam crane, which will lift a load not exceeding three tons, can be hired, the Vestry providing driver, but the Vestry hereby gives notice that it is not answerable or liable for any accidents that may arise by reason of such use, and whilst every precaution will be taken for its safe working, the person hiring must take all risk.

5. The weigh-bridge is available for use by the public upon payment in advance of 2d. per load, and the Storekeeper is required in all cases to give an official receipt for the fee charged and a ticket stating the weight of the load.

6. Workmen employed by persons authorised to use the wharf must conduct themselves with propriety and carry out the reasonable orders of the Storekeeper, who has charge of the wharf. They will not be allowed to enter any of the buildings nor upon the portions of the premises used exclusively for the Vestry's work.

7. Any workman abusive, intoxicated, or misconducting himself, will be required to at once leave the premises, and will not be allowed to again enter, and his employer will be notified to that effect.

8. No smoking will be allowed in any of the buildings.

9. No person belonging to any vessel lying alongside the wharf will be allowed to enter the premises to reach such vessel after 11 p.m., and the Storekeeper or Watchman will refuse to admit at all times any person in an intoxicated condition.

10. All complaints as regards the work at the wharf or in respect to any of the Vestry employees engaged on or about the wharf, to be made to the Surveyor, who will immediately investigate the same.

Common Lodging Houses.

On 18th May, 1897, the Sanitary Committee reported having had under consideration a letter from the Vestry of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, drawing attention to the present state of the law with regard to Common Lodging Houses and their licensing, and suggesting the desirability of representations being made to the Home Secretary by each authority, with the view to the introduction of a Bill consolidating and transferring to the local authorities the administration of the law relating thereto, and giving them at the same time power to license annually with the consequent rights to withhold any license in the event of insanitary condition, mismanagement or other sufficient reason.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That this Vestry agree with the suggestion of the Vestry of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, and that they be so informed.

Churchwardens.

On 20th April, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the motion of Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Beasley, that a special hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. F. T. Talbot, in recognition of his invaluable services as Churchwarden for nine years, and instructed the Clerk to have the foregoing resolution engrossed on vellum, illuminated and presented to Mr. F. T. Talbot.

Drainage.

Aspinden Road.

On 1st March, 1898, the Vestry RESOLVED to relay the Sewer in the above road at an estimated cost of £230.

Combined.

Mr. Vice-Chairman Talbot and Mr. R. W. Moss were appointed Delegates from this Vestry to attend, together with the Clerk, any further meeting of the Conference convened by the Holborn District Board of Works upon the above subject.

Electric Lighting.

County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited.

On 21st September, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the letter from Mr. Sydney Morse, asking on behalf of the above Company for the formal consent of the Vestry to the Company's application for a Provisional Order under the Electric Lighting Acts, the proposed compulsory streets being as under :—

Union Road.

Lower Road.

Rotherhithe New Road and

Albion Street.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the Vestry do not consent to the application,

London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited.

On 20th April, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered a notice of the Company's intention to lay trunk mains in Raymouth Road, Blue Anchor Lane, and Southwark Park Road, in the parishes of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, and St. Mary, Rotherhithe, approximately as shown on plan accompanying such notice, and also a report of the Surveyor in connection therewith, as follows:—

I have considered the plan of the proposed new trunk main along Raymouth Road, forwarded with their notice by the London Electric Supply Corporation, and have to report that it is proposed to put the new mains under the footway on the north-east side, whilst the present mains are under the footway on the south-west side, thus appropriating both footways. I have informed the Receiver and Manager that I cannot recommend you to sanction this, but that, as in the case of Rotherhithe New Road last year, you will require them to be laid on the same side of the road. I have had openings made along Raymouth Road, and am of opinion that this can be done between the existing main and the forecourts, the space varying from 2-ft. to 2-ft. 10 in. Mr. Bain, however, in his reply, states that it would be almost impossible for them to draw in and joint up the cables after the pipes have been laid in the available space, and if they are not allowed to use the footway on the other side of the road, they will be compelled to use the carriageway, which, in my opinion, would be better than having electric cables on both sides. He, however, suggests as an alternative that they should be allowed to lay the new mains on the north-east side, and that they would dig out the present mains at any time when the Vestry are overhauling the footway. If you consent to the new mains being laid on the north-east side, I think it should be subject to the Company agreeing to dig out the present cables and pay for the cost of reinstating the footway as soon as the new ones come into operation.

And having power to act, had

RESOLVED—That the notice and plan be approved subject to the Company entering into an agreement to dig out the existing cables and to pay for the cost of reinstating the footway as soon as the new cables come into operation.

This was approved by the Vestry.

On 4th May, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Receiver and Manager of the Company, stating that they had arranged to lay their mains on the south-west side of Raymouth Road, on the understanding that they could begin work on the expiry of their present notice ; also enclosing formal notice before commencing work.

This was approved by the Vestry.

Her Majesty's Jubilee, 1897.

Almshouses.

On 20th April, 1897, Mr. Stuart handed in the following notice of motion :—

“ I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the Vestry I shall move that this Vestry take into their consideration the question of what steps shall be taken by them to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

(Signed) R. L. STUART.

Dated this 20th day of April, 1897.”

On 4th May, 1897, Mr. Stuart moved in accordance with the before-mentioned notice, which was seconded by Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley, and carried.

The matter was referred to a Special Committee Meeting of the whole Vestry, who decided to invite the co-operation of the parishioners.

Invitations were accordingly sent to land owners, employers of labour, tradesmen of the parish, and others, and the responders were added to the General Committee, which now consists of the following gentlemen :—

Mr. Aldridge, Hy., 34 & 36, Albion Street
 „ Aldridge, Thomas, 34 & 36, Albion Street
 „ Angus, Wm., 104, Lower Road
 Rev. Bardsley, S. Martyn, Christ Church Vicarage,
 Lower Road

Mr. Bartlett, Hy. L., 30, Lower Road
 „ Bayley, Edward, 446, Rotherhithe Street
 „ Beasley, Walter, 187, Lower Road
 Rev. Beck, M.A., J.P., Canon, Rectory, St. Mary-
 church Street

Miss Beck, Rectory, St. Marychurch Street
 Mr. Bisley, Francis J., 68, Union Road
 Rev. Blakeston, L. H., All Saints' Vicarage,
 Lower Road
 Mr. Brett, Wm. J., 9, Old Road
 „ Brown, Joseph, 151, Rotherhithe New Road
 „ Brownfield, Sidney, Surrey Lock, Surrey
 Commercial Docks
 „ Bulmer, John Henry, 82a, Lower Road
 Rev. Burleigh, H., 147, Lower Road
 Mr. Butcher, Geo., 186, Rotherhithe Street
 „ Carr-Gomm, F. C., The Chase, Farnham
 Royal, Bucks
 „ Cobon, Chas. W., 86, Union Road
 „ Coombe, Gordon, Brandram's Wharf, Rother-
 hithe Street
 „ Deavin, Fredk. Wm., 129, Rotherhithe New
 Road
 „ Grey, Robert, 135, Rotherhithe Street
 Dr. Hall, J. Field, 20, Union Road
 Mr. Hawkins, John D., 70, Lower Road
 „ Hayward
 Rev. Hele, H. H. Selby, Holy Trinity Vicarage,
 Trinity Road
 Mr. Higgs, Jas. C., 28, Plough Road
 „ Hobman, John G., 8, Plough Road
 „ Hood, Geo. R., 57, Derrick Street
 „ Houghton, Wm., 69-71, Union Road
 „ Jewett, Geo., Timber Merchant, Plough
 Bridge
 Rev. Johnson, T. C., St. Katherine's Vicarage,
 Eugenia Road
 Dr. Kelly, B., 58, Plough Road
 Mr. Kelsey, W. Hy., 29, Union Road

Mr. Kimber, Chas., 83, Albion Street
 „ Lawrence, H. W., 287, Rotherhithe Street
 „ Leigh, Edward, 5, Plough Road
 Rev. Lidgett, M.A., J. Scott, Bermondsey Settle-
 ment, S.E.
 Mr. Mabbs, Geo., 74, Lower Road
 Mr. Macdona, M.P., J. Cumming, 12, Bloomfield
 Terrace, S.W.
 „ Matthes, W. L., 16, Plough Road
 „ Maylett, J. R., 155, Abbeyfield Road
 „ Merrick, T. D., 75, Cranham Road
 „ Moore, Henry, 12, Lower Road
 „ Morriss, H. F., 112, Lower Road
 „ Mortimer, J. Chew, 102, Lower Road
 „ Morton, M.P., A. H. A., 80, Eaton Place, S.W.
 „ Moss, R. W., 34, Plough Road
 „ Mullenger, J. J., 72, Albion Street
 „ Newman, Thomas, 53, Rotherhithe Street
 Dr. Nichols, R. T., 20, Union Road
 Mr. Paice, J. Michael, 135, Rotherhithe Street
 „ Pascoe, Chas., 185, Lower Road
 „ Payne, L.C.C., W. H. C., 14, Victoria
 Square, S.W.
 „ Perks, Thomas, 11, Rotherhithe Street,
 „ Pryor, S. L., 16, Scawen Road, Deptford
 „ Richardson, Thos., 48, Union Road
 „ Rooney, F. J., 262, Rotherhithe Street
 „ Royal, Wm., 26, Lower Road
 Rev. Russell, Robert, 18, Plough Road
 Dr. Shaw, Josephus, 151, Lower Road
 Mr. Skudder, W. E., 104, Neptune Street
 „ Smith, F. F., London & Midland Bank,
 Rotherhithe

Mr. Sparkes, E. A., 163, Rotherhithe Street
 „ Stokes, Jas. J., 101, Borough High Street, S.E.
 „ Streeton, W. G., 29, Silwood Street
 „ Stuart, R. L., 226, Lower Road
 „ Talbot, Edward, 24, Lower Road
 „ Talbot, Edwd. Jas., 72, Union Road
 „ Talbot, Francis T., 20, St. James's, New
 Cross, S.E.
 „ Topp, James, 13 & 15, Plough Road
 „ Topp, W., 13 & 15, Plough Road

Mr. Tucker, Thomas, 92, Lower Road
 „ Vezey, Henry, 682, Rotherhithe Street
 „ Walker, R. W., 14, Rebecca Terrace
 „ Walker, Samuel C., 58, Culling Road
 „ Wells, Wm. Geo., Oak Cottage, 13, Oak
 Place
 „ White, A. W., 110, Lower Road
 „ Willmott, Fk. A., 34, Rotherhithe Street
 „ Wood, George, 270, Rotherhithe Street
 „ Young, Hugh, 220, Brockley Road, S.E.

Various meetings have been held, and the following Executive Committee formed :—

Rev. Canon Beck, M.A., J.P., Chairman.

Mr. Francis T. Talbot, Vice-Chairman.

Mr. A. H. A. Morton, L.C.C., Treasurer.

Mr. Henry Aldridge.

Mr. Francis J. Bisley.

Mr. James C. Higgs.

Mr. John G. Hobman.

Mr. Wm. Houghton.

Mr. J. M. Paice.

Mr. W. H. C. Payne, L.C.C.

Mr. W. G. Streeton.

Mr. R. L. Stuart.

Mr. E. J. Talbot.

Mr. W. G. Wells.

Mr. A. W. White.

The following subscriptions have been received or promised :—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. and Mrs. Carr-Gomm	150	0	0
Messrs. A. T. Hobman & Son.	105	0	0
„ J. and W. Topp	105	0	0
Mr. J. Cumming Macdona, M.P.	60	0	0
Rev. Canon and Mrs. Beck	52	10	0
„ „ „ (collecting card)	0	17	0
Mr. W. G. Wells	52	10	0
Messrs. C. Hay & Son	50	0	0
„ George and Samuel Butcher	30	0	0
Mr. A. H. A. Morton, M.P.	26	5	0
„ „ „ (collecting card)	5	5	0
Carried forward	637	7	0

						£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	...	...	...	637	7	0
Mr. W. H. C. Payne, L.C.C.	...	...	...	...	...	26	5	0
„ Edward Talbot	...	...	...	...	...	21	0	0
„ A. W. White	...	...	...	...	...	21	0	0
„ „ (collecting card)	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	6
Messrs. T. and H. Aldridge	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
Mr. W. Houghton	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
Dr. R. T. Nichols	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
Mr. James J. Stokes	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
„ R. L. Stuart	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
„ Francis T. Talbot...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
„ Thomas Tucker	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
„ John M. Paice (collecting card)	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	0
By Order of Jubilee Dinner Committee	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	3
Messrs. Willmott & Cobon	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	0
Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley, M.A.	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
Mr. Gordon Coombe	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
„ Hayward (per Mr. J. C. Higgs)	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
„ Henry Moore	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
„ Henry F. Morriss	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
„ T. Newman	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
„ G. F. Philpott	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Miss Beck	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	0
Rev. L. H. Blakeston (collecting card)	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	6
Rev. H. H. Selby Hele	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Mr. T. Perks	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Rev. T. C. Johnson	1	1	0
Mr. John E. Maylett	1	1	0
Rev. R. Russell (collecting card)	0	10	0
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The matter remained at this stage at the close of the year.

Crystal Palace.

On 15th March, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Vestry Clerk of Camberwell, forwarding copy resolution passed by that Vestry, expressing the opinion that the present is an opportune time for securing as a permanent place of recreation for the people of London of the Crystal Palace and Grounds, and directing that a petition to Parliament be prepared, praying the Government to acquire and maintain the same, and asking this Vestry to take similar action.

RESOLVED (Mr. Mortimer: Mr. Stuart)—That this Vestry concurs in the opinion expressed by the Vestry of Camberwell, as to the desirability of securing the Crystal Palace and Grounds for the public recreation and benefit, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a petition for presentation to Parliament in support of that object, and that the Common Seal of the Vestry be affixed to such petition.

On 19th October, 1897, Messrs. Mortimer, Vezey and Beasley were appointed Delegates from this Vestry to attend a Conference of London Vestries and District Boards, convened by the Vestry of Camberwell for the purpose of considering the proposal to acquire the Crystal Palace as a National Memorial in celebration of Her Most Gracious Majesty's Jubilee reign.

On 2nd November, 1897, Mr. Beasley reported that on Monday, the 1st of November, in company with Messrs. Mortimer and Vezey, he attended the first meeting of the Conference convened by the Camberwell Vestry, that ten of the Metropolitan Local Authorities were represented, and that the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

I. That in the opinion of this Conference the present is an opportune time for the Government to secure as a permanent place of instruction and recreation, the Crystal Palace and its grounds as a national memorial of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, the building being the one used for the International Exhibition, 1851, and under Royal Patronage, opened to the public in 1854; and further that this Conference is of opinion that every means should be taken to prevail upon the Government to acquire and maintain the same for the enjoyment of the people for ever.

II. That a sub-committee be appointed by this Conference to confer with the Directors of the Crystal Palace Company upon this matter, and to report further to the Conference hereon.

III. That the Local Authorities of the Metropolis, the Corporation of the City of London, the London County Council, and the Municipal Corporations of England and Wales be invited to co-operate in the matter.

RESOLVED—That the thanks of the Vestry be accorded Messrs. Beasley, Mortimer and Vezey, for their attendance at and report upon the first meeting of the Conference.

On 1st February, 1898, Messrs. Mortimer and Beasley were appointed Delegates to attend a further Conference to be held at the Mansion House, at which the Lord Mayor was to preside.

The Conference had not been held at the close of the year.

Princess of Wales' Dinner Fund.

A letter having been received by the Chairman from the Lord Mayor inviting his co-operation and also that of the Vestry in the matter of the distribution of the above fund for providing a meal during Jubilee week to the outcast poor.

The Vestry, on 1st June, 1897, RESOLVED—That the whole of the members of the Vestry form the nucleus of a Committee to consider the matter.

Subsequently, upon the invitation of the Vestry, the Committee was considerably enlarged by Clergymen and Workers in the Parish tendering their services.

Sub-Committees were also formed for the four Polling Districts:—

The Rector acting as convener for No. 2 Polling District.

Mr. Stuart	„	„	3	„
„ Vezey	„	„	4	„
„ Higgs	„	„	5	„

The sum of £337 18s. 1d. was allotted to this Parish, and £330 15s. 10d. was disposed of as per the following statement, the balance, £7 2s. 3d., being placed to the credit of the

Rotherhithe Jubilee Almshouses Fund, having been received too late to utilise for the purpose of the Dinner Fund.

purpose of the Dinner Fund.				£	s.	d.
Amount received from the Fund						
per the Rev. Canon Beck ...				330	15	10
Money returned				0	4	4
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				£331	0	2

Given away in Tickets				£	s.	d.
Printing Posters, Notices,						
etc.				4	2	0
Printing Tickets ..				5	1	6
Clerical Assistance, etc.				11	15	0
Cheques... ..				0	7	2
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					21	5
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				£331	0	2

Audited and found correct, this 6th day of June, 1898.

WM. TAYLOR,
F. J. BARTHOLOMEW,
HARRY MOORE,
W. J. BRETT,
G. R. HOOD,

} *Auditors.*

In addition to the above, the following articles of food were received and distributed :—

192 6-lb. tins of Beef.
24 „ of Mutton.
112 „ of Syrup.
144 tins of Milk.

Staff.

RESOLVED (Mr. Stuart: Mr. Brownfield)—That on the occasion of the public holiday to be observed on Tuesday, the 22nd June, 1897, in celebration of the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign, the Vestry grant the men in their employ a day's holiday and a sum of 3/- per man in addition to the day's pay, and that £2 2s. be paid to defray the expense of having the bells of St. Mary's Church rung.

Housing of the Working Classes Act.

London (Fulford Street and Braddon Street, Rotherhithe)

Improvement Scheme.

A copy of this scheme is contained in last year's report.

On 6th July, 1897, by direction of the Local Government Board, a local inquiry on the subject was held by Col. J. T. Marsh, R.E., one of their Inspectors.

No opposition was offered to the Scheme.

Nothing further transpired up to the close of the year.

Incorporation.

On 1st February, 1898, the Vestry affixed its Common Seal to the Memorial prepared at a Conference of certain Metropolitan Vestries, praying Her Majesty's Government to introduce in the coming session of Parliament a Bill for the improvement of the status of the local governing bodies of London, and appointed Messrs. J. C. Mortimer and S. C. Walker to represent the Vestry on a deputation which the Marquis of Salisbury had consented to receive.

The Prime Minister received the Deputation on Wednesday, the 2nd February, 1897. The report of the proceedings thereat is too voluminous, however, to reproduce here, but the deputation was favourably received and an assurance given that the Government would take the matter into their consideration at the earliest possible moment.

Lighting.

Aylton Street.

On 18th May, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the General Purposes and Works Committee—That the Surveyor be instructed to increase the candle power of the burner to the existing bracket lamp at the end of Aylton Street.

General.

On 20th July, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the Report of the Surveyor, suggesting that the public lamps should be lighted a little later and extinguished somewhat earlier than at present, with the view of effecting a saving in cost.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Surveyor in the meantime arrange with the Company for the placing of test Meters upon half a dozen lamps, so that a comparison may be made as to the consumption of gas under existing arrangements with the price paid per lamp.

The Gas Company, however, requiring to be paid £23 8s. for the six or £3 18s. each meter, the Vestry on the 3rd August, 1897, instructed the Surveyor to purchase two only for the purpose.

The matter had not been further considered at the close of the year.

Kinburn Street and Lovat Place.

On 18th January, 1898, the Vestry instructed the Surveyor to alter the positions of the existing lamps and to fix a new lamp at the junction of the two roads.

Midway Place.

On 18th January, 1898, the Vestry RESOLVED—That an additional lamp be erected at the end of Midway Place.

Plough Road.

On 16th November, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—

(1) That a large lamp be fixed at the junction of Yeoman Street and the new approach road, Plough Bridge, and that the existing lamp on the south side of Plough Road at the junction of that road and Yeoman Street, be removed to the opposite side of the road.

(2) That the existing lamp at the junction of William Street and Plough Road be removed to the opposite corner, and that an additional one be fixed on the south side of Plough Road, in a convenient position, situate about midway between the above-mentioned lamp and the existing lamp on the north side.

Suffolk Street and Old Road.

On 18th May, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the General Purposes and Works Committee—That the Surveyor be instructed to alter the position of the existing lamp at the junction of Suffolk Street and Old Road, about three feet north to the site of the present iron guard-post, and refix the post in the position vacated by the lamp.

Testing Station.

Nothing has yet been done by the Gas Referees in connection with the provision of a gas testing station near the works of the South Metropolitan Gas Co. as suggested some long time since.

Local Government Act, 1894.

Election of Vestrymen and Auditors.

On 20th April, 1897, the Vestry appointed Thursday, the 27th May, 1897, as the day for taking the poll for the election of Vestrymen and Auditors.

The Election for Vestrymen took place on that date with the following result:—

Vestrymen.

Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded.	Names of Candidates Elected.
Surnames.	Other Names.			
ALDRIDGE ...	Henry ...	34, 36 and 38, Albion Street	794	ALDRIDGE, Henry
BOARD ...	Daniel ...	215 and 217, Lower Road...	763	BOARD, Daniel
BRIARIS ...	William ...	3, Ainsty Street ...	315	
COBON ...	Charles William	86, Union Road ...	483	
DEAVIN ...	Frederick William	129, Rotherhithe New Road	574	DEAVIN, Frederick William
HAWKINS ...	John David ...	70, Lower Road ...	630	HAWKINS, John David
HICKMAN ...	Benjamin ...	170, Rotherhithe New Road	295	
LEIGH ...	Edward ...	5, Plough Road ...	456	
MABBS ...	George ...	74, Lower Road ...	557	
MATTHES ...	William Louis	16, Plough Road ...	743	MATTHES, William Louis
STONEHAM ...	George ...	Half Moon & Bull's Head P.H. 238, Rotherhithe Street	400	
VEZEY ...	Henry ...	682, Rotherhithe Street ...	669	VEZEY, Henry
WALKER ...	Samuel Clare	58, Culling Road ...	564	WALKER, Samuel Clare
WALTER ...	James Latter	164, Rotherhithe New Road	402	
WOOD ...	George ...	270, Rotherhithe Street ...	701	WOOD, George

Auditors.

Messrs. JAMES THOMAS BRISTOW,
WILLIAM CAPEWELL,
THOMAS BENNETT HALLIWELL,
HENRY MOORE, and
WILLIAM ALFRED PHILLIPS

being the only gentlemen nominated to fill the five vacancies as Auditors, were declared duly elected.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Appointment of.

At the first meeting of the new Vestry, held on the 1st June, 1897, it was

RESOLVED, unanimously—That the Rev. Canon Beck, M.A., be and he is hereby appointed Chairman of the Vestry for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart: Mr. Bulmer)—That Mr. F. T. Talbot be and he is hereby elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Cheques.

RESOLVED—That the following gentlemen be and are hereby appointed to sign cheques on behalf of the Vestry during the ensuing year:—

Mr. Vice-Chairman Talbot

Mr. Francis J. Bisley

„ Ralph W. Walker

„ Robert L. Stuart

Mr. Edward J. Talbot

„ Sidney Brownfield

„ Walter Beasley

„ Walter G. Streston

Committees.

RESOLVED—(1) That the General Purposes and Works, the Sanitary, Finance, Town Hall Building, and Bull Head Dock Works Committees consist of the whole of the members of the Vestry.

(2) That the Sanitary Committee be and is hereby appointed a Committee for the purposes of the Public Health (London) Act, 1891, with power to serve and receive notices, take proceedings, and empower any officer of the Vestry to make complaints and take proceedings, and otherwise to execute the said Act.

3. That the Town Hall Management Committee consist of 12 members :—

The Chairman

Mr. Vice-Chairman Talbot, and Messrs.

W. Beasley	W. G. Streeton
F. J. Bisley	R. L. Stuart
S. Brownfield	E. J. Talbot
J. C. Higgs	H. Vezey, and
R. W. Moss	G. Wood

Fine Payable on Resignation.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Talbot: Mr. Bisley)—That the amount of the fine payable by any person elected to the office of Vestryman upon non-acceptance of office or resignation, be one shilling.

Returning Officer's Expenses.

RESOLVED—That an Order be and is hereby made upon the Overseers of the Poor for payment of the Returning Officer's expenses, amounting to £118 4s., out of the Poor Rate, in accordance with the General Order of the Local Government Board, and that the Common Seal of the Vestry be affixed to such Order.

Valuer and Assistant Valuers.

RESOLVED—That Mr. Vice-Chairman Talbot be and he is hereby re-appointed Valuer, to ascertain and estimate the annual value of all and any lands, houses, tenements, tithes, hereditaments and other ratable property in this Parish for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED—That Messrs. John David Hawkins and John Henry Bulmer be and they are hereby appointed Assistant Valuers for the ensuing two years, to serve for one year conjointly with Messrs. George Mabbs and Robert Wallace Moss,

Overseers, Appointment of.

On 15th March, 1898, the following gentlemen were appointed Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year :—

Mr. Henry Lovell Bartlett
 „ James Collett Higgs
 „ Charles Kimber
 „ Frederick James Rooney
 „ Francis Thomas Talbot, and
 „ Henry Vezey.

London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894.

Amounts received during the year :—

Half-year ending 30th September, 1897	£1366	9	5
Half year ending 31st March, 1898	1366	9	5
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Meetings.

During the past year, 25 General and Special Meetings, and 81 Committee Meetings have been held.

Mortuary.

On 20th July, 1897, the Vestry resolved that a storage tank with a capacity of not less than 60 gallons be provided in connection with the water supply at the Mortuary and that the Surveyor be instructed to obtain the same and select a suitable position for its accommodation,

Obituary.

On 6th April, 1897, the Surveyor reported receipt of an intimation of the death on the previous day of John W. J. Dumbleton, one of the sweepers placed on permanent sick pay, and who was 51 years of age and had been in the Vestry's employment for 11 years.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley : Mr. Mabbs)—That a gratuity of £10 be and is hereby granted to the widow of the late John W. J. Dumbleton.

Parliamentary.

Cleansing of Persons Act, 1897.

The above is an act enabling Local Authorities to provide cleansing and disinfection for persons infected with vermin if they shall see fit.

The Vestry, however, decided to take no action in the matter.

Land Transfer Act, 1897.

Under Section 20 of the above Act, power is given to Her Majesty by order in Council to declare as respects any County or part of a County, that after a specified day, registration of title to land is to be compulsory on sale.

A letter was received from the London County Council drawing attention to the above, and stating that the Council had received a letter from the Privy Council, giving notice that it was proposed to issue an order applying Part 3 of the Act to the County of London, and inviting an expression of the Vestry's views upon the proposal.

The Vestry on 18th January, 1898, RESOLVED—That the Council be informed, that in the opinion of this Vestry it is very undesirable that Part 3 of the Act should be applied to London, having regard to the large number of properties which would be affected thereby, and that some other less important County should be selected for the trial of the experiment of compulsory registration.

Metropolitan Water Company's Bill.

On 20th July, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the letter from the Vestry of Camberwell, stating that that Vestry had had under consideration the above Bill, and had suggested to the President of the Local Government Board, who had charge of the Bill, the insertion of a clause requiring the Water Companies concerned to be placed in a similar position in regard to the collection of their rate as Overseers, etc., in the collection of the Poor Rate, and asking this Vestry to take similar action.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That this Vestry support the action taken by the Vestry of Camberwell in the matter.

Street Improvements (London) Bill.

On 18th May, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered a letter from the Vestry of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, drawing attention to the Street Improvements (London) Bill, proposed to be promoted by the London County Council as a private Bill, which seeks to confer on the Council all the powers conferred by section 80 to 96 of the Act, 57 George 3rd, cap 29, upon the Local Authorities of the Metropolis in regard to the compulsory acquisition of land for widening or improving Streets, stating that that Vestry had accordingly requested the Council through their representatives, should they proceed with the Bill, to insert a clause providing that the Local Authorities shall have due and sufficient notification of any intended proceedings in their respective districts in order to enable the Local Authority interested to give expression to their views, and further proposing that the proposed Act shall not be deemed to affect or modify any of the powers possessed by the Local Authorities under the Act of 1817, and asking this Vestry to take similar action.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That this Vestry support the action taken by the Vestry of Westminster in the matter.

South Eastern Railway Coy.'s Bill.

On 18th May, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from Mr. J. W. Watkin, Solicitor to the South Eastern Railway Company, stating that the Lord Chairman had made an amendment in that portion of the clause to be inserted in the Company's Bill now before Parliament, for the protection of the Rotherhithe Vestry, agreed to between the Company and the Vestry, relative to the repayment to the Vestry of the cost of any extra lamps required for lighting any road or street crossed by railways Nos. 1 and 2, by striking out the following words as being unnecessary :—

“And the Company shall save harmless the Vestry against all and every expense to be occasioned thereby, and such work shall be done to the reasonable satisfaction of the Surveyor of the Vestry at the costs, charges and expenses in all respects of the Company.”

But no action was taken thereon.

The Bill received the Royal assent on 6th August, 1897.

Paving.

Adams Gardens.

On 16th November, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED to tar pave the footway at the rear of No. 45, Adams Gardens, and provide a blue brick channel along one side at an estimated cost of £14, and instructed the Surveyor to apportion the cost thereof upon the owners liable to pay the same under the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1862, Amendment Act, 1890.

On 14th December, 1897, the Common Seal of the Vestry was affixed to the apportionment :—

			£	s.	d.
Mr. Henry Packer	6	7	8
„ Bird	4	0	5
„ Beacon	0	9	3
„ James Mahoney	3	2	8
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			£14	0	0
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Clarence Street.

On 6th April, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to the proposed crossing in Clarence Street, from Dodd's Place to York Place, having had submitted to them the following report of the Surveyor:—

I have to report that the cost of repairs to the Macadam roadway of Clarence Street for the two years ending March, 1897, amounts to £81 9s. 7d. The roadway now requires picking up, stoning all over with broken granite, and rolling, the cost of which I estimate at £135. I also estimate the cost of paving the roadway with 4-in. by 7-in. granite setts upon a foundation of 6 in. cement concrete, (including relaying the existing kerb on concrete, relaying the footways, and providing new stones where required,) at £1,375.

I cannot at present recommend the street to be paved, as the existing sewer is in a very defective condition and will be required to be relaid before very long, but, as it will be dealt with in my scheme for the re-drainage of that district, I have refrained from bringing this matter before you until I submit the entire scheme for your consideration.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That Clarence Street be temporarily repaired for the present, and that the question of the crossing stand over until the existing sewer has been relaid, and that the Committee then take into consideration the question of paving the whole of the street upon loan.

Hadland Street.

On 2nd November, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the Surveyor prepare an estimate of the cost of macadamising that portion of the roadway at present unmade, and paving the

unpaved portion of the footway, with the provision of a granite kerb and three-course channel, and apportion the same upon the owners liable upon both sides of the road under the provisions of the Metropolis Management Acts, 1855 and 1862, and the Amending Act of 1890.

On 14th December, 1897, the Common Seal of the Vestry was affixed to the apportionment:—

				£	s.	d.
School Board for London	...	...		59	19	3
Surrey Commercial Dock Company	...			11	14	0
Mrs. Wells	28	5	6
Mr. Muney	19	6	9
„ R. Snow	9	8	6
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Silver Street.

On 5th October, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the footway be relaid with Victoria stone and provided with granite kerb and three-course channel, and that that portion of the roadway on the north side of the chapel, to the entrance opposite Messrs. Mills & Knight's premises, be macadamised at a total estimated cost of £260.

Union Road.

On 18th May, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having met and conferred with the Directors of the London, Deptford and Greenwich Tramways Company, as to their request that the Vestry should reconsider the question of an additional passing place opposite the Conservative Association premises in the Union Road; that it would be remembered that the Vestry had already agreed to consent to the extension of the two existing passing places on either side of Cathay Street and Paradise Street respectively, subject to the Company agreeing to lay wood in front of Christ Church and maintain the same, which, however, the Company contended, would be of no material advantage to them.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That upon the Company agreeing to lay wood in front of Christ Church and maintain the same, the Vestry consent to an additional passing place on the north side of Union Road.

On 1st June, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Secretary of the London, Deptford and Greenwich Tramways Company, Limited, stating in reply to the Vestry's letter of 20th May, 1897, that the Directors, while being obliged to the Vestry for giving consent to the insertion of a new passing place on the north side of Union Road as indicated, and agreeing as they did to the laying and maintaining of wood paving immediately in front of Christ Church, they desired to emphasise the point that the same must not be construed into a precedent for any similar alteration of paving by any person or body whatever, so far as that Company are concerned, and that upon hearing from the Vestry confirming the same, the construction of the passing place would be proceeded with forthwith; also that the Directors understood that the wood to be used is to be the hardest possible, and that the Vestry will pave the three feet outside the rails at the same time as they do the space between the Company's margin and the kerb, the Vestry charging the Company the net price thereof.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk write in reply, stating that the Vestry cannot bind themselves not to approach the Company with regard to the laying of wood paving at any other point on the main road traversed by the Company's lines.

The wood paving works were carried out during the year.

Yeoman Street.

On 6th July, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee drew attention to the condition of Yeoman Street, from Chilton Street to the boundary, which required re-forming, and for a portion of the length was without kerb, channel, or footways. The estimated cost was as under:—

Macadamising roadway, providing kerb and channelling	-	£100
Flagging footways	- - - - -	42
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		£142
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RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the Surveyor be instructed to have the roadway macadamised, kerbed and channelled, at an estimated cost of £100, and apportion the cost of flagging the footways upon the persons liable to pay the same under the Metropolitan Management Act, 1862, Amendment Act, 1890.

On 16th November, 1897, the Common Seal of the Vestry was affixed to the apportionment as under :—

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Blumann & Stern, Limited - - - -	28	15	9
The Surrey Commercial Dock Company - - -	24	4	9
Mr. E. Harrington - - - - -	4	8	1
Mr. J. H. Bulmer - - - - -	1	9	5
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	£58	18	0
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Plant.

On 6th April, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered as to the vans and carts required in connection with the new wharf.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That advertisements be issued in the "Contract Journal," "Builder," and local papers, inviting tenders for the supply of twenty-seven suitable vans with designs.

The following tenders were ultimately accepted out of nine received :—

Mr. Cornelius Hailstone, of Basingstoke, Hants—	Total
6 Dust Vans, at £47 each =	£282
Messrs. William Glover & Sons, Limited, Warwick—	
14 Slop Vans, at £43 each =	£602
6 Material Carts, at £23 each =	£138
1 Stone Cart = = = =	£28

Public Baths and Wash-houses.

On 6th April, 1897, the Sanitary Committee reported with reference to the removal of ashes from the Public Baths and Wash-houses, that the Dust Contractor contended that such removal did not come within his contract, and that he was entitled to extra payment in regard thereto, and having considered the matter, they were of opinion that there was some justice in the Contractor's contention inasmuch as it had never been the custom for the Vestry's Contractor to remove the ashes from the Baths.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the Surveyor be instructed to have the ashes removed from the Baths in as cheap a way as possible, and charge the net cost thereof to the Commissioners.

Public Health (London) Act, 1891.

Temporary Shelter.

On 21st September, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the Shelter be placed in charge of the Medical Officer of Health.

Trade Refuse, etc.

On 16th November, 1897, the Vestry fixed the following charges for the removal of trade refuse, furnace ashes, and the like:—

1 horse cart load	...	...	5s.
$\frac{1}{2}$ cart load or any less quantity	...	...	2s. 6d.

If such refuse, etc., cannot be loaded direct into the Vestry's carts, a higher charge will be made in proportion to the time occupied.

If delivered to the Wharf in the tradesmen's own carts, 3s. per ton, with a minimum charge of 1s.

Fish offal and other offensive refuse not removed, and very light but bulky refuse to be subject to special agreement.

Precepts.

Precepts for the undermentioned amounts have been made upon the Overseers of the Poor :—

		Sewers.	Lighting.	Paving, etc.	Total.
Half-year to 29th September, 1897	...	£1,000	1,000	14,000	16,000
Half-year to 25th March, 1898	...	1,325	1,100	15,275	17,700
		£2,325	£2,100	£29,275	£33,700

On 20th April, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee—That the Overseers be requested to have printed upon the back of the rate application paper, the various amounts under their respective headings in respect to the rates levied, together with the rate in the £ represented by such amounts.

Rights of Way.

On 2nd November, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That an iron gate be erected at Acorn Wharf Stairs, and two keys obtained, one to be placed in charge of the Metropolitan Asylums Board at South Wharf, and the other of the Surveyor, and that a notice be painted up to the effect that the key can be obtained at the Board's Wharf, or the Town Hall.

St. Mary's Church.

On 3rd August, 1897, the Chairman of the Vestry reported that he had received a gift from a lady, to be laid out in the purchase of a painting to be hung in the Parish Church, as a memorial of her deceased parents, that he proposed to instruct an artist to paint a copy of the picture called "The Entombment of Christ" by Titian, the original of which is in the Louvre Gallery in Paris, and had submitted a photo thereof to the Bishop, who had approved of the subject, but stated it would be necessary to obtain a faculty therefor, that he had consulted with the Churchwardens in the matter, the Junior of whom (Mr. Higgs) approved of the proposal, and joined with him in asking for the approval of the Vestry thereto.

After considerable discussion the Vestry gave their approval, upon the casting vote of the Chairman, the voting being equal, viz. : 7 for and 7 against.

This, however, was rescinded by the Vestry on 21st September, 1897.

The faculty applied for, was granted by the Chancellor of the Diocese before the close of the year.

Stratford and Plaistow Charity Estates.

Upon the application of the Trustees, the Vestry, on 1st February, 1898, RESOLVED to allow Mr. Norman Scorgie to act as Surveyor to the Trustees during the rebuilding of the Estates, and fixed Tuesday, March 8th, 1898, to meet the Trustees for the purpose of receiving and determining upon tenders for the grant of leases in respect to the Stratford Estate.

The Meeting was duly held, but no tenders had been received.

Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

On 6th April, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Vestry Clerk of Clerkenwell, stating that that Vestry's attention had been drawn to the very small fines sometimes inflicted by the Police Magistrates on prosecutions by the Vestry under the "Sale of Food and Drugs Acts," a fine of 6d. and 2s. costs having recently been inflicted upon an offender then convicted for the fourth time, and that he had been directed to communicate with the Home Secretary and Local Government Board, urging that some effective means may be adopted to prevent what is practically an encouragement of adulteration, and asking the support of this Vestry in the matter.

RESOLVED—That this Vestry support the action taken by the Vestry of Clerkenwell in the matter.

On 18th May, 1897, the Sanitary Committee reported having considered a letter from

the Strand District Board of Works, submitting the following copy resolution adopted by them,

The Committee having had under consideration the fact that food is often prepared for sale and sold in places (such as fried fish shops, ice cream shops, and dripping in rag and bone shops), some of which are sanitarily unfit for the purpose, RECOMMEND that the Local Government Board be requested to issue such regulations as will place these places under more efficient control, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the other Metropolitan Sanitary Authorities.

and having also considered the report of the Medical Officer of Health recommending agreement with the said resolution ;

RESOLVED upon the Committee's recommendation that this Vestry concur in the views expressed by the Strand District Board of Works, and that the Local Government Board be notified accordingly.

Staff.

Clerk's Department.

On 6th July, 1897, the salary of Mr. E. C. Olivier, the Assistant Vestry Clerk, was increased to £250 per annum.

On 20th July, 1897, the salary of Mr. R. J. Walker, Junior Assistant Clerk, was increased to £95 per annum.

On 3rd August, 1897, Mr. Saml. J. Sharp, of 46, St. Marychurch Street, was appointed Assistant Hall Keeper, at a wage of 25/- per week and uniform, subject to his residing in the parish, to his devoting the whole of his time to the duties of the office, and to a month's notice to quit being given on either side.

Mr. Thomas Bauckham, the Vestry's Messenger, being 68 years, and not enjoying very good health, the Vestry, on 15th March, 1898, placed him upon permanent sick pay of 12/6 per week, and resolved to appoint a lad as Messenger at 10/- per week.

Surveyor's Department.

On 21st September, 1897, Mr. Arthur McLean was appointed Time and Store Keeper at the Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, at a wage of 30/- per week, with house, gas, and coals, subject to his residing in the house provided, to his devoting the whole of his time to the duties of his office, and to a month's notice to quit being given on either side.

On 18th May, 1897, the salary of Mr. N. F. Baker, Clerk, was increased from £52 to £65 per annum, and the wages of Mr. T. Miller, junior, Sewerman, from 21/- to 25/- per week.

An application having been received from certain of the Masons and Paviers for one week's holiday in the summer, the Vestry, on 18th May, 1897, resolved to grant 3 days.

Sanitary Department.

On 6th April, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee, that it be an instruction to the Sanitary Inspectors not to take out summonses without an order from the Vestry.

On 18th May, 1897, a gratuity of £20 was granted to Mr. H. M. Cockburn, Sanitary Inspector, and the salary of Mr. E. Sanderson, Clerk, increased from £65 to £75 per annum.

On 20th July, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee, that Mrs. Wilson be appointed Caretaker of the Temporary Shelter at the Wharf, with apartments, gas and coals, and be paid a wage of 5/- per week, and be allowed to bring her own furniture, but that no encumbrances whatever be allowed.

On 7th December, 1897, the Vestry reappointed Dr. Josephus Shaw, Medical Officer of Health for the Parish, under the provisions of the Public Health (London) Act, 1891, at a salary of £300 per annum, upon his agreeing to give one month's notice previous to resigning the office, or to forfeit such sum as may be agreed upon as liquidated damages.

The reappointment was duly approved by the Local Government Board, and duly confirmed by resolution of the Vestry on the 1st February, 1898.

(See also Standing Resolutions.)

Standing Resolutions.

RESOLVED (15th January, 1897).—That the Assistant Vestry Clerk be authorised to require the attendance in the office of any of the Clerks in the department, and the Messenger, when considered necessary by him so to do, and that after 6 p.m. he be authorised to pay overtime for such attendance in proportion to the amount of salary or wages paid to such Clerks or Messenger.

In accordance with notice given at a previous meeting, Mr. Vezey (on 6th July) moved, Mr. Bulmer seconded, and it was

RESOLVED—That it be an instruction from this Vestry to the Surveyor to present his report to the General Purposes and other Committees concerned, prior to each Vestry Meeting, for consideration and report, and that these Committees' reports be read and acted upon at the Vestry Meetings in the same manner as the reports from Committees are now dealt with.

In accordance with notice given at the previous meeting of the Vestry, Mr. Vezey (on 20th July, 1897) moved, Mr. Board seconded, and it was

RESOLVED—That it be an instruction from this Vestry to the Medical Officer of Health to present his report to the Sanitary and other Committees concerned, prior to each Vestry Meeting for consideration and report, and that these Committees' reports be read and acted upon in the same manner as the reports from Committees are now dealt with.

On 3rd August, 1897, in accordance with notice given at the previous meeting, Mr. Higgs moved—That a time be appointed for asking questions at General Meetings, and On 7th September, 1897, it was

RESOLVED—(i.) That the before-mentioned item of business be placed at the end of the agenda paper.

(ii.) That question time be limited to 10 minutes altogether.

(iii.) That one day's previous notice at least be given to the Clerk by any member wishing to ask a question at any General Meeting.

RESOLVED (16th Nov., 1897).—That in the event of there being no bill relating to a concert or other meeting to take place in the Town Hall upon either of the two notice boards provided for that purpose, the Churchwardens be at liberty to affix any notice as to the Parish Church Services thereupon, this being the Church Vestry.

RESOLVED (18th Jan., 1898).—That when the Public Hall has been let on a Saturday, necessitating the removal of the canvas or chairs, and the Hall is required for use on the Sunday following, the Assistant Hall Keeper and any other Assistant employed, be paid a fixed sum of 3s. 6d. each for the day's work.

RESOLVED (1st February, 1898).—That the Medical Officer of Health be required to certify all payments made in connection with the Sanitary Department.

Surrey Commercial Dock Company.

On 4th May, 1897, the Clerk submitted the Agreement prepared by him in accordance with the resolution of the Vestry, passed on the 10th February, 1897, for execution by the Surrey Commercial Dock Company in connection with the stopping up of a portion of London Road.

RESOLVED—That the Agreement with the Dock Company be approved, and that the Common Seal of the Vestry be affixed thereto.

The Clerk reported that the Company were now desirous of obtaining the sanction of the Vestry to the closing of that portion of Plough Road from the commencement of the New Road by Yeoman Street, to the end of Commercial Dock Road, at its junction with the new temporary road, to enable the demolition of Plough Bridge to be proceeded with.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart : Mr. Mullenger)—That the permission of the Vestry be and is hereby granted to the closing of that portion of Plough Road from the commencement of the New Road by Yeoman Street, to the end of Commercial Dock Road at its junction with the new temporary road, subject to the consent of the London County Council being first obtained thereto.

On 4th May, 1897, the Surveyor reported receipt of an application from the Engineer to the Surrey Commercial Dock Company, for permission to cross Commercial Dock Road, otherwise Swing Bridge Road, near the "Plough" P.H., with an hydraulic pressure main, so as to supply power for working the new canal lock gates.

RESOLVED—That permission be given for the laying of the said hydraulic main across Commercial Dock Road, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Surveyor and to the repairs to the roadway being executed by the Vestry's employees at the Company's expense.

Surrey Commercial Docks Extension.

On 15th July, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having adjourned consideration of the plan submitted in connection with the extension works and the report of the Surveyor thereon, to view, with the exception of the under-mentioned portion of such report, which they—

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:—

"Since your last meeting I have received the plan for your approval of the continuation of New Road No. 2, to Grove Street. Only about 20 yards are in your District, and it is proposed to construct the same upon exactly the same lines as the plan approved by you. I have, therefore, no observations to offer. The plan has received the approval of the London County Council, subject to the approval of the Greenwich District Board of Works and yourselves."

RESOLVED—That the same be approved.

The following is a copy of the resolution passed by the Council approving the plan before mentioned:—

"That the Council do sanction the plan and section submitted by the Engineer of the Surrey Commercial Dock Company, with his letter dated May 6th, 1897, to the Council's Chief

Engineer, for the construction of the proposed extension of Road No. 2, authorised by the Company's Act of 1894 and to the closing of the portion of Plough Road in accordance with such plan subject to the consent of the road authorities concerned, viz. :—The Greenwich District Board and the Vestry of Rotherhithe being obtained to such plan and section, and to the closing of the portion of Plough Road referred to, before any part of the works shall be commenced."

On 6th July, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having had submitted to them the detailed plans in connection with the Surrey Commercial Docks Extension Works, and the following report of the Surveyor thereupon :—

Connection with Lower Road.—This connection is widened in accordance with the arrangement made between the Vestry and the late Mr. McConnochie ; that the new road should at its entrance be 60 feet wide, decreasing to 40 feet, at a point 80 feet back, which is provided for by the curved line shown upon the plan.

Upon the other side of the road, at my request, the Company's Engineer has agreed to set back the pier 20 feet, the same as the one at the junction of the New Road No. 2, and Yeoman Street.

General Line.—The general line of the road between Lower Road and the Greenland-Russia communication passage deviates somewhat from the line shown upon the deposited plan, if anything, to the advantage of the road, but it is the line of the Swing Bridge across the passage and the junction with Commercial Dock Road (otherwise Swing Bridge Road) to which I desire to call your attention. Upon the deposited plan the bridge is shown to cross the passage in an oblique direction to suit the line of the new road and the junction with the existing roads, but upon the plan now submitted, the bridge is shown to be constructed at right angles with the passage, and whilst by reason of the altered line suiting the new road equally as well as the line shown upon the deposited plan, the junction with the new bridge and the existing road will be nearly a right angle, which is proposed to be rounded off to a radius of 80 feet.

The road will be fenced in on either side with close timber fencing 10 feet high and the driver of a vehicle that had just passed over the bridge would not be able to see another coming in the opposite direction until he was within 40 yards of him ; this is only about one half the distance it would be if the bridge and junction were constructed in accordance with the deposited plan. It is therefore for you to consider whether this is satisfactory or whether a request be made to the Engineer to construct the bridge in accordance with the deposited plan.

Raising Commercial Dock Road.—The existing road between the iron bridge and the junction with the new bridge previously mentioned as over the Greenland-Russia passage will be raised at its greatest depth about 10 feet, so that the roadway between the two bridges will be quite level, but whilst the new road from the Lower Road to the new bridge will be 40 feet wide, it is proposed to maintain the present width, which varies from 25 to 26 feet, between the new bridge and the existing bridge. If the raising of an existing road 10 feet does not under the Act, make it a new road, or if the Company's obligations do not require them to increase it to the width of new roads, I think it will be a great pity if it is allowed to be reconstructed to its present width, and an effort not made to increase it so as to be the same as the remainder of the new road and in conformity with all new streets in the Metropolis.

If this were done, Commercial Dock Road and Rotherhithe Street, extending from Lower Road to Trinity Wharf, would possess a good wide road except for a length of about 140 yards extending from Lady Dock Bridge to Elgar Street, which could easily be widened at some future convenient time.

Temporary Road.—To enable the Company to raise the existing Commercial Dock Road, it will be necessary to construct a temporary road for the accommodation of the traffic while the work is in progress. This the Company propose to do within the present dock premises upon the north side of the existing road. This is shown to be 26 feet wide, equal to the existing road-way, but no information is given as to its construction, whether it will be pitched or macadamised, which should be settled, as also the width of the footpaths and the question of repairs, liability for accidents, scavenging, lighting, etc., as in the case of the other road, by agreement between the Company and the Vestry.

Cross Section of Constructions.—The section of the roadway shown upon the plan is the same as approved by the Vestry for New Road No. 2, but as this road for the greater portion of its length will have no longitudinal fall, the cross fall of the footways where the roadway is level should be increased to 3 inches, and the depth of the channel, except between Lower Road and the Swing Bridge crossing the Canada-Greenland passage, must not be uniform with the kerb, but vary so as to provide a fall for the road water to reach the gullies, say from 3 inches at the crown to 6 inches at the gullies.

Specification.—At my request, the Engineer has forwarded through the resident Engineer, a draft of the specification for the construction of the road, in which are embodied several points

I have suggested as an improvement for the specification of the works now under contract. I consider the specification satisfactory except as regards the small details I have altered in red.

Gullies.—Gullies are shown upon the plan 50 yards apart, but for the efficient drainage of the road they should be placed in positions as altered by me and be constructed of an approved pattern. As regards Commercial Dock Road, it is only proposed to raise the existing gullies, but that will not be sufficient as the character of the road will be entirely altered, and new gullies should be provided in the positions I have marked upon the plan. Nothing is shown for the drainage of the Temporary road, which should be provided for, as this road will be in use for a few months at least.

Sewer.—The sewer in Commercial Dock Road, which will be abolished, belongs to the London County Council, therefore the new sewer constructed in lieu thereof will require to be constructed to the satisfaction of the London County Council, the Vestry having nothing to do with this.

Fence Wall.—It is proposed to construct a fence wall dividing the new road from Osprey Street, at a height varying from 4 ft. 6 in. above the footway at the junction with Lower Road to 6 ft. at a point about 340 ft. down Osprey Street, where the line of the new road diverges from the line of Osprey Street. This is a very low boundary wall, and will, I am afraid, be a source of danger, as it will be possible to mount the wall at the lower end and run along the coping. A slip off at the top end into Osprey Street, would mean a fall of 14 ft. 6 in. As soon as the boundary wall leaves Osprey Street it is increased in height to 10 feet, and continues at that height either in brickwork or timber fencing the whole length to Lady Dock Bridge.

I have had an interview with the resident Engineer, who on behalf of Mr. Woolf Barry, has agreed as follows :

The Temporary road to be constructed in macadam properly consolidated and to have a gravel footway on one side, the company entering into the necessary agreement to efficiently drain, light, maintain and repair the same until the completion of the new road between the iron bridge and the new bridge across the Greenland-Russia communication passage. The cross section of construction, specification, and position and number of gullies to be amended by the Surveyor. The height of the fence-wall at the Lower Road end of the new road to be

increased to 6 ft. and continue at that height along the whole length of the road until it diverges from the line of Osprey Street.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—

(1) That upon the Company agreeing to give up to the Vestry the necessary land, and make the road to be raised a forty feet road up to Lady Dock Bridge, free of expense to the Vestry, no objection be offered to the amended line of the road from Lower Road to the Greenland-Russia communication passage, and the Swing Bridge across the passage, and the junction with Commercial Dock Road, as shown upon the plans signed by Mr. W. Barry, dated 27th May, 1897.

(2) That the remaining portions of the plans be approved, subject to the matters agreed to between the resident Engineer and the Surveyor being carried out, and to the Company entering into the necessary agreement to efficiently drain, light, maintain and repair the Temporary road.

The Company demurred to the stipulation that they should give the necessary land to widen the road ; a letter was subsequently received from the Clerk, London County Council, stating that the Council had approved the plans as far as the making of the road was concerned.

On 16th November, 1897, the Vestry instructed the Surveyor to prepare a plan showing Swing Bridge Road widened to a width of 40 feet with the view of entering into negotiations with the Company for the purpose of effecting this improvement.

On 14th December, 1897, the Vestry approved the plan which had been prepared by the Surveyor in accordance with the before-mentioned instructions, and instructed the Clerk to forward a tracing thereof to the Surrey Commercial Dock Company, and enquire whether the Company would be willing to agree to the widening of the road as shown thereon, and if so upon what terms.

The Company intimated through their Solicitors that they would be willing to consider the matter, but nothing definite had been settled at the close of the year.

Thames Passenger Steamboat Service.

On 4th May, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED upon the motion of Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Vezey, that a Committee of seven members be appointed to consider what steps should be taken, in conjunction or otherwise with other local authorities whose districts abut upon the Thames, between London Bridge and Greenwich, in endeavouring to secure a service of Passenger Steamboats between the points indicated, with power to act. Also

RESOLVED—That the following gentlemen constitute such Committee :—

Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley ;	Mr. R. L. Stuart ;
„ J. C. Higgs ;	„ F. T. Talbot ; and
„ J. C. Mortimer ;	„ Henry Vezey.
„ R. W. Moss ;	

On 18th May, 1897, the Committee reported having considered as to the stoppage of Steamboats upon the river, between London Bridge and Greenwich, and having

RESOLVED—That the Vestries and District Boards of Works having land abutting upon the River Thames between London Bridge and Greenwich, be asked to appoint Delegates to attend a Conference to be held upon the subject of the stoppage of Steamboats between the points before mentioned, and the consequent inconvenience occasioned to persons wishing to travel between those points.

This was approved by the Vestry.

On 3rd August, 1897, the Committee reported that they had invited Delegates from the undermentioned Districts to attend a Conference upon the subject, with the following result :—

Bermondsey Vestry . . .	.	No action.
City of London Corporation .	.	„
Greenwich District Board		
Limehouse „		
Poplar „		
St. Olave „		
St. George-in-the-East Vestry		

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Two Delegates from each appointed.

That since the reference to the Committee, the Thames Steamboat (1897) Company, Limited, had started a half-hourly service of steamboats from Westminster to Greenwich, but there was no guarantee how long it would continue, and submitted the following copy of the minutes of the conference which took place at the Town Hall on Friday, the 23rd July, 1897.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE of Delegates from Riverside Vestries and District Boards, convened by the Vestry of Rotherhithe, held at the Rotherhithe Town Hall, Lower Road, on Friday, July 23rd 1897.

PRESENT :

Delegates.				District.			
Mr. E. Brennan	...	...	...	Limehouse District Board.			
„ Shand	...	...	...	St. Olave	„	„	
„ Oake	...	...	...	„	„	„	„
„ Joseph Heath	...	...	...	Greenwich	„	„	
„ F. Thurston	...	...	...	Poplar	„	„	
„ Walter H. Jones	...	...	...	St. George-in-the-East Vestry.			
„ James Francis	...	...	...	„	„	„	„
„ Higgs	...	...	...	} Rotherhithe Vestry.			
„ Mortimer	...	...	...	
„ Moss	...	...	...	
„ Stuart	...	...	...	
„ Vice-Chairman Talbot	...	...	...	
„ Vezey	...	...	...	

RESOLVED—That Mr. Stuart do take the chair.

Mr. Stuart thereupon took the chair.

After debate,

It was moved by Mr. Mortimer, seconded by Mr. Higgs, and unanimously RESOLVED—That a letter be written to the London County Council, informing them that a Conference of Delegates from Riverside Vestries and District Boards has had under its serious consideration the question of the Thames Passenger Steamboat Service extant, and in view of the irregularity

of such service, and the inconvenience occasioned thereby to the public at large, and especially to those living in riverside parishes, is of opinion that some steps should immediately be taken to remedy the existing state of things, and as a preliminary, strongly urges upon the Council to free the whole of the river piers, and also to receive a deputation upon the subject.

Moved by Mr. Oake, seconded by Mr. Vezey, and unanimously RESOLVED—

- (I.) That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to each individual member of the Council, with the request that he will give the matter his support.
- (II.) That the members of the Conference form such Deputation with power to add to their number.

Letters were read from Messrs. Payne and Morton, Rotherhithe representatives upon the Council, stating the views of the Conference would receive their support.

RESOLVED—That the Minutes be approved and adopted, and the letters from the Councillors received with thanks.

On 21st Sept., 1897, the Committee submitted the Minutes of a further Meeting of the Conference, held on the 14th September, 1897.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE of Delegates from Riverside Vestries and District Boards, convened by the Vestry of Rotherhithe, held at the Rotherhithe Town Hall, Lower Road, on Tuesday, September 14th, 1897.

Delegates.				Present :	District.
Mr. E. Brennan		Limehouse District Board.
„ E. S. Hartnoll		„ „ „
„ Oake		St. Olave's „ „
„ Vice-Chairman F. T. Talbot				}	Rotherhithe Vestry.
„ Higgs		
„ Moss		
„ Vezey		

RESOLVED—That Mr. Vice-Chairman F. T. Talbot do take the chair.

Mr. Vice-Chairman F. T. Talbot thereupon took the chair.

In opening the proceedings the Chairman stated that it had been ascertained that the standing orders of the Council will not admit of more than 10 persons from one body being received as a deputation, and a Memorial must be presented to the Council setting forth the reasons to be adduced in favour of the object in view, and in order that the deputation to the Council may be as representative as possible, it has been suggested that each Vestry and District Board abutting upon the river both above and below Bridge, be requested to adopt a Memorial, appoint two delegates, and separately request the Rivers Committee of the Council to receive such delegates as a deputation at their meeting on Monday, the 27th September, 1897, and submitted draft Memorial, setting forth reasons why the piers should be freed from toll :

THE MEMORIAL of

to the London County Council praying them to obtain, as soon as possible, the necessary powers from Parliament to enable them to free the Piers of the River Thames, which are used for purposes of public traffic, from all tolls.

1. The River Thames is both at law and in fact a public highway, and at one time was the chief means of communication that London possessed for all kinds of traffic. The improvement of streets and the changes in the methods of locomotion have made the Thames Highway perhaps of less importance than formerly, having regard to the large increase of the number of inhabitants in London, but the traffic on the River has not in any way decreased, and the River is largely used within the area of the County of London both for the carriage of goods and the conveyance of foot passengers.
2. The public policy in the past of the governing body for the London Highways has been consistent for many years, and it has always desired to facilitate traffic in the County. All the Bridges have been freed from tolls ; and bars and barriers, where tolls had to be paid within the area of the County, have been done away with. The Bridges are now maintained by the Council, and your Memorialists urge that for the interest of the important traffic of the River, the Piers should be freed from toll and maintained by them in the same way, in pursuance of the policy and for the same urgent reasons that induced them to free the Bridges.
3. In the cases where this has been done, large sums of money have been paid in compensation. In the case under consideration it is anticipated that the compensation

will not amount to any large sum, as the Thames Conservancy Board, the present owners of most of the Piers, will be willing to make arrangements with the Council that will in any way facilitate the traffic of the Thames.

4. The Thames Conservancy Board are now, by their Act of Parliament, entitled to charge 6d. a call for each vessel that calls at one of their Piers; but this power has never been fully exercised by the Board. In all cases where there has been a great deal of traffic arising from any source of trade, they have always been willing to negotiate a fixed price for a series of calls, and such contracts have been invariably less than the statutory charge. Their policy has been always in every way to assist the traffic in the river, though at a loss to the Board. It has been estimated that if the full toll was charged it would amount to about £17,000 per annum, so large is the amount of traffic which calls at the Piers.
5. Your Memorialists desire to point out to the Council that this excessive tax upon the traffic in the Thames which uses the Piers, has a most detrimental effect upon those who work on the riverside, and to the great inconvenience of the many trades and businesses which are congregated on its banks.
6. For many years the Piers have been chiefly used by the Passenger Steamboats on the river. These Steamboats are most convenient to the business men of London in proceeding to Docks and Wharves which are on the banks at either side of the river. They are also very much used in the summer time for pleasure traffic, and a great number of watermen are employed in this manner. During the last few years the Railways, Omnibuses and Tramways have competed with the River traffic; before this came to pass the Passenger Steamboats paid well and also paid regularly the tolls; but from this and other causes the toll now is said to be so oppressive that there is a great probability that the carriage of foot passengers will cease to be carried on by private enterprise, and the public will be put to great inconvenience, many riverside workers will be thrown out of employment, and residents and inhabitants of the riverside districts be deprived of a means of communication which is very much valued by them, and the cheapness of which makes it of the utmost importance and indispensable to the least wealthy of the community.
7. Your Memorialists are of opinion that this fatality will be best avoided by freeing the Piers of the tolls. This charge being removed will be the means of stimulating the passenger traffic, and will help to create a healthy competition which will greatly enhance the comfort and convenience of the London public, who so largely use the river.

Therefore your Memorialists ask, that they may be allowed to send two of their members to the London County Council, as a deputation in favour of the course of action recommended to the Council by the Rivers Committee, and that they may attend at the next meeting of the Committee, having regard to the urgency of the matter as likely to be before the Council immediately.

The Common Seal of the, etc.

It was moved by Mr. Higgs, seconded by Mr. Moss, and unanimously RESOLVED—That the Memorial be approved and adopted, a copy thereof forwarded to each Vestry and District Board abutting upon the river, both above and below Bridge, together with a letter, requesting them to adopt a similar Memorial under seal, appoint two delegates and request the Rivers Committee of the Council to receive such delegates as a deputation, at their meeting on Monday, the 27th September, 1897.

Moved by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Vezey, and unanimously RESOLVED—That a copy of the Memorial be also forwarded to the Association of Master Lightermen and Barge Owners, together with a letter, informing them of the action taken in the matter, and requesting them to give the matter their utmost support, and use what influence they may possess to further the object in view.

RESOLVED—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairman for his able conduct in the chair.

The Conference then adjourned.

The Common Seal of the Vestry was ordered to be affixed to the Memorial.

Subsequent to the meeting before mentioned the remaining Vestries and District Boards of the Metropolis were invited to co-operate in the matter, seal a similar Memorial, and appoint two delegates to wait upon the Rivers Committee of the Council.

Mr. F. T. Talbot and Mr. Vezey were appointed as delegates from this Vestry to wait upon the Rivers Committee.

On 5th October, 1897, Mr. F. T. Talbot reported that Mr. Vezey and himself waited upon the Rivers Committee of the Council in conjunction with eleven other local authorities, and were very favourably received.

The matter remained at this stage at the close of the year.

Town Hall.

Opening.

The Inauguration of the Town Hall Buildings took place on Wednesday, the 28th April, 1897, Mrs. Carr-Gomm, the Lady of the Manor of Rotherhithe, having kindly consented to perform the ceremony on that date.

About 750 tickets of admission to view the ceremony, and also to attend a concert which was subscribed for by the members of the Vestry, and held at the Town Hall in the evening, were issued to the parishioners.

The Buildings were subsequently thrown open for the inspection of the public for two days, resulting in 5464 visitors being registered.

Management.

On 18th July, 1897, the Committee reported having resolved to meet on the 2nd Monday in each month, and having authorised the Clerk to deal with all ordinary applications for the hire of the Hall, where no difficulty or question arises, and in the latter cases to call the Rota Committee together and submit the same for their consideration, which Rota Committee is hereby authorised to deal with such cases, other than any case or cases which in its opinion should go before the full Committee.

This was approved by the Vestry.

On 6th July, 1897, the Town Hall Management Committee reported having appointed a Rota Committee to take office for four months, and having divided themselves as under:—

June to September, 1897.

Mr. W. BEASLEY,
 „ SIDNEY BROWNFIELD,
 „ E. J. TALBOT,
 „ HENRY VEZEY.

October, 1897 to January, 1898.

Mr. F. J. BISLEY,
 „ R. W. MOSS,
 „ W. G. STREETON,
 „ G. WOOD.

February to May, 1898.

Rev. CANON BECK, M.A., J.P. (Chairman),

Mr. F. T. TALBOT (Vice-Chairman),

„ J. C. HIGGS,

„ R. L. STUART.

On 6th July, 1897, the Committee reported having authorised the Surveyor to incur an expenditure of £2 2s. for the supply of the badges to the Rota Committee and officials, the guinea already voted by the Vestry not being sufficient.

This was approved by the Vestry.

On 21st September, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That upon any badge supplied to a member of the Rota Committee being lost or mislaid, the member so losing or mislaying the same shall be required to replace the badge at a cost of 10s.

Scale of Charges, etc.

On 4th May, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported receipt of zinc block for printing upon programmes of public entertainments.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that a deposit of 20s. be required before loaning the block to hirers of the hall, and that the block be loaned to any hirer requiring the use of same upon payment of the fee, viz. : 1s.

The following is a copy of the scale of charges for the hiring of the Town Hall which has been considerably reduced from the original scale :—

				Public Hall and Retir- ing Rooms.		
				£	s.	d.
1.—Meeting to which admission is free, without ticket, and at which no collection is made ; on a requisition signed by not less than 50 ratepayers :—						
(a)	To discuss any public or parochial question	...	...	
(b)	To promote the interests of any Parliamentary or other candidate for a public office in or for the Rotherhithe Division of the Borough of Southwark	...	...	
(c)	To support any religious, educational, charitable, temperance, or other similar institution, society, or object	...	...	
[To cover expense of Lighting, Cleaning, etc.]				1	1	0

											Public Hall and Retir- ing Rooms.
											£ s. d.
2.—Meeting, concert, lecture, or other similar entertainment in aid of any political, religious, educational, charitable or temperance society, where no charge is made and to which admission may be by ticket and a collection may be made, not exceeding 3 hours' duration by day-light	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 11 6
3.—Ditto by gas-light	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 2 0
4.—Meeting, concert, lecture, or other similar entertainment promoted by private persons, by day-light	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 2 0
5.—Ditto by gas-light	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 12 6
6.—Theatrical performance by day-light	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 4 0
7.—Ditto by gas-light	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 5 0
8.—Bazaar—for first day	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 3 0
9.—Ditto—for each succeeding day	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 2 0
10.—Private Ball (at which no person is to be admitted except by ticket on terms to be submitted and approved) with use of lavatories and cloak rooms, terminating at 4 a.m....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 10 0
11.—Cinderella dance, from 6 to 12 p.m.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 12 6
12.—Banquet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 3 0
13.—Wedding breakfast and reception, terminating at 5 p.m.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 2 0
14.—Ditto and dance, terminating at 12 p.m.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 4 0
15.—Religious Service on Sunday, about 3 hours' duration, by day-light, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 5 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 1 0
16.—Ditto by gas-light	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 11 6

EXTRAS.—Committee Room, 5/- ; Piano, 10/6 ; Footlights, 3/-.

Applications not embraced in the foregoing will receive consideration.

Boundary Wall.

The necessary consent not having been obtained to build the wall adjoining 23, Moodkee Street,

The Vestry, on 1st February, 1898, RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be instructed to build a 14 in. wall entirely on the ground attached to the "Jolly Sailor" P.H., at the Vestry's expense, on the understanding that the wall becomes a party wall and the Vestry have a right to use half thereof next to the Town Hall property, and to have inserted in such wall a stone setting forth the rights of the Vestry thereto, and to have a 9 in. wall built entirely on the Vestry's property adjoining the ground attached to 23, Moodkee Street.

The portion of the Resolution relating to 23, Moodkee Street, was, however, subsequently rescinded, and the following arrangement agreed upon :—

The wall to be erected in a straight line upon a give-and-take boundary to be entirely upon Mr. Higgs' ground at its junction with No. 23, and upon ground belonging to the Vestry at the other end; to be constructed in 9 in. brickwork with 3 additional $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. piers upon Mr. Higgs' ground as shown upon the plan, to be 7 ft. high, exclusive of coping course above the present level of the Town Hall yard, except for a distance of 14 feet from the junction with the back-front wall of No. 23, where it is to be 4 ft. 3 ins. high, the same height as the present wooden fence, surmounted with a wrought-iron vertical bar-fencing, carried to the same height as the remainder of the wall; the whole of the work to be executed at the expense of the Vestry, and, subject to the consent of the freeholder the wall to be the property of the Vestry. The arrangement is shown upon the plan submitted.

Overseers.

On 27th September, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED that a rental of £50 per annum be fixed for the use by the Overseers of their office and furniture contained therein and the partial use of the Committee room adjoining, and the firing, lighting and cleansing of the same.

On 1st February, 1898, the Overseers made application for the formal consent of the Vestry to their hiring such rooms, and also to the appointment and payment out of the Poor Rate of the Parish, of a person to take charge thereof, and to aid in the ordinary business of the Parish, at a remuneration of £30 per annum, which was granted.

Additions.

There being no accommodation for the supply of Refreshments in connection with the Public Hall, the Surveyor was instructed to prepare a plan showing a portion of the yard covered over for the purpose.

The Vestry approved the plan on 15th March, 1898, and instructed the Surveyor to obtain Tenders for the work.

Assessment.

The Town Hall Buildings have been assessed at £810 gross, and £675 ratable.

Tradesmen.

The following were the tradesmen appointed during the year :—

For the half-year ending 25th December, 1897 :—

A. Chambers	...	...	...	Smith.
R. Thornton	...	...	...	Oilman.
W. T. Parsons	...	...	...	Carpenter.
W. M. and A. Quiney	...	...	...	Ironmongery.
B. Cracknell	...	...	...	Plumber.
W. Oakley & Son	...	...	...	Wheelwrights.
J. Daly	...	...	...	Supply of Bedding.

For half-year ending 24th June, 1898 :—

J. Sansom	...	...	...	Smith.
F. W. Hill	...	...	...	Oilman.
W. C. West	...	...	...	Carpenter.
H. Bellsbam	...	...	...	Ironmonger.
H. L. Bartlett	...	...	...	Plumber.
W. Oakley & Son	...	...	...	Wheelwrights,
J. Daly	...	...	...	Supply of Bedding.

ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

Under the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, and Local Government Act, 1894.

1898-9.

Vestrymen :

CHAIRMAN.

Mr. FRANCIS JOHN BISLEY, J.P., 68, Union Road.

VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr. HENRY VEZEY, 682, Rotherhithe Street.

CHURCHWARDENS.

Mr. JAMES COLLETT HIGGS, 28, Plough Road, and Mr. SIDNEY BROWNFIELD,
Surrey Lock, Surrey Commercial Docks (elected April, 1898).

TO GO OUT OF OFFICE, 1899.

Mr. JAMES COLLETT HIGGS, 28, Plough Road.

Dr. JOSIAH FIELD HALL, 20, Union Road.

Mr. JOHN JAMES MULLENGER, 72, Albion Street.

„ JOHN CHEW MORTIMER, 102, Lower Road.

„ EDWARD ALSTON SPARKES, Surrey Dock Tavern, 163, Rotherhithe Street.

„ ROBERT WALLACE MOSS, 34, Plough Road.

„ WALTER GEORGE STREETON, 29, Silwood Street.

„ CHARLES KIMBER, 83, Albion Street.

TO GO OUT OF OFFICE, 1900 :

Mr. HENRY ALDRIDGE, 34 and 36, Albion Street.

„ JOSEPH BROWN, 151, Rotherhithe New Road.

Mr. WILLIAM LOUIS MATTHES, 16, Plough Road.

„ GEORGE WOOD, 270, Rotherhithe Street.

„ HENRY VEZEY, 682, Rotherhithe Street.

„ JOHN DAVID HAWKINS, 70, Lower Road.

„ FREDERICK WILLIAM DEAVIN, 129, Rotherhithe New Road.

„ SAMUEL CLARE WALKER, 58, Culling Road.

TO GO OUT OF OFFICE, 1901 :

Mr. ROBERT LEISHMAN STUART, 226, Lower Road.

„ WALTER BEASLEY, 187, Lower Road.

„ SIDNEY BROWNFIELD, Surrey Lock, Surrey Commercial Docks.

„ HUGH YOUNG, 220, Brockley Road, S.E.

„ CHARLES PASCOE, 185, Lower Road, S.E.

„ SYDNEY LOUIS PRYOR, 16, Scawen Road, Deptford, S.E.

„ WILLIAM ANGUS, 104, Lower Road.

„ FRANCIS JOHN BISLEY, J.P., 68, Union Road.

COMMITTEES :

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WORKS COMMITTEE :

The whole of the Vestrymen.

Day of Meeting : As settled by the Clerk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE :

The whole of the Vestrymen.

Day of Meeting : As settled by the Clerk.

SANITARY COMMITTEE :

The whole of the Vestrymen.

Day of Meeting : As settled by the Clerk.

TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The whole of the Vestrymen divided in Rota Sub-Committees as follows:—

June to September, 1898 :

Mr. HENRY ALDRIDGE.
 „ WALTER BEASLEY.
 „ JOSEPH BROWN.
 „ CHARLES KIMBER.
 „ WILLIAM LOUIS MATTHES.
 „ JOHN CHEW MORTIMER.
 „ ROBERT WALLACE MOSS.
 „ GEORGE WOOD.

October, 1898, to January, 1899 :

Mr. SIDNEY BROWNFIELD.
 Dr. JOSIAH FIELD HALL.
 Mr. JOHN DAVID HAWKINS.
 „ JOHN JAMES MULLENGER.
 „ SYDNEY LOUIS PRYOR.
 „ EDWARD ALSTON SPARKES.
 „ HENRY VEZEY.
 „ HUGH YOUNG.

February to May, 1899 :

Mr. WILLIAM ANGUS.
 Rev. CANON BECK, M.A.
 Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM DEAVIN.
 „ JAMES COLLETT HIGGS.
 „ CHARLES PASCOE.
 „ WALTER GEORGE STREETON.
 „ ROBERT LEISHMAN STUART.
 „ SAMUEL CLARE WALKER.

One half of each Committee to act for two months only, and the Chairman of the Vestry to be an ex-officio member of each Committee.

Day of Meeting : As settled by the Clerk.

Auditors of Accounts.

Mr. FREDERIC JAMES BARTHOLOMEW.

„ WILLIAM JAMES BRETT.

„ GEORGE ROBERT HOOD.

„ HARRY MOORE.

„ WILLIAM TAYLOR.

Officers of the Vestry :

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT :

JAMES JOHN STOKES, Clerk, Vestry Offices, Town Hall, Lower Road.

ERNEST CARR OLIVIER, Assistant Clerk, 12, Plough Road.

JAMES DAY, Second Asssistant Clerk, 10, Rebecca Terrace, Gomm Road.

REUBEN JOHN WALKER, Junior Assistant Clerk, 44, Hawkstone Road.

HENRY JAMES SMITH, Messenger, 198, Rotherhithe Street.

JOHN FORD, Hall Keeper, Town Hall.

ELLEN FORD, House Keeper, Town Hall.

SAMUEL J. SHARP, Assistant Hall Keeper, 46, St. Marychurch Street.

SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT:

NORMAN SCORGIE, A.M.I.C.E., M.S.E., Surveyor, 159, Lower Road.

NEPTUNE FREDERICK BAKER, Surveyor's Clerk, 14, Moodkee Street.

THOMAS BARON, Foreman, 9, Hawkstone Road.

PETER WALSH, Drainage Inspector and Clerk of Works, 454, Southwark Park Road.

ARTHUR McLEAN, Time and Store Keeper, Bull Head Wharf, Rotherhithe Street.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT:

JOSEPHUS SHAW, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Medical Officer of Health, 151, Lower Road.

THOMAS LANE DAVIES, Sanitary Inspector and Inspector under the "Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875," 117, Lower Road.

HENRY MACE COCKBURN, Sanitary Inspector and Inspector under the "Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875," 53, Beulah Road North, Thornton Heath, S.E.

EDWIN SANDERSON, Sanitary Clerk, 157, Lower Road.

SOLOMON SCULPHER, Mortuary Keeper, Disinfector, etc., 91b, Lower Road.

Mrs. WILSON, Caretaker of Shelter, Bull Head Wharf, Rotherhithe Street.

COLLECTOR OF SEWERS, LIGHTING AND PAVING RATES:

JOSEPH DAY, 48, Union Road.

Overseers of the Poor, 1898—9.

Mr. FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT, 20, St. James's, New Cross, S.E.

„ HENRY VEZEY, 632, Rotherhithe Street.

„ JAMES COLLETT HIGGS, 28, Plough Road.

„ FREDERICK JAMES ROONEY, 262, Rotherhithe Street.

„ CHARLES KIMBER, 83, Albion Street.

„ HENRY LOVELL BARTLETT, 30, Lower Road.

Valuer.

Mr. FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT, 20, St. James's, New Cross, S.E.

Assistant Valuers.

To GO OUT OF OFFICE, 1899.

Mr. JOHN DAVID HAWKINS, 70, Lower Road.

„ JOHN HENRY BULMER, 8, Erlanger Road, New Cross, S.E.

To GO OUT OF OFFICE, 1900.

Mr. GEORGE MABBS, 74, Lower Road.

„ ROBERT WALLACE MOSS, 34, Plough Road.

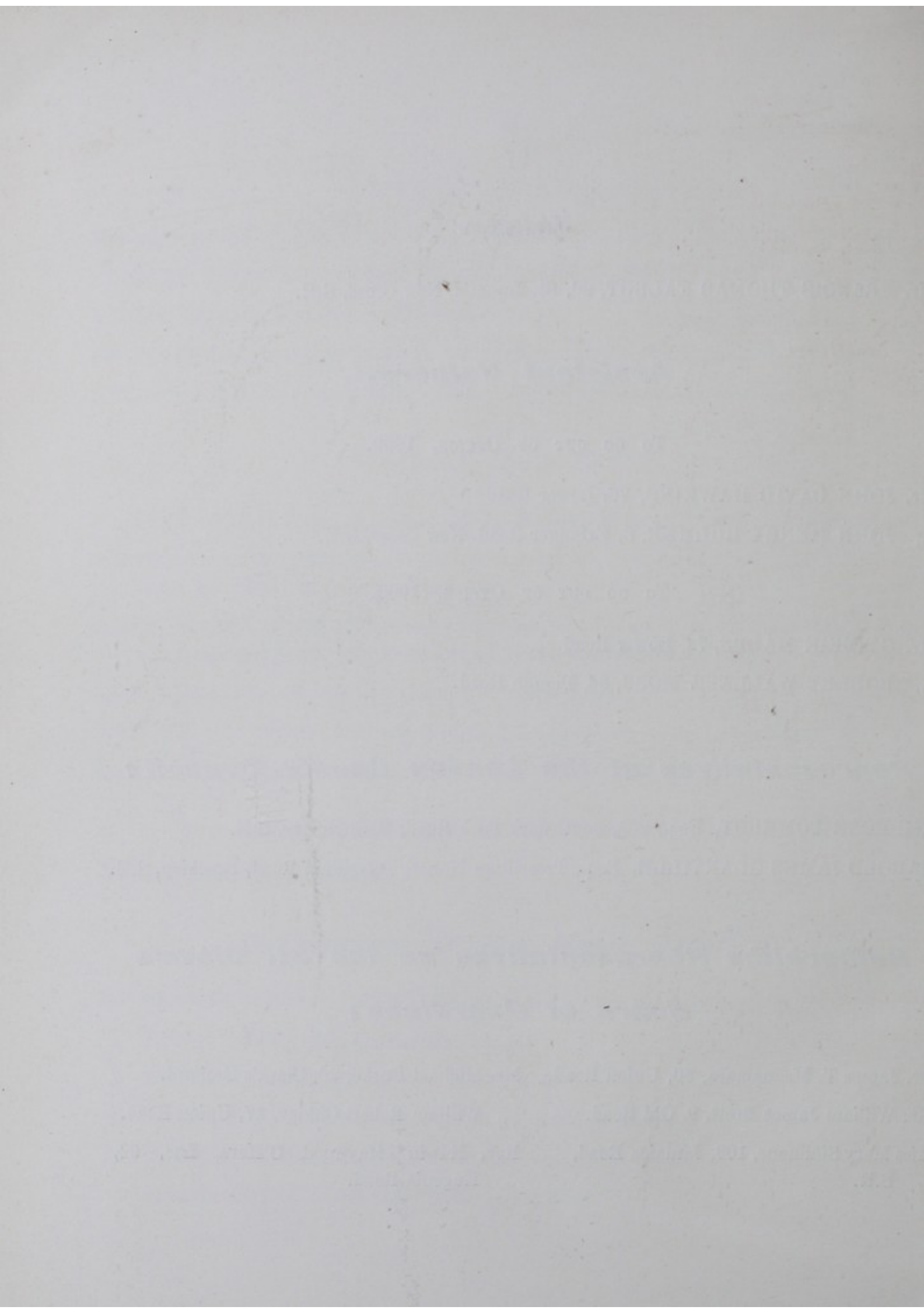
Representatives at the London County Council :

AMBROSE POMEROY, Esq., 262, Southwark Park Road, Bermondsey, S.E.

HAROLD JAMES GLANVILLE, Esq., Tressillian House, Tressillian Road, Brockley, S.E.

**Rotherhithe Representatives on the St. Olave's
Board of Guardians :**

Dr. James T. Macnamara, 50, Union Road.	Mr. Michael Burke, 20, Clark's Orchard.
Mr. William James Brett, 9, Old Road.	„ William Robert Oakley, 17, Union Road.
Miss Mary Simmons, 103, Jamaica Road, S.E.	Rev. Edwin Maywood O'Hara Lee, 92, Eugenia Road.



Engineer and Surveyor's Annual Report, 1897-98.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Report upon the work of my department for the year ending 25th March, 1898.

Licenses.

Forty-seven licenses were granted to erect scaffolds and hoardings on the public footpaths and carriageways for new buildings, alterations, additions or repairs; being the same number as granted for the previous year.

Roads and Footways.

In addition to general repairs, special works have been executed as enumerated below:

Kinburn Street, Forsyth Street, and Brunel Road.—The kerbs for a length of 564 ft. and the footways for an area of 5264 square ft. have been relaid.

Rebecca Terrace.—The kerbs for a length of 256 ft. and the footways for an area of 1584 square ft. have been relaid.

Trident Street.—The macadam roadway for an area of 1184 square yards has been repaired, the amount of broken granite used being 107 tons 7 cwt.

Hickling Street.—The kerbs for a length of 123 ft. and the footways for an area of 1068 square ft. have been relaid.

Union Road.—Extensive repairs have been necessary in this road. The kerbs, for a length of 540 ft., footways for an area of 2304 square ft., and 609 square yards of pitching have been relaid; of this latter area 264 square yards was occasioned by the rearrangement of the levels to suit the wood paving laid in front of Christ Church, an area of $58\frac{2}{3}$ square yards belonging to the Tramway Company, the amount charged to them being £8 1s. 4d. In September last, following the agreement with the Tramway Company, the roadway from the west side of Cathay Street to the west side of No. 29, a length of 175 ft., was paved with wood upon a concrete foundation, the area from the kerb to the tram rail on both sides being executed in "Jarrahdale Jarrah" blocks by the Vestry employees, and the space between the rails in "Stringy Bark" blocks by the Company; in both cases the blocks were 9 in. by 5 in. by 3 in. The cost of the work executed by the Vestry amounted to £317 10s. 10d., the amount chargeable to the Tram Company for 3 ft. on each side of the rails being £97 8s. 2d., reduced by the value of the old setts, which we retained, to £67 14s. 10d.

Cope Street.—The work executed in this street is 430 ft. kerb, and 2621 square ft. flags relaid, 252 square ft. of new flags have also been laid to replace broken and useless ones.

Ainstey Street.—This street to the north of Albion Street has been entirely remodelled, new York edge kerb on both sides has been laid, the footways reflagged, and the roadway laid with tar macadam upon a foundation of 4 in. of hard core, at an estimated cost of £180.

Bush Road.—Small repairs have been executed to the kerbs and footways, and the macadam roadway has been reformed for an area of 1400 square yards, the broken granite used amounting to 206 tons 8 cwt.

Rotherhithe Street.—Owing to the Gas Company laying a new main from Lavender Bridge to Silver Street, it was necessary to relay the whole of the footway on the west side to make a satisfactory job, the area, exclusive of the portion charged to the Gas Company, amounting to 1457 ft.

Between Silver Street and Cow Lane the kerb and footway have been relaid and the roadway reformed, the work executed being shown in the tabulated statement below.

Opposite South Wharf a new kerb has been laid for a length of 211 ft., and the footway formed in cement laid *in situ*; this piece was laid as an experiment, and after completion, was inspected by the Vestry. This class of paving is much cheaper than York stone or Victoria flags, and the Vestry has agreed to extend its use as necessity arises.

Galleywall Road.—Following the work executed last year the footway has been relaid from Lynton Road to Southwark Park Road, the kerb relaid on concrete, and a new three-course granite channel provided for the roadway. The whole of the macadam roadway has been reformed, coated with broken granite, and rolled in by the steam roller; the area of the roadway amounts to 4122 square yards, 558 tons 7 cwt. of broken granite was used, and 42 loads of granite spawls.

Lower Road.—Sundry repairs have been executed to the kerbs and footways along the main road, but the condition of portions of the roadway on both sides having become such that it was impossible to satisfactorily patch them, the whole area, from Hothfield Place to the boundary on the east side, and from Cope Street to Deptford Road Station on the west side, between the kerb and tram rails has been relaid, the setts redressed, and new supplied to make up for the waste. The total area repaved is 4092 square yards, the cost £1150 16s., of which sum £288 14s. 10d. was repaid by the Tramway Company for the work within 3 ft. of the tram rails, which they have to maintain. The average cost of this work, including taking up, cleaning and redressing setts, providing new setts where necessary, concrete, repaving, grouting, ramming and covering of, amounts to 5s. 7½d. per square yard

Lower Road by Town Hall.—Previous to the opening of the Town Hall the footways and roadway around the same were remodelled, a new kerb was inserted, the footway along the Lower Road front laid with special rubbed "Silex Brand" York flags of large size, and the footway in Neptune Street and Moodkee Street with ordinary new York flags, the channels and roadway all round were reformed. Details in the work executed will be found in the tabulated statement below.

Yeoman Street.—This street from Chilton Street to the boundary has been put into a satisfactory state of repair, the existing kerb has been relaid and a new kerb and granite channel laid down where none previously existed, the whole area of the macadam roadway to the extent of 1678 square yards has had a foundation put in, covered with 3 in. of broken granite and rolled, the amount of granite used being 149 tons 15 cwt. An apportionment has been made upon the owners for the cost of flagging the footways, amounting to £58 18s., but the whole of the amount is not yet paid.

Raymouth Road.—The kerbs and footways in this road have been extensively repaired, 200 ft. of kerb and 6958 square ft. of flags being relaid, and 760 square ft. of new flags laid, this latter quantity being used to replace broken and worn out stones.

Eugenia Road.—The kerb in this road has been relaid to the extent of 396 ft., 2270 square ft. of flags relaid, and 2673 square yards of macadam roadway repaired, the amount of broken granite used being 210 tons 12 cwt.

Silver Street.—This street from the Wesleyan Chapel to the northern entrance in Rotherhithe Street has been reconstructed, new kerb and Victoria stone footway laid, a three-course and five-course channel provided, the pebble-pitched roadway abolished, and a new macadam roadway formed and rolled with the steam roller.

Silwood Street.—The macadam roadway in this street has been repaired to the extent of 2738 square yards, 328 tons 5 cwt. of broken granite being used.

St. Helena Road.—The footways in this road to the extent of 861 square ft. have been relaid and 1492 square yards of the macadam roadway repaired, 100 tons 4 cwt. of broken granite being used.

In addition to the streets enumerated above, numerous others have received attention, the following tabulated statement giving the extent of the work done in the important ones, in addition to which a large quantity of work has been executed in patching.

STREET.	Relay Kerb. ft.	New Kerb. ft.	Relay Flags. ft.	New Flags. ft.	Relay Pitching. yds.	New Pitching on Concrete. yds.	Repair Macadam. yds.	Broken Granite.		Rough Ballast Gravel, etc. loads.	Remarks.
								tons.	cwt.		
Culling Road ...	—	—	—	—	—	48	—	—	—	—	
Slippers Place ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cornick Street ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2081	126	1	—	
Glebe Road ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Kinburn Street...	205	—	1736	51	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Forsyth Street ...	274	—	1825	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Brunel Road ...	85	—	1676	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Lovat Place ...	44	—	288	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Rebecca Terrace ...	256	—	1584	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
West Lane ...	200	—	784	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Aylton Street ...	—	—	172	88	—	47	—	—	—	—	
Trident Street ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1184	107	7	—	
Orange Place ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	600	33	4	—	
Rotherhithe New Road...	—	—	—	—	495	32	676	21	18	—	
Union Road ...	540	—	2304	108	609	386	—	—	—	—	New Pitching in Wood.
Hickling Street...	123	—	1068	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Hothfield Place ...	—	—	—	—	—	42½	—	—	—	—	
Cope Street ...	430	—	2621	252	5	—	—	—	—	—	
Cranswick Road ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	700	32	10	—	
Credon Road ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	623	91	—	—	
Bramcote Road...	252	—	1512	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Prospect Street...	198	3	827	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ainstey Street ...	—	530	1368	472	9	—	313	—	—	—	York Kerb Tar Macadam
Bush Road ...	61	—	357	10	10	—	1400	206	8	—	

STREET.	Relay Kerb. ft.	New Kerb. ft.	Relay Flags. ft.	New Flags. ft.	Relay Pitching. yds.	New Pitching on Concrete. yds.	Repair Macadam. yds.	Broken Granite.		Rough Ballast Gravel, etc. loads.	Remarks.
								tons.	cwt.		
Hobman Street ...	—	—	2663	163	—	—	200	16	8	—	
Rotherhithe Street ...	924	549	6517	3093	833	145	3418	417	13	—	
Galleywall Road ...	17	3	1787	—	182	77	4122	558	7	42	
Lower Road ...	366	—	2930	409	3085	387	—	—	—	—	
Around Town Hall ...	100	371	866	4015	145	—	1073	68	10	—	
Yeoman Street ...	500	291	3262	111	—	39	1678	149	15	—	
Raymouth Road ...	200	—	6958	760	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Eugenia Road ...	396	10	2270	—	22	3	2673	210	12	—	
Hawkstone Road ...	400	—	4170	43	—	—	600	49	19	—	
Silver Street ...	62	394	—	1318	66	152	850	40	16	—	88yds.Gravel Footway.
Old Road ...	50	—	2082	115	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Silwood Street ...	—	—	—	—	—	30	2738	328	5	—	
Neptune Street ...	—	—	—	13	173	129	1085	56	6	—	
St. Helena Road ...	—	—	861	256	—	—	1492	100	4	—	
Dilston Grove ...	52	—	182	—	—	—	2083	—	—	231	
Trinity Road ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	809	9	15	55	
Plough Road ...	439	—	55	—	29	—	—	—	—	—	384yd.Gravel Footway.
Plough Bridge Approach	—	—	—	—	272	191	—	—	—	—	
Sundry Works ...	192	7	3982	1593	416	17	3412	285	18	—	

In the various works throughout the Parish executed by our own workmen, the following materials have been used :—

Broken Guernsey Granite	-	-	-	2292 tons.
Granite broken in yard	-	-	-	628 tons.
Thames Ballast	-	-	-	1913 cubic yds.
Sand	-	-	-	265 cubic yds.
Hoggin	-	-	-	602 cubic yds.
Rough Gravel	-	-	-	363 cubic yds.
Fine Gravel	-	-	-	20 tons.
Granite Dust	-	-	-	25 tons 4 cwt.
Portland Cement	-	-	-	201 tons.
Grey Stone Lime	-	-	-	31 cubic yds.
3-in. York Stone	-	-	-	5032 square ft.
Old York Stone	-	-	-	450 square ft.
Victoria Stone	-	-	-	1627 square ft.
Rubbed " Silex Brand " York Stone	-	-	-	1166 square ft.
3-in. York Edging	-	-	-	546 ft. lin.
York refaced and resquared	-	-	-	5195 square feet.
4-in. by 7-in. Guernsey Setts	-	-	-	184 tons 13 cwt.
6-in. by 12-in. Guernsey Kerb	-	-	-	562 ft. lin.
Kerb (redressed)	-	-	-	1050 ft. lin.
Stock Bricks	-	-	-	19834
Gault Bricks	-	-	-	4000
Blue Panel Bricks	-	-	-	370
Blue Bull-Nosed Bricks	-	-	-	25
Tiles	-	-	-	120
Tar Paving	-	-	-	314 square yds.

Removal of Slop.

Up to the 29th September, 1897, the removal of the street sweepings was undertaken by the contractor who was required to load and remove to the Vestry's wharf, the payment being 2s. per cubic yard; but since that date the collection has been by our own vans, to the great advantage of the district, as I am now enabled to utilise the horse hire to the best advantage, increasing or decreasing the number of vans as necessity arises. Previously the Contractor would send out only the number he thought would be sufficient, always bearing in mind the amount he would receive under his contract, this was all very well should his calculations prove correct, but upon a great number of days the opposite was the case, with the result that the day's sweepings had to remain upon the roads until next morning; further, the collection of the sweepings being paid at per cubic yard and the remainder of the horse hire for carts, watering, etc., being at per day, it was not possible for me to utilise the other horses for this work, especially on days when, owing to rain, the quantity of slop to be removed was considerably in excess of the amount anticipated. The quantity of sweepings removed for the half-year ending 29th September, 1897, amounted to 4102 $\frac{3}{4}$ cubic yards; and for the half-year ending 25th March, 1898, 1572 $\frac{3}{4}$ van loads which, if taken at an average of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards per load, equals 3932 cubic yards.

Table showing the amount collected per quarter for the past three years, but it must be borne in mind that no snow-storms occurred during the winters 1895-6 and 1897-8—

Quarter ending	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.
	Cubic yards.	Cubic yards.	Cubic yards.
June	1723	1516 $\frac{3}{4}$	1917
September	1912	1822 $\frac{1}{2}$	2185 $\frac{3}{4}$
December	2199	2725 $\frac{1}{4}$	2259 $\frac{1}{2}$
March	1796 $\frac{1}{2}$	3454	1672 $\frac{1}{2}$
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TOTAL ...	7630 $\frac{1}{2}$	9518 $\frac{1}{2}$	8034 $\frac{3}{4}$
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Previous to the 29th September, 1897, the contract for the barging away of the sweepings being a lump sum contract per annum, including the refuse from gullies and the house refuse, only an approximate cost can be given of this work to that date:—

Half-year ending 29th September, 1897 :—

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Collection	...	...	410	5	6			
Disposal (say)	...	...	270	0	0			
			<hr/>			680	5	6

Half-year ending 25th March, 1898 :—

Collection	339	19	4			
Disposal	157	5	6			
			<hr/>			497	4	10
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						£1177	10	4
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This amount showing a decrease of £198 6s. 5d., as against the cost of the same work for the previous year.

The machine-broom has been constantly at work and was out 211 days at a cost for horse hire and re-fills of £98 10s. 4d. which, when added to the cost of the manual labour, shows a saving of £20, or 75 per cent. of the initial cost of the machine.

The following table gives the particulars of slop, silt from sewers and gullies, dust removed, and horses and drivers employed in the various works for the year ending Lady-day, 1898 :—

WEEK ENDING	SLOP.			SILT FROM GULLIES and SEWERS.			DUST.				Street Water- ing, Horses, and Drivers Hired.	FLUSHING SEWERS and GULLIES.		HORSE HIRE.		
	Cubic yds.	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Cubic yds.	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Van Loads.	Weight.		Horses and Drivers Hired		Water used. Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Machine Broom.	Roads.	Sewers.
								Tons.	Cwts.							
1897																
2nd April ...	210¼	—	—	38	—	—	63	—	—	—	4½	29	2	1	47½	¼
9th „ ...	153½	—	—	18	—	—	60	113	11	—	10¾	63	4	1	32	1¾
16th „ ...	127	—	—	30	—	—	56	106	14	—	5¾	5	½	2	23½	1¼
23rd „ ...	155¼	—	—	30	—	—	59	120	—	—	—	—	—	2½	31¾	1¼
30th „ ...	139½	—	—	26	—	—	60	114	19	—	15¼	6	½	1¼	33¾	½
7th May ...	158	—	—	28	—	—	58	117	15	—	9¾	—	—	1¼	37½	1
14th „ ...	123	—	—	14	—	—	57	111	15	—	23½	89	3	—	37	1¾
21st „ ...	121	—	—	7½	—	—	54	104	5	—	45	89	5¾	¾	34½	3½
28th „ ...	182	—	—	8	—	—	54	104	2	—	29¾	103	4¾	1½	29¼	4
4th June ...	133	—	—	13	—	—	54	104	11	—	6¼	84	5¼	1	35¼	1¾
11th „ ...	157	—	—	2½	—	—	47	100	11	—	8½	55	3¾	1½	24	2¾
18th „ ...	136½	—	—	24	—	—	50	103	6	—	33¼	158	10	½	46	2
25th „ ...	121	—	—	20	—	—	44	89	8	—	24¼	91	6½	—	26¼	—
2nd July ...	130½	—	—	26	—	—	54	107	13	—	27¾	167	10¾	½	39½	1¼
9th „ ...	150½	—	—	32	—	—	56	103	12	—	41¾	184	11¾	—	39	3¼
16th „ ...	203	—	—	32	—	—	46	83	8	—	49¼	192	11¾	3½	37¾	—
23rd „ ...	196½	—	—	24	—	—	52	95	7	—	36½	203	12	6	40	3¾
30th „ ...	172	—	—	34	—	—	50	94	—	—	25	101	7	6	61¾	—
6th August ...	139	—	—	28	—	—	46	80	17	—	36¼	65	5	5	47	½
Carried forward	2908½			435			1020	1855	14		430½	1684	104¼	35¼	703¼	30½

WEEK ENDING	SLOP.			SILT FROM GULLIES and SEWERS.			DUST.				Street Water- ing Horses and Drivers Hired.	FLUSHING SEWERS and GULLIES.		HORSE HIRE.		
	Cubic yds.	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Cubic yds.	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Van Loads.	Weight.		Horses and Drivers Hired.		Water used. Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Machine Broom.	Roads.	Sewers.
								Tons.	Cwts.							
Brought forward 1897	2908½			435			1020	1855	14		430½	1684	104¼	35¼	703¼	
13th August ...	158	—	—	34	—	—	49	94	10	—	30½	71	6	5½	40¾	4¼
20th „ ...	168	—	—	26	—	—	50	93	10	—	23½	87	6¼	6	38¾	½
27th „ ...	165½	—	—	22	—	—	48	94	14	—	5½	67	5	6	32	1¾
3rd Sept. ...	146¼	—	—	26	—	—	48	99	11	—	1½	54	4	6	35½	1½
10th „ ...	138	—	—	22	—	—	52	101	16	—	3	20	1¼	6¼	33	1½
17th „ ...	158	—	—	22	—	—	53	100	14	—	8	76	5	6	19¼	3¾
24th „ ...	150½	—	—	8½	—	—	55	103	7	—	5¼	79	5¾	6	36	2¼
1st October ...	110	23	11	—	2	1	59	105	6	4	5¼	41	3¾	2	14	—
8th „ ...	—	44	26¼	—	11¾	7	66	112	5	28	1¼	4	1	6	32	4
15th „ ...	—	46½	23¼	—	1	1	67	112	13	24	—	75	5	6	36¾	2
22nd „ ...	—	54¾	25½	—	1	1	65	111	13	24	4	66	6	6	41¾	3¼
29th „ ...	—	64½	34¼	—	¾	1	61	115	9	24	—	—	—	6	30¼	¾
5th November...	—	44¾	24	—	¾	1½	61	119	5	24	¼	—	—	5	17	1
12th „ ...	—	113	50½	—	1½	1½	68	119	19	24	—	—	—	6	19	—
19th „ ...	—	80½	40½	—	¾	10½	79	123	7	24	—	—	—	5½	23¼	5¾
26th „ ...	—	27	24	—	13½	7	76	117	17	24½	1	13	1½	4	39¼	4¾
3rd December...	—	70½	36½	—	9	7	76	120	17	25½	—	20	1	5	26¼	2¼
10th „ ...	—	82¾	42	—	9½	2½	74	130	18	26	—	10	1	2	24½	½
Carried forward	4102¾	651¼	337¾	595½	51½	41	2127	3833	5	252	519½	2367	156¾	130½	1242½	70¼

WEEK ENDING	SLOP.			SILT FROM GULLIES and SEWERS.			DUST.				Street Water- ing, Horses and Drivers Hired.	FLUSHING SEWERS and GULLIES.		HORSE HIRE.		
	Cubic yds.	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Cubic Yds.	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Van Loads.	Weight.		Horses and Drivers Hired.		Water used. Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Machine Broom.	Roads.	Sewers.
								Tons.	Cwts.							
Brought forward	4102 $\frac{3}{4}$	651 $\frac{1}{4}$	337 $\frac{3}{4}$	595 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	41	2127	3833	5	252	519 $\frac{1}{2}$	2367	156 $\frac{3}{4}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	1242 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1897																
17th December	—	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	4	1	77	132	14	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
24th „ ...	—	37	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	2	2	87	159	19	29 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	—	—	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
31st „ ...	—	104	50 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—	—	66	114	7	20	—	—	—	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$
1898.																
7th January ...	—	106 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	83	141	16	26	—	8	$\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	—
14th „ ...	—	37	27	—	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	84	134	13	26	—	9	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
21st „ ...	—	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	6	80	123	11	26	—	13	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	1
28th „ ...	—	55	35 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	73	120	19	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	46	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	28	$\frac{1}{4}$
4th February ...	—	53 $\frac{3}{4}$	31	—	10	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	64	116	5	26	—	83	7	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	26 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
11th „ ...	—	47 $\frac{3}{4}$	29	—	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	6	74	125	8	26	—	60	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	31	$\frac{1}{4}$
18th „ ...	—	55	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	72	125	11	26	—	40	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	6	21	—
25th „ ...	—	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—	—	73	124	16	25 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	30	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	42 $\frac{1}{4}$	1
4th March ...	—	78 $\frac{3}{4}$	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—	72	125	17	25	—	32	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	42 $\frac{1}{4}$	4
11th „ ...	—	37	25	—	1	1	72	128	13	24 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	55	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
18th „ ...	—	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	73	127	12	24 $\frac{1}{4}$	7	48	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	20	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
25th „ ...	—	66 $\frac{3}{4}$	33	—	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	65	115	15	24	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	51	4	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	11	—
TOTALS	4102 $\frac{3}{4}$	1572 $\frac{3}{4}$	868	595 $\frac{1}{2}$	122 $\frac{3}{4}$	90 $\frac{3}{4}$	3242	5751	1	633	542 $\frac{3}{4}$	2842	199	207 $\frac{1}{2}$	1599 $\frac{1}{4}$	92

Snow Storms.

The past winter being exceedingly mild, any slight fall of snow which took place was so small that it did not require any special means for its disposal, and no extra expenses were incurred during the whole season.

Steam Roller.

The steam roller has been fully employed during the year. The cost of working has been as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Driving, 171 days... ..	50	2	7			
Cleaning, Oil, Packing, Coke, Repairs, etc.	40	6	2			
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10 per cent depreciation ...				39	0	0
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				£129	8	9
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The total working days were 171, an increase of 6 upon last year, the cost per day equals 15s. 1½d., against 14s. 11d. last year; previous to the purchase of the roller, the amount paid for hire was 34s. per day; if a roller had been hired for the period worked the cost would have amounted to £290 14s. 0d., showing a saving upon the year's work of £161 5s. 3d. by having our own roller. This amount added to the savings previously reported makes a total of £432 9s. 3d. in less than three years, or £42 9s. 3d. in excess of the initial cost of the machine. It was delivered on the 29th May, 1895, and up to the present time has been at work 489 days. The above figures I think cannot be other than gratifying to the Vestry, and fully justifies the expenditure of £390 in purchasing the roller which has already more than saved its cost.

Sewers.

No new sewers have been constructed during the year.

In June, 1897, the existing 15 in. pipe sewer in Aspinden Road became entirely blocked. It was opened in six places along a length of 300 ft. for clearance, and was found to be quite full of deposit, which was so hard that in some cases it was only with difficulty that a drain cleansing rod could be passed through it; from levels taken it was found to be very irregular in level, and for over 160 ft. of its length fell the wrong way, the centre of the length being $4\frac{5}{8}$ in., and the top end $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. lower than the outlet of the manhole near the Raymouth Road into which this sewer should discharge. On the 11th June, I presented to the Sanitary Committee my report on the condition of this sewer and an estimate for relaying the same amounting to £230, but as the sewer had been thoroughly cleansed the matter was adjourned for six months; at the end of that time the question was again brought to the notice of the Committee and instructions given for the cost of the work to be included in the next estimate, the work to be commenced as soon as possible after the 25th March. The reconstruction will shortly be taken in hand.

Receiving several complaints as to the emission of foul gases from the open grating in the street from the County Council sewer opposite 72, Union Road, I endeavoured to obtain the consent of the owners on both sides of the road to the erection of an up-cast shaft ventilator in lieu thereof, but without success. The question of the ventilation of the sewers has received considerable attention during the past year from Metropolitan Engineers and Surveyors; meetings have been held in connection with the Association of Municipal Engineers and Surveyors, and at the invitation of the Chief Engineer of the London County Council a Conference was held on the 25th February, at Spring Gardens, "With a view of some uniform system being adopted for dealing with complaints of offensive emanations from gratings connected with both local and main sewers;" there were present Engineers and Surveyors from 39 Vestries and District Boards, and the following resolutions were adopted:—

1. "That the closing of sewer ventilators, in response to complaints, increases the general evil, the diminution of which is to be obtained by the multiplication of ventilators at regular frequent intervals.

2. That in connection with any interceptor hereafter fixed on a main house drain, it is advisable to carry up a ventilating pipe from the sewer side of the interceptor, up the front, side or back of the house, to the satisfaction of the local sanitary authority, and that the outlet drain from the interceptor shall not be flap-trapped in sewer, unless required by the local sanitary authority.

3. That pipe ventilators up buildings, or otherwise, when possible, should always be adopted in addition to surface ventilators."

It will thus be seen that in the opinion of the Engineers and Surveyors generally, and to which opinion I entirely concur, the remedy for sewer emanations is to be looked for, not by the substitution of up-cast shaft ventilators for surface gratings, but from the maintenance of more ventilating openings, both at the street level and by means of pipes carried up houses and other buildings.

At the invitation of the Vestry a further conference was held by representatives of South London Districts at Camberwell, when the above resolutions were practically confirmed.

The sewers have been efficiently cleansed and thoroughly flushed during the year, 213½ yards of silt being removed. The new 450-gallon flushing van, mentioned in my last year's report, has been delivered, and has been used 137 days flushing sewers, the quantity of water used, including that carried by the old cart, being 1926 loads or 770,400 gallons, of which amount 106,800 gallons came from the wells in the Parish, and the remainder from the mains of the Water Companies.

Gullies.

The gullies now number 842, being an increase of 22 during the year; they have been regularly cleansed during the year and flushed out during periods of drought; 627½ cubic yards of deposit have been removed from them, and a horse and van has been engaged flushing them out on 62 days, using 916 loads or 366,400 gallons of water.

The existing old brick gully pits are getting more and more into disfavour owing to their porosity, the water in them gradually leaking away into the surrounding ground, with the result that after slight periods of drought they require filling up, or should there be any slight deposit very unpleasant smells arise from them. During the past year, when inserting new ones, I have taken the opportunity of testing three different water-tight gullies brought to my notice, of which I had a favourable opinion, two in stoneware and one in iron, and in three other instances I have substituted iron gullies of the pattern mentioned in my 1896 report.

18 New connections have been made with the sewers for the additional gullies which have been inserted in the undermentioned streets :—

9	-	-	New Road, Plough Bridge (Nottingham iron gully).
2	-	-	Galleywall Road (stoneware, Wakefield's patent).
2	-	-	Tissington Street (iron double trapped).
1	-	-	Prospect Street (stoneware, Wakefield's patent).
*1	-	-	Nolan Place (iron double trapped).
1	-	-	Silver Street do.
2	-	-	Ainstey Street do.
*2	-	-	Glebe Road do.
1	-	-	Rotherhithe Street (stoneware, Sykes' patent).
*1	-	-	Matson Street (iron double trapped).

New connections for all except those marked thus *.

Thirty-two of the existing gullies have been found with broken traps and have had new stoneware ones inserted, surrounded with concrete, in the streets, as detailed below :—

Trinity Road	.	.	.	1	Galleywall Road	.	.	.	1
Cranham Road	.	.	.	2	Princes Passage	.	.	.	1
Silwood Street	.	.	.	3	Eugenia Road	.	.	.	2
Lower Road	.	.	.	4	Credon Road	.	.	.	2
Cathay Street	.	.	.	1	West Lane	.	.	.	1

Union Road . . .	1	Bramcote Road . . .	1
Henwood Road . . .	1	Gomm Road . . .	1
Rebecca Terrace . . .	2	Silver Street . . .	1
Rotherhithe Street . . .	2	Hickling Street . . .	1
Westlake Road . . .	2		

Twenty-nine new gulley tops and frames to replace worn out and broken ones have been fixed as follows :—

Lower Road . . .	14	Union Road . . .	1
Prospect Street . . .	1	Osprey Street . . .	1
Trident Street . . .	1	Old Road . . .	2
Rotherhithe Street . . .	3	Galleywall Road . . .	2
Princes Street . . .	1	Clarence Street . . .	3

Manholes.

The only additional manholes constructed upon the sewers during the past year are those in connection with the new sewer for the drainage of New Road No. 2, forming the approach on either side of the new Plough Bridge.

One existing manhole in Adam Street which was covered over below the surface of the ground has been brought to the surface and covered with an iron cover.

Five existing manholes have had new covers and frames fixed, as follows :—

Temeraire Street . . .	1	Ainstey Street . . .	2
Warndon Street . . .	1	Adam Street . . .	1

Twelve new frames and covers have been fixed upon the sewers to lampholes or flushing inlets in the following streets :—

Aylton Street . . .	1	Ainstey Street . . .	2
Clarence Street . . .	1	Eugenia Road . . .	1

Dodds Place	1	Lower Road	1
Lovat Place	1	Luxford Street	1
Mary's Place	1	Platform Wharf	1
Trinity Road	1		

Drainage Works.

One hundred and fifty-seven notices have been received in reference to the redrainage of houses, erection of new houses, etc., as follows :—

Existing houses redrained	138
Buildings and premises other than houses drained or redrained	17
New houses erected or rebuilt and drained	8
Other buildings do. do.	17
New W.C.'s and conveniences built and drained	16
Alterations and additions to houses	23
House drains cleansed	21
Do. (sanitary requisition)	14
Do. (by agreement)	14
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In connection with the above twenty-three new connections have been made with the sewers; of this number five were connected to the County Council's sewers. The cost charged to the owners for the connections and for the necessary interceptor and inspection chamber under the footway where no forecourt existed (23), amounted to £226 15s. 3d.

Street Watering.

The number of standposts remain the same (7) as mentioned in my last report, but, owing to complaints received from basement flooding, the one fixed in Silwood Street at the corner of Rotherhithe New Road has been removed to Rotherhithe New Road, near South Bermondsey Station.

In July last I called the attention of the Vestry to the fact that the number, except for the area supplied by the Kent Water Company, required augmenting, as a great deal of time is wasted on account of the long distance to travel to or from the district and the waiting for turn at the post, but, owing to the shortness of supply and the deficiency of the pressure in the mains, the Vestry hesitated to order the erection of additional ones. If the work of watering the streets is to be carried out in an efficient manner—and each summer the public are more and more expecting to have the roads thoroughly watered—the additional posts must be erected, as I find it is impossible, owing to the lowering of the level of the subsoil water, to hope for any adequate supply from the various wells, and even should that be again raised, the operation of hand pumping the water is more expensive than obtaining it from the Water Companies.

The total cost of the street watering amounted to £393 8s. 7d., and is divided as follows:—

Maintenance—

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
STANDPOSTS.	Tradesmen's a/c	-	-	9	17	10					
	Removing Post, Silwood Street			8	1	0					
	Vestry Employees	-	-	0	10	5					
							18	9	3		
PUMPS.	Tradesmen's a/c	-	-	7	1	8					
	Vestry Employees	-	-	1	18	2					
							8	19	10		
									27	9	1
	Horse Hire and Drivers	-	-						217	11	2
	Labour Pumpers	-	-						11	8	4
	Water from Posts and Rents (proportion)	-	-						97	0	0
	Kent Company (proportion)	-	-						40	0	0
									£393	8	7

554½ horses were hired for the watering, and I estimate the quantity of water used as under :—

365 Loads pumped from Wells	-	109,500	gallons.
8536 Loads, Southwark and Vauxhall Mains		2,560,800	„
1634 Loads, Kent Company's Mains	-	490,200	„
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10,535 Loads.	Total	-	3,160,500 „
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Previous to the commencement of the season, the whole of the vans and carts were thoroughly overhauled and painted by Mr. Scammel, of Hawkstone Road, at a cost of £77 13s. 6d. Further expenses amounting to £16 12s. 6d. were incurred in repairing sundry defects during the season, making the total repairs £94 6s. 0d. Several of the vans are very old and each year require considerable repairs, so that I think it would be more economical to gradually replace them than to keep patching them up. We have at present nine vans and two carts and the amount that has been expended upon repairs is more than sufficient to buy two new vans made upon the latest and most approved principle for efficiency and economy of working.

Urinals.

One additional urinal for the accommodation of three persons has been erected during the year in Rotherhithe Street, upon ground belonging to the wharf and adjoining the entrance gates, but for the use of the public, making a total of 11 with accommodation for 42 persons at one time ; in addition to this the Vestry has arranged, from the 25th March, 1898, to discontinue the arrangement of jointly with Bermondsey Vestry maintaining the two 6-stall urinals in Southwark Park Road, and in lieu thereof, for each Vestry to entirely maintain one, the urinal opposite the “ John Bull ” P.H. to be maintained by Bermondsey, and the one opposite the “ Queen Charlotte ” P.H. to be maintained by us. This will be a saving to us, as was shown in my last report, of about £15 per annum.

The cost of the new urinal, which has white glazed stoneware divisions, was as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Macfarline's a/c - - - - -	41	11	0			
„ extra for roof - - - - -	14	10	0			
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Company's charges and connecting by Vestry's Plumber				4	1	0
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				£60	2	0
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During the year the whole of the urinals were thoroughly cleaned down and repainted at a cost of £23 10s. 0d. The total cost of the maintenance of the 11 urinals for the year is as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wages, urinal man, 52 weeks	70	7	0			
„ Sundays and Bank Holidays	7	7	6			
	<hr/>			77	14	6
Water Supply and Meter Rents :—						
Rotherhithe New Road and Bush Road	10	11	6			
Lower and Hawkstone Roads	6	16	5			
Half-way House, Rotherhithe New Road-	8	19	8			
Union and Lower Roads	14	10	10			
Railway Avenue	6	13	0			
Neptune Street	4	11	0			
Rotherhithe Street, near Swan Lane	7	2	3			
„ by Vestry's Wharf	4	0	0			
Derrick Street	9	0	10			
Globe Street	5	0	10			
Lavender Bridge	4	18	4			
	<hr/>			82	4	8
Cleaning and repainting urinals				23	10	0
Repairs to urinals				9	5	5
Urinal brooms and tools				0	16	6
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				£193	11	1

Average per urinal per annum, £17 12s.

Average cost per unit of accommodation per annum, £4 10s.

Total water used as registered by the meters, 1,874,000 gallons.

The urinals attached to twelve public-houses in different parts of the Parish are also cleansed by the urinal man, for list see 1895 report.

The cost of maintaining the joint urinals as per accounts tendered by the Vestry of Bermondsey, amounted to £89 3s. 8d., of which amount this Vestry paid one half, £44 11s. 10d.

Lighting.

At the commencement of the year the Public Lamps in the Parish numbered as follows :—

Ordinary Street Lamps	-	-	-	500	
Sugg's Patent Lamps	-	-	-	4	
10 ft. per hour Lamps	-	-	-	2	
Large Lanterns	-	-	-	4	
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Seventeen additional ordinary lamps have been erected and fifteen discontinued, as under :—

NEW LAMPS.

Rotherhithe Street	-	-	-	-	1	
Moodkee Street	-	-	-	-	2	
New Plough Bridge Approach	-	-	-	-	10	
Plough Road	-	-	-	-	1	
Castle Buildings	-	-	-	-	1	
Lovat Place	-	-	-	-	1	
Midway Place	-	-	-	-	1	
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Carried forward	-	-	-	-	17	<hr/> 510

Brought forward	-	-	17	510
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LAMPS DISCONTINUED.

Old Plough Bridge	-	-	-	-	2	
Neptune Street-	-	-	-	-	3	
Lower Road	-	-	-	-	2	
Moodkee Street	-	-	-	-	2	
Aylton Street	-	-	-	-	1	
London Street	-	-	-	-	2	
South Wharf, Rotherhithe Street	-	-	-	-	1	
New Plough Bridge	-	-	-	-	1	
Paradise Street	-	-	-	-	1	
					—	15
						— 2

In addition to the above, the following large lamps have been erected :—

Around Town Hall (by meter)	-	-	7	
New Plough Bridge (Sugg burners)	-	-	2	
Aylton Street (10 ft. per hour)	-	-	1	
			—	10
				—
Total	-	-		522

LAMPS ALTERED.

Rotherhithe Street : 1 column to bracket.

Lovat Place : 1 do.

In connection with the lamps placed upon the New Plough Bridge Approach, by agreement with the Vestry, the Surrey Commercial Dock Company repay the cost of the lighting until the completion of the whole of the alterations to the roads, as authorised by the Surrey Commercial Dock Company's Act, 1894.

No further experiments have been carried out in reference to the incandescent burners, and the Company have practically replaced the ordinary burners upon the lamps in Union

Road, which were subject to the experiments, as they considered they had determined all that was necessary ; in a communication received from the Company, they were prepared to undertake the lighting, repairs, cleaning, and all responsibility in connection with lamps fitted with incandescent burners upon payment of 67/6 per lamp per annum, with an addition of 50/- per annum for every additional burner fixed in the same lantern ; but as these charges were in excess of those now paid for ordinary burners the Vestry declined to accept the offer.

The diminution in the amount of gas consumed in the Clock Tower of Christ Church has been maintained during the past year, being 7,000 cubic feet less than the previous twelve months, whilst the St. Mary's Church Clock is an increase of 59,000 cubic feet on the same period.

		Christ Church. 1,000 c. ft.	St. Mary's. 1,000 c. ft.
Quarter ending Midsummer, 1897	-	56·4	78·1
„ Michaelmas, 1897	-	46·4	62·9
„ Christmas, 1897	-	78·0	90·8
„ Lady-day, 1898	-	88·8	101·9
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		269·6	333·7
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Previous year	- - - -	276·8	274·5

The gas consumed in the Clock Tower of the Town Hall not being separated from the consumption of the whole of the Offices and Council Chamber, an additional meter has been fixed upon the supply to the Tower, so as to determine the amount consumed in lighting the Clock ; an automatic arrangement for raising and lowering the supply has also been fixed, and one of the dials, as an experiment, has been fitted with reflecting cones, which is a great improvement ; with only two burners alight as against four in each of the other dials the saving of gas is probably 30 per cent., the burners being larger than the original ones,

Repairs to Trenches.

The repairs to the various trenches opened by the Companies under the powers of their respective Acts of Parliament, have been executed by the employees of the Vestry at a cost to the Companies of £611 9s. 5d. ; this is £148 6s. 9d. less than last year, the whole of the decrease being in the account of the London Electric Supply Corporation.

Owing to the great advance in the price of York Flags I communicated with the various Companies, intimating that the price per square foot would be increased from 11d. to 1/2, and, being reasonable, they have agreed to it. The prices now in operation are as under :—

Relay Flags	-	-	-	2½d. per square foot
New Flags	-	-	-	1/2 „
Relay Pitching	-	-	-	2/- per square yard
„ on Concrete	-	-	-	4/6 „
New Pitching on Concrete	-	-	-	15/- „
Repair Macadam	-	-	-	1/6 „
Reset Kerb	-	-	-	2½d. per foot lin.
Holes Cut	-	-	-	1/- each

The following table shows the area disturbed and the amount received for the repair:—

Company.	Relay Flags.	New Flags.	Relay Pitching on Concrete.	Concrete.	Repair. Macadam.	Kerb re-set.	Holes cut.	Amount.		
	sqr. ft.	sqr. ft.	sqr. yds.	cubic yds.	sqr. yds.	ft. lin.	number	£	s.	d.
South Metropolitan Gas	12094	616	442	16 $\frac{1}{3}$	1265	157	3	371	8	4
Southwark & Vauxhall Water	1471	100	237	—	285	—	19	99	6	10
Kent Water	1438	250	83	—	82	19	1	52	1	1
London Electric ...	4898	315	95	—	—	32	11	88	9	5
Post Office Telegraphs...	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	9
Totals ...	19,919	1,281	857	16 $\frac{1}{3}$	1632	208	34	611	9	5

Wharf, Rotherhithe Street.

Further progress has been made during the year in the work of adapting the premises at Bull Head Dock and Victoria Oil Mills for the use of the Vestry as a Depôt and wharf.

The contract of Messrs. H. Knight & Son, of Tottenham, N., for the house, office, store, blacksmith and wheelwright's shop, steam roller shed and cart shed with shelter over, was completed on the 1st May, 1897, and accepted by the Vestry, the settled-up accounts including all variations, additions and deductions, amounting to £2234 12s. 3d., or £8 5s. 3d. more than the amount of tender as accepted; the whole of the buildings are substantially built in stock brickwork with red brick arches and oversailing courses, and give the following accommodation :—

House—	Ground floor : parlor, 12 ft. by 12 ft. kitchen, 10 ft. 6 in. by 9 ft. 6 in. scullery, 10 ft. 6 in. by 7 ft. 6 in. First floor : 3 bedrooms of the same sizes as the ground floor rooms.
Office—	12 ft. by 10 ft. 6 in. with large window facing the weighing machine, and overlooking the wharf.
Store—	Ground and first floors : 16 ft. by 14 ft. 6 in.
Wheelwright's Shop—	16 ft. 9 in. by 17 ft.
Blacksmith—	19 ft. by 14 ft. 9 in., in which is placed a most improved pattern of forge with overhanging bellows.
Steam Roller Shed—	21 ft. by 15 ft., with doors at either end so that the roller can enter from street or wharf. An engine pit has been constructed in the centre of the shed so as to facilitate the examination of the bottom of the firebox.

Cart Shed—

Provision is made for 18 vans after deducting the spaces occupied by the staircases to the shelter ; it is open upon the front facing the wharf, the first floor being carried upon 4 cast iron columns with steel joists between the columns and across the shed, the inside measurements are 70 ft. by 21 ft.

Shelter—

This, as before stated, is above the cart shed and occupies the whole of the first floor, the various rooms are formed as cubicles with boarded partitions 7 ft. high, and gives the following accommodation :—kitchen, scullery, bath room with hot and cold water supply, day room, 3 double bedrooms, 2 single bedrooms.

The cost of the shelter was £484 14s. 1d. to which must be added the furnishing, amounting to £63 4s. 5d.

The paving works so far as the wharf is completed have been executed by the Vestry employees, the setts used being those obtained from Mr. W. Wilson, of Kilsyth, N.B.

Following the acceptance of the report of the Committee in reference to the Dust Destructor, my plans for the same were prepared as speedily as possible, and upon the 1st October last, the tender of Messrs. Knight & Son, Tottenham, N., was accepted for the erection of the Chimney Shaft, amounting to £2428 3s. The work was commenced on the 27th October ; the foundation of the shaft has been taken down to the ballast formation ; it is 30 ft. square, and the contract provided for excavating to a depth of 25 ft. below the coping of the dock, but upon excavating to that depth it was found necessary to go deeper, an average of 2 ft. all over the bottom ; the foundation consists of cement concrete mixed in the proportion of 7 of ballast and sand to 1 of cement, the full size of the excavation and ten feet in thickness ; upon this the brickwork commences 24 ft. square with regular

off-sets until it reaches a 14 ft. 6 in. square ; owing to the water met with in the bottom it was deemed advisable to execute the footings to the underside of the flue in cement mortar 3 to 1 instead of lime as provided in the contract, for a height of 7 ft. above the datum or dock coping level, the base of the shaft maintains a square having sides 14 ft. 6 in. long and above the ground line, it is faced with pressed blue Staffordshire bricks finished with two courses of sloped bricks ; above this the base is 13 ft. 9 in. square for a further height of 15 ft., and in each side of the square a sunk panel has been inserted. The square base is finished with three courses of Portland stone of a total thickness of 6 ft. 6 in., the corner stones of the top course being worked with a splay and forming top to octagonal side of the shaft, which is 12 ft. 4 in. outside diameter at this point, the thickness of the brickwork of the sides being $3\frac{1}{2}$ bricks, decreasing $\frac{1}{2}$ brick for every 20 ft. in height, except the last 40 ft. which is built in $1\frac{1}{2}$ bricks. The total height of the shaft when finished will be 150 ft. above datum level, the sides batter 2.963 inches in 10 ft., and the outside diameter at the top will be 6 ft. 3 in. finished with a 6 in. by 6 in. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. angle iron forged in one piece, to fix closely over the outside of the brickwork ; near the top of the shaft is a cast iron cove cap formed of eight segments securely bolted together at the angles. The interior of the shaft from bottom to top maintains an octagon 4 ft. diameter, and is lined with firebrick for a height of 100 ft., with an air space between it and the outer shell ; the firebrick lining is 9 in. in thickness for a height of 50 ft. and $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. in thickness between 50 ft. and 100 ft. The flue from the destructor cells to shaft will be underground, formed of 9 in. of brickwork, and an inner lining of $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. of firebrick with a 1 in. air space between the lining and the outer brickwork, the bottom is flat, and sides vertical with semicircular arch, it is 5 ft. high by 3 ft. wide.

The work was commenced 27th October, 1897,

Excavation completed 17th December, 1897,

Concrete foundation completed 8th January, 1898,

and upon the 25th March, 1898, the shaft was completed to a height of 50 ft. above datum level.

The drawings, specification and quantities for the erection of the Destructor Buildings, inclined roadways, engine house, disinfector buildings, etc., are now ready, and the advertisement for tenders will shortly be issued.

During the past year the following materials have been landed at the wharf, the steam crane being used upon every occasion except in unloading the stock bricks :—

FOR VESTRY :—

Broken Granite	-	-	-	2060 tons.
3 by 7 Setts	-	-	-	100 „
4 by 7 Setts	-	-	-	205 „
6 by 12 Kerb	-	-	-	1046 feet.
Ballast	-	-	-	2072 cubic yards.
Hoggin	-	-	-	621 „
Sand	-	-	-	242 „
Rough Gravel	-	-	-	362 „
Stock Bricks	-	-	-	1 barge (30,000).

FOR CUSTOMERS :—

Ballast	-	-	-	286 cubic yards.
Sand	-	-	-	75 „
Timber	-	-	-	132 tons
Fire Bricks and Clay	-	-	-	57 tons (about.)
Portland Stone	-	-	-	3 barges.
Stock Bricks	-	-	-	4 barges.

The charges to customers for the use of berth, steam crane, and unloading ballast, amounts to £23 3s. 7d. at the following rates :—

Berth 10s. per day, barges,

„ 15s. „ schooners,

3d. per ton or cubic yard for use of crane including driver, minimum charge 10s. per day.

The weighbridge has been used upon 35 occasions for weighing goods belonging to outside persons, for which a charge of 2d. per load has been made.

Barging Contract.

Upon the expiration, on the 29th September, of the existing lump sum contract per annum, for barging away the street sweepings, house refuse, etc., an entirely new basis was made and the tender of Mr. A. H. Keep was accepted, the contractor being paid at per ton for house refuse, etc., at per van load for street sweepings, gully and sewer refuse, etc., and at per cart load for surplus excavation.

Upon page 107 will be found a table giving full particulars of the work executed under this contract.

Dusting.

The bi-weekly collection of house refuse has been carried out with regularity since the expiration of the contract on the 29th September, the collection has been undertaken directly by the Vestry in our own vans, two collectors being employed in addition to the carters provided by the Contractor for horse-hire, and since the appointment of Mr. Ford as Hall-keeper of the Town Hall, Mr. Walsh has superintended the collection under my direction and instructions.

No reliable information can be given as to the weight of the dust for previous years, as the contract was for collection and disposal at a lump sum per annum. During the past year it has amounted to 3,242 loads, with a total weight of 5,751 tons 1 cwt. The quarterly collection has been as follows :—

		LOADS.	WEIGHT.		
			tons.	cwts.	qrs.
Quarter ending	Midsummer, 1897	- 716	1290	17	0
„	Michaelmas, „	- 697	1323	18	0
„	Christmas „	- 944	1625	10	0
„	Lady-day, 1898	- 885	1510	16	0
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		3242	5751	1	0

Included in the total weight is 48 tons 17 cwt. 2 qrs., and 70 cubic yards, of trade refuse delivered and paid for by the various tradesmen for which the Vestry has fixed the following charges :—

One horse cart load	-	-	-	5s.
Half cart load, or any less quantity	-	-	-	2s. 6d.

If delivered at the wharf in the tradesmen's own carts, 3s. per ton, with a minimum charge of 1s.

During the past year 258 pails have been repaired at a cost of £9 13s. 6d., and 250 new ones supplied by Mr. Philip Round, of Lye, near Stourbridge, at a cost of £27 1s. 8d. The original pails supplied to the householders are now fast becoming completely worn out, therefore, in future, the renewals will be considerably in excess of what they have been until we have cleared out the whole of the worn-out ones.

Flooding.

Owing to the overflow of the river Thames on the 29th November, 145 houses and premises and adjoining roads in the vicinity of the river were flooded, caused by the defective condition of the Floods Prevention Works of the wharves and premises along the river-side. The whole of the streets were cleared the same evening, and the Vestry employees assisted the occupiers in clearing the basements and houses. Premises in the following streets were flooded :—

St. Marychurch Street	-	4
Elephant Lane	- -	7
Rotherhithe Wall	- -	4
Beatson Street	- -	2
Rotherhithe Street	- -	77
Dock Passage	- -	1
Silver Street	- -	13
Cow Lane	- -	8
Faustin Place	- -	29
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		145
		<hr/>

Apportionments.

During the year apportionments have been served upon the owners of property in the following streets:—

Hadland Street,	Yeoman Street,
Adams Gardens.	

Vans and Carts.

The whole of the vans and carts now in use are the property of the Vestry, so that it is possible to use the horse-hire to the very best advantage. In answer to advertisements, a number of offers were sent in and, previous to the acceptance of a tender, a Committee of the Vestry inspected the various makes at the rear of the Town Hall. Each maker explaining to the Committee the salient points of his particular van; they were required to be delivered on or before the 18th September, and were all delivered in time to commence work on the 30th September, and comprised the following:—

- 14 Slop, Gully and Sewer Vans,
- 6 Covered Dust Vans,
- 6 Material Carts,
- 1 Crank Axle Stone Cart.

The covered dust vans were obtained from Mr. Chas. Hailstone, of Basingstoke, at a cost of £283 10s. 0d.; the whole of the remainder being supplied by Messrs. W. Glover & Sons, Limited, of Warwick, at a cost of £789.

Dock Company's Act, 1894.

Further considerable progress has been made during the year in carrying out the work within the Company's premises authorised by the above Act, the first contract has been completed, comprising the Western end of the new Greenland Dock, excavated on the site of the Lower Brunswick Yard and Commercial Basin, including a communication passage into the Canada Dock, over which a swing bridge has been erected to carry New Road No. 1, and a new canal lock and basin upon the site of old Plough Bridge.

The new approach road from Plough Road to Swing Bridge Road, with new bridge across the canal and spur road into London Street, was opened for traffic on the 11th June,

by agreement with the Vestry, the Surrey Commercial Dock Company bear the whole cost of scavenging, watering, repairing and lighting this road until the completion of the New Roads authorised by the Act, up to the 25th March, 1898 any necessary repairs were executed by the Company's Contractor being within his period of maintenance, but the charge for scavenging, watering and lighting, amounted to £95 6s. 9d.

In June, the Engineer, Sir John Wolfe Barry sent for the approval of the Vestry, the plans for New Road No. 1 from Swing Bridge Road to Lower Road, near Osprey Street, upon which I reported fully, the Engineer met the Vestry upon various matters suggested by me, but upon the question of widening the existing Swing Bridge Road (which will be raised) from its existing width of 25 ft. to 40 ft., between the iron bridge and the new bridge across the communication passage between Greenland and Russia Docks, he declined to agree, and as it was not necessary to obtain the approval of the Vestry under the Act, he withdrew the plans to place them before the County Council whose approval was necessary; the point was impressed upon the Council, but after taking the advice of their Solicitor, who reported that, in his opinion the raising of an existing road did not constitute the construction of a new road, they suggested that the road may be widened by arrangement between the Company and the Vestry, and, as instructed, I prepared a plan showing the proposed improvement which was approved by the Vestry and a copy forwarded to the Company; the total land required amounts to 761 square yards, and my estimate of the cost of carrying out this improvement, including the purchase of the land, amounts to £1526 5s. 0d.

Ventilation of Council Chamber.

In accordance with instructions, the Medical Officer and myself presented to the Town Hall Committee on the 23rd February, a joint report in reference to the ventilation of the Council Chamber, as to the existing condition of things and the improvements necessary to effect a proper and efficient ventilation of the same and to prevent the very high temperature in the Public Gallery; shortly the recommendations were to greatly increase the inlets, to connect all the ceiling openings to one main shaft, and to fix therein mechanical expulsion by means of a direct-driven exhaust fan of such a size that the whole of the air in the room would be changed every fifteen minutes without creating any appreciable draught. Up to the present the Vestry has not decided to carry out the recommendations.

Inventory of Plant, Tools and Machinery,

March 25th, 1897.

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	Plant.		PLANT.—con.		PLANT.—con.
	Mortar Boards	2	Heading Picks	6	Beadles
2	Searchers	75	Picks	6	Granite Tools
3	Ballast Screens	47	Picks (old)	29	Pails
22	Seives (in use)	26	Picks (shafts)	6	Pails (small)
3	Seives (old)	13	Granite Picks	26	Dust Pails (new)
2	Concrete Boxes $\frac{1}{2}$ yd.	5	Tooth-rakes	2	Large Squares
1	Concrete Boxes $\frac{1}{8}$ yd.	35	Rakes	12	Straight Edges
9	Stand Horses	6	Long Ash Handles	1	Level
16	Mops	33	Stone Breaking Hammers	48	Iron Pins
5	New Dust Shovels	30	Ditto Handles	5	Steel Pins
4	Dust Shovels (in use)	20	Dressing Hammers	17	Bars
2	Old do.	6	Bedding Hammers	8	Standpost Keys
37	Shovels (old)	26	Ditto Handles	2	Turncock Rakes
76	Shovels (in use)	2	Sledge Hammers	2	Turncock Keys
24	Shovels (new)	2	Hand Do.	10	Swan Neck Keys
10	Snow Shovels	1	Hack Do.	4	Manhole Keys
6	Grafting Tools	9	Hammer Handles	1	Side Entrance Keys
14	Scoops (new)	2	Mortar Rakes	5	Sling and Chains
20	Scoops (in use)	12 pair	Goggles	1	Sling and Chain Rope
5	Scoops (old)	6 sets	Boning Rods	4	Sets Gulley Tools
3	Urinal brooms	1	Gas Tongs	5	Hoes
16	Brooms (new)	1 set	Sighting Rods	12	Hoes (Wood)
36	Brooms (in use)	8	Wedges	2	Drain Brushes
16	Broom Handles	6	Twybits	6	Drain Worms
11	Broom Handles (old)	13	Rammers	110 ft.	Drain Rods
3	Sets Machine Brooms			1	Drain Punch

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		PLANT.— <i>con.</i>
3	Wheels	3	Naptha Lamps	25	White Lamp Glasses
3	Davy Lamps	6	Kettle do.	40	Ruby do.
3	Lamps	2	Dogs	8	Gas Plugs
4	Tide Boards	6	Water Tubs	1 lb.	Copper Wire
2	Stand Pipes	100	Ft. Old Hose	1	Jointing Tool
1	Snatchblock	150	Ft. New Hose	3	Tar Pots
5	Blocks and Chains	3	Augers	4	Barrow Wheels
4	Brand Irons	3	Biles	1	Lead Ladle
5	Gully Wires	2	Cold (sets)	1½ cwt.	Old Lead
1	Gully Stool	1	Vice	9	Brass Couplings
11	Punners	1	Roller (Sheet)	60 ft.	Rubber Hose
12 pair	Sewer Boots	4	Sheets for Gulley and Dust Vans	8	Gully Hooks
2	Mauls	6	Truck (Sheets)	2	Floating Trowels
8	Cans	5	Axes	2	Wooden do.
2	Hand Pumps	2	Key Drifts	2	Spiral Springs
2	Slides to do.	1	Draw-knife	6	Spindles for StopCocks
34	Standirons	1	Carpenter's Chisel	3	Caps for Stand Posts
2	Hand-saws	1	Pair Shears	2	Spokeshaves
1	Cross-cut Saw	2	Fire Devils	2	Rimmers
2	Chisels	15	Ropes	2	Distemper Brushes
3	Small Ladders	11	Builders' Baskets	3	Tar Brushes
1	Long do.	1	Curb Line	2	Soft Brooms
5	Watchboxes	5	Dust Bells	1	Hand do.
6	Forks (new)	150 ft.	Wire Rope	1	Spade
5	Forks (in use)	4	Water Cans	1	Dutch Hoe
13	Lamps			½	Bundle Hoop Iron

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		PLANT.— <i>con.</i>
3	Wood Block Gauges	5	Handles for Dust Vans	1	Jack
9	Lanterns for Street Lamps	37	Spanners for Caps		
2	Lamp Columns	6	Squeegees		Ironwork.
1	Street Pump	1	Brace	14 lb.	New Nails
1	Jack Roll	1	Storm Lamp	12	Pipe Hooks
1	Foot Bridge	39	Brasses for Sewer Rods	2	Iron Girders
2	Lamp Boxes	3	Brass Cocks	11	Manhole Tops and Covers
6	Dust Vans	1	Soldering Iron	2	Lamphole Tops and Covers
14	Slop Vans	20	Screw Spanners		
6	Material Carts	1	Cement Testing Machine and Moulds	20	Old Gully Tops and Grates
1	Stone Cart	3	Notice Boards for Roller	6	New Gully Frames
3	Water Carts	1	Steam Roller	3	Patent Gullies
8	Water Vans	1	Do. Crane	8	Flushing Box Covers
2	Flushing Tanks	1	Weigh Bridge	4	4 in. Cast Iron Bends
1	Flushing Van	2	Sets Fire Tools	1	Do. do. Pipe
1	Horse Broom	3	Skips	2	6 in. do. Syphons
1	Street Orderly	4	Oil Feeders	1	Rod of Iron
8	Water Shoots, old	18	Gauge Glasses	4	Bolts 5½ in. by ½ in.
7	Material Trucks	6	Washers for do.	12	Do. 4½ in. by ½ in.
3	Sewer Trollies	7	Large Rubber Washers	12	Do. 3 in. by ¾ in.
1	Box Barrow	2	Bell-mouthed Funnels	7	Do. 14 in. by ½ in.
15	Navy Barrows	1 set	Tube Rods	12	Do. 4 in. by ½ in.
6	Collars for Slop Vans	1	Steam Pressure Gauge	12	Do. 3½ in. by ½ in.
12	Handles for do.	1	Tube Brush	4	Do. 2 in. by ¾ in.
8	Hooks for Dust Vans	2	Roller Lamps	12	Do. 2½ in. by ¾ in.

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	IRONWORK.—con.		MATERIALS.—con.		MATERIALS.—con.
2	Bolts 2 in. by $\frac{3}{8}$ in.	7 lbs.	Spun Yarn	44 ft.10 in.	Run Old Kerb
24	Do. $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	2 lbs.	Worsted	386	Granite Tram
4	Do. 4 in. by $\frac{3}{8}$ in.	1 ball	Cotton	90 tons	3 by 7 New Pitching
60	Split Pieces	1	Sheet Asbestos Pack.	20 „	4 by 7 do.
42	Footirons	20 lbs.	Asbestos Packing	100 „	Redressed Pitching
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton	Old Iron	3	Manhole Rings	10 „	Old do.
		24	Mudhole Rings	$\frac{1}{2}$ „	Old York do.
	Materials.	1	Barrel Stockholm Tar	6 tons	Crusted Granite
14 lbs.	Red Lead	2 cwt.	Pitch	160 yds.	Ballast
11 lbs.	White Lead	744	Candles	33 $\frac{1}{2}$ „	Sand
1 gal.	Brunswick Black	1 cask	Carbolic	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ „	Lime
1 gal.	Naptha	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bags	Sanitas Powder	19 „	Hoggin
1 cask	Cask Paraffin	1 cask	Sanitas	33 „	Cement
$\frac{1}{2}$ gal.	Boiled Oil	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	Steam Coal	330 „	Blue Paving Bricks
2 gals.	Colza Oil	52 ft. 6 in.	Sup. Rubbed York	18166	Stock Bricks
1 drum	Machine Oil	1096 ft.	Sup. Tooled York		
$\frac{1}{2}$ gal.	Turps	396 ft.6 in.	Sup. Victoria Paving		Timber.
1 drum	Cylinder Oil	50 ft.	Sup. Old Paving	1565 ft.	9 in. by 3 in. Planks
$\frac{1}{2}$ drum	Axle Oil	10 ft.	Run York Edging	10 ft.	11 in. by 4 in. do.
1 drum	Leather Sell	575 ft.8 in.	Run New Granite Kerb	900 ft.	7 in by 2 in. Runners
$\frac{1}{2}$ cask	Cart Grease	14 ft.	Run New Granite Circular	8 ft.	5 in. by 3 in. do.
14 lbs	Soft Soap			50 ft.	3 in. by 2 in. do.
14 lbs.	Tallow	184 ft.8 in.	Run Redressed Kerb	294	Polling Boards
1 cwt.	Waste	22 ft. 2 in.	Run Redressd Circular Kerb	3	Sleepers
1 cwt.	Boiler Composition	25 ft.10 in.	Run 12 by 8 Redressed Kerb	60 ft.	Dice Square
1 ball	Tar Band			64	Scaffold Poles

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	TIMBER.—<i>con.</i>		PIPES, etc.—<i>con.</i>		PIPES, etc.—<i>con.</i>
102	Ventilator Blocks	1	3 in. Pipe	1	5 in. Bends
35	Suits Oilskins and Sou' Westers	132	4 do.	36	6 do.
28	Old Oilskin Jackets	31	6 do.	5	9 do.
10	Old do. Leggings	14	9 do.	4	12 do.
22	Old Sou' Westers	21	12 do.	1	4 in. by 4 in. Junction
		22	15 do.	9	6 in. by 4 in. do.
		5	18 do.	1	6 in. by 6 in. do.
	Pipes, etc.	59	4 in. Bends	14	9 in. by 4 in. do.
1	9 in. Backwater Flap				

Workmen and Wages.

The following wages have been paid during the year:—

Scavenging—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Street Sweeping - - -	2005	11	4			
Street Watering - - -	11	8	4			
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Footways and Roadways—

Footways - - -	815	7	3			
Roadways - - -	1425	5	10			
Macadam Roads - - -	756	2	10			
Trenching - - -	232	15	8			
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Sewers—

Flushing Urinals, etc. - - -	134	2	10			
Cleansing Manholes and Sewers - - -	217	18	2			
Cleansing Gullies - - -	106	13	0			
Repairs to Sewers, etc. - - -	79	3	9			
New Drainage Works - - -	231	11	6			
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House Refuse - - -	81	13	3
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Bull Head Wharf a/c. - - -	227	6	8
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Lighting - - -	0	12	0
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Sundries - - -	208	17	5
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£6534	9	10
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I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

NORMAN SCORGIE,

(Assoc. M. Inst. C.E., Mem. Soc. Engrs.)

Engineer and Surveyor.

THE
ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,
From January 1st to December 31st, 1897.

To the Chairman and Members of the Rotherhithe Vestry :—

GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure herewith of offering to your notice my Annual Report, compiled from the various Reports that have been submitted to you at the regular half-monthly meetings during the year.

N.B.—All the calculations of Birth and Death Rates are based on the Census return, but giving the corrected population as 40,400 for the year.

Number of Births registered :—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	...	166	158	324
In the second quarter	...	...	165	147	312
In the third quarter	...	...	157	147	304
In the fourth quarter	...	...	142	176	318
			—	—	—
Totals for the year...	...	...	630	628	1258

Number of Deaths (Parishioners only) registered :—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	...	111	81	192
In the second quarter	96	78	174
In the third quarter	126	81	207
In the fourth quarter	93	95	188
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Totals for the year...	426	335	761

Increase :—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	55	77	132
In the second quarter	69	69	138
In the third quarter	31	66	97
In the fourth quarter	49	81	130
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Totals for the year...	204	293	497

By comparing the number of Births and Deaths and their differences (*i.e.* the increases) for the last six years, we have the following results :—

Births :—

				Males.	Females.	Totals.
1892	...	...	...	696	605	1301
1893	...	...	...	712	693	1405
1894	...	...	...	711	662	1373
1895	...	...	...	649	648	1297
1896	...	...	...	700	646	1346
1897	...	...	...	630	628	1258

Deaths :—

				Males.	Females.	Totals.
1892	...	...	...	417	392	809
1893	...	...	...	520	453	973
1894	...	...	...	387	380	767
1895	...	...	...	373	417	790
1896	...	...	...	442	387	829
1897	...	...	...	426	335	761

Increases :—

				Males.	Females.	Totals.
1892	...	...	...	279	213	492
1893	...	...	...	167	205	372
1894	...	...	...	324	282	606
1895	...	...	...	276	231	407
1896	...	...	...	258	259	517
1897	...	...	...	204	293	497

Deaths of Parishioners in Outlying Institutions.

Compiled from the returns supplied from the Registrar General's Office by Mr. A. C. Waters.

				Males.	Females.	Totals.
Guy's Hospital	...	...	...	15	4	19
South-Eastern Fever Hospital	...	...	...	7	4	11
South-Western Fever Hospital	...	...	...	4	0	4
Fountain Fever Hospital	...	...	...	2	0	2
Brook Fever Hospital	...	...	...	4	2	6
Park Fever Hospital	...	...	...	0	1	1
King's College Hospital	...	...	...	0	3	3
Middlesex Hospital	...	...	...	2	0	2
Children's Hospital, Shadwell	...	...	...	6	3	9
London Hospital	...	...	...	5	3	8
Royal Chest Hospital, City Road	...	...	...	3	0	3
St. Thomas's Hospital	...	...	...	2	1	3
Infirmery, Bermondsey	...	...	...	4	2	6
Infirmery, Parish Street	...	...	...	2	7	9
Millbank	...	...	...	1	0	1
Cane Hill Asylum	...	...	...	2	1	3
Banstead Asylum	...	...	...	3	1	4
				—	—	—
Carried forward	...	...	...	62	32	94

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
Brought forward	...	...	62	32	94
Ilford Asylum	...	...	0	1	1
Temple Station	...	...	1	0	1
St. Bartholomew's Hospital	...	...	1	1	2
Mawley Road	...	...	0	1	1
			—	—	—
Totals	...	...	64	35	99

Deaths in the Parish of Non-Parishioners.

Males.	Females.	Total.
147	89	236

Of these, 181 were from Bermondsey; 12 from St. Olave's; 19 from St. John's; 2 drowned in river; 3 from Deptford; 2 from Camberwell; 2 from Stockholm; 2 from Walworth; 1 from each of the following places:—East Greenwich, Durham, Brixton, North Shields, Kingsland Road, Borough, Old Kent Road, Sunderland, Canning Town and Lincoln.

Birth Rate.

The Birth Rate per thousand per annum is 31.1.

Death Rate.

The Death Rate per thousand per annum is 18.8.

Uncertified Deaths.

Twenty deaths were uncertified. Twelve were of adults, and eight of infants. On all these cases the Coroner stated that, in his opinion, an inquest was not necessary. In 1891 fifteen deaths were not certified. In 1892 nineteen. In 1893 seventeen. In 1894 twelve. In 1895 eighteen. In 1896 thirteen.

Inquests

Held in the Parish, and also on Parishioners who have met with death outside the Parish.

Seventy Inquests have been held. Verdicts were:—

During the month of January—Four. Run over by Van ; Heart Disease ; Head crushed by fall of a pile of deals ; Fall on a heap of stones.

During the month of February—Eight. Apoplexy ; Run over by Van ; Two, Heart Disease ; Peritonitis ; Burns from Gas Explosion ; Fall from side of Steamship ; Burns to face and chest.

During the month of March—Four. Atelectasis ; Convulsions ; Heart Disease ; Fracture of Skull.

During the month of April—Four. Bronchitis ; Suicide by swallowing Nitric Acid ; Convulsions ; Suffocated from natural causes.

During the month of May—

During the month of June—Four. Drowned in Docks ; Drowned in Thames ; Found dead ; Brain Disease.

During the month of July—Eighteen. Five, Drowned in Docks ; Four, Heart Disease ; Convulsions ; Drowned in Surrey Canal ; Suffocated in Bed ; Sunstroke ; Tubercular Meningitis ; Found Dead ; Fall into hold of ship ; Pulmonary Consumption ; Gastro-intestinal Catarrh.

During the month of August—Eight. Run over by Cart ; Drowned in Docks ; Two, Drowned in Thames ; Two, Heart Disease ; Burns by the breaking of a small glass lamp ; Convulsions caused by Sunstroke.

During the month of September—Six. Suicide by Drowning ; Diphtheria ; Convulsions ; Drowned in Thames ; Heart Disease ; Debility through injudicious feeding.

During the month of October—Four. Two, Suffocated in Bed ; Apoplexy ; Piece of timber falling on his head.

During the month of November—Two. Congestion of Lungs.

During the month of December—Four. One, Drowned in Thames ; Accidentally suffocated in Bed ; Congestion of Lungs ; Run over by Van.

Zymotic Diseases.

The number of deaths in the parish and the Asylums Board and other Hospitals is 131. In 1893 the number was 142. In 1894 the number was 126. In 1895 the number was 102. In 1896 the number was 154.

All the cases of Measles were complicated with Bronchitis, Pneumonia, or Broncho-Pneumonia. In my opinion these various forms of lung disease were the true causes of death. The deaths from Infantile Diarrhœa are greatly in excess of former years ; the nearest approach being in the year 1886-7, when the deaths from this disease were forty-four.

The complete enumeration of deaths from Zymotic Diseases is as follows :—

Smallpox, none ; Scarlet Fever, twenty-two ; Enteric Fever, two ; Typhus Fever, none ; Puerperal Fever, one ; Continued Fever, none ; Relapsing Fever, none ; Diphtheria, nineteen ; Diarrhœa, forty-nine ; Measles, nineteen ; Whooping Cough, fourteen ; Erysipelas, one ; Membranous Croup, none ; English Cholera, none ; Influenza, four.

SMALLPOX. None. None last year.

SCARLET FEVER. Twenty-two. Ten last year.

FEVERS. None.

ENTERIC FEVER. Two. Eleven last year.

TYPHUS FEVER. None.

DIPHTHERIA. Nineteen. Twenty-five last year.

ERYSIPELAS. One. One last year.

WHOOPING COUGH. Fourteen. Thirty-two last year.

MEASLES. Nineteen. Forty-three last year.

DIARRHŒA. Forty-nine. Twenty-seven last year.

MEMBRANOUS CROUP. None. One last year.

PUERPERAL FEVER. One. Three last year.

INFLUENZA. Four. Not notifiable, and therefore not included in the summary.

ENGLISH CHOLERA. None.

The increase in the number of deaths from Scarlet Fever and Diarrhœa is lamentably noticeable. On the other hand there is a marked and pleasing decrease in Enteric Fever, Diphtheria, and Measles.

The following tabular form shows the number of deaths from the principal infectious and zymotic diseases, of parishioners, whether in the parish or outlying institutions, during the last six years. The death rate per thousand per annum is also added :—

	1897		1896		1895		1894		1893		1892	
Typhus Fever ...	none		none		none		none		none		2	·04
Enteric ,, ...	2	·05	11	·26	9	·21	2	·05	7	·17	8	·175
Scarlet ,, ...	22	·54	10	·24	8	·2	15	·35	14	·34	6	·145
Puerperal ,, ...	1	·025	3	·07	none		none		3	·07	1	·02
Fever (not defined)	none		none		none		none		none		none	
Small Pox... ..	none		none		1	·025	none		13	·3	none	
Measles	19	·47	43	1·07	18	·44	37	·9	8	·179	42	1·06
Diphtheria	19	·4	25	·62	29	·7	28	·7	27	·68	10	·25
Whooping Cough	14	·36	32	·8	5	·12	12	·3	31	·79	23	·58
Diarrhœa	49	1·21	27	·67	25	·6	26	·69	31	·79	27	·68
Erysipelas... ..	1	·025	1	·025	3	·08	1	·025	3	·07	6	·14
Membranous Croup	none		1	·025	1	·025	1	·025	4	·1	3	·07
English Cholera ...	none		none		none		none		1	·025	none	

The appended list gives the diseases notified, with the names of the streets, roads, places, lanes, buildings, &c., in which they occurred.

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Name of Place.	Small Pox.	Scarlet Fever.	Cholera.	Typhus Fever	Enteric Fever.	Diphtheria.	Puerperal Fever.	Other Fevers.	Erysipelas.	Membranous Croup.	Totals.
Tissington Street	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Trident Street	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3
Trinity Road	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
Tunnel Square	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Union Road	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	7
Warndon Street	1	...	1
Well's Tenements	—
West Lane	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	5
Westlake Road	1	...	...	...	...	1
William Street	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wormald Place	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Yeoman Street	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
York Place	—

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.

The number of deaths due to these diseases is 212, as compared with 263 for the previous year. This number includes the deaths of Parishioners in outlying institutions. In 1893 the number was 337 ; in 1894 it was 219 ; in 1895 it was 270 ; in 1896 it was 263.

The Death Rate per thousand per annum from all forms of lung disease is 5·2.

The following tabular statement gives the number of deaths due to each form of lung disease, and the death rate per thousand per annum for the last six years :—

	1897.		1896.		1895.		1894.		1893.		1892.	
Phthisis ...	60	1·48	91	2·2	75	1·8	59	1·5	88	2·2	77	1·9
Bronchitis ...	59	1·46	79	1·96	112	7	84	2·1	137	3·4	125	3·1
Pneumonia ...	39	·96	34	·84	39	·97	44	1·1	53	1·3	45	1·1
Bron.-Pneumonia ...	47	1·16	53	1·3	42	1·04	31	·7	49	1·5	35	·89
Pleurisy ...	3	·07	1	·02	2	·05	0	...	4	·1	2	·05
Pleuro-Pneumonia ...	2	·049	3	·07	0	...	1	·02	6	·15	3	·07
Emphysema ...	2	·049	2	·049	0	...	0	...	none		none	

Deaths from all Causes During the Year.

Causes of Death,	Under one year.	One to Five.	Five to Twenty.	Twenty to Forty.	Forty to Sixty.	Sixty to Eighty.	Eighty and Upward.	Total.
Small Pox	—
Measles	3	15	1	...	...	...	...	19
Scarlet Fever	4	11	7	...	...	...	...	22
Typhus „	—
Enteric „	2	...	...	...	2
Relapsing „	—
Remittent „	—
Simple and Undefined Fever	—
Influenza	2	1	1	...	4
Whooping Cough	8	6	...	...	...	...	...	14
Diphtheria	6	11	...	...	...	...	17
Cholera (English)	—
Diarrhœa	35	12	...	...	...	2	...	49
Dysentery	—
Hydrophobia	—
Glanders	—
Cowpox and Vaccination	—
Syphilis, Congenital	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas	1	...	1
Pyæmia	—
Puerperal Fever	1	...	...	...	1
Other Zymotic Diseases	—
Malignant Pustule...	—
Malassimilation	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Alcoholism	—
Delirium Tremens	1	...	...	1
Rheumatic Fever	3	1	...	...	4
Rheumatism	—
Gout (Rheumatic)	1	...	...	...	—
Rickets	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cancer of Throat	1	...	1
„ „ Stomach	1	2	...	3
„ „ Uterus	6	1	...	7
„ „ Rectum	1	...	...	...	1
„ „ Breast	1	...	...	1
„ „ Tongue	1	1	...	2
„ „ Liver	1	4	5	...	10
„ „ Scrotum and Penis	1	...	1
„ „ Intestines	1	...	1
„ „ Bladder	—
„ „ Neck	1	1	...	2
„ „ Pancreas	—
„ „ Kidney	—
„ „ Testicle	—
„ „ Omentum	1	...	1
„ „ Upper Jaw	—
„ „ Pylorus	—
Tabes Mesenterica... ..	34	3	37
Tubercular Meningitis	4	4	2	...	3	13

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Bakehouses

Have been inspected twice.

Slaughter-houses and Cow-sheds

Have been inspected twice during the year.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

JOSEPHUS SHAW, Medical Officer of Health.

The appendices **A** and **B** embody the Reports of the Sanitary Inspectors.

Appendix A.

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Northern District.

Report of the Sanitary Work, etc., during the year ending 31st December, 1897.

Houses and premises inspected	-	-	-	-	-	1225
Re-inspections	-	-	-	-	-	2705
Infected houses inspected	-	-	-	-	-	257
Intimations served	-	-	-	-	-	994
Statutory notices served	-	-	-	-	-	186
Rooms cleansed and disinfected	-	-	-	-	-	161
Bedding destroyed	-	-	-	-	-	95
Bedding purified	-	-	-	-	-	47
Defective water fittings and inefficient supplies	-	-	-	-	-	203
Dirty and dilapidated rooms, passages and wash-houses	-	-	-	-	-	393
Insanitary and defective w.c. pans and traps	-	-	-	-	-	303
No through ventilation under floors	-	-	-	-	-	209
Defective stack pipes, guttering, flooring, window sashes, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	391
Defective yard and wash-house paving	-	-	-	-	-	522
Damp and defective house walls	-	-	-	-	-	139
No water to w.c. and urinals	-	-	-	-	-	60
Defective main, wash-house and w.c. roofs	-	-	-	-	-	162
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-	7
Sink waste and stack pipes directly connected with drain	-	-	-	-	-	111
Stables unpaved	-	-	-	-	-	2
Smoke nuisances abated	-	-	-	-	-	23
Insanitary and defective traps	-	-	-	-	-	178
Drains unstopped and cleansed	-	-	-	-	-	62
Accumulation of offensive matters	-	-	-	-	-	22
No receptacles for dung	-	-	-	-	-	8

Dirty, defective and uncovered cisterns	-	-	-	-	60
Forecourts, defective and unpaved	-	-	-	-	48
Defective main and branch drains	-	-	-	-	61
Sanitary conveniences supplied to workshops, wharves, etc.	-	-	-	-	5
Workshops and work places inspected	-	-	-	-	7
Trade nuisances abated	-	-	-	-	2
Animals kept as to be a nuisance	-	-	-	-	11
Drinking water cistern directly connected to w.c.	-	-	-	-	25
No receptacles for offal	-	-	-	-	nil.
Houses registered under By-laws for houses let in lodgings	-	-	-	-	9
Bodies removed to mortuary	-	-	-	-	1
Bakehouses and cowhouses-	-	-	-	-	24

Sale of Food and Drugs and Margarine Acts.

The following particulars relate to articles purchased under the Acts for analysis :—

Article.	Number of Samples.	Genuine.	Adulterated or Improperly Labelled.	Amount of Fines.	Costs.
Butter — — —	7	7	—	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —
Cocoa — —	4	2	2	2 0 0	0 4 0
Coffee — —	8	7	1	1 0 0	0 2 0
Cheese — — —	2	2	—	—	—
Flour — —	1	1	—	—	—
Margarine — —	12	10	2	0 ⁸ / ₁ 0	0 2 0
Milk— — —	34	33	1	5 0 0	0 2 0
Milk (separated) —	2	2	—	—	—
Mustard — —	5	5	—	—	—
Oatmeal — —	1	1	—	—	—
Pepper — — —	1	1	—	—	—
Sugar — — —	1	—	1	Nil.	—
Vinegar — —	1	1	—	—	—
	79	72	7	8 ⁸ / ₁ 0	0 10 0

THOMAS L. DAVIES.

Appendix B.

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Southern District.

House-to-House Inspection.

From January to December, 1897.

Galleywall Road	Clarehall Place
Reed Street	Trident Street
Maynard Road	Chilton Street
Osprey Street	Old Road
Yeoman Street	Bush Road
Rotherhithe New Road	York Place
Randell's Rents	Trinity Road
Dilston Grove	Suffolk Street
Hobman Street	Hothfield Place
Hawkstone Road	Aspinden Road
Westlake Road	Silverlock Street
Derrick Street	Sedgers Buildings
Castles Buildings	Gilbert Terrace.

Overcrowding.

19, Trident Street	14, Westlake Road
7, Oldfield Place	9, Silver Street
34, Parfitt Road	2, Chilton Street
26, Debnam's Road	80, Eugenia Road,

Sale of Food and Drugs' Act.

List of articles submitted to the Public Analyst from January to December, 1897.

Articles.	Number of Samples.	Genuine.	Adulterated.	Amount of Fines.	Costs.
Rum - - -	3	3	--	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —
Mustard - -	4	4	—	—	—
Cocoa - - -	14	11	3	9 0 0	1 17 6
Butter - -	13	12	1	4 0 0	0 1 4 6
Milk - - -	51	51	—	—	—
Bread - -	4	4	—	—	—
Flour - - -	1	1	—	—	—
Arrowroot -	2	2	—	—	—
Margarine - -	15	13	2	1 10 0	0 1 0
Chicory and Coffee	1	1	—	—	—
Gin - - -	4	4	—	—	—
Brandy - - -	1	1	—	—	—
Coffee - - -	7	6	1	3 0 0	0 12 6
Sago - - -	1	1	—	—	—
Mixed Coffee -	2	2	—	—	—
Mixed Cocoa -	2	2	—	—	—
Cheese - - -	6	6	—	—	—
Pepper - - -	3	3	—	—	—
Skim Milk -	4	4	—	—	—
Dem. Sugar - -	1	1	—	—	—
	139	132	7	16 10 0	3 6 6

**Registered Houses under the By-Laws for Houses
Let in Lodgings.**

From January to December, 1897.

22, Litlington Street	201, Lower Road
12, Trident Street	9, Maynard Road
26, Trident Street	42, Suffolk Street
23, Trident Street	11, Reed Street
1, Suffolk Street	20, Westlake Road
44, Maynard Road	9, Trinity Road.
24, Faustin Place	

Public Health (London) Act, 1891.

Miss C. Helme, the owner of 1 and 3, Clarehall Place, was fined £4 and two guineas costs for not complying with Statutory Notices served.

Tabulated Statement.

House-to-house inspection	-	-	-	-	1022
Intimation notices served	-	-	-	-	1297
Statutory notices served	-	-	-	-	403
Re-inspections	-	-	-	-	2081
Infected houses inspected	-	-	-	-	160
Rooms disinfected and cleansed	-	-	-	-	171
Bedding destroyed and new supplied	-	-	-	-	81
Bedding purified	-	-	-	-	46
Drains tested and examined	-	-	-	-	42
Notices served for houses let in lodgings	-	-	-	-	11

Defective water fittings and inefficient supplies	-	-	39
Sink waste pipes directly connected to drains	-	-	48
Dirty and dilapidated rooms, passages, wash-houses and ceilings	-	-	464
No through ventilation under floors	-	-	330
Insanitary and defective pans and traps	-	-	153
Defective stack pipes, guttering and pointing	-	-	301
Defective yard and wash-house paving	-	-	418
Damp, defective house walls, floors, seats and walls of w.c.'s and urinals	-	-	375
No water to w.c.'s and urinals	-	-	139
Defective and leaky main, wash-house and w.c. roofs	-	-	212
Overcrowding	-	-	12
Rain-water pipes directly connected to drains	-	-	34
Stables unpaved	-	-	11
Smoky nuisances abated	-	-	21
Choked rainwater pipes and gutters	-	-	60
Insanitary and defective traps	-	-	174
Accumulations of offensive matter	-	-	58
No dung pits	-	-	29
Dirty, defective and uncovered cisterns	-	-	17
Forecourts defective and unpaved	-	-	166
Choked and overflowing drains	-	-	45
Defective main and branch drains	-	-	59
Unventilated soil pipes	-	-	5
Animals kept so as to be a nuisance	-	-	32
Drinking water cistern directly connected to w.c.	-	-	29
No receptacle to offal	-	-	9
Bodies removed to Mortuary	-	-	2
Dust complaints	-	-	12
Bakehouses and slaughter houses	-	-	19
Cow-houses	-	-	1
Workshops and factories	-	-	7

HENRY M. COCKBURN.

LONDON (EQUALISATION OF RATES) ACT, 1894.

*Year ended 31st March, 1898.***Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe.**

Total Amount received from the London County Council under the Act by the Sanitary Authority during the Year.	Total Amount of the Expenses incurred by the Sanitary Authority during the Year.				Amount expended out of the Sums received from the London County Council under the Act by the Sanitary Authority during the Year.			
	Under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 (including expenses of scavenging streets).	In respect of Lighting.	In respect of streets (other than the expenses of scavenging streets).	Total.	Under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 (including expenses of scavenging streets).	In respect of Lighting.	In respect of streets (other than the expenses of scavenging streets).	Total.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2732 18 10	7815 0 0	2172 0 0	8200 0 0	18187 0 0	2732 18 10	—	—	2732 18 10

COPY OF RETURN OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE VESTRY,
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25TH MARCH, 1898.

As made to the Local Government Board.

Abstract of sums received and expended in the Parish of Rotherhithe during the year ended 25th March, 1898.
RATEABLE VALUE OF PARISH £219,239.

Receipts excluding Balances and Loans.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Rates, amounting to 2/11 in the £				29,275	0	0	Brought forward				37,652	0	0
The sum raised as General Rates during the year to satisfy the Precepts of the School Board amounted to £11,149.							Contributions from or payments by other Local Authorities :— From Metropolitan Asylums Board—Notification of Disease—Repayment of Medical Fees ...	57	0	0			
Lighting Rates, amounting to 2d. in the £...				2,100	0	0	Vestry of Deptford—moiety of expense of repairing boundary stones	10	0	0			
Sewers Rates, for local sewers under Secs. 158 and 161 of 18 and 19 Vic. c. 120, amounting to 3d. in the £				2,325	0	0	Fines and Penalties				67	0	0
Mem. :—The total amount of Government contributions, received instead of rates on Government Property during the year was £41 10s. 6d.							Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, Part II. :—				38	0	0
Income from Real or Founded Property (including Rents, Profits of Property and Dividends)				212	0	0	Costs of Summons				1	0	0
Private Works :—Payments made to the Local Authority in respect thereof, including payments for works of private street paving and improvement, and sewers connections, and for the removal of trade refuse, but excluding payments by companies and others for repair of roads and footpaths broken up by them				671	0	0	Other Receipts, Highways :—						
From the London County Council :—Out of the Equalisation Fund under Section 1 of the London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894				2,733	0	0	Payments by companies and others for repair of roads and footpaths broken up by them	730	0	0			
In respect of salaries of Sanitary Inspectors				167	0	0	Costs of Summonses recovered	10	0	0			
In respect of contributions under Section 11 (10) of the Local Government Act, 1888				143	0	0	Other sources of Receipt :—						
Rent of Coroner's Court				26	0	0	Interest on accounts at bank	52	0	0			
							Miscellaneous	40	0	0			
											832	0	0
Carried forward				3,069	0	0							
				£37,652	0	0	Total				£38,590	0	0

EXPENDITURE.**Excluding Balances and Payments out of Loans.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Public Roads, Streets and Paths :—							Brought forward ...				19347	0	0
Maintenance and Repair ...	8102	0	0				Private Works :—						
Cleansing and Scavengering, including watering ...	4921	0	0				Private street improvements ...	338	0	0			
				13023	0	0	Other private works, including removal of trade refuse ...	333	0	0			
Public Lighting and Works connected therewith ...				1845	0	0					671	0	0
Sewerage and Drainage Works ...				1294	0	0	Loans :—						
Removal of House Refuse ...				1112	0	0	Principal repaid ...	1350	0	0			
Public Buildings, specifying them :—							Interest (including Income Tax thereon) ...	1385	0	0			
Erection of Town Hall, Payment out of revenue ...				311	0	0	Salaries, Remuneration and Superannuation Allowances, including salaries of Medical Officers of Health and Sanitary Inspectors ...				2735	0	0
Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890—							Other Establishment Charges ...				2756	0	0
Part II. ...				25	0	0	Payments under Precept :—				941	0	0
Parks, Pleasure Grounds, Commons and Open Spaces ...				21	0	0	To School Board for London ...				11149	0	0
Disinfectants and Disinfecting and Works connected therewith ...				776	0	0	Other Contributions or payments to Local Authorities, viz. :—						
Other Public Works or purposes :—							Vestry of Bermondsey ; moiety of maintenance of “ John Bull ” and “ Queen Charlotte ” urinals ...	45	0	0			
Public conveniences ...	199	0	0				Ditto.—Destruction of Bedding ...	8	0	0			
Sale of Food and Drugs Acts ...	124	0	0								53	0	0
Notification of Disease :—							Legal and Parliamentary Expenses ...				316	0	0
Fees for Medical Certificates ...	57	0	0				Election Expenses :—						
Mortuaries and places for post-mortem examinations and inquests ...	136	0	0				Election of School Board for London ...				62	0	0
Public Works or purposes for which no heading is provided above, specifying them :—							Other payments —						
Repairing Boundary Stones ...	19	0	0				Valuation Committee expenses ...	60	0	0			
Town Hall Management Expenses ...	405	0	0				Miscellaneous ...	11	0	0			
				940	0	0					71	0	0
Carried forward ...				£19347	0	0	Total ...				£38101	0	0

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.

Purpose of Loan.	Amount of Loan outstanding on the 25th March, 1898.	Amount of Loan received during the year.	Amount expended out of Loans during the year.	Amount paid during the year, not including payments to or repayments out of Sinking Fund.	
				PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.
	£	£	£	£	£
Highways and Public Street Improvements	6880	—	—	630	252
Public Buildings	26274	7220	8947	467	669
Depots, Wharves, Yards, Refuse Destructors and Works connected therewith ...	18085	6000	2491	253	464
Total £	51239	13220	11438 £44 paid to Council	1350	1385

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