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# FORTY-FIRST GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

## VESTRY

OF THE



# PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,

LONDON,

*FOR THE YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1897.*

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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.**

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WE, JAMES THOMAS BRISTOW, WILLIAM CAPEWELL, THOMAS BENNETT HALLIWELL, HENRY MOORE and WILLIAM ALFRED PHILLIPS, 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, 1897, 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 desire to testify our appreciation of the excellent manner in which the various Accounts of the Vestry have been kept.

Given under our hands this 12th day of June, 1897,

(Signed)

J. T. BRISTOW,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
WM. CAPEWELL,	
T. B. HALLIWELL,	
HENRY MOORE,	
W. A. PHILLIPS,	



## ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT.

Showing the Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 25th March, 1897, under the "Metropolis Local Management Act,"  
18th and 19th Victoria, cap. 120.

ACCOUNT.	Cash Balance, 1913 March, 1914.		RECEIPTS.						PAYMENTS.						Cash Balance 1914 March, 1915.	
	In Debit.	In Credit.	Rate.	Distributions.	Loans.	Interest.	Totals.	Wages.	Salaries.	Loans.	Overseers.	Lighting.	Totals.	In Debit.	In Credit.	
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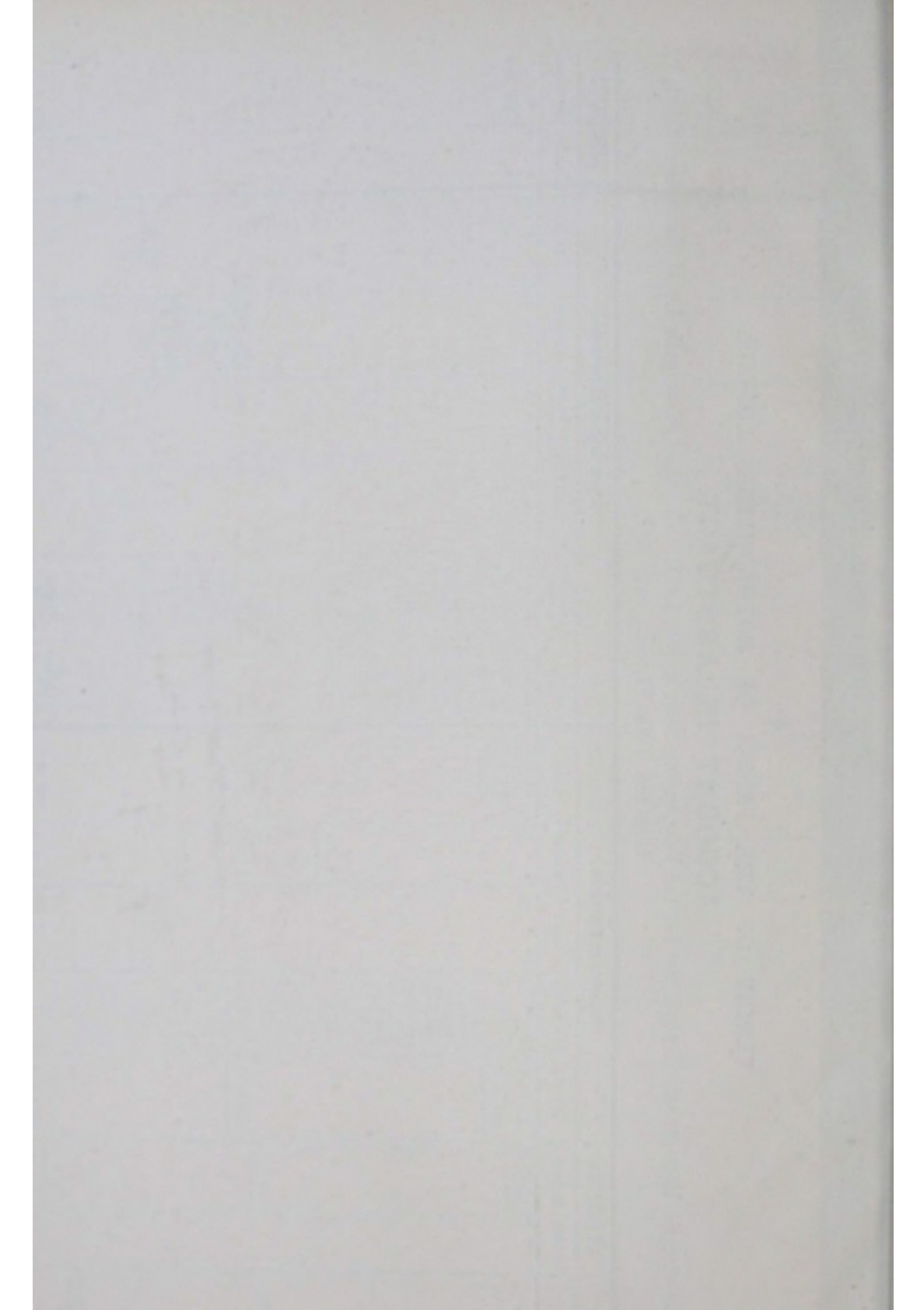
## VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ALL CONTRACTS

Entered into by the Vestry in and subsequent to the year ending 25th March, 1897, and of all Contracts subsisting at the commencement of that year, and continuing during the same; and of the works commenced and completed in the year ending 25th March, 1897, and the works remaining in progress at the termination of the same year.

## CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIAL WORKS.

Account.	Date of Contract.	Locality.	Name of Contractor.	Nature of Works to be performed.	Contract Price.	Quantity of Work commenced and completed during the year.	Amount of Extra Work.	Actual cost of Works.
Paving and General Purposes.	20th Oct., 1896.	—	Stephens & Carter	Supply of 12 Navy Barrows	12s. 6d. each	The whole	—	£7 10s. 0d.
	17th Nov., 1896.	—	Wm. Knight & Co.	Supply of 3000 ft., superficial, of York Paving.	£3 10s. 0d. per 100 feet super.	The whole	584 feet	£125 8s. 10d
	5th Jan., 1897.	—	Wm. Smith & Son	Supply of Street Sweeping Machine with Rotary Broom	£26 10s. 0d.	The whole	—	£26 10 0
	16th Feb., 1897.	—	A. & F. Manuelle	Supply of 1200 ft., super., of 3 in. York Paving (Silex brand)	1s. 10d. per foot super.	—	—	—
	16th Feb., 1897.	—	W. Knight & Co.	Supply of 2000 ft. 3-in. hard Tooled York Paving, not less than 2-ft. either way	£3 12s. 3d. per 100 feet super.	1186 feet	—	—
	16th March 1897.	—	E. H. Bayley & Co., Limited	Supply of a combined watering and flushing van	£36 5s. 0d.	—	—	—
	6th April 1897.	—	Philip Round	Supply of 250 Galvanised Iron Dust Pails.	26s. per dozen.	—	—	—
	18th May 1897.	—	John Edgington & Co.	Supply of Water-proof Clothing for employees:— Leather bound Jackets Leggings and Sou'-Westers	6s. 11d. 2s. 10d.	— — —	— — —	— — —
	15th June 1897.	—	Cornelius Hailstone	Supply of 6 Dust Vans	£47 each	—	—	—
	15th June 1897.	—	Benjamin Farrar & Co.	Supply of 3,000 sqre. ft. of 3 inch Tooled York Flagging	£3 17s. 6d. per 100 ft. super.	—	—	—



Amount.	Date of Contract.	Locality.	Name of Contractor.	Nature of Works to be performed.	Contract Price.	Quantity of Work commenced and completed during the year.	Amount of Extra Work.	Actual cost of Works.
repairs of Town Hall, etc., Loans	18th July 1897.	—	Wm. Glover & Sons, Limited	Supply of 5 Material Carts " 1 Stone Cart " 14 Skip, Gully and Sewer Vans	£23 each £28 " £43 "	—	—	—
	2nd July 1895.	Lower Road and Neptune Street	Howell J. Williams	Erection of Town Hall, Vestry Hall, Offices and other buildings connected therewith	£14998 being £14708 plus £290 for Oak Panelling to Vestry Hall	£9000	—	—
	1st Sept., 1896.	Town Hall, Lower Road	Brush Electrical Engineering Company Limited	Supply and fixing of Electric wiring throughout Town Hall buildings	£196 12s. 6d.	£150	—	—
	5th Jan., 1897.	Do.	Gillett & Johnston	Maintenance of clock in Town Hall Tower in thorough and efficient working order	£5 per annum	—	—	—
	19th Jan., 1897.	Do.	C. Smith, Sons & Co., Limited	Provision and erection of Gas and Electric Light, combination fittings	£482 14s. 6d.	—	—	—
	2nd Feb., 1897.	Do.	McDowall, Steven, & Co., Limited	Supply of 7 special lamp columns for placing around Town Hall buildings	£10 12s. 6d. per column	—	—	—
		Do.	Atkinson & Company	Supply of furniture to Town Hall buildings	£1121 1s. 8d.	—	—	—
	2nd March, 1897.	Do.	Bruce Smith	Painting of Fire Proof Curtain as a drop scene	£12 15s. 0d.	—	—	—
	2nd March, 1897.	Do.	William Whiteley	Supply and laying of a canvas covering to floor of Town Hall	£36 18s. 8d.	—	—	—
	2nd March, 1897.	Do.	John Broadwood & Sons	Supply of a Rosewood, cross-strung, drawing room Grand Pianoforte for Town Hall	£116 0 0	—	—	—



Erection of Wharf, etc., Loan	16th March, 1897.	Town Hall, Lower Road ...	John Broadwood & Sons	Supply of a dark leather cover for Piano	£4 5s. 0d. less 5 per cent.	—	—	—
	16th March, 1897.	—	Hy. Moore & Sons	Supply of Hall- Keeper's Uniforms 1. Frock Coat Uni- form suit 2. Undress Uniform suit 3. Silk hat with gold band 4. Cap with gold braid	£5 5 0 4 4 0 1 1 0 0 12 6 <u>11 2 6</u>	—	—	—
	4th May, 1897.	Town Hall, Lower Road ...	John Broadwood and Sons.	Supply of 2 Music Stools	£7 6 0	—	—	—
	17th Dec., 1895.	Rotherhithe Street ...	Thomas Adams	The construction of River and Dock re- taining Walls, Open Dock, Slop Shoots and other works, in connection therewith at Bull Head Dock	£3723 15 11	£2560	—	—
	21st July, 1896.	Do.	Grafton & Company, Bedford	Supply of a locomo- tive Steam Crane to lift 3 tons and acces- sories.	£300	The whole	—	£300
	1st Sept., 1896.	Do.	Hy. Knight & Son	Erection of Cart Shed, Shelter, Steam Roller Shed, House, Office, Store, etc.	£2226 7s. 0d.	£1500	—	—
	15th Sept., 1896.	Do	Stothert & Pitt, Ltd.	Supply of 3 half-yard turnover skips. 200-ft. of rail, fish- plates, bolts, spikes and tie rods.	£18 2s. 6d. £15 0s. 0d.	The whole	—	£33 2s. 6d.
	1st Dec. 1896.	Do.	Wm. Wilson	Supply of 500 tons 3 by 5 granite pitch- ing setts.	£1 8s. per ton.	495 tons at 28s., £693 15½ tons taken as Unbroken Granite at 7s. 6d. ton, £5 16s. 3d.	—	£698 16s. 3d.

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.  
**CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GENERAL WORKS AND  
 SUPPLY OF MATERIALS**

*Subsisting at the commencement of, or entered into during and subsequent to the year ending 25th March, 1897.*

Amount.	Date of Contract.	Name of Party with whom Contract was made.	Nature of Works to be performed, and Materials to be supplied.	Observations.
Repairs — —	17th March, 1896	Henry Doulton & Co. — —	Supply and delivery of Stoneware Pipes, Junctions, etc., at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Entered into for one year from 25th March, 1896
	25th March, 1897	Thomas Wragg & Sons — —	Supply and delivery of Stoneware Pipes, Junctions, etc., at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Entered into for one year from 25th March, 1897
Lighting — —	December, 1893	The South Metropolitan Gas Company	For Lighting the Public Lamps with Gas, and maintenance of lamp columns and fittings, at £3 3s. 9d. per lamp per annum	From year to year
Paving and General Purposes.	22nd October, 1894	Walter Charles Benedict — —	The maintenance of all Trees in Southwark Park Road, Galleyswall Road and Rotherhithe New Road, and the replacing of those that fall, at £21 per annum.	Entered into for a term of 5 years, from the 17th July, 1894 subject to one month's notice on either side.
	17th March, 1896	Edward Donagen — —	Item 1. Collection and removal of Road Sweepings, etc., at per 2-yard vanload, shoot provided by Vestry } 4s. Item 2. Ditto, shoot provided by contractor ... .. } 7s. Item 3. Collection and removal of Gully Refuse, etc., at per 2-yard vanload, shoot provided by Vestry ... } 5s. Item 4. Ditto, shoot provided by Contractor ... .. } 8s. Item 5. Supply of 1-yard Material Cart, with man and horse, at per day ... .. } 2s. 6d. Item 6. Ditto, 2-yard Van, with man and 2 horses ... .. } 19s. Item 7. Supply of 2-yard watertight Slush Cart, with floating boards, horse and driver, at per day ... } 10s. Item 8. Horse, harness and man for Watering, at per day ... .. } 2s. 6d.	Entered into for 6 months from 25th March, 1896
	17th March, 1896	Walter Penfold — —	Dusting (Vestry to pay the Contractor £675) and for removal of trade refuse at 2s. 6d. per cubic yard	Entered into for 6 months from 25th March, 1896
	Ditto	Frederick Shaw & Co. — —	Printing and Stationery, at 35 per cent. below the Schedule of Prices.	Entered into for one year from 25th March, 1896
	Ditto	John Mowlem & Co. — —	Supply and delivery of Broken Guernsey Granite, Dressed Guernsey Pitching Setts, Coarse and Fine Granite Chippings, and Circular Dressed Guernsey Granite Kerb, at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Ditto
	Ditto	Thomas Scholey — —	Supply and delivery of best clean Thames Ballast and best clean and sharp Pit Sand, at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Ditto
	Ditto	John Williams & Co. — —	Supply and delivery of best Grey Stone Lime in lump, and best Blue Lias Hydraulic Lime, ground, and best Portland Cement at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Ditto

Paving and General Purposes.	17th March, 1896	John Francis ... ..	Supply and delivery of best Scavengers' Bess Brooms and English Ash Broom Handles, at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Entered into for one year from 25th March, 1896
	Ditto	The Sanitas Co., Ltd. ... ..	Supply of Disinfectants and Sulphur Candles, at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Ditto
	15th Sept., 1896 ...	George Painter ... ..	Collection and removal of Dust, Ashes, etc., to Vestry's Wharf, Rotherhithe St., and the supply of the necessary horses, carts, men, etc. (Vestry to pay the Contractor the sum of £637 16s.) and Trade Refuse at 1s. 6d. per cubic yard.	Entered into for one year from 29th September, 1896
	15th Sept., 1896 ...	A. T. Holman & Son ... ..	Removal of Road Sweepings, etc., to Vestry's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street (per 1½ } cubic yard cart) ... .. } 2s. per cubic yard	Ditto
			Ditto Gully Slop ... .. 2s. 3d. do.	
			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 Sept., 1896 ...	Flower and Everett ... ..	Barging away of House Refuse, Road Sweepings, Slop, etc., from the Vestry Wharf, Rotherhithe Street (the Vestry to pay the Contractors the sum of £900)	Ditto
	2nd March, 1897	Do.	Barging away of surplus earth from any of Vestry's excavations at per one-horse cartload, 2s.	Entered into from date to 29th September, 1897
	12th March, 1897	The Sanitas Company, Limited	Supply of Disinfectants and Sulphur Candles, at the respective prices as set out in Tender.	Entered into for one year from 25th March, 1897
	13th March, 1897	William Hunn ... ..	Supply and delivery of best Scavengers' Bess Brooms and English Ash Broom Handles, at the respective prices as set out in Tender.	Ditto
	15th March, 1897	Thomas Scholey ... ..	Supply of Best Thames Ballast, River Sand and Hoggins, at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Ditto
	17th March, 1897	Wakeley Bros. & Co. ... ..	Supply and delivery of best Grey Stone Lime in lump, and best Blue Lias Hydraulic Lime, ground, and best Portland Cement, at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Ditto
	22nd March, 1897	Frederick Shaw & Co. ... ..	Printing and Stationery, at 35 per cent. below the Schedule of prices	Ditto
	22nd March, 1897	Fry Brothers ... ..	Supply and Delivery of Broken Guernsey Granite, Dressed Guernsey Pitching Setts, coarse and fine Granite Chippings and Circular Dressed Guernsey Granite Kerb, at the respective prices as set out in Tender	Ditto
	9th August, 1897	Charrington, Sells, Dale & Co.	Supply of Coals at the respective prices as set out in tender ...	Entered into for a period commencing 3rd August, 1897, and ending 25th March, 1898
	13th August, 1897	E. Wells & Son ... ..	Supply of best Broken and Unbroken Gas Coke, at the respective prices as set out in Tender ... ..	Ditto



VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

Statement and Account of Arrears of Precept and other moneys owing to, and of all Mortgages, Debts, and Liabilities owing by the Vestry on the 25th March, 1897.

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VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

*Summary Statement.*

*One Year ending 25th March, 1897.*

SEWER ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Cash from Overseers on Account of Precept				2700	0	0	By Salaries and Temporary Assistance, one year (proportion)...				607	8	1	
" Sewer Deposits ...	206	19	8				" Sewers' Labour, Flushing Sewers, etc. ...	490	14	4				
Less amount returned	20	18	2				" Repairs to Sewers ...	67	5	11				
				186	1	6	" New Drainage Works ...	517	7	9	1075	8	0	
" Contribution from L.C.C. in respect of reconstruction of Swan Lane Sewer ...				115	12	6	" Sewers' Cartage, Flushing ...	119	10	0				
" Costs, etc., recovered ...				3	17	10	" Slop from Gullies ...	230	1	2				
" Interest on Current Account at Bank ...				3	4	6	" Materials ...	95	8	11	445	0	1	
							" Barging Slop (proportion) ...				20	0	0	
							" Materials, Ironwork, Tools, etc. ...				427	15	7	
							" Urinals, maintenance of and water supply to (including amount of £41 16s. 1d. paid to the Vestry of Bermondsey in respect of Urinals at "John Bull" P.H. and "Queen Charlotte" P.H.) ...				194	13	2	
							" Disinfectants ...				39	5	7	
							" Printing and Stationery (proportion) ...				49	8	4	
							" Committee's Expenses (proportion) ...				11	14	0	
							" Sundries, Postage Stamps, Advertisements and other Incidental Expenses ...				33	5	5	
Total for the year				£3008	16	4	Total for the year				2903	18	3	
Balance 25th March, 1896					455	2	7	Balance 25th March, 1897				560	0	8
				£3463	18	11					£3463	18	11	

## SUMMARY STATEMENT.—Continued.

## LIGHTING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Cash from Overseers on Account of Precept...	...	...	2000	0	0						
" Interest on Current Account at Bank ...	...	...	2	7	5						
				By Salaries, one year (proportion) ...	...	1509	17	9			
				" Lighting Public Lamps ...	...						
				Less amount received for lighting private lamp, corner of Warndon Street ...	...	3	0	7			
						1506	17	2			
				" New Lamps, repairs, etc. ...	...	13	6	0			
									1610	3	2
				" Lighting Christ Church Clock ...	...				29	2	10
				" St. Mary's Church Clock ...	...				27	12	3
				" Printing and Stationery (proportion) ...	...				34	6	3
				" Sundries—Postage, Stamps, Advertisements and other Incidental Expenses ...	...				5	16	8
Total for the year ...	...	...	2002	7	5				1959	19	6
Balance 25th March, 1896 ...	...	...	447	11	0				489	18	11
				£2449	18	5			£2449	18	5

**SUMMARY STATEMENT.—Continued.**  
**PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash from Overseers on Account of Precept				24700	0	0		By Salaries, one year (proportion) ...	1663	13	2				
" Amount received from the Equalisation of Rates Fund under the Equalisation of Rates Act ...				2674	16	1		Less moiety received from L.C.C. in respect to Salaries of Sanitary Inspectors ...	60	13	8		1602	19	6
" Trench Work and Paving ...				971	2	8		" Day Labour—Road and Footway Repairs ...	2441	12	8				
" Notification Fees ...				63	5	6		" " Street Sweeping ...	2124	4	2				
" Rents under Agreements ...				9	17	0		" " Street Watering ...	88	2	2		4653	19	0
" Fines recovered under the Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts ...				36	5	0		" Cartage—Slop from Roads ...	1240	13	5				
" Fines recovered under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 ...				2	0	0		" " Materials ...	343	1	3		1583	14	8
" Fines and Costs recovered under the Margarine Act ...				5	3	0		" Barging Slop, etc., proportion ...	150	0	0				
" Licence Deposits ...	59	10	0					Less amount received for Tip ...	4	1	0		145	19	0
" Less amount returned ...	32	1	0										2070	5	0
				27	9	0		" Materials ...							
" Interest on Current Account at Bank ...				29	2	0		" Plant, Repairs, etc. ...	224	19	0				
" Old Materials sold ...				2	6	6		Less Damages recovered ...	3	13	8		221	5	4
" Resignation Fine ...				0	1	0									
" Hire of Steam Roller ...				6	9	8		" Water to Depot ...					4	15	0
" Sundries ...				0	8	0		" Scavenging, etc.—							
								Scavengers' Brooms ...	53	17	0				
								Watering Roads ...	286	5	1				
								Water Vans and Repairs ...	50	13	0				
								Street Watering Posts ...	82	9	10				
								Water for Roads ...	71	18	1		545	3	0
													10084	12	10
								" London School Board Precept ...					1175	14	0
								" Dusting ...					3	16	6
								" Dust Pails and Repairs ...					78	0	0
								" Wages of Dust Inspector ...							
								" Removal of Trade Refuse ...	0	9	6				
								Less amount received ...	0	8	6		0	1	0
								" Instalments of Loans (as per folio 16) ...	1566	10	2				
								" Interest on Loans ...	1228	1	5		2794	11	7
								" Legal Costs and Expenses ...	93	13	6				
								Less Costs recovered ...	1	6	0		92	7	6
								" Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...					197	3	5
								" Sanitary Expenses, and Expenses under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891—							
								Purifying, destroying Old, and supply of New Bedding ...	152	15	9				
								Removing Infected Bedding ...	38	8	6				
								Cleansing Rooms after Infectious Disease	5	15	0				
								Disinfectants, etc. ...	31	7	4				
								Registrar's Returns to Medical Officer of Health ...	21	6	9				
								Printing ...	21	1	0				
								Sundry Expenses under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 ...	18	1	6		288	15	10
								" Mortuary—District Surveyor's Fees ...					6	2	6
								Wages of Mortuary Keeper ...	91	0	0				
								Printing ...	5	17	6				
								Repairs, etc. ...	4	8	0				
								Rates and Insurance ...	11	15	0				
								Water Rate ...	1	1	0				
								Gas ...	0	11	6				
								Removing Bodies ...	1	2	6				
								Advertisements ...	1	18	0		117	13	6
								" Expenses under Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts ...	82	0	8				
								Less Costs recovered ...	1	18	0		80	2	8
								" Expenses under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 ...	2	4	6				
								Less Costs recovered ...	1	1	0		1	3	6
								" Notification Fees ...					63	3	0
								" 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
								" Committees' Expenses (proportion) ...					46	15	0
								" Printing and Stationery (proportion) ...					200	16	5
								" Valuation Committee's Expenses ...					50	0	0
								" Sundries, Postage Stamps, Advertisements, and other Incidental Expenses ...					139	13	2
Total for the year ...				28528	5	5		Total for the year ...					27180	13	11
Balance 25th March, 1896 ...				7291	16	11		" Debit Balance on Rotherhithe Street (by Swan Lane) Improvement account, transferred } ...					432	2	4
				£35820	2	4		Balance 25th March, 1897 ...					8207	6	1
													£35820	2	4









	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.			
To Loan from London County Council	---	---	---	6750	0	0			By On Account of Building Works	---	---	---	9000	0	0			
" Interest on Deposit Account at Bank	---	---	---	78	4	4			" " Architect's Commission	---	---	---	450	0	0			
" Land Tax returned	---	---	---	0	5	0			" " Electric Wiring	---	---	---	150	0	0			
															9000	0	0	
									" Clerk of Works' Salary	---	---	---				182	0	0
									" Sundries, Stamping Contracts, etc.	---	---	---				4	18	6
Total for the year	---	---	---	6828	9	4			Total for the year	---	---	---	9786	18	6			
Balance 25th March, 1896	---	---	---	4680	6	6			Balance 25th March, 1897	---	---	---	1721	17	4			
				£11508	15	10										£11508	15	10

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Loan from London County Council ... ..	2760	0	0	By On Account of River Walls, Dock, etc., Works (Contract No. 1) ... ..	2560	0	0
" Interest on Deposit Account at Bank ... ..	42	7	5	" On Account of Cart Sheds, etc., Works (Contract No. 2) ... ..	1500	0	0
					<hr/>		
				" Works of Paving and Drainage, etc. ....			4060 0 0
				" Steam Crane ... ..	297	17	0
				" Rails and Skips ... ..	33	1	2
				" Sleepers ... ..	9	16	4
					<hr/>		
				" Rubbing Piles... ..			340 14 6
				" Making up Foreshore ... ..			28 10 0
				" Removing Rubbish on default of Contractors for Pulling down Old Buildings... ..			39 0 4
				" Coat of Loan ... ..			21 17 6
				" Smith's work to Shoots, etc. ....			14 18 6
				" Sundries—Advertisements, Stamping Con- tracts, Printing quantities, etc. ....			16 11 0
							<hr/>
Total for the year... ..	2802	7	5	Total for the year ... ..	4862	4	5
Balance 25th March, 1896... ..	4192	16	1	Balance 25th March, 1897 ... ..	2132	19	1
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	£6995	3	6		£6995	3	6

SUMMARY STATEMENT.—*Continued.*

## ROTHERHITHE STREET (BY BULL HEAD DOCK) IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
				By Water for Paving Roadway ... ..	0	15	0
				Total for the year ... ..	0	15	0
Balance 25th March, 1897 ... ..	460	5	2	Balance 25th March, 1896 ... ..	459	10	2
	<u>£460</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£460</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>

## ROTHERHITHE STREET (BY SWAN LANE) IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Contribution of $\frac{1}{2}$ net cost from London County Council ...	302	0	0	By Supply of Timber ... ..	4	6	0
				„ Income Tax, 168, Rotherhithe Street ... ..	0	11	3
Total for the year... ..	302	0	0	Total for the year ... ..	4	17	3
Balance transferred to Paving and General Purposes Account ...	432	2	4	Balance 25th March, 1896 ... ..	729	5	1
	<u>£734</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£734</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

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GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

Date of Loan.	Name of Lender.	Purpose of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount Borrowed.	Repaid.	Balance outstanding Lady-day, 1896.	Repaid during year out of Paving and General Purposes Account (as per Pn. 13).	Balance outstanding Lady-day, 1897.
1895, 6th July	Atlas Assurance Company	Paving Works Broadway, Paradise Street	4½	£200	£ s. d. 200 0 0	£ s. d. 110 0 0	£ s. d. 110 0 0	—
1895, 17th August	The London County Council	Widening of Rotherhithe Street at Gas Works, etc.	3½	£100	£ s. d. 672 0 0	£ s. d. 1428 0 0	£ s. d. 42 0 0	£ s. d. 1386 0 0
1895, 12th November	Doitto	Paving Works Rotherhithe Street, at Gas Works, etc.	3½	£200	£ s. d. 1490 0 0	£ s. d. 600 0 0	£ s. d. 100 0 0	£ s. d. 500 0 0
1895, 6th November	Doitto	Paving Works, Commercial Dock Road	3½	£180	£ s. d. 1080 0 0	£ s. d. 720 0 0	£ s. d. 90 0 0	£ s. d. 630 0 0
1895, 21st July	Doitto	Acquisition of site for formation of Entrance to Southwark Park	3½	£250	£ s. d. 90 0 0	£ s. d. 160 0 0	£ s. d. 15 0 0	£ s. d. 144 0 0
1896, 7th October	Doitto	Paving Works, Rotherhithe New Road and Raymouth Road	3½	£400	£ s. d. 1800 0 0	£ s. d. 2200 0 0	£ s. d. 200 0 0	£ s. d. 2000 0 0
1896, 17th May	Doitto	Paving Works, Albion Street	3½	£380	£ s. d. 570 0 0	£ s. d. 3230 0 0	£ s. d. 380 0 0	£ s. d. 2850 0 0
1895, 26th June	Doitto	Acquisition of Site for Town Hall (Drill Hall)	3½	£1100	£ s. d. 44 0 0	£ s. d. 1056 0 0	£ s. d. 44 0 0	£ s. d. 1012 0 0
1894, 12th April	Doitto	Purchase of Bull Head Dock and the Victoria Oil Mills to be adapted as a Wharf	3½	£5000	£ s. d. 180 0 0	£ s. d. 4820 0 0	£ s. d. 90 0 0	£ s. d. 4730 0 0
1894, 2nd May	Doitto	Acquisition of further site for Town Hall (85 and 87 Neptune Street)	3½	£1250	£ s. d. 25 0 0	£ s. d. 1225 0 0	£ s. d. 50 0 0	£ s. d. 1175 0 0
1894, 29th June	Doitto	Acquisition of further site for Town Hall (81 and 83 Neptune Street)	3½	£1150	£ s. d. 23 0 0	£ s. d. 1127 0 0	£ s. d. 46 0 0	£ s. d. 1081 0 0
1895, 6th February	Doitto	Erection of Town Hall	3½	£10000 (1st Instalment)	£ s. d. 200 10 2	£ s. d. 9799 9 10	£ s. d. 207 2 1	£ s. d. 9592 7 9
1895, 29th July	Doitto	Adaptation of Bull Head Dock and the Victoria Oil Mills as a Wharf, etc.	3½	£5000 (1st Instalment)	£ s. d. 49 14 5	£ s. d. 4950 5 7	£ s. d. 101 17 10	£ s. d. 4848 7 9
1896, 6th August	Doitto	Erection of Town Hall	3	£5550 (Part of 2nd Instalment)	—	—	£ s. d. 57 11 6	£ s. d. 5492 8 6
1896, 6th August	Doitto	Doitto	3	£1200 (Part of 2nd Instalment)	—	—	£ s. d. 31 18 9	£ s. d. 1168 1 3
1897, 19th January	Doitto	Adaptation of Bull Head Dock and the Victoria Oil Mills as a Wharf, etc.	3	£2760 (2nd Instalment)	—	—	—	£ s. d. 2760 0 0
				£49160	£ s. d. 8224 4 7	£ s. d. 31425 15 5	£ s. d. 1566 10 2	£ s. d. 39369 5 3



Estimate 1

# VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE—HALF-YEAR TO 29th SEPTEMBER, 1896.

## PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
<b>Liabilities at Lady-day, 1896 :—</b>		<b>Assets to Lady-day, 1896 :—</b>	
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee...	4248 15 3	Available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account ...	5206 4 11
<b>Expenditure to Michaelmas, 1896 :—</b>		The like on deposit account ...	10500 0 0
Salaries of Officers—proportion ...	700 0 0		15706 4 11
Collector's Poundage ...	145 0 0	Proportion due to Sewers Account	455 2 7
Rent of Vestry Offices and Stone Yard and Taxes ...	85 0 0	Proportion due to Lighting Account	444 10 5
Loans :—Principal ... £1271			899 13 0
Interest ... £744		<b>Capital Accounts, viz. :—</b>	
Principal and Interest on Loans yet to be taken up, etc. ...	2015 0 0	Erection of Town Hall, etc. ...	4680 6 6
School Board Precept ...	5550 0 0	Erection of Wharf, etc. ...	4192 16 1
Maintenance of Trees ...	11 0 0		8873 2 7
Printing and Stationery ...	100 0 0		9772 15 7
Disinfecting and Cleansing ...	250 0 0		5933 9 4
Dusting Contract ...	675 0 0	<b>Receipts to Michaelmas, 1896 :—</b>	
Dust Pails, Renewals, etc. ...	25 0 0	Amount receivable from the Equalisation Fund	1117 19 5
Expenses of Valuation Committee ...	20 0 0	Contributions to be received from the London County Council in respect to Street Improvements :—	
Balance of Mortuary Contract ...	25 0 0	Rotherhithe Street (by Bull Head Dock) ...	143 0 0
Erection of Temporary Shelter ...	330 0 0	Rotherhithe Street (Swan Lane) ...	302 0 0
Wages of Roadmen ...	1250 0 0		445 0 0
Wages of Masons, etc. ...	1150 0 0		7496 8 9
Wages—Steam Roller ...	25 0 0	Estimated amount required for the Half-year to Michaelmas, 1896 ...	12668 6 6
Redressing Kerb and Setts ...	100 0 0		
Paving Works—Tiger Bay ...	80 0 0		
" Providence Row ...	80 0 0		
Cartage, Horse Hire, etc. ...	1150 0 0		
Flagstones ...	50 0 0		
Ballast, Lime and Cement ...	300 0 0		
Setts and Kerbs ...	150 0 0		
Broken Stone ...	300 0 0		
Sundry Tradesmen ...	250 0 0		
	15916 0 0		
	£20164 15 3		£20164 15 3



Estimate :

# VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE—HALF-YEAR TO 25th MARCH, 1897.

## PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
<b>Liabilities at Michaelmas, 1896 :—</b>		<b>Assets to Michaelmas, 1896 :—</b>	
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee ... ..	4705 12 1	Available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account ... ..	8210 11 7
<b>Expenditure to Lady-day, 1897 :</b>		The like on Deposit Account ... ..	9100 0 0
Salaries of Officers—proportion ... ..	720 0 0		17310 11 7
Collector's Poundage ... ..	145 0 0	Proportion due to Sewers Account ... ..	309 2 7
Rent of Vestry Offices and Stone Yard, and Taxes on the latter ... ..	85 0 0	The like, Lighting Account ... ..	480 12 9
Loans :—Principal ... .. £1022			789 15 4
Interest ... .. £711		Amount standing to credit of Capital Account, viz. :—	
	1733 0 0	Erection of Town Hall, etc., loan account ...	7199 7 4
Principal and Interest on Loans yet to be taken up, etc. ... ..	800 0 0	Erection of New Wharf, etc., loan account ...	1842 19 11
School Board Precept ... ..	6000 0 0		9832 2 7
Maintenance of Trees ... ..	11 0 0		7478 9 0
Printing and Stationery—proportion ... ..	100 0 0	<b>Receipts to Lady-day, 1897 :—</b>	
Disinfecting and Cleansing ... ..	250 0 0	Amount receivable from the Equalisation Fund	...
Dusting Contract ... ..	320 0 0	Contributions to be received from the London County Council :—	1302 4 8
Dust Pails, renewals, etc. ... ..	25 0 0	Rotherhithe Street (by Bull Head Dock) Improvement ... ..	143 0 0
Barging Contract—proportion ... ..	400 0 0	Rotherhithe Street (by Swan Lane) Improvement ... ..	302 0 0
Expenses of Valuation Committee ... ..	25 0 0		445 0 0
Balance of Mortuary Contract ... ..	25 0 0		9225 13 8
Erection of Temporary Shelter ... ..	330 0 0	Estimated amount required for the Half-year to Lady-day, 1897 ... ..	11848 18 5
Wages of Roadmen ... ..	1250 0 0		
Wages of Masons, etc. ... ..	1150 0 0		
Wages—Labour at Wharf ... ..	100 0 0		
Wages—Steam Roller ... ..	25 0 0		
Casual Labour ... ..	150 0 0		
Snow Labour and Extra Cartage ... ..	500 0 0		
Redressing Setts ... ..	100 0 0		
Paving Works—South Wharf ... ..	25 0 0		
Stopping, Cartage, Horse Hire, etc. ... ..	650 0 0		
Flagstones ... ..	50 0 0		
Ballast, Lime and Cement ... ..	250 0 0		
Setts and Kerb ... ..	100 0 0		
Broken Stone ... ..	800 0 0		
Contingencies ... ..	250 0 0		
	16369 0 0		
	£21074 12 1		£21074 12 1





## SCHEDULE OF FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES, &amp;c.,

Belonging to the Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, on the 25th March, 1897 :—

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 ...	15th March, 1877	The Vestry	Depôt	Lease for 21 years	£50*
Board Room and smaller room at the Public Baths and Wash-houses, Lower Road	Sept., 1884	Do.	Offices	Quarterly Tenancy	£100†
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.	—

\* Fresh lease to be taken up at a yearly rental of £60

† Vestry give up possession on 29th September, 1897.

‡ 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.

§ To be sold.

## STATEMENT OF INSURANCE POLICIES.

In force previous to, during, and subsequent to the year ended 25th March, 1897 :—

Date.	Name of Company.	Insurance.	No. of Policy.	Amount of Insurance.	Annual Premium.	When Payable.
					£ s. d.	
27th Jan., 1896	The London Assurance ...	Office Fixtures and Furniture	787,725	£200	0 4 0	25th Dec.*
20th June, 1894	North British and Mercantile Insurance	Nos. 85 & 87, Neptune Street	3,147,800	£500	0 8 0	25th June*
12th Feb., 1895	Do.	Nos. 81 & 83, Neptune Street	3,150,704	£500	0 7 6	25th Dec.*
2nd July, 1894	Do.	Empty Buildings at Bull Head Dock and the Victoria Oil Mills	3,148,128	£1,000	2 15 0	25th June*
11th April, 1895	Do.	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
28th 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
18th June, 1897	The Scottish Boiler Insurance and Engine Inspection, Limited	Boiler of Steam Crane at Wharf	3,230M	£500	1 15 0	25th June
10th 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.	£53,178	£6000	4 10 0	7th August

\* Now cancelled.



# *The Forty-First General Report*

OF THE

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,

LONDON,

For the Year ending 25th March,

**1897.**

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During the past year 27 General and Special Meetings, and 117 Committee Meetings have been held, being an increase of 52 over the year 1896, and of 71 over the year 1895.

## COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year.	General and Special Meetings.	Committee Meetings.	Total.	Increase over preceding years.
1895	24	49	73	—
1896	23	69	92	19
1897	27	117	144	52
	74	235	309	71

A Report of the Sewer and Paving Works and Lighting, etc., and abstracts thereof will be found in the Report of the Surveyor.

**List of Agreements entered into with the Vestry, and in Force, Previous to, During and Subsequent to the Year ending 25th March, 1897.**

Date.	Names of Parties.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
27th April, 1884	Ellis 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 and Spencer, Gordon's Wharf	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 3 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 Galley Wall 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 Galley Wall Road from Southwark Park Road to Rotherhithe New Road	Subject to six months' notice on either side	—
24th Dec., 1888	W. B. Dick & Co., King and Queen Wharf	Permission to lay five pipes between their waterside and landside premises, King and Queen Wharf	From year to year ...	0 5 0
16th Oct., 1889	J. H. Etheridge, Stanley House, Fressing- field, near Harleston, Norfolk	Use of doorway opening from No. 67, Abbeyfield Road upon public footway leading to Southwark Park	From year to year ...	0 1 0
10th Dec., 1889	Gillman and Spencer, Gordon's Wharf	Permission to lay two cast-iron pipes beneath the roadway between their waterside and landside premises, Gordon's Wharf	From year to year... ...	0 5 0
13th Dec., 1889	H. J. Enthoven and Son, Upper Ordnance Wharf	Permission to lay a water pipe between their waterside and landside premises, Upper Ordnance Wharf	From year to year ...	0 5 0
11th Feb., 1890	Gillman and Spencer, Gordon's Wharf	Permission to lay a 6 in. cast-iron water pipe underneath the footway Princes Street	From year to year ...	0 5 0



Date.	Names of Parties.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
14th April, 1890	East London Railway (Joint Committee)	Permission to erect an advertising direction board in Vestry's dépôt, Lower Road	From year to year ...	£ s. d. 1 0 0
30th Nov., 1890	T. Kimber and Sons	Permission to erect a door 2 in. over the public footway in Rotherhithe New Road, at arch No. 533	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 ...	0 1 0
27th Oct., 1891	William George Wells, Oak Cottage	Permission to close part of roadway leading to Oak Cottage, Clarence Street	From year to year ...	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 ...	0 5 0
10th June, 1892	South Metropolitan Gas Co.	Permission to construct bridge across Rotherhithe Street at their works	From year to year ...	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 and 7, Bickley Row.	From year to year	0 1 0
17th June, 1893	Gillman and Spencer, Gordon's Wharf	Permission to construct bridge across Clark's Orchard.	From year to year	1 0 0
25th April, 1894	R. T. Cook, 31, Lower Road, and A. G. O. Higgins, 32, 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

Date.	Names of Parties.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
26th May, 1894	The National Telephone Company, Ltd., 2, Southwark Street, S.E.	Permission to erect 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.	£ s. d. 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 ...	0 1 0
11th Sept., 1894	Bellamy & Co., King and Queen Granaries	Permission for crane erected at King and Queen Granaries to remain	Subject to removal at any time upon receipt of one month's notice from the Vestry.	No consideration
19th Sept., 1894	Frederick Ashford Willmott and Charles William Cobon, 30 to 34, Rotherhithe Street	Permission to erect an "H" girder to project about 2 ft. 6 in. over public footway at 30 to 34, Rotherhithe Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice from the Vestry.	No consideration
17th Oct., 1894	William Alexander Fisher, 9, Water Lane, E.C.	Permission to construct 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	1 0 0
8th March, 1895	John Hollway, Trinity Wharf, 305. to 309, Rotherhithe Street	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.	0 10 0
27th April, 1895	Henry Austen Lambert, 27, Lower Road	The placing of a cellar flap upon the footway opposite No. 27, Lower Road.	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
28th Nov., 1895	Frederick William Cook, "Sir Garnet Wolseley" P.H., 6, Warndon Street	The Vestry light private lamp at corner of Warndon Street and Rotherhithe New Road at current charge made by Gas Company	From year to year ...	—

Date.	Names of Parties.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
28th Dec., 1895	Thomas and Henry Aldridge, 34 and 36, Albion Street	Erection by Messrs. Aldridge of a shed over sewer belonging to Vestry, corner of Renforth Street and Mary Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
11th Jan., 1896	Josiah Field Hall, M.B., 93, Union Road	Permission for two lamps to remain as erected at 93, Union Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
15th Jan., 1896	John Baker, "Raymouth Arms" P.H., 302, Southwark Park Road	Permission for lamp to remain as erected at "Raymouth Arms" P.H.	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
13th Feb., 1896	Alfred Hancock, 122, Jamaica Road, S.E.	Permission for lamp to remain as erected at Christ Church Schools, Paradise Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
13th Feb., 1896	Messrs. Gillman and Spencer, Gordon's Wharf	Permission to erect a flap from first floor doorway at their premises, Princes Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	0 5 0
21st Feb., 1896	James Thomas Macnamara, 50, Union Road	Permission for lamp to remain as erected outside No. 50, Union Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
27th March, 1896, and 5th August, 1897	Thomas Parr, 11, Lower Road	Erection by Mr. Parr of stables over sewer belonging to the Vestry, upon his premises	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	1 0 0
2nd June, 1896	Henry Austen Lambert, 27, Lower Road	Permission to erect a Swing Sign-Board between first floor windows at No. 27, Lower Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	0 1 0
9th June, 1896	Harry Palmer, 29, Albion Street	Permission to retain Sunblind and Revolving Shutter-case erected at 29, Albion Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
27th July, 1896	Geo. J. E. Conner, 19, Albion Street	Permission to retain Sunblind erected at No. 19, Albion Street.	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration



Date.	Names of Parties.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
29th Dec., 1896	James Poveck 17, Albion Street	Permission to erect a Sunblind at No. 17, Albion Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration
27th Feb., 1897	South Eastern Railway Company, London Bridge, S.E.	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	—	—
26th Mar., 1897	Chas. Hy. Mogridge, 22, Union Road	Permission to retain two lamps erected outside No. 22, 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	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
24th Mar., 1897	Henry Alfred Dyer, 22, Albion Street	Permission to retain Sunblind erected at No. 22, Albion Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
3rd May, 1897	The Surrey Commercial Dock Company, 106, Fenchurch Street, E.C.	The Vestry agree to the closing of a portion of London Road, pending the completion of Road No. 2, from Plough Road 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 road 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	—	—



Date.	Names of Parties.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
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 con- sideration
21st May, 1897	Ann Tregenna, 89, Lower Road	Permission to retain Sunblind erected at No. 89, Lower Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No con- sideration
9th July, 1897	Messrs. 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	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	8 5 0
13th July, 1897	John Dudin and 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	Subject to removal upon receipt of six months' notice	0 10 0
22nd July, 1897	Robert Candlish & Son, Limited, 17, 18, 20, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.	Permission to construct an iron bridge across Rotherhithe Street, to connect their waterside premises, No. 17, with their landside premises, Nos. 18 and 20, Rotherhithe Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of six months' notice.	0 10 0
29th July, 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.	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No con- sideration
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 con- sideration
16th Aug., 1897	William Henry Mills, "Duke of Suffolk" P.H., 59, Hawkstone Road	Permission to erect an Iron Water Post upon the public footway in front of 59, Hawkstone Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	0 5 0

### Agreements and Terms for the Supply of water to the Parish.

Date.	Name of Parties.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Price.
21st July, 1891	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company	Supply of Water to Urinal, Hawkstone Road, near "Jolly Carriers" P.H.	From year to year	As per the undermentioned Schedule
21st July, 1891	Do.	Ditto Rear of "Red Lion" P.H.	The like ...	The like
24th March, 1892	Do.	Ditto Rotherhithe New Road	The like ...	The like
26th October, 1894	Do.	Ditto Lower Road, near "Royal Oak" P.H.	The like ...	The like
26th February, 1895	Do.	Ditto Railway Avenue	The like ...	The like
16th July, 1895	Do.	Supply of Water to Depot, Lower Road	The like ...	The like and meter rent of 5s. per quarter
16th July, 1895	Do.	Supply of Water for Road Watering	The like ...	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	The like ...	£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	The like ...	8½d. per 1000 gallons and meter rent 10s. 6d. per quarter
15th Oct., 1896	Do.	Supply of Water to Urinal, Swan Lane	The like ...	As per undermentioned schedule

#### SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

Per quarter.	Per quarter.	Per 1000 gallons.
From 25,000 gallons—not exceeding	50,000 gallons	9d.
" 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 4/- per quarter.		

Date.	Name of Parties.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Price.
—	Kent Water Works Company	Supply of Water to Urinal, Derrick Street	—	10d. per 1000 gallons
—	Do.	Ditto Near "Globe" P.H., Rotherhithe Street	—	The like
—	Do.	Ditto Lavender Bridge, Rotherhithe Street	—	The like
24th Feb., 1897	Do.	Ditto Bull Head Wharf	—	The like : minimum charge £1 for 24,000 gallons
24th Feb., 1897	Do.	Supply of Water to Bull Head Wharf Shelter, House, Office, etc.	—	The like 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, 1896 :—

Report of 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, 1896.

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.
Butter	Inspector of Vestry	Genuine	10s. 6d.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	60 per cent. of Chicory	Do.	
Oatmeal	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Chicory of	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Iron and Quinine				
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	75 per cent. of Chicory	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	10 per cent. of added water.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Do.	Do.	21 per cent. of added water.	Do.	

These figures show a very marked improvement in the food supply, the percentage of impurity having fallen to 15.3 as against 35.0 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

Total number of Samples analysed during the Quarter, 26.

End April, 1896.

(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, 1896.

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.	2½ per cent added water and 15 per cent. cream deficient	Do.	
Do.	Do.	93 per cent cream deficient	Do.	
Tincture of Rhubarb	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gregory's Powder	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	20 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Vinegar	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Olive Oil	Do.	Do.	Do.	

These figures show adulteration to the extent of 15 per cent. as against 25 per cent. in the corresponding quarter of last year

Total number of Samples analysed during the Quarter, 20.

7th July, 1896.

(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 31st December, 1896.

Articles submitted for Analysis.	State whether the sample was submitted to the Analyst by an officer acting under the direction of a Local Authority, 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.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	60 per cent. of Chicory	Do.	
Butter	Do.	80 per cent. of Margarine	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	35 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	82 per cent. of Margarine	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mixed Coffee	Do.	66 per cent. of Chicory	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mixed Coffee	Do.	58 per cent. of Chicory	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	20 per cent. of cream deficient	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	18 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	

These results show that 17.4 per cent. of the samples submitted were more or less impure.

Total number of Samples analysed during the quarter, 46.

1st January, 1897. (Signed) JOHN MUTER, Ph.D., F.R.S.E., F.S.C., Public Analyst.



### **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, 1896, 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 ?	} No, but a shelter is in course of erection	
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 1896	...	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, 1896	...	21
Total number of Registrations cancelled	...	9
Actual number of Boats on Register at 31st December, 1896	...	12
Number of Boats inspected from all Districts in 1896	...	53
Number of Boats conforming to the Acts and Regulations	...	48
Number of Boats infringing the Acts and Regulations	...	4
Total number for which the Cabins were registered	...	169
Total number occupying the Cabins	...	196
Details of Occupation :—Male Adults		82
Female Adults		35
Children of School age		50
Children under School age		29
		— 196



## 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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	One
None	...	Certificate not identifying Owner with Boat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Marking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
One	...	Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	One
None	...	Partition (Reg. 8 b. ii.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Females over 12 Improperly Occupying	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Cleanliness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
One	...	Painting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	One
None	...	Ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Dilapidation...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
None	...	Removal of Bilge Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
Two	...	Without Pump	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Two
None	...	Refusal of Admittance of Inspector	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
One	...	No proper Water Vessel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	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
Six	Total cases met with.								Total cases remedied	Six

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

**Precepts.**

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

	Sewers.	Lighting.	Paving, etc.	Total.
Half-year to 29th September, 1896 ...	£1,300	1,000	12,700	15,000
Half-year to 25th March, 1897 ...	£1,400	1,000	12,000	14,400
	£2,700	£2,000	£24,700	£29,400

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



**Charity Estates, etc.**

## STATEMENT OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1896-7.

**Receipts and Expenditure,****ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL.**

Dr.	£	s.	d.			Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from late Churchwardens	2	6	5		By Disbursements, St. Mary's	146	11	6	
" Donations ... ..	103	15	0		" " St. Paul's	24	14	10	
" Offerories, St. Mary's	58	17	2		" Balance ... ..	0	2	2	
" " St. Paul's	5	7	5						
" Passing Bell ... ..	1	2	6						
	<u>£171</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>			<u>£171</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	

**Receipts and Expenditure,****STRATFORD AND PLAISTOW CHARITY ESTATES.**

Dr.	£	s.	d.			Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance ... ..	3	6	10		By Bread ... ..	306	9	1	
" Rents, Plaistow Estate	329	1	3		" Renewed Bill, London & Midland				
" On account of rents, Stratford					Bank ... ..	115	0	0	
Estate ... ..	40	0	0		" Interest on Loan	1	11	9	
" Transferred Bill, London and					" G. Legg, Surveyor's charges,				
Midland Bank ... ..	115	0	0		Plaistow Estate (balance)	37	5	6	
					" Cheques, Stamps, &c. ...	0	10	0	
	<u>£487</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>		" Balance ... ..	26	11	9	
						<u>£487</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	

### Receipts and Expenditure, SPRUNT'S CHARITY.

Dr.	£ s. d.		Cr.	£ s. d.
To Dividends ... ..	4 18 8	By Six Poor Widows at 17/6		
Donation from Churchwardens ...	0 6 4	each ... ..	5 5 0	
	<u>£5 5 0</u>		<u>£5 5 0</u>	

### Receipts and Expenditure, HILL and BELL'S CHARITY.

Dr.	£ s. d.		Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance from late Churchwardens ... ..	3 0 0	By J. England, for Boots—		
Mosely for 1896 ... ..	3 0 0	April 14th, 10 pairs £2 11s. ;		
	<u>£6 0 0</u>	July 1st, 12 pairs at 5/9, £3 9s.	6 0 0	
			<u>£6 0 0</u>	

### Receipts and Expenditure, SMITH'S CHARITY.

Dr.	£ s. d.		Cr.	£ s. d.
To Cash from Trustees .. ..	47 0 0	By 228 Doles at 4/- each... ..	45 12 0	
Donation from Overseers... ..	0 2 0	Printing Notices ... ..	1 10 0	
	<u>£47 2 0</u>		<u>£47 2 0</u>	

### Receipts and Expenditure, BENNETT'S CHARITY.

Dr.	£ s. d.		Cr.	£ s. d.
To amount received from Poor Rate ... ..	9 0 0	By 180 Tickets distributed by Overseers ... ..	9 0 0	
	<u>£9 0 0</u>		<u>£9 0 0</u>	

**Receipts and Expenditure,**  
**EMBLETON AND HORNCASTLE'S CHARITY.**

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Dividends ... ..	4 12 4	By 47 Poor Widows @ 2s. each ...	4 14 0
„ Donation from Churchwardens	0 1 8		
	<u>£4 14 0</u>		<u>£4 14 0</u>

**Receipts and Expenditure, COAT AND CLOAK CHARITY.**

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Dividends per the Rector ...	5 7 1	By Balance ... ..	0 9 4
		„ 2 Cloaks @ 15s. ... ..	1 10 0
		„ 3 Coats @ 20s. ... ..	3 0 0
		„ Balance ... ..	0 7 9
	<u>£5 7 1</u>		<u>£5 7 1</u>

**Receipts and Expenditure, KIDD'S GIFT.**

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance ... ..	1 8 10	By Fees for Two Scholars at Saint Olave's School, F. E. Holland and F. S. Rowe, 3 Terms each, Easter Term, 1896 ... £3 15 4	
To Dividends ... ..	14 9 8	Midsummer, 1896 ... 3 15 4	
		Xmas, 1896 ... 3 15 4	
			<u>11 6 0</u>
		„ Balance in Rector's hands Dec. 31st, 1896 ... ..	4 12 6
	<u>£15 18 6</u>		<u>£15 18 6</u>



### Stratford and Plaistow.

An application having been made to the Trustees by the occupiers of several of the houses fronting the High Street, Stratford, for the grant of leases at rentals in excess of the rentals hitherto paid by them, the Trustees applied to the Vestry for an Order to grant the same for twenty-one years, and on the 1st September, 1896, it was

RESOLVED—(Mr. F. J. Bisley: Mr. R. W. Walker)—That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorised to convene a Special Meeting of the Vestry for the purpose of making an Order for the letting on lease of a portion of the Stratford Charity Estate, and take all other steps which may be required by the Order of the High Court of Chancery.

The Special Meeting was duly convened and held on 6th October, 1896, when it was

RESOLVED—(Mr. F. T. Talbot: Mr. Mabbs)—That an Order of the Vestry be and is hereby made for the granting of leases of the following premises at Stratford for a term of twenty-one years from 24th June, 1896, to the undermentioned persons at rentals as set opposite their respective names:—

Premises.	Name of Lessee.	Rental.
261 and 263 and Stables, High Street, "The British Lion" B.H.	Messrs. Lovibond & Co.	£80 per annum.
265 and 267, High Street	Arthur Fk. Stimson	£70 ..
269 and 271, High Street	John Lines	£60 ..
273, "The Farriers' Arms" B.H.	John Holden	£50 ..
275, High Street	Wm. Flindell	£50 ..

### Public Libraries Act.

At a meeting of the Vestry held 6th October, 1896, The Rev. Canon Beck, M.A., J.P., and Messrs. Francis Thos. Talbot and Chas. Jollands Thompson 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, 1897; Mr. Robert Leishman Stuart (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Ralph Westall Walker and Mr. Francis John Bisley.

2nd Class.—Offices to be vacated October, 1898: Mr. George Mabbs, Mr. Edward James Talbot and Mr. Hugh Young.

3rd 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.

*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, 1897:—

### 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, 1897.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Amount received from Rates	...	830	0 0	Building, Repairs and Maintenance	...	180	17 8½
Fines and Sales	...	44	3 0	Books, Periodicals, etc.	...	106	9 0
Other Receipts	...	1	0 0	Salaries	...	328	11 10
				Establishment Charges	...	32	19 1
				Repayment of Loans	...	108	0 0
				Interest on Loans	...	80	6 3
				Miscellaneous	...	13	19 4
Total Receipts	...	875	3 0	Total Expenditure	...	851	3 2½
Cash Balance, 25th March, 1896	...	89	1 2½	Cash Balance 25th March, 1897	...	113	1 0
Total		£964	4 2½	Total		£964	4 2½

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, 1897, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is eight hundred and fifty-one pounds three shillings and two-pence halfpenny.

As witness my hand this 9th day of June, 1897.

(Signed) T. BARCLAY COCKERTON, District Auditor.



## **Baths and Wash-houses.**

At a meeting of the Vestry held 3rd November, 1896, Messrs. Edward James Talbot, Francis Thos. Talbot and Robert Wallace Moss 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, 1897.	To go out of Office, 1898.	To go out of Office, 1899.
Mr. Ralph Westall Walker (Vice-Chairman)	Mr. Robert Leishman Stuart „ Sidney Brownfield	Mr. Edward James Talbot (Chairman)
„ Charles Jollands Thompson		„ Francis Thomas Talbot „ Robert Wallace Moss

*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, 1897.

<b>Loans Account.</b>							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, 25 March,				By Instalments off			
1896 .. ..			33 9 7	Loans... ..	969	13	4
Cash received from				„ Interest on			
Overseers ...1800	0	0		Loans... ..	508	6	2
Proportion trans-						1477	19 6
ferred to working							
account... ..	355	10	1				
			1444 9 11				
			<u>£1477 19 6</u>				<u>£1477 19 6</u>





On 5th November, 1896, the Vestry had before them an application from the Commissioners of Baths and Wash-houses for their approval to the salaries appointed by the Commissioners for the new Superintendent and Matron as under :—

Superintendent	...	...	...	£80 per annum.
Matron	...	...	...	£40 ..

With free quarters, Coals and Gas.

RESOLVED—upon the motion of Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley, seconded by Mr. E. J. Talbot—that the same be approved.

On 16th March, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Clerk to the Commissioners of Public Baths and Wash-houses for the Parish, asking the Vestry to arrange for the removal of ashes from the Baths in future.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley, Mr F. T. Talbot)—That the Vestry comply with the request of the Baths Commissioners, and that the Surveyor be instructed to give directions for the periodical removal of their ashes accordingly.

## ***Apportionments.***

### **Hatteraick Street.**

A letter having been received from Messrs. Collyer & Davies on behalf of the mortgagee of Nos. 10 to 15, Hatteraick Street, relative to the paving apportionment made by the Vestry, asking that some abatement might be made therein and payment of the balance spread over a period of years as might be agreed upon, and that the owner of the Wood Yard be called upon to contribute :

The Vestry on 16th June, 1896, RESOLVED—That an apportionment of £3 18s. be made upon the owner of the Wood Yard, that the Vestry bear half the balance of £38 19s. 10d.,



leaving £12 10s. to be borne by the mortgagee, and that the same be paid by instalments spread over a period of three years with interest at 5 per cent., and that the Common Seal of the Vestry be affixed to the amended apportionment.

### **Slipper's Place.**

On 20th October, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported receipt of £8 tendered by Mr. G. Hawkes, the trustee of Slipper's Estate, in discharge of the apportionment served upon him in respect of the paving in front of the three newly-erected houses in Slipper's Place amounting to £12 15s.

RESOLVED—That the same be accepted, and that the Surveyor be authorised to carry out the work.

### ***Baker's Rents Gate, Erection of.***

An application having been received from the tenants of premises in Rotherhithe Street, at either corner of Baker's Rents, that a gate might be fixed at the street end instead of the existing boarding, the condition of which was a nuisance.

The Vestry on the 16th June, 1896, RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be instructed to erect a gate to the entrance to the Court, provided with three keys, the Surveyor to retain one key and a key to be left with the tenant on either side, that a notice be placed upon the gate that the Court is a Public Right of Way, and that the key of the gate can be had on application to the Surveyor to the Vestry, and that the public lamp in the Court be removed.

### ***Boundary Stones.***

On 6th October, 1896, the Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had examined the stones marking the boundary of the Parish from Yeoman Street to the Canal and passing through the premises in the occupation of Messrs. Blumann & Stern, and in his opinion one of the stones was wrongly marked and the lettering should be reversed. The stone was very much worn, but he thought it possible to reface it, and therefore recommended that it be refaced and recut, and the position of the letters reversed.

RESOLVED—That the recommendation of the Surveyor be approved.



## ***Bull Head Dock and the Victoria Oil Mills.***

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

On 16th June, 1896, the Contract drawings for the next Contract, consisting of Cart Shed, Shelter, House, Office, Workshop, etc., prepared by the Surveyor, were approved and adopted, the Clerk instructed to invite tenders by advertisement in the usual Papers in due course, and the Surveyor instructed to prepare the necessary Specification and Bills of quantities, and have the same printed.

On 1st September, 1896, five tenders were submitted to the Vestry as under:—

1. General Builders, Limited, 15, Southampton Row	...	£2242	9	0
2. R. E. Williams & Sons, Cabul Road, Battersea	...	2286	0	0
3. S. Chafen & Newman, Trundley's Road, Deptford, S.E.	...	2789	0	0
4. Hy. Knight & Son, 66 and 68, Chesnut Road, Tottenham		2226	7	0
5. Balaam Bros, Shenton Street, Old Kent Road, S.E.	...	2530	0	0

RESOLVED.—That the tender of Messrs. Hy. Knight & Son, of Chesnut Road, Tottenham, for the erection of Cart Sheds, Shelter, Steam Roller Shed, House, Office, Store, etc. at the Vestry's Wharf, Bull Head Dock, Rotherhithe Street, at the sum of £2,226 7s., be and is hereby accepted, subject to their furnishing the names of two satisfactory sureties; to the Bill of Quantities being properly filled in, and to their entering, together with their sureties, into the necessary Contract for the due execution of the work.

On 19th January, 1897, the Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported that in their opinion it was advisable that an additional staircase should be erected at the west end of the Cart Shed to give access to the Store above without necessitating passing along the corridor of the Shelter.

This was approved by the Vestry, and the Surveyor instructed accordingly.

On 17th November, 1896, the Vestry RESOLVED that a stone tablet be placed in the street wall of the Shelter bearing an inscription to the following effect:—

"This Depot was constructed and Buildings erected by the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, A.D. 1896."

On 15th December, 1896, the Vestry RESOLVED to add the names of the Clerk, Surveyor and Builders thereto.

### **River Walls, Dock, and Slop Shoots.**

On 15th September, 1896, the Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported the satisfactory completion of the Contract of Mr. Thomas Adams for the erection of River Walls, Dock and Slop Shoots.

On 6th October, 1896, the Committee reported having considered a letter from Mr. Thomas Adams, the Contractor for River Walls, etc., claiming as an extra the cutting through cross timbers, etc., amounting to £273 5s., and it appearing from a report of the Surveyor that although Mr. Adams was not legally entitled to any extra on the Contract, in view of the timber that had to be cut through, which it was impossible to foresee, it would only be fair to the Contractor that some extra payment should be made to him, and

Recommended that Mr. Adams be paid without prejudice the sum of £100 in full settlement of his claim.

This was approved by the Vestry.

### **Sufferance Privileges.**

On 6th October, 1896, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the Clerk apply to the Board of Customs for the requisite permission for the landing from Foreign Ports of Stone, Iron, and the like at the Wharf.

On 17th November, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Secretary to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs stating that the Commissioners would be prepared to approve the Vestry's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, as a Sufferance Wharf for the landing of Stone and Iron, upon its completion to the satisfaction of the Officers of that department, and that a Bond would be required to be entered into in the penalty of £1,000.

On 1st December, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Secretary of Her Majesty's Board of Customs, transmitting form of Bond required by the Board.



**RESOLVED**—(Mr. F. T. Talbot: Mr. Beasley)—That the Vestry enter into the Bond as required, and that the Common Seal of the Vestry be affixed thereto, subject to Sufferance privileges being granted for Wood in addition to Stone and Iron.

On 15th December, 1896, the Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Secretary of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs stating that upon the completion of the Wharf premises, Rotherhithe Street, the Board would be prepared to approve the same for Sufferance privileges for the landing of Iron, Stone and Wood.

### **Paving, etc.**

On 15th December, 1896, the Vestry **RESOLVED**—That the Surveyor be authorised to have rubbing piles, made of English oak 12 inches wide by 2½ inches thick, or 3 inches if necessary, fixed to the fender piles along the river front, to have blocks fitted to the shoots, and to pave in front of the shoots for a width of about 12 feet with granite setts, and execute the remainder of the paving work at the Depot as soon as the same is ready for the work.

### **Moorings.**

On 15th December, 1896, the Vestry **RESOLVED**—That extra moorings be constructed at the Wharf where practicable, consisting of rings with short lengths of chain.

### **Dust Destructors.**

It will be remembered that a Sub-Committee consisting of the undermentioned gentlemen :—

Mr. Vice-Chairman BISLEY,

„ F. T. TALBOT,

„ MOSS,

Mr. STUART,

„ KIMBER,

„ VEZEY,

and the SURVEYOR

was appointed to inspect recently erected Dust Destructors in the Metropolis and Provinces, and to report thereon to the Vestry to enable the latter to decide upon the best and most approved pattern,



And on the 5th May, 1896, the Committee reported having visited fifteen Destructors at work and two in course of erection, thirteen of them being in Provincial towns and two in the Metropolis, the two in course of erection being also in the London district, the construction of the furnaces varying considerably and embodying six different patents manufactured by five different makers, in addition to furnaces erected by the City Engineer, Leeds, and the Borough Surveyor, Leicester.

Before presenting their detailed statement and recommendation, they desired to inform the Vestry that they had had brought to their notice a recent patent which had not yet received a trial as a Refuse Destructor, but buildings were in course of erection at Lewisham. The Committee had interviewed the patentee, who informed them amongst other things that the residue from his arrangement would only amount to five per cent. against twenty-five per cent. from the best known furnace, which was a most important point and worthy of serious consideration.

The patent consisted of a revolving cylinder heated to a white heat, of the same principle as the Ore Calciners, and the Committee thought it very desirable that a visit to Tavistock should be paid to see this Cylinder working, and they would then be able to place before the Vestry full particulars as in the case of the Destructors at work. The Committee were informed that the Lewisham District Board of Works selected this patent after visiting numerous Destructors at work in various towns.

RESOLVED—That the preliminary report of the Committee be adopted with the exception of the recommendation to visit Tavistock, and that it be an instruction to the Committee to present their final report to the Vestry without reference to the Ore Calciner at Tavistock.

On 16th March, 1897, the Special Committee appointed reported having considered the following reports of the Committee appointed to view Destructors in the Metropolis and Provinces, dated respectively 3rd July, 1896, 18th February, 1897, and 2nd March, 1897 :—

VESTRY OF ROTHERHITHE.  
REPORTS OF DESTRUCTOR COMMITTEE.

3rd July, 1896.

Your Committee have to report that they have visited and inspected the following  
Destructors:—

LIVERPOOL (CHARTER STREET.)

This consists of two distinct sets of 12 furnaces of the "Fryer" type, in parallel, with only a cart-way between them. Each set consists of a number of cells or furnaces constructed together, so that each has its own duty to perform independently, but all pass their products of combustion into one common chamber and are led away to the chimney by one flue. Each cell has a feeding hopper for charging it with refuse, and a furnace door for the withdrawal of clinker. One set is charged by manual labour, *i.e.*, all the refuse is tipped from the carts on to the top of the furnaces and is put into them by men with rakes, shovels and feeding irons. The other set is fitted with Boulnois & Brodie's Patent Storing and Charging Apparatus, by which the refuse is tipped from the carts into the storage tanks, and is dropped from the tanks into the furnaces without being handled by the men; by this method it is claimed that a saving is effected for labour alone of fourpence per ton on every ton of refuse consumed, the relative prices given being—hand charging, 1s. per ton; mechanical charging, 8d. per ton.

Each cell consumes about 8 tons per day, the residue amounting to about 33 per cent. The chimney is 170 feet high, and the heat from the furnaces is used for raising steam, the boiler being placed in the bye-pass flue. About 30 indicated horse-power is developed, and it is utilised for lighting the wharf by electricity, clinker crusher, mortar pan, and for rocking the furnace bars.

LIVERPOOL (TOXTETH PARK.)

This Destructor is of modern construction, having been at work only about one year. It consists of six cells of the "Fryer" type as described above, fitted with Boulnois & Brodie's Charging Apparatus, and Henderson's Patent Rocking Bars. It is adjacent to the stables and dépôt of the district, and houses are being erected upon all sides. The quantity of refuse from this district is at present limited, and the cells are only burning about 7 tons each per day. The buildings are all of a very substantial character, the chimney being 180 feet high, and the waste heat is utilised for raising steam for electric light purposes, and for corn crushers and chaff machines. The boiler is of the multitubular type placed in the bye-pass flue.

The total cost of the works was £9,000, including £1,000 for the chimney.

In both the Liverpool Destructors the gases from the refuse on their way to the chimney pass over what is known as a "Cremator" fire, the heat in which is maintained at a high temperature by the use of coke breeze or other cheap combustible material.



## WARRINGTON.

This Destructor, which is Beaman & Deas' Patent, consists of a double cell which has been in use nearly twelve months, and a single experimental cell since August, 1893. The double cell is arranged back to back with a combustion chamber beyond the main flue common to both cells immediately behind, in which is placed a 125-H.P. Babcock & Wilcox water tube boiler. The outlet to the flues is at the opposite end to the feed opening, so that all gases pass through the hottest part of the fire on their way to the chimney. The cells are charged alternately so as to give an equal temperature in the combustion chamber. The fire bars are stationary and fixed level, and the clinker is removed by hand through an opening in the side of the cell. A forced draught from a fan is introduced under the grate, the ash-hearth being sealed. Each cell will burn 15 tons per day, and the residue amounts to between 17 and 22 per cent.; the temperature maintained in the combustion chamber being 2,000 ° F., and after passing through the boiler it is reduced to 500 ° F. to 550 ° F. The power developed is utilised for the excreta-factory, consisting of 13 engines, water-pumping engine, repairing shop and for vacuum pans to evaporate moisture from excreta, a total of 200 to 230 H.P.

The fires are drawn at 2 a.m. on Saturday morning, and about one ton of coal is used every week to start the fires on Monday morning.

The shaft is 120 feet high, but was not built for the present furnaces.

This is the only Destructor at present working upon this principle, and the cost of burning is given at sixpence per ton, the men working 12-hour shifts, and each cell taking one man to charge, clinker and wheel to spoil.

## OLDHAM.

This Destructor, of Horsfall's Patent, consists of 10 cells; six of the cells were erected in 1890, and the remaining four last year, with charging openings at the back, clinking doors at the front and the usual drying hearth and fire grate area. A steam jet is applied to each cell. The outlets for the smoke and gases pass through openings in the arched roof of the cell near the front, thence into flues along the roof and down the sides of the cell into the main flue.

Each cell burns 7 tons 1½ cwt. per day, the residue amounting to 33 per cent. The temperature maintained is about 2,000 ° F., the gases pass through a 30-in. by 8-in. Lancashire boiler, and the steam generated was stated to be equivalent to 15-H.P. per cell after deducting 5-H.P. for the steam jets, the power being utilised for the jets and for driving an engine belonging to the Horse and Provender Department. At the time of our visit the pressure in the boiler was equal to 140-lbs. per square inch.



The shaft is 120 feet high, 5 feet internal diameter, lined throughout with fire-bricks with a 12-in. air space between the inner and outer shells, erected at a cost of £1,000.

The cost of the works was not obtained, but the cost of burning, including the repayments of capital and interest thereon, amounts to 1s. 1d. per ton of refuse burnt.

The steam jet below the fire bars made a very great noise, but in the four recently erected cells it is inserted at the rear of the cell, the noise thereby being somewhat reduced.

### LEEDS.

In Leeds we visited four Destructors as follows :—

Armley Road	...	...	...	16 cells.
Hedacre Street	...	...	...	12 „
Meanwood Road	...	...	...	8 „
Beckett Street	...	...	...	14 „
				<hr/>
				50 cells.
				<hr/>

In all the Destructors the general features of both Fryer's and Horsfall's furnaces have been retained with improvements by the Borough Engineer, some of the older furnaces being constructed by Fryer; the grate area of the different furnaces varying from 25 to 35 square feet. The material to be burnt is introduced at the back and the outlets of the products of combustion are near the front. Both movable and fixed bars are used, the Superintendent preferring the latter, and he is of opinion that the larger the cells the better. The average quantity of refuse burnt per day amounts to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  tons, the residue amounting to 36 per cent., which is partly ground with lime to form mortar, the remainder taken to tip. Steam jets are used upon all the Destructors with the same objection as regards the noise as was experienced at Oldham. The waste heat is utilised for generating steam by means of multitubular boilers, except at the Meanwood Road Destructor, which commenced working on the 1st January, 1896, and which has two Babcock & Wilcox boilers. The steam is used for driving engines to work the mortar pans and for the steam jets.

The shafts vary in height from 120 feet to 240 feet, the cost of the latter one, which is at Meanwood Road, being £2250, the works being in a deep valley, with a recreation ground upon the rising ground.

The cost of the burning was given at 1s. per ton, not taking into account the sinking fund and interest, and the fires are banked up from 10 p.m. Saturday to 10 p.m. Sunday.

## LEICESTER.

Three Destructors were inspected in this town, and in all cases the buildings were of a most substantial construction.

No. 1.	Charnwood Street	...	...	6 cells.	Fryer.
" 2.	Mill Lane	...	...	6 "	Manlove, improved by Borough Engineer.
" 3.	Lero...	...	...	6 "	Biddles.
				<hr/> 18 cells. <hr/>	

The grate area of each cell is 25 square feet, the bars are hand rocking, on Biddles' Patent, and natural draught is used. The Engineer is of opinion that rocking bars are an advantage as regards burning.

The average quantity of refuse burnt amounts to 9 tons per cell per day, the residue consisting of clinker and fine ash amounting to 33 to 35 per cent.

A temperature of 1800 ° F. is obtained in the combustion chambers, and the waste heat is utilised for generating steam by means of multitubular boilers placed in bye-pass flues, which drives engines for supplying power to mortar mills, clinker crushers and for electric lighting at the Mill Lane Destructors. The mortar is sold at 5s. per ton, the Destructors Nos. 2 and 3 being built from mortar supplied from Destructor No. 1.

The shaft at the No. 1 Destructor is 160 feet high, the others 180 feet high, and in all cases octagonal from the surface.

The cost of burning is 1s. per ton, and the Capital repayments amount to another 1s. per ton.

The cost of the works is as follows :—

No. 1.	Charnwood Street	...	...	£6,700	} exclusive of sites.
" 2.	Mill Lane...	...	...	£7,900	
" 3.	Lero	...	...	£8,900	

The cells of the No. 3 Destructor cost over £400 more than those fixed in No. 2, but the Borough Engineer is of opinion that the increased cost is not warranted as they are of no practical advantage.

A fume cremator was provided and used for three months at No. 1, but not afterwards, and was omitted in the other erections as a temperature of 1800 ° F. with natural draught could be obtained.

## CAMBRIDGE.

The Destructor visited in Cambridge is one of the most recent erections in England, having only been at work nine months, and the first of its type : it consists of 6 cells known as "Brodie's Patent," fitted with Boulnois & Brodie's Mechanical Charging Apparatus. The cells are arranged in pairs, a combination of the Fryer and Horsfall types, as the material to be burnt is introduced at the back, with the outlets of the gases in the side near the front ; between each pair of cells is placed a 60-H.P. Babcock & Wilcox boiler, the cells upon either side discharging their products of combustion under the boiler tubes immediately above the level of the fire-bars, these latter being left in the boiler, together with the fire-doors, in the same manner as if the boiler were erected with the accompaniment of Destructor cells.

Each cell is arranged with double flues, one leading to the boiler, and one direct into the main flue, the temperature of the gases entering the boiler being 1,800° F., reduced to 550° F. in their passage through the same.

Only four cells were working at the time of our visit, each cell burning from 5 to 7½ tons per day ; the steam generated from the two boilers being sufficient to drive the 80-H.P. engine which was pumping the sewage of Cambridge, amounting to 1½ million gallons per day under a head of 55 feet, and for the engine to drive the fan for the air blast which was inserted at the back of the bars.

The small quantity at present burnt per cell is owing to the scarcity of refuse, but upon a 24-hour trial it was found possible to burn one ton of refuse per hour per cell, and to generate sufficient steam with one boiler to keep the pumping engines at work.

The work is continued night and day, and to raise the necessary steam to work the pumping engine on Sundays when no refuse is obtainable, one boiler is fired in the ordinary way from 12 noon on Saturday to midnight Sunday, about 50 cwt. of coal being used.

Mechanical rocking bars are fitted to the furnaces, but were not in use at the time of our visit ; the ashpit is closed, and below the fire is a closed box into which the clinker drops and cools before it is drawn.

The whole of the buildings are very substantial in character ; the shaft is 175 feet high, octagonal with square base, lined with fire bricks for a height of 50 feet, and is 6-ft. 6-in. internal diameter at the top. The total cost of the works appertaining to the Dust Destructor is £7,600.

The cost of burning was not given, but the men work two shifts of 12 hours, three men to each shift : one stoker, 25s. per week and house value 2s. 6d. ; two men, 18s. 6d. per week and house value 2s. 6d.



## HORNSEY.

This Destructor consists of 12 cells of the type known as "Warner's Perfectus" as manufactured by Messrs. Goddard, Massey & Warner, of Nottingham. The cells are like Fryer's, with somewhat different means of charging and controlling the vapour given off.

Each furnace has an opening or hopper capable of holding about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a cart-load of refuse, the top being level with the top of the furnace. The contents of the hopper are discharged by means of a wrought-iron lever, worked by hand, projecting through the furnace roof.

Within each furnace flue are two dampers, which are closed before the furnace doors are opened for the purpose of clinkering, so that no cold air is admitted into the flues during that operation.

Steam and air blasts were fixed and used when the cells were first erected, but afterwards discarded as the work could be done without them; a cremator was also erected but not used.

About 10,000 tons per annum are dealt with. During June, July and August, the fires are banked up each night, but for the other nine months, work is continuous from 6 a.m. Monday to 6 p.m. Saturday. Each cell is capable of burning 8 tons per 24 hours.

The temperature in the main flue is 800° F. reduced after passing through the boiler to 600° F.; the waste heat is utilised for generating steam to drive a 12-H.P. engine which works a saw-bench and drill; the average pressure of steam in the boiler being 30 lbs. per square inch.

The flues consist of three in parallel lines, a Babcock boiler being fixed in one, a multitubular boiler in another, and the other acting as a bye-pass.

The Babcock boiler was erected with the works in 1889, but is not now used; the multitubular boiler was inserted about two years afterwards and is still at work.

The residue amounts to 25 per cent. in bulk of the refuse burnt and consists of clinker and ash, which are used for foundations for roads and for footpaths across fields, and for mortar making for their own use. The clinker is readily sold at 2s. per one-horse load at the Depot. It has also been ground, mixed with cement and made into slabs with a Hydraulic Press, but only a short length has been laid.

The burning is done by piecework, the men being paid 1s. per 25 cwt. for feeding the fires, clinkering and wheeling clinker to spoil.

The buildings are exceedingly substantial in character and consist of Furnace and Boiler House, Engine and Mortar Mill Rooms, two Boilers, Engines and Mortar Mill with chimney shaft 217 feet high above ground level. They cost over £10,000.

## ST. LUKE'S.

These works were in course of construction, but at the time of our visit only the skeleton of the building was erected and the shaft in progress.

We were informed by the Surveyor that six cells were to be erected by Messrs. Goddard & Massey of the "Warner's Perfectus" pattern as inspected at Hornsey.

## LEYTON.

These works were in course of erection, but as the building was nearly finished and the cells well in hand, some idea of the work when completed was obtained.

They consist of 8 cells of the "Beaman & Deas" principle as inspected by us at Warrington, and the makers have guaranteed to burn 14 tons per cell per 24 hours of unscreened house refuse and compressed sewage sludge in the proportion of two of refuse to one of sludge; the residue not to amount to more than  $22\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

The waste heat is to generate steam in two 100-H.P. Babcock boilers, which is to be utilised for driving pumping engines, lime mixers, sewage sludge presses, etc.

The buildings consist of iron columns sheeted and roofed with corrugated iron; the chimney is 150 feet high, square base and octagonal above butt, with Rushton Bricks; the contract sum, including inclined road to cells, shaft (£1000), foundations, corrugated iron buildings, and all complete, amounts to £5600.

## WHITECHAPEL.

This Destructor consists of 16 cells, 14 of which were at work at the time of our visit, situate in the midst of the densest population in the world, and erected upon the "Fryer" principle by Messrs. Manlove, Alliott & Co., as previously described.

Each cell burns about 8 tons per day, and the residue amounts to about 25 per cent. The clinker is sold at 8d. per ton on rails.

The temperature in the flue averages  $1350^{\circ}$  F., but the heat is not utilised.

Work is continuous from 6 a.m. Monday to 6 a.m. Sunday, each day being divided into three eight-hour shifts. The two day shifts consist of—

2 furnace men at	6/-	per day
2 wheelers	" 4/6	"
3 chargers	" 4/6	"

The night shift has only 2 chargers.

There is also a foreman in charge whose wages amount to 42/- per week.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

Since completing their visits, the Committee have held several meetings and have given careful consideration to the various plans prepared by the Surveyor, and they submit the undermentioned two plans to the Vestry :—

*Plan A.*—Showing a two-cell Destructor with boilers behind arranged upon the "Beaman & Deas" principle as at work in Warrington and in course of construction at Leyton ; the boilers being arranged so that either or both could be used, but both cells would be in operation at one time although they are charged alternately, so as to insure a uniform temperature in the Combustion Chamber. The gases could also be sent to the chimney without passing through the boilers, and the boilers are provided with auxiliary firing arrangements.

*Plan B.*—Showing a four-cell Destructor with a boiler placed between each pair of cells, arranged upon the "Wood & Brodie" system as at work in Cambridge. Each pair of cells and one boiler can be worked independently of the other, or the gases can be discharged direct into the main flue or the boilers fired with coal independent of the Destructor fires.

The Committee are of opinion that good results can be obtained from either principle, but that Plan B is the better and more suitable for this parish, and they recommend it for your approval.

They have also to report that having been informed that the plant has been delivered for the Destructor now in course of erection at Lewisham, and that it may shortly be expected to be at work, they are still of opinion that owing to the novelty of the arrangements, it is desirable that it should be seen at work. They therefore recommend that further action be suspended until they have had an opportunity of inspecting it at work.

(SIGNED)

{	FRANCIS J. BISLEY, <i>Chairman</i> ,
	R. W. MOSS,
	CHAS. KIMBER,
	R. L. STUART,
	FRANCIS T. TALBOT,
	H. VEZEY.

10th February, 1897.

Your Committee have to report that since they submitted their previous Report, the Destructor upon the "Beaman & Deas" principle, which was then in course of erection at Leyton, has been completed and commenced working the first week in October, 1896. Your Committee inspected this on the 10th December, 1896. They found four cells at work burning two parts of unburned house refuse and one part of sewage sludge ; the waste heat was maintaining steam at 100-lbs. pressure in two 28-h.p. Babcock & Wilcox water tube boilers, which was driving a 20-h.p. engine, working two fans, hoist to lift two tons, and was being fitted to dynamo ; also to supply steam to engines at Sewage Works, driving compressors, lime mixers, pumps, etc. An additional air compressing engine was also being fired.



Having had the advantage of visiting these works, which with Dewsbury are practically the first of the class, other than the experimental ones inspected at Warrington, although the same system has since been adopted in other towns and the buildings are now in course of erection, the Committee were enabled to obtain further information of an independent nature; and the information they received at Leyton quite confirmed what they were told by Mr. Deas, the Patentee, at Warrington, and they are now of opinion that this system is the most suitable for the Parish. They therefore recommend instead of Plan B, that Plan A is the better, and they recommend it for your approval.

They also recommend that no further time should be lost, and ask that the Vestry will appoint an early day for the consideration of this Report and their Report dated the 3rd July, 1896, so that a start may be made as soon as possible.

(SIGNED)	{	FRANCIS J. BISLEY,
		FRANCIS T. TALBOT,
		R. L. STUART,
		H. VEZEY,
		C. KIMBER,
		R. W. MOSS.

2nd March, 1897.

Your Committee report that they visited Lewisham on Saturday last, the 27th ultimo, and saw the Destructor recently erected by Messrs. Willoughby, at work, and are of opinion that it is not suitable for the requirements of this District.

(SIGNED)	{	FRANCIS J. BISLEY,
		CHARLES KIMBER,
		R. L. STUART,
		H. VEZEY,
		ROBERT WALLACE MOSS,
		FRANCIS T. TALBOT.

RESOLVED—Upon the recommendation of the Committee—

I.—That the recommendation of the Destructor Committee that Plan "A" be adopted, contained in their Report of 10th February, 1897, before mentioned, be approved and carried out.

II.—That the best thanks of the Vestry be accorded to the members forming the Destructor Committee for their indefatigable efforts in endeavouring to arrive at a proper conclusion as to the merits of the respective Destructors visited by them, and for their very exhaustive Reports upon the subject.

RESOLVED—(Mr. F. T. Talbot: Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley)—That the Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the plans for the necessary Dust Destructor Buildings, Contract, No. 3.

On 19th January, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be and he is hereby instructed to arrange with the Gas and Water Cos. for the laying on of gas and water to the Wharf and Buildings, and to purchase and erect upon the Wharf a 3-stall Iron Urinal with enamel slabs.

### Foreshore.

On 6th September, 1896, the Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported having inspected the chalk bed of the foreshore at Bull Head Dock, extending about 20-ft. from face line of Dock Wall, which was being gradually swept away by the action of the tide.

RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be and he is hereby authorised to extend the chalk bed an additional distance of 30-ft., and take the necessary steps to obtain the consent of the Thames Conservancy for the purpose.

On 5th November, 1896, the Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had applied for and obtained the permission of the Thames Conservancy to extend the barge bed along the foreshore at the Depot.

### Crane.

On the 21st July, the Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported receipt of seven tenders for the supply of a Crane for the Wharf:—

	£
1. Grafton & Co., Vulcan Works, Bedford ... ..	300
2. Bedford Engineering Co. ... ..	355
3. J. H. Wilson & Co., Liverpool ... ..	375
4. Jessop & Appleby Bros., Ltd., Leicester and London ...	300
5. A. Chaplin & Co., Govan, Glasgow ... ..	395
6. Isles, Limited, Stanningly... ..	375
7. Stothert & Pitt, Ltd., Bath ... ..	355

Which, with the specifications, had been referred to Messrs. Moss and Vezey in conjunction with the Surveyor, and thoroughly considered by them.

RESOLVED (1)—That the tender of Messrs. Grafton & Co., Bedford, at the sum of £300 be accepted.

(2)—That Mr. Moss, in conjunction with the Surveyor, be authorised to visit Bedford during the construction of the Crane and see the same tested.

### **Skips.**

(3)—That the Surveyor be instructed to obtain prices from Messrs. Grafton & Co. for the supply of three  $\frac{1}{2}$ -yard Skips with all necessary fittings and rails, and subject to the same being in the opinion of Messrs. Moss and Vezey satisfactory, an order be given to Messrs. Grafton & Co. for the supply thereof.

On 15th September, the Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported receipt of the undermentioned tenders for the supply of Rails and Skips for the Stean Crane,

	Three $\frac{1}{2}$ -yard Skips.			Rails.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Grafton & Co., Bedford...	20	0	0	30	0	0
Jessop & Appleby Bros., Leicester ...	16	10	0	24	0	0
Stothert & Pitt, Bath ...	18	2	6	15	0	0
Bedford Engineering Co. ...	16	4	0	6	0	0

RESOLVED—That the tender of Messrs. Stothert & Pitt, for the supply of three  $\frac{1}{2}$ -yard turnover Skips at £18 2s. 6d., and 100 feet Rail and the necessary accessories at £15 be accepted.

### **Weighing Machine.**

On 20th October, 1896, the Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported receipt of three tenders for the supply of a Weighing Machine for the new Wharf, as under :—

Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd., 89, Fleet Street, E.C.	£66 net.
Bartlett & Son, Ltd., Bristol ...	£60 ..
W. & T. Avery, Ltd., Cow Cross Street ...	£62 and £68

RESOLVED—That the tender of Messrs. Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd., of 89, Fleet Street, at the sum of £66 net. be accepted.



## ***By-Laws and Regulations.***

### **By-Laws.**

#### **MORTUARY.**

It will be remembered that, as stated in the previous Report, the Vestry framed By-laws for the management of the Mortuary, which were duly forwarded to the Local Government Board for confirmation.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter dated 14th January, 1897, from the Assistant Secretary, Local Government Board, returning the draft By-laws drawn up by the Vestry, and requesting that the Board's alterations and marginal notes might receive consideration.

RESOLVED—That the same be referred to the Special Sanitary Committee deliberating upon the By-laws and Regulations of the Vestry for consideration and report.

On 16th February, 1897, the Committee reported, with reference to the matter, having considered the alterations made in the draft By-laws by the Board.

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—that such alterations be approved, and that the By-laws as amended by the Committee be approved and adopted.

On 16th March, 1897, the Clerk submitted the By-laws as amended.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley : Mr. Mortimer)—That the said By-laws, as amended, be approved and adopted, the Common Seal of the Vestry affixed thereto, and that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Local Government Board for their sanction to such By-laws in due course.

The following is a copy of the By-laws as confirmed by the Local Government Board :—

### **PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1891.**

#### **By-Laws**

Made by the Vestry of the Parish of Botherhithe, in the Administrative County of London, being the Sanitary Authority for the said Parish, with respect to the management of their Mortuary, situate in the Burial Ground, St. Marychurch Street.

## INTERPRETATION OF TERMS.

1. Throughout these By-laws, the expression "the Sanitary Authority," means the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, and in the Administrative County of London.

## AS TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MORTUARY.

2. Every person who has caused the body of one who has died of an infectious disease to be deposited in the Mortuary, shall cause the body to be removed therefrom for the purpose of interment within a period of three days from the date of death.

Provided that if an inquest is to be held on the body, such person shall not cause the body to be removed, except with the authority or on the certificate of the Coroner; but he shall cause the body to be removed within twenty-four hours after the issue of such authority or certificate.

3. Every person who has caused the body of one who has died of a non-infectious disease to be deposited in the Mortuary, shall cause the body to be removed therefrom for the purpose of interment, within a period of five days from the date of death.

Provided that if an inquest is to be held on the body, such person shall not cause the body to be removed, except with the authority or on the certificate of the Coroner; but he shall cause the body to be removed within twenty-four hours after the issue of such authority or certificate.

4. Every person for the time being employed in depositing a body in the Mortuary, or in removing a body therefrom, shall, while so employed, conduct himself in all respects with decency and propriety.

5. Every person who, being a friend or relative of one whose body has been deposited in the Mortuary, has been admitted to view the body, shall, while on the premises, conduct himself in all respects with decency and propriety.

6. Every person who, for the purpose of depositing a body in the Mortuary, uses a shell which has not been provided by the Sanitary Authority, shall, in every case where the body is transferred from the shell before being carried from the premises to the place of burial, cause the shell as soon as conveniently may be after the transfer of the body therefrom, to be removed from the premises.



## PENALTIES.

7. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing By-laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of forty shillings, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of ten shillings for each day after written notice of the offence from the Sanitary Authority.

Provided nevertheless, that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made, or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence, may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty, of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this By-law.

The Common Seal of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, and in the Administrative County of London, affixed hereto at a General Meeting held this Sixteenth day of March, 1897.

By order,  
(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES.


*Clerk to the Vestry.*

Allowed by the Local Government Board, this twenty-first day of May, 1897.

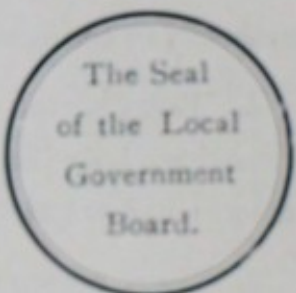
(Signed) HUGH OWEN,  
*Secretary.*

Acting on behalf of the said Board under the Authority  
of their General Order, dated the 26th day of  
May, 1877.

(See also Staff, Sanitary Department.)



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## ***Drainage.***

### **Chilton Street.**

On 16th June, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported having considered a letter from Mr. Goodhew, the owner of 60 and 62, Chilton Street, with reference to the notices served upon him relative to the drainage thereof, stating that as the houses were drained by a combined operation he was only liable for the connections, the Vestry being responsible for the remainder of the work, and that the tenant of No. 62 held the house on a 21 years' lease, and was therefore liable for what was required at those premises, and that there was no record of the drain which drained several other houses and was connected with the Earl sewer.

RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary work to the drain in question, and that Mr. Goodhew be called upon to do the remainder of the work required.

On 7th July, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported that the Surveyor had reported to them that to carry out the instructions of the Vestry to do the necessary work to the main drain at the rear of Nos. 60 and 62, Chilton Street, he had opened the ground to trace the line of drain, and, finding the condition bad, had continued his examination from No. 62 to No. 6 with the following results: from No. 48 to 62 the drain, which was 9 inches in diameter, fell into Croft Street, was very near the surface at top end, nearly full of deposit and was blocked about No. 58. From No. 46 the drain fell to No. 28, the pipes were 9 inches in diameter and very irregular in gradient, the five houses near the top having very little fall: there were 6 inches of silt in the pipes, in some places the spigot ends of the pipes had been placed together and the sockets broken off, and in No. 42 a 4-inch connection had been made by cutting a hole in the main. From No. 6 the drain also fell to No. 28, the pipes were 9 inches in diameter, the condition nearly as bad as those previously described, and in No. 8 the connection from the closet had been formed by cutting a hole in the main, and making good with bricks.

RESOLVED—That a new 9-inch pipe sewer laid on and surrounded with concrete be laid from No. 28, Chilton Street to Croft Street, with necessary junctions and man-hole, and that a flushing man-hole be constructed in Croft Street to efficiently flush the same, the estimated cost being £100; also that a new 9-inch pipe sewer be laid from No. 28 to No. 6 as above, with all necessary junctions, and that a flushing man-hole be placed at the top end of the sewer, the estimated cost of the work being £65.

### **Neston Street and Locality.**

In connection with the resolution of the Vestry instructing the Surveyor to formulate a scheme to properly carry out the drainage of Neston Street and locality, and submit the same for the consideration of the Vestry, it was

RESOLVED on 7th July, 1896—That the first section comprise that part of the locality between Swan Lane and the Gas Works, and that the Surveyor be instructed to submit a scheme dealing with Section 1 for the consideration of the Sanitary Committee, together with the estimated cost of carrying out the work.

RESOLVED—That the drainage of Adam Street and vicinity form part of Section 2, and remain in abeyance until Section 1 has been dealt with, the Surveyor in the meantime to temporarily repair the drain passing under No. 60 so as to obviate the nuisance complained of as to smells arising therefrom.

### **Swan Lane and Ainsty Street.**

It will be remembered that at the close of the last financial year the Vestry were endeavouring to obtain payment from the London County Council of the cost of the reconstruction of the sewer belonging to the latter in Swan Lane, and on the 5th May, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Clerk to the Council stating that the Council would fall in with the wishes of the Vestry, provided all drains connected with the brick sewer were diverted and properly junctioned with the new sewer, that the new sewer was maintained by the Vestry, and that the Council's contribution towards the cost should not exceed the sum of £115 12s. 6d., and asking whether the Vestry agreed to such proposal.

RESOLVED—That the conditions mentioned be agreed to.



On 19th January, 1897, the Sanitary Committee reported with reference to a letter from Mr. W. R. Millar on behalf of the owner of 14 & 16 Swan Lane and 60 & 62 Ainsty Street, relative to the drainage thereto, stating that upon the work being carried out to the drainage of 60 Ainsty Street, it was found to be combined with 18 Swan Lane, and should therefore have been repaired by the Parish; that upon opening up the drains of 14 & 16 Swan Lane, No. 14 was found to be combined with other property and was therefore a sewer, but that the drainage of No. 16 was confined to that house, and asking the Vestry to do the work required to No. 14 as well as No. 16; that the Vestry possessed no records showing the combined drainage referred to, the connections of 18 Swan Lane with 60 Ainsty Street, and other property with 14 Swan Lane having been apparently surreptitiously made.

RESOLVED—Upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the drainage work to Nos. 14 & 16 Swan Lane be carried out at the expense of the Vestry.

With the view of preventing disputes as to the repairs of private drains constructed before the operation of the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, the Vestry on 1st September, 1896,

RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be authorised to obtain the services of a draughtsman or other competent person for the purpose of making notes and sketches of all plans of drainage in the possession of the London County Council relating to the Parish of Rotherhithe, at a salary not exceeding £2 10s. per week for a period of 2 months.

## ***Electric Lighting.***

### **London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited.**

Upon consideration of a notice received from the above Corporation of its intention to lay brick mains in Rotherhithe New Road and Bush Road, in exercise of the powers conferred by the London Electric Supply Corporation Electric Lighting Order, 1889, the General Purposes and Works Committee of the Vestry on 1st May, 1896, having power to act,



RESOLVED—To offer no objection thereto, subject to the undermentioned conditions:—

- (1.) That the trunk main proposed to be laid in Rotherhithe New Road, be laid on the south side.
- (2.) That a length of trench of not more than 100 yards be opened at any one time, and that none of the side streets be stopped for vehicular traffic.
- (3.) That the work be carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Vestry's Surveyor.
- (4.) That the Corporation sign an undertaking to abide by the above conditions.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk give notice to the Corporation that the Vestry will carry out the work of reinstating and making good the paving affected by their own workmen at the cost and expense of the Corporation.

This was approved by the Vestry on 2nd January, 1897.

A letter was received and submitted from the Receiver and Manager of the Corporation, stating that he was quite willing to abide by the conditions laid down by the Vestry, and had given instructions for the work to be carried out in accordance therewith, but that as the Corporation were working under statutory powers he could not create a precedent by signing an agreement.

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

On 7th July, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from Mr. Sydney Morse, 4, Fenchurch Avenue, E.C., enclosing notice of the intention of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, of Moorgate Court, Moorgate Place, in the City of London, to apply on or before the 21st December, 1896, by memorial to the Board of Trade in pursuance of the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, for a Provisional Order to be confirmed in Parliament in the ensuing session, whereby it was proposed to authorise the said Company to supply electrical energy for public or private purposes within the area of the jurisdiction of the local authority as defined by the above Acts, for the district of the Parish of Rotherhithe.

RESOLVED—That no objection be offered thereto.

On 20th October, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter dated 1st October, from Mr. Sydney Morse on behalf of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, asking for the formal consent of the Vestry to the application of the Company for a Provisional Order under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, in respect to the district of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, and submitting a list of compulsory streets as under:—

Union Road  
Albion Street  
Rotherhithe Street (part of).

The Clerk reported that the London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, had powers in respect to the Parish under their Act of 1889, but had not up to the present carried out the compulsory works mentioned therein in the following streets—Lower Road, Union Road, and Rotherhithe Street, and were therefore liable to penalties.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Brownfield : Mr. Bulmer)—That consideration of the application of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, for a formal consent to their proposed works, be referred to the General Purposes and Works Committee.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk write a letter to the London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, calling their attention to the non-commencement of the compulsory works specified in their Order of 1889, and asking their observations thereon.

On 3rd November, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the notice of the intention of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, to make application on or before the 21st day of December, 1896, by memorial to the Board of Trade in pursuance of the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, for a Provisional Order to be confirmed in Parliament in the ensuing session, whereby it was proposed to authorise the said Company to supply electrical energy for public or private purposes within the area of the jurisdiction of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, submitting list of compulsory streets as under:—



Union Road  
 Albion Street  
 Rotherhithe Street (part of)  
 Lower Road (as far as Rotherhithe New Road),

and asking the consent of the Vestry thereto; that a letter had been received from the Receiver and Manager of the London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, in reply to the Vestry's inquiry as to the non-carrying out of the compulsory works mentioned in the Order, stating that the Corporation canvassed the streets mentioned in the Schedule with the result that no application was received for the supply of electrical energy, and there being no demand, the Directors postponed laying mains until such demand should arise; and

RECOMMENDED—That the consent of the Vestry of Rotherhithe be given to the application of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, for a Provisional Order under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, in respect to the district of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, subject to the list of compulsory streets being as under :—

Union Road  
 Albion Street  
 Rotherhithe Street (part of)  
 Lower Road (as far as Rotherhithe New Road).

The Clerk reported receipt of a further letter from the London Electric Supply Corporation, through their Solicitor, dated 30th October, 1896, stating that the Corporation had received notice from the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, of their intention to apply for Parliamentary powers to carry out certain works within this Parish, and objecting to the Vestry giving their consent to such works in view of the Corporation already being in possession of powers to supply the district with electrical energy.

RESOLVED—(Mr. E. J. Talbot : Mr. Bulmer)—That the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report, and that the Solicitor to the London Electric Supply Corporation be asked to attend the Committee meeting; also



RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley : Mr. E. J. Talbot)—That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk to the Guardians of St. Olave's Union, asking for particulars of an application made by the Guardians to the London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, for the laying of a main in the Lower Road to supply the Rotherhithe Infirmary with electricity.

On 17th November, 1896, the Committee reported having had an interview with Mr. R. S. Bain, Receiver and Manager of the London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, who was opposing the application on behalf of the Corporation, and having adjourned the further consideration of the matter so as to interview a representative of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited.

This was approved by the Vestry, and power given to the Committee to act in the matter.

On 1st December, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having further considered the application, and having had an interview with Mr. Lawson, the Engineer to the Company, had

RESOLVED—That the Vestry do not consent to the application.

The Clerk reported having notified the Company of the decision of the Committee, and submitted the following letter from the Secretary :—

THE COUNTY OF LONDON AND BRUSH PROVINCIAL  
ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY, LIMITED,  
MOORGATE COURT, MOORGATE PLACE, LONDON, E.C.  
*November 28th, 1896.*

The Chairman of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe,  
Lower Road, Rotherhithe, S.E.

Sir,

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

We have received official intimation to the effect that your General Purposes Committee has passed a resolution recommending the Vestry not to consent to our application for a Provisional Order under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882-1888, for the district of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Before your Vestry finally come to a decision on this point we trust they will further consider the question on the basis of the proposals contained in this letter, which we venture to think are not unworthy their consideration.

In the first place we would remind you that we hold Provisional Orders for the Parishes of Camberwell, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and the district of St. Olave, and that we are this year applying for Rotherhithe, Bermondsey and Newington, with the object of supplying the whole of these districts from one Generating Station. We would also remark that we have Parliamentary powers for St. Luke and Clerkenwell and Wandsworth, in which districts we have expended nearly £250,000 on buildings, plant and mains.

It is found in practice that in the early years of an Electric Lighting undertaking it is extremely difficult to obtain a sufficient demand for Electricity to cover the working expenses of its generation and supply, particularly in the poorer districts of London. This being the case, a Company supplying several districts, and having one staff therefor, with minimum management expenses and these divided between several undertakings, is naturally the one which can first offer current on a commercial basis at a low price.

In the event of your Vestry agreeing to give their consent to the grant of an Order we would be prepared :—

1. To enter into a Contract with the Vestry for the supply of current for all-night Public Lighting on the basis of 3½d. per Board of Trade unit for a minimum number of arc lamps to be hereafter agreed.
2. To supply Electricity for Private Lighting at a commencing price of 7d. per Board of Trade unit and 5d. per unit for power purposes, undertaking to reduce the price as soon as the demand is sufficient to enable the Company to do so.
3. To give your Vestry the power to purchase the undertaking so far as it is within their district at the expiration of say 14 years at a price to be settled by arbitration.

Should your Vestry agree to these terms it would enable the residents in your district to obtain a supply of current at an early date and give the Vestry the right of purchase at the end of the period above mentioned, so that at the end of such period you could lay down your own Plant and connect the distributing mains to your Station.



In fact this Company would run all the risk of the demand being insufficient to pay expenses and interest on capital expended in your District, and if the result were successful your Vestry would have the full right to take it over so soon as the success of the undertaking was assured.

In conclusion, we desire to point out that the grant of an Order to us would not prevent your obtaining an Order yourselves at any time, should you see fit to apply to the Board of Trade for it, and we beg to assure you that in making application for your district we have every intention of carrying out the work at the earliest possible date and of undertaking the supply within your district. This being the case, we trust you will again refer the matter to your Lighting Committee, and that they may favourably report upon our application.

Yours faithfully,

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

(Signed) H. B. RENWICK,  
*Secretary.*

The Clerk also reported that plans had been deposited at the Vestry Offices, showing the area to which the proposed Provisional Order related.

The Vestry RESOLVED—That the resolution of the Committee\* be approved and no further action be taken.

### ***Employees (Aged and Infirm).***

On 1st December, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered a report of the Surveyor as to the illness, etc., of the Sweepers in the Vestry's employ as under:—

"I have to report that Sweeper Dumbleton returned to work on September 15th, and with the exception of one day has continued to come, but he is, in my opinion, unable to properly perform his duties; also that Edward Atkinson, aged 72, who has been employed since 1879, has been away for the past 14 weeks suffering from chronic bronchitis. Some of the other Sweepers on account of old age and infirmity are physically incapable of performing the duties required of them, and I have to ask you to kindly consider the question with a view to something being done."

And having had submitted to them by the Clerk a list of replies as to the practice obtained in other Parishes of the Metropolis, which summarises as follows:—



Allowances made	-	-	4	
Donation given	-	-	1	exceptional case
Dealt with on merits	-	-	6	
No provision made	-	-	15	
Matter under consideration-			3	
Sick or Provident Fund	-	-	2	

Recommended—That each case of permanent sickness or incapacity to work of the Sweepers and Sewermen in the constant employ of the Vestry be dealt with on its merits.

This was approved by the Vestry.

The Committee further reported that the men proposed to be dealt with were as follows :—

Name.	Age.	Service.	Wages.
James Penney -	68	39 years	30s. per week.
James Gregory -	76	42 ..	30s. ..
Jno. W. J. Dumbleton-	50	11 ..	25s. ..
Edward Atkinson -	72	17 ..	25s. ..
William Ransley -	62	12 ..	25s. ..

And recommended—

- (1) That permanent sick pay of half rate of wages be paid to the undermentioned men during the pleasure of the Vestry :—

James Penney	..	...	15/- per week
James Gregory	...	...	15/- ..
Jno. W. J. Dumbleton	...	...	12/6 ..
Edward Atkinson	...	...	12/6 ..
William Ransley	...	...	12/6 ..

- (2) That the before-mentioned men be required to attend the Committee four times a year : At the first meeting of the Committee in the months of January, April, July and October respectively.

Resolved—(Mr. F. T. Talbot : Mr. Mabbs)—That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

### ***Employment during Winter, Lack of.***

On 17th November, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the General Secretary, Amalgamated Society of House Decorators and Painters, seeking the Vestry's assistance in mitigating the evils of lack of employment of Painters, etc., during the Winter months.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart : Mr. F. T. Talbot)—That the Clerk be instructed to write to the London County Council and London School Board, requesting them to put in hand during the winter months as much painting and decorative work as may be possible, in order to mitigate the evils arising from lack of employment, and to communicate the action taken to the Amalgamated Society of House Decorators and Painters.

### ***Her Majesty's Jubilee.***

On 20th October, 1896, upon the motion of the Rev. Canon Beck, M.A., J.P., Chairman of the Vestry, seconded by Mr. Vezey, it was unanimously—

RESOLVED—That an humble Address be sent from this Vestry to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, congratulating her upon having attained the 60th year of her reign—a reign more prolonged than that of any previous British Sovereign—and their admiration of the manner in which she has always presided over the affairs of the Empire.

RESOLVED—That the form of the Address be left in the hands of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk for settlement, and that they be authorised to sign the same on behalf of the Vestry and that the Common Seal of the Vestry be affixed thereto.

The following is a copy of the Address forwarded for the acceptance of Her Majesty :—

TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

The humble Address of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the Administrative County of London :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

WE, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Administrative County of London, representing the inhabitants of the said Parish, venture humbly to approach your Majesty with the expression of our loyal and hearty congratulations upon the attainment of the Sixtieth year of Your Majesty's reign, a reign more prolonged than that of any previous British Sovereign.

We feel deeply sensible of the wise and beneficent manner in which your Majesty has always presided over the affairs of your Empire, and the general prosperity enjoyed by all classes of your Majesty's subjects since your Majesty's accession to the Throne.

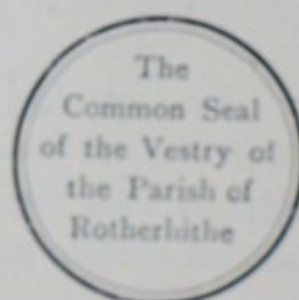
We earnestly pray that your Majesty may long be spared to rule over your loyal subjects, and that Almighty God may still vouchsafe a continuance of those Heavenly blessings which have so long and abundantly been granted to your Majesty.

In token whereof the Common Seal of the Vestry of Rotherhithe was hereto affixed by order this 20th day of October, 1896.

EDWARD JOSSELYN BECK, Chairman.

FRANCIS J. BISLEY, Vice Chairman.

JAMES J. STOKES, Clerk.





## ***Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.***

### **London (Fulford Street and Braddon Street, Rotherhithe) Improvement Scheme, 1896.**

On 5th May, 1896, the report of Mr. Robert Page, of the firm of Messrs. Stock, Page and Stock, who had been appointed to make a valuation and a scale plan of the Buildings and Land comprised in the area, for insertion in the Scheme prepared by the Vestry under Part 2 of the Act, was submitted to the Vestry as under:—

9, Denman Street, London Bridge, S.E.,  
April 29th, 1896.

TO JAMES J. SOTKES, Esq.,

Clerk to the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

DEAR SIR,

In accordance with the instructions of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, as contained in your letter to me of 21st February last, I have surveyed the several houses and premises situate between Rotherhithe Street and Paradise Street, and known as the "Fulford Street and Braddon Street Insanitary Area," as comprised in the Plan and Schedule hereto annexed, and I have made a valuation of the several interests in connection therewith, with a view of reporting to the Vestry the estimated cost of acquiring the site of the property, in furtherance of a scheme to be promoted for dealing therewith under Part 2 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

I have made my valuation in accordance with the instructions as to so doing contained in Section 41 of the Act referred to.

As the Vestry are aware, new dwelling houses are being erected on the sites of Nos. 24 to 32, Braddon Street, which, as they will in all probability be finished and occupied before the present scheme comes into operation, I have valued as if now complete.

I estimate that the cost of acquiring the whole of the property comprised in the Schedule, inclusive of all costs and charges in connection therewith, will amount to the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£27,350).

To this must be added the estimated cost of making up the roads required for the new Building Scheme, of constructing the requisite sewers therein, and of enclosing the site with a proper boarding.

I estimate the amount of "Recompment" which may be anticipated from the subsequent sale of the Freehold by the Vestry, at the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds (£2,800).

I enclose herewith a plan, in duplicate, of the property included in the valuation, and as comprised in the following Schedule. The area to be acquired is tinted pink, and the roads on which the site abuts, and which will have to be widened for the new building scheme, are tinted blue.

#### SCHEDULE.

Fulford Street.—Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23.

Roney Street.—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Braddon Street.—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32.

Rotherhithe Street.—Nos. 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78 and 80.

Seven Step Alley.—No. 1a and premises, late a slaughter-house, now stables and stores, occupied by Mr. White and Mr. McPherson.

Fisher's Court.—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Paradise Street.—Nos. 35 and 35a, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49 and 51.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ROBT. PAGE.

On 16th June, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported having had submitted to them the plans and estimates prepared by the Surveyor of the cost of forming roads and sewers, as under :—

Plan A.—Showing the existing roads bounding the area, viz. : Rotherhithe Street, Fulford Street, Paradise Street, and Seven Step Alley widened to a width of 40 feet, the remaining land being utilised for the erection of Block Dwellings with an open space in the centre, about 156 feet long by 56 feet wide, at a cost, with pitched roads, of £3650 plus £250 for hoarding, or a total of £3900—at a total cost with macadam roads (Rotherhithe Street only being pitched) of £3195—or at a total cost with macadam roads and granite channels of £2970.

Plan B.—Showing the roadways bounding the area above set out widened to a width of 40 feet, with a cross street 40 feet wide running through the centre of the area,



from Fulford Street to Seven Step Alley, the remainder of the land on either side of the cross street to be utilised for the erection of small tenements at a total cost with pitched roads of £4,570, at a total cost with macadam roads—Rotherhithe Street only being pitched—of £3,715, or at a total cost with macadam roads and granite channels of £3,490.

RESOLVED (1)—That the estimate prepared by the Valuer of the net cost of acquiring the site, amounting to £24,550, be approved and adopted.

(2)—That Plan B, showing the existing roads bounding the area widened to a width of 40 feet, with a cross street 40 feet wide through the centre of the area from Fulford Street to Seven Step Alley, the remainder of the land on either side of the cross street being utilised for the erection of small tenements, at a total cost of £4,570, being the estimate for pitched roads, be approved and adopted.

(3)—That the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to insert the above figures, amounting to £29,120, as the total cost of the scheme, and submit the scheme to the London County Council for approval in accordance with the resolution of the Vestry of 15th October, 1895.

A sum of £15,000, being half the net cost of the scheme (the Council having agreed to pay the other half) can be borrowed from the London County Council at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., and the longest term allowable is 53 years. Assuming therefore that the Vestry borrowed the sum of £15,000 for 50 years upon the annuity system, it would represent an annual charge of about £560, equal to a three-farthing rate.

On 17th November, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported having considered the following letter received from the London County Council, returning the draft scheme prepared by the Vestry for dealing with the Fulford Street and Braddon Street insanitary area under Part 2 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act :—



## LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL,

SPRING GARDENS, S.W.

29th July, 1896.

SIR,

Referring to your letter of the 19th ultimo, forwarding, for the approval of the Council, the draft of a scheme for the improvement of the Fulford Street and Braddon Street area, I am directed to return the same to you with certain suggestions marked in red ink thereon. I am at the same time to point out that it appears to the Council that, having regard to the present condition of the houses Nos. 24-27 Braddon Street, the Vestry would not be able to include such houses in the scheme. I am therefore to suggest that some modification of the scheme should be made by which the proposed new street might be made in a direction at right angles to that at present proposed, so that the houses referred to might be omitted. I am also to suggest that a narrow strip of land, say 9 inches wide, should be left between the line of any new street that may be made and any existing frontage to the same, so that the right of frontage may be retained by the Vestry.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) C. J. STEWART,

*Clerk of the Council.*

The Clerk :

Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Also a further letter, stating there was no provision in Part 2 of the Act to empower a local authority to include in a scheme under that part any property which was not dangerous or injurious to health; that it appeared from the Minutes of the Council that this omission in the Act was proposed to be remedied by an amending Act.

RESOLVED—That the London County Council be respectfully requested to re-consider the question of including the houses in question in the scheme, inasmuch as the Vestry desire to have the scheme carried out in its entirety, as in their opinion the exclusion of the same would entirely spoil the scheme.

On 15th December, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported having further considered the draft scheme prepared by the Vestry for dealing with the Fulford Street and Braddon Street Insanitary Area under Part 2 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, returned by the London County Council with certain suggestions marked in red ink thereon, and a letter from the Clerk to the Council as under :—

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL,  
 SPRING GARDENS, S.W.  
 28th November, 1896.

SIR,

Your letter of the 19th instant with respect to the question of including in the Fulford Street and Braddon Street Scheme the houses Nos. 24 to 27 Braddon Street, has been under the consideration of the Housing of the Working Classes Committee. In reply, I am directed to state that, having regard to the opinion expressed by the Vestry that the exclusion of the houses in question would entirely spoil the scheme, the Committee do not propose to raise any further objection to the inclusion of the houses in the scheme. I am, however, to remind you that there is no provision under Part 2 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, for the acquisition of neighbouring lands, and that on that account it is probable that the Inspector appointed by the Local Government Board to hold the inquiry would sustain an objection, if raised before him by parties interested, to the inclusion of the property in the scheme. Under all the circumstances, however, I am to say that the Committee are of opinion that the best course for the Vestry to adopt would be to proceed with the scheme in its original form, and meet any difficulty which may be raised in the course of the inquiry or upon the report of the Inspector, in such manner as may then appear to be advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) C. J. STEWART,

The Clerk :

*Clerk of the Council.*

Vestry of Rotherhithe.

RESOLVED—That the suggestions marked in red ink upon the draft scheme by the Council be approved and adopted, and that a strip of land 9 inches wide be left between the



line of any new street that may be made and any existing frontage to the same, so that the right of frontage may be retained by the Vestry ; but that otherwise the scheme be proceeded with in its original form, and that the Clerk be instructed to return the scheme to the Council for their approval.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter dated 29th January, 1897, from the Clerk, London County Council, returning draft amended scheme prepared by the Vestry in the before-mentioned matter as finally approved by the Council.

RESOLVED—That the Scheme be approved and adopted, the Common Seal of the Vestry affixed thereto, and the Clerk authorised to serve the requisite notices and take the other necessary steps as required by the Acts in connection therewith.

The following is a copy of the Scheme :—

**The Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 and 1894.**

**Scheme.**

*Under Part II. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, (hereinafter called "the said Act") for the Improvement of an Unhealthy Area in Fulford Street, Roney Street, Braddon Street, and Seven Step Alley (hereinafter called "the said area") in the Parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, in the County of London.*

PRELIMINARY.

**Whereas** on the 14th day of February, 1893, an official representation under Section 5 of the said Act was made to the London County Council by Dr. Josephus Shaw, the Medical Officer of Health for the Parish, in relation to the houses comprised in the said area :

**AND WHEREAS** on the 19th day of February, 1895, the London County Council resolved that (*inter alia*) the said area was not of general importance to the County of London, and should be dealt with under Part II. of the said Act, and that this resolution be submitted to the Home Secretary ; that the Vestry of Rotherhithe be informed that if a satisfactory scheme is presented for dealing with the case, the Council is willing to contribute half the net cost under Part II. of the said Act :



VESTRY OF ROTHERHITHE,  
HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACT 1890,  
FULFORD ST<sup>T</sup> AND BRADDON ST<sup>T</sup>, AREA.  
1897.



SCALE 40 FEET TO AN INCH.

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ROBT PAGE (STOCK, PAGE & STOCK) Surveyors  
9, DENMAN ST LONDON BRIDGE. S.E.

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AND WHEREAS, on the 21st day of May, 1895, the Vestry of the said Parish, as the Local Authority, passed a resolution in reference to the said area to the effect of Section 39, Sub-section 1 (b) of the said Act, and thereby directed a Scheme to be prepared for the Improvement of the said area :

AND WHEREAS closing orders have been made from time to time in respect of several of the houses comprised in the said area, and such houses are now unoccupied, and incapable of being made fit for occupation, and in some cases the houses have been pulled down :

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, London, in furtherance of such resolution, and by virtue of the powers conferred upon us by the said Act do make this Scheme for the improvement of the said area.

#### DESCRIPTION OF AREA.

1. THE lands and houses comprised in the said area are delineated by the colour pink in the plan hereto annexed, and the houses are specified in the Schedule hereunder written.

#### ACQUISITION OF LANDS.

2. IT is intended by the Petition of the Vestry to the Local Government Board for an Order sanctioning the Scheme, to ask that such Order do incorporate the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts, so that the said area may be taken compulsorily if it cannot be taken by agreement.

#### REMOVAL OF EXISTING BUILDINGS.

3. SO soon as the Vestry shall have purchased the said area by agreement, or taken it compulsorily, the materials of the buildings thereon shall be sold and removed therefrom.

#### DEALING WITH THE VACANT AREA.

4. THE vacant area shall, after reserving the space required for making the necessary new roads as shown by the lines coloured red on the said plan, with all convenient speed, and either as a whole or in sections, be either sold in fee simple or let on building lease for 99 years, upon such terms and conditions (subject to Clause 5 of this Scheme) as the Vestry and the Council shall approve. If let for building, the area shall afterwards be sold in fee simple, subject to the lease or leases. Any sale or letting may be preceded by an agreement, providing that the erection of houses according to Clause 5 of this Scheme by the Purchaser or Lessee, shall be a condition precedent to such sale or letting.



## ERECTION OF HOUSES FOR THE WORKING CLASSES.

5. EVERY conveyance, building agreement and lease of the said area, or any part thereof made or entered into by the Vestry prior to the completion fit for occupation of houses according to this present Clause, shall provide for the erection or completion by the Purchaser or Lessee within a reasonable and stated time of dwelling-houses suitable for the working classes and capable of accommodating 550 persons at the least. The plans of such dwelling-houses shall be prepared by the Local Authority and agreed upon and approved by the London County Council.

PROVIDED that in the event of a difference arising between the Local Authority and the London County Council with respect to such plans, the same shall be referred to the Local Government Board, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

IF within one year from the time when the said area shall have been cleared, such dwellings as hereinbefore mentioned for persons of the working class have not been erected thereon, the Local Authority shall, unless the Local Government Board shall otherwise order, themselves erect such dwellings.

ALL lands on which any buildings shall be erected or provided in pursuance of the Scheme shall for a period of 25 years from the date of their erection, be appropriated for the purpose of dwellings; and every conveyance, demise, or lease of such lands and buildings shall be endorsed with notice of this provision:

PROVIDED that the Local Government Board may at any time dispense with the requirements of this paragraph, subject to such conditions (if any) as they may see fit.

THE dwelling-houses shall be provided with water-closets, sinks and water supply, dust shoots, and other proper sanitary requirements according to the number and size of the tenements in such dwelling-houses.

## ESTIMATE OF COST, &amp;c.

6. THE following estimate of the cost of acquiring the property and the recoupment to be anticipated therefrom has been made by Mr. Robert Page, of the firm of Messrs. Stock, Page and Stock, of 9 Denman Street, London Bridge.

Cost of ground, with buildings thereon, and of acquiring same	...	£27,350
Less recoupment	... ..	2,800
		<hr/> 24,550
Cost of making new roads and sewers as estimated by Mr. Norman		
Scorgie, the Surveyor to the Vestry	... ..	4,570
Total estimated cost	... ..	<hr/> £29,120

It is anticipated that one-half of this amount will be contributed by the London County Council and the following provisions shall have effect :—

THE Local Authority may, for the purpose of defraying the expenses or any part thereof incurred, or to be incurred, by them, of and incidental to, the Scheme, and of carrying the same into effect, so far as such expenses may be expenses properly chargeable to capital, borrow such sum or sums of money as they may from time to time require, and as regards the borrowing by the Local Authority of any such sum or sums, and the repayment thereof, the provisions of Sections 183 to 191 of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, as applied by Sub-section 2 of Section 46 of the said Act, shall apply as if the said purpose were one of the purposes for which money may be borrowed under that Sub-section.

THE Council may, for the purpose of paying or contributing any sum which they may agree to pay or contribute, or which they be ordered by a Secretary of State, pursuant to Sub-section 7 of Section 46 of the said Act, to pay or contribute towards the expenses of the Local Authority of carrying the scheme into effect, borrow, under and subject to the provisions of the Acts for the time being regulating the raising of money by the Council for capital purposes, such sum or sums of money as they may from time to time require.

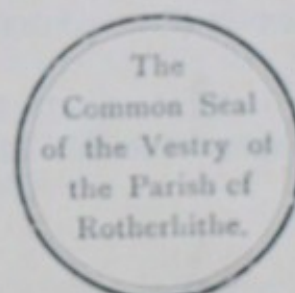
#### SHORT TITLE.

THIS Scheme may be cited for all purposes as The London (Fulford Street and Braddon Street, Rotherhithe) Improvement Scheme, 1896.

Dated this Second day of February, 1897.

The Common Seal of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Administrative County of London, affixed by order.

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,  
Clerk.



#### THE SCHEDULE above referred to :—

Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23, Fulford Street.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Roney Street.

Nos. 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 76, 78 and 80, Rotherhithe Street.

Vacant land formerly the sites of houses numbered :—66, 68, 70, 72 and 74, Rotherhithe Street.

Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Braddon Street (West side).



Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Braddon Street (East side).

Nos. 35, 35A, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49 and 51, Paradise Street.

Stables and slaughterhouses, and No. 1A, Seven Step Alley.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Fisher's Court, Seven Step Alley.

NOTE.—The houses numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Braddon Street (West side), have been pulled down, and four houses built on the site thereof, numbered respectively 24, 25, 26 and 27.

The houses numbered 6, 7, 8 and 14, Braddon Street (East side) and 41, Paradise Street, have been pulled down.

On 16th March, 1897, the Clerk submitted the Petition to the Local Government Board, praying them to sanction the Scheme prepared by him.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley : Mr. F. T. Talbot)—That the Petition be approved, and the Common Seal of the Vestry affixed thereto.

The following is a copy of the Petition :—

## PART II.

### THE HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACTS, 1890 AND 1894.

LONDON (FULFORD STREET AND BRADDON STREET, ROTHERHITHE) IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, 1896.

To the Local Government Board and to the Right Honourable Henry Chaplin, M.P., the President of the said Board.

*The Humble Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the Administrative County of London.*

SHEWETH :—

- (1) That on the 14th day of February, 1893, an official representation under Section 5 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, was made to the London County Council by Dr. Josephus Shaw, the Medical Officer of Health for the parish, in relation to the buildings comprised in a certain area, and known as the Fulford Street and Braddon Street area (comprising houses in Fulford Street, Roney Street, Rotherhithe Street, Braddon Street, Paradise Street and Seven Step Alley) in the Parish of Rotherhithe.



(2) That on the 19th day of February, 1895, the London County Council resolved that, *inter alia*, the said area was not of general importance to the County of London and should be dealt with under Part II. of the before-mentioned Act, and agreed, upon a satisfactory scheme being presented for dealing with the said area, to contribute half the net cost thereof.

(3) That it appeared to your Petitioners that the closeness, narrowness and bad condition of the buildings within the said area, comprising:—

Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23, Fulford Street;

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Roney Street;

Nos. 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 76, 78 and 80, Rotherhithe Street;

Vacant land formerly the sites of houses numbered:—66, 68, 70, 72 and 74, Rotherhithe Street;

Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Braddon Street (west side);

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Braddon Street (east side);

Nos. 35, 35A, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49 and 51, Paradise Street;

Stables and slaughterhouses, and No. 1A, Seven Step Alley;

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Fisher's Court, Seven Step Alley;

known as the Fulford Street and Braddon Street area, and the want of light, air, ventilation and proper conveniences, and the bad construction and generally bad and worn-out condition of the houses and of the drains belonging thereto were dangerous or prejudicial to the health of the inhabitants of the said buildings, and that the demolition, reconstruction and re-arrangement of the said buildings was necessary to remedy the said evils, and that the said area comprising the said houses and buildings, and the yards, out-houses and appurtenances thereof, and the site thereof, was too small to be dealt with as an unhealthy area under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

(4) That your Petitioners did, on the 21st day of May, 1895, by their resolution, reciting the circumstances as above stated, direct a Scheme to be prepared under Part II. of the said Act for the improvement of the said area.

(5) That your Petitioners in furtherance of such resolution and in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the said before-mentioned Act did make the accompanying Scheme, comprising the lands within the said area delineated and coloured pink on the map to the said Scheme annexed.

- (6) That your Petitioners have complied with the provisions of the before-mentioned Act with respect to the service of notices upon the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees and Occupiers of the area comprised in the Scheme, so far as those persons could reasonably be ascertained.
- (7) That your Petitioners are prepared, in the event of the same being required, to adduce evidence in support of this, their Petition.

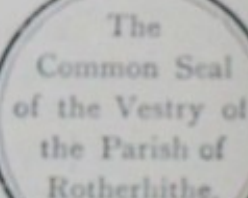
Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray :

That an order may be made sanctioning the said Scheme, and authorising the same to be carried into execution in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

The Common Seal of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe,  
in the Administrative County of London, affixed by  
Order this 16th day of March, 1897.

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,  
*Clerk to the Vestry.*



The  
Common Seal  
of the Vestry of  
the Parish of  
Rotherhithe.

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



## ***Lighting.***

### **Corbett's Lane.**

On 2nd July, 1896, the Vestry **RESOLVED**—That the Surveyor be instructed to fix a lamp column half-way between the two existing lamps.

### **Cornick Street.**

On 17th November, 1896, the Vestry **RESOLVED**—That a new lamp be placed opposite No. 4, the present lamp opposite No. 27 shifted midway between the new lamp and the existing one at the Gataker Street end of Cornick Street, and that the present lamp at the Slipper's Place entrance to the street be removed to the opposite side and in front of No. 1a Slipper's Place.

### **Incandescent.**

On 16th June, 1896, the Surveyor reported receipt of an intimation from the Engineer to the South Metropolitan Gas Company, that the experiments with Incandescent lighting upon the Union Road had not been very successful; that new burners, fitted with spring attachments, had been tried, which, though found to work well in country districts, were not satisfactory in paved roads with heavy traffic. The Engineer's reason for discontinuing the experiments was on account of great pressure of work in that department, and he was unable to spare men to give the attention the special burners required.

The Surveyor also reported that as soon as he could get a complete return from the Gas Company, he intended to present a comparative statement showing the cost as against ordinary lighting determined by the experiments, and that as there were other patterns of burners and mantles, and the recent decisions having simplified matters, it was for the Vestry to decide if they would try the others before giving up the idea of Incandescent lighting altogether.

**RESOLVED**—That the Surveyor be instructed to submit a report to the next meeting of the Vestry, showing the cost of lighting by means of the Incandescent as compared with the ordinary gas burners, and that he arrange with the Gas Company for the continuation of the experiments in Union Road in the meantime.



On 7th July, 1896, the Surveyor reported as follows in reference to the lamps upon the Union Road fitted with the Incandescent burners :—

6 lamps from 14th November to 31st December, 1895—47 nights or 744 hours.

5 „ „ 1st January „ 17th June, 1896 169 „ 1468 „

The Gas Company were compelled to remove the burner from lamp No. 22, upon the 1st January, 1896, owing to the continual jarring and vibration caused by the heavy traffic at that point, which the mantles would not stand. The figures given below, therefore, only refer to the five lamps, from 14th November, 1895, to 17th June, 1896, a period extending over 216 nights, or 2212 lighting hours per lamp.

Consumption per hour, ordinary street burners — — — 5 cubic feet.

Ditto Incandescent burners, with pilot lights, say — 4.25 do.

Saving in gas,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cubic feet per hour per lamp, or 15 per cent., or 8295 cubic feet for the five lamps during the above-mentioned period.

Average number of mantles used per lamp — 15.

Average life of mantles — 14.4 nights, or 147½ lighting hours.

	s.	d.
Cost per lamp, of mantles, forks and chimneys —	16	1½

Saving in gas per lamp at 2s. 3d. per 1000 feet —	3	8½
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Net loss per lamp —	12	5
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Net loss per lamp per annum — 22s. 10d.

The present net cost of the burner, not included in the above figures, is 9s. 1d., to which must be added cost of fixing.

Increased illumination taken from experiments made by the Gas Company — 70 per cent.

Present increased cost over ordinary burners for maintenance — — 36 per cent.

The Company desire to discontinue the experiments until the autumn owing to extreme pressure of business, and as the present time is not favourable to obtain correct results, the present dry weather tending to prolong the life of the mantles. In an interview I have had with Mr. Talbot, of the Gas Company, he stated that the Engineer hopes by the autumn to have perfected an arrangement that will overcome a great many of the present difficulties.

Resolved—That the Surveyor be instructed to continue the experiments in the Union Road for the present.

On 19th January, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following report of the Surveyor :—

Seeing the Engineer to the South Metropolitan Gas Company, I again mentioned the question of Incandescent lighting for the public lamps, and I have received a letter that the Company will be prepared to undertake the lighting, repairs, cleaning and all responsibility in connection with them the same as the ordinary lamps for an additional sum of 12s. per lamp per annum. It is also pointed out that as the present patent only lasts three years longer, it is probable that after that period this amount will be considerably reduced. Along the Union and Lower Roads there are 46 ordinary lamps from the Mill Pond to the Deptford Boundary, and to light these would cost £27 12s. 0d. per annum extra. There are also six three-light large lamps which at present cost £64 2s. 4d. per annum for gas, cleaning, etc. If these were altered to 2-light Incandescent burners, I estimate they would only cost, £45 9s. 0d., or a saving of £18 13s. 4d., which, if deducted from the increased cost of lighting the ordinary lamps with Incandescent burners, leaves the net increased cost at £8 18s. 8d. per annum for the next three years.

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the present lighting arrangements of the parish be not interfered with until a more perfect system of Incandescent lighting is in use.

#### **Lower Road, Neptune Street, and Moodkee Street.**

On 2nd February, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported with reference to the lighting arrangements for outside the Lower Road and Moodkee Street entrances to the Town Hall, having had two tenders and sketches submitted for their consideration :—

Sketch A.—Messrs. Macfarlane & Co., Glasgow, Lamp Columns at £12 12s. 6d. each.

„ B.—Messrs. McDowall, Steven & Co., 4 Upper Thames Street, Lamp Columns at £9 17s. 6d. each.

Recommended—(1) That the tender and sketch B of Messrs. McDowall, Steven & Co., at the sum of £9 17s. 6d. per column be approved and accepted, subject to the letters "R.V." being placed upon the columns as a monogram, free of any extra charge.

(2.) That seven lamp columns be ordered, viz. : two for each entrance and three for the Neptune Street side of the buildings.



The Surveyor reported having communicated with Messrs. McDowall, Steven and Co. in the terms of the Committee's report, and he was in receipt of a reply to the effect that for placing the monogram "R V" upon the columns and affixing the required footings thereto they would have to charge an extra 15s. per col.

**RESOLVED**—(Mr. Stuart : Mr. Mortimer)—That the recommendation of the Committee be approved, and that the tender of Messrs. McDowall, Steven and Co. as amended be accepted.

On 16th February, 1897, the Vestry **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the General Purposes and Works Committee—That the before-mentioned lamps have four burners in the form of a triangle, with centre burner arranged so that the three outer burners can be lighted from sunset until a time to be hereafter decided upon, and that the centre or by-pass burner can be lighted for the remainder of the night.

#### **Luxford Street.**

On 2nd July, 1896, the Vestry **RESOLVED**—That the Surveyor be instructed to remove the existing lamp in Luxford Street to opposite No. 11 on the east side and to fix another lamp column on the west side at the Rotherhithe New Road end of the street.

#### **Testing Station.**

Nothing having been done by the Gas Referees in connection with the provision of a Gas Testing Station near the works of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, as suggested by the Vestry :

It was **RESOLVED** on 6th October, 1896, upon the motion of Mr. F. T. Talbot, seconded by Mr. Board—That the Clerk again write to the London County Council, asking whether they propose doing anything further in the matter ; and on 20th October, 1896, the Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Clerk to the London County Council, stating that a copy of his letter in reference to the provision of a Gas Testing Station in closer proximity than those at present existing to the Rotherhithe Works of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, had been forwarded to the Gas Referees.

On 17th November, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Clerk to the London County Council, enclosing copy letter received by the Council from the Metropolitan Gas Referees. Copy letter referred to :—



Value of land thrown into public way (which forms part of the land purchased by the Vestry and for which a loan of £5,000 was taken up)	...	...	...	£160	0	0
Rebuilding front of existing offices, etc.	...	...	...	170	0	0
Paving, etc.	...	...	...	270	0	0
				<u>£600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

That the London County Council were willing to contribute a third of the cost after deducting the sum of £170 for rebuilding front of office, etc., which they considered did not properly belong to the street improvement. This being done, the estimated cost of the improvement was £430, and after deducting the value of the land (£160) and the contribution to be received from the Council (£143) the total actual cost to the Vestry was £127, which sum had already been paid out of current account.

RESOLVED—That no loan be applied for in respect to the street improvement, and that the proposed loan of £14,090 be decreased by the sum of £600 less £170 deducted by the Council as not properly belonging to the street improvement, leaving the amount of the proposed loan at £13,660.

On 1st December, 1896, the Clerk reported that it was necessary that the Vestry should take up a further instalment of the proposed loan of £13,660 from the London County Council in respect to the works being carried out at the Wharf and premises at Bull Head Dock.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley : Mr. E. J. Talbot)—That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorised to make application to the London County Council for the advance of a second instalment amounting to £5,000 in respect to the Bull Head Dock Works.

On 15th December, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported that, as instructed, the Clerk had made application to the London County Council for the sanction and loan of the second instalment, amounting to £5,000, of the proposed loan of £13,760 for the adaptation of Bull Head Dock as a wharf, etc., for a period of thirty years upon the annuity system of repayment at three per cent. interest, being the terms upon which the first instalment of £5,000 had been advanced by the Council, and had ascertained that the terms upon which they would sanction the loan of £13,760 were as under :—

£7,760 repayable within a period of 30 years

1,930	..	..	..	20	..
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2,150	..	..	..	15	..
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1,350	..	..	..	10	..
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570	..	..	..	20 and 10 years respectively :	
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with the sanction of the Local Government Board :



and if borrowed upon the annuity system six more annuity tables and deeds would be required, involving considerable expense. They had therefore instructed the Clerk to amend the application by substituting the sum of £2,760, the balance of the amount of £7,760 repayable within a period of 30 years, for the sum of £5,000, and to inform the Council that the Vestry propose to take up the remainder of the loan when required upon the instalment system.

This was approved by the Vestry.

A loan of £2,760 was subsequently taken up by the Vestry.

### **Town Hall.**

On 21st July, 1896, the Town Hall Committee reported that, as authorised by the Vestry, the Clerk had made application to the London County Council for the sanction and loan of the second instalment of the £20,000, the estimated cost of the erection, etc., of the Town Hall Buildings, and that from information obtained it appeared that the furniture for the large hall could not be made the subject of a loan, and that unless the Vestry could bring up the cost of erection to £20,000 exclusive of the furniture for the large hall, the second instalment could not be advanced at £2 17s. 6d., the rate of interest at which the Council were advancing loans of £10,000 and upwards: that the Council before considering the question of a loan for furnishing the Vestry Hall, Offices, etc., would require a detailed statement of the items of furniture required; that the Clerk wrote to the Council urging them to take into consideration the fact that the Vestry were paying  $3\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. for the first instalment amounting to £10,000, already taken up, and make an exception in the Vestry's favour by advancing the remainder of the loan at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., but that from a letter addressed to the Chairman by Mr. Morton, L.C.C., it appeared that the Finance Committee of the Council had decided that the rate of interest should be 3 per cent. in view of the loan not reaching the amount of £10,000.

The Committee further reported that the buildings were expected to be completed in three months' time, and should the application be delayed so as to include the amount required for furnishing, the loan could not be completed until after the Council's recess, and they had therefore



Instructed the Clerk to make an amended application for an advance of £7,000 made up as under :—

Amount of Contract ... ..	£15,000
Architect's Commission, etc. ... ..	1,250
Extended line of frontage and contingencies	750
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	17,000
Already advanced ... ..	10,000
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	£7,000
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Letters were subsequently received from the Assistant Solicitor to the London County Council, relative to the amended application of the Vestry for a loan of £7,000 in respect to Town Hall, stating that the Finance Committee were sending up a recommendation to the Council for the advance of a further sum of £6,750 repayable as to £5,550 within 30 years, and as to £1,200 within 15 years at 3 per cent., and that if the Vestry wished the loan advanced before October, there was no time to consider and report as to the suggested addition of £250 : that the £1,200 repayable within 15 years represents expenditure on the Clock, Ventilator, Heating and Hot Water apparatus and the item of £500 for contingencies, and asking whether the Vestry were prepared to take up the loan upon these terms.

The Clerk was instructed to at once write in reply, agreeing on behalf of the Vestry to the terms proposed.

A loan of £6,750 was subsequently taken up by the Vestry.

On 16th March, 1897, the Vestry resolved, upon the recommendation of the Town Hall Committee, that the Clerk be instructed when applying for the balance of the loan required for the extras on the contract for the Buildings, the amount of which is not yet ascertainable, to include in such application a sum of £1,000 for the furniture.

## ***Local Government Act, 1894.***

### **Transfer of Powers, etc.**

#### **OVERSEERS.**

It will be remembered that an application was made by the Vestry to the Local Government Board for transfer of powers under Sections 33 and 34 of the above Act, and on the 25th March, 1896, the Order of the Local Government Board dated 23rd March, 1896, transferring from the Justices to the Vestry the power of appointing Overseers of the Poor for the Parish was received, and at the Meeting of the Vestry held on the 7th April, 1897, the Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year were appointed by the Vestry in accordance therewith.

The names of the gentlemen so appointed are as under:—

ALDRIDGE, HENRY.

HIGGS, JAMES COLLETT.

KIMBER, CHARLES.

ROONEY, FREDERICK JAMES.

TALBOT, FRANCIS THOMAS.

VEZEY, HENRY.

The following is a Copy of the Order:—

(23rd March, 1896.)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1894 : Section 33.

Power to appoint Overseers.

SAINT OLAVE'S UNION.

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE.

TO THE VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, in the Administrative County of London :—

To the Justices of the Peace for the Administrative County of London :—

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Saint Olave's Union :—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by sub-sections (1), (3), and (6) of Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1894 (hereinafter called "the Act"), it is enacted that—



" (1.) The Local Government Board may, on the application of the council of any  
 " municipal borough, including a county borough, or of any other urban  
 " district, make an order conferring on that council or some other  
 " representative body within the borough or district all or any of the  
 " following matters, namely, the appointment of overseers and assistant  
 " overseers, the revocation of appointment of assistant overseers, any powers,  
 " duties, or liabilities of overseers, and any powers, duties, or liabilities of a  
 " parish council, and applying with the necessary modifications the provisions  
 " of this Act with reference thereto."

" (3.) Any order under this section may provide for its operation extending either to  
 " the whole or to specified parts of the area of the borough or urban district  
 " and may make such provisions as seem necessary for carrying the order  
 " into effect."

" (6.) The provisions of this section respecting councils of urban districts shall apply  
 " to the administrative county of London in like manner as if the district of  
 " each sanitary authority in that county were an urban district, and the  
 " sanitary authority were the council of that district."

And whereas We, the Local Government Board, have received an application from the Vestry of the said Parish of Rotherhithe, being a Sanitary Authority within the Administrative County of London, for the issue of an Order conferring on the said Vestry the appointment of Overseers :

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, We Order as follows :—

ARTICLE I.—We hereby transfer to the Vestry of the said Parish of Rotherhithe the power and duty of appointing Overseers for that Parish.

ARTICLE II.—Section 5 of the Act shall, except so far as relates to the power of appointing and revoking the appointment of an Assistant Overseer, apply to the said Parish, subject to the following modifications : namely,—

(1.) References to such Parish and to the Vestry shall be deemed to be substituted in the said Section for references to a Rural Parish and to a Parish Council respectively.



- (2.) Until We otherwise direct, paragraph (c) of sub-section (2) of the said Section shall not apply to such parish, but the legal interest in all property referred to in the said paragraph which is vested in the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish shall vest in the Overseers only, subject to all trusts and liabilities affecting the same.
- (3.) The Overseers shall, after the present year, be annually appointed at a meeting of the Vestry held in the month of March, and they shall come into office on the First day of April following. In the present year the Overseers shall be appointed at the first meeting of the Vestry held after the Twenty-fifth day of March, and they shall come into office on the next day but one after their appointment.
- (4.) The written notice of the appointment of Overseers for such Parish required to be given by the Vestry to the Board of Guardians of the Saint Olave's Union shall be given in duplicate, and it shall be the duty of the Clerk to the Guardians of such Union forthwith to state on one of the duplicates the date of its receipt, and return it to the Vestry.

ARTICLE III.—The Overseers for the said Parish shall be appointed under the seal of the said Vestry in the Form A. in the Schedule to this Order, or, in the case of an appointment to fill a casual vacancy, in the Form B. in the said Schedule, or, in either case, in a Form to the like effect.

ARTICLE IV.—The said Vestry shall notify the annual appointment of Overseers for the said Parish to the Board of Guardians of the said Union in the Form C. in the Schedule to this Order, or in a Form to the like effect.

ARTICLE V.—Whenever the said Vestry shall appoint an Overseer for the said Parish in consequence of a casual vacancy having occurred in the office, they shall notify the appointment to the Board of Guardians of the said Union in the Form D. in the Schedule to this Order, or in a Form to the like effect.

ARTICLE VI.—Section 50 of the Act shall be modified so far as relates to the time within which notice of the annual appointment of the Overseers shall, after the present year, be given to the Guardians of the said Union by the substitution in the said Section of the First day of April for the Fifteenth day of April; subject to such modification, the Section shall apply as if such Parish were an Urban Parish.

## SCHEDULE.

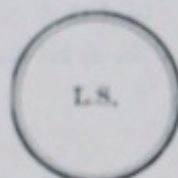
## FORM A.

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,  
in the County of London.

## APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS.

The Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe do hereby appoint *A.B.*, of  
, and *C.D.*, of , to be the Overseers of the Poor  
of the said Parish for the ensuing year.

Given under the Common Seal of the said Vestry at a Meeting held  
this                      day of                      , 189 .



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Clerk to the Vestry.

## FORM B.

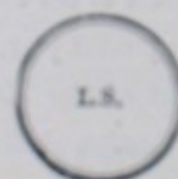
PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,  
in the County of London.

## APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEER TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY.

Whereas a vacancy in the office of Overseer of the Poor of the above-named Parish has  
occurred by reason of the\*                      of *A.B.*, of

Now therefore, we, the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, do hereby appoint *C.D.*, of  
, to be an Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish for the  
remainder of the term of office of the said *A.B.*

Given under the Common Seal of the said Vestry at a Meeting held  
this                      day of                      , 189 .



\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Vestry.

\* State here "death" or other cause of the vacancy.

## FORM C.

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,  
in the County of London.

To the Board of Guardians of the Saint Olave's Union.

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS.

Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_, A.B., of \_\_\_\_\_ and C.D., of \_\_\_\_\_, were duly appointed to the office of Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the ensuing year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Vestry.

## FORM D.

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,  
in the County of London.

To the Board of Guardians of the Saint Olave's Union.

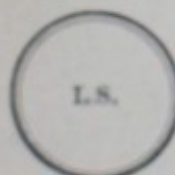
## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEER TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY.

Whereas a vacancy in the office of Overseer of the Poor of the above-named Parish has occurred by reason of the\* \_\_\_\_\_ of A.B., of \_\_\_\_\_, Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_, C.D., of \_\_\_\_\_, was duly appointed to the office of Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish for the remainder of the term of office of the said A.B.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Vestry.

\* State here "death" or other cause of the vacancy.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this  
Twenty-third day of March, in the year One thousand eight  
hundred and ninety-six.



(Signed) HENRY CHAPLIN,  
*President.*

S. B. PROVIS,  
*Assistant Secretary.*



On 16th March, 1897, the Vestry in accordance with the power conferred upon them by the Local Government Board, under the provisions of the Act, RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley: Mr. Brownfield)—That Messrs. Henry Aldridge, James Collett Higgs, Charles Kimber, Frederick James Rooney, Francis Thomas Talbot and Henry Vezey, the retiring Overseers, be and they are hereby re-appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Rotherhithe for the ensuing 12 months, in pursuance of the Order of the Local Government Board, dated 23rd March, 1896, and that the Common Seal of the Vestry be affixed to such appointment.

On 21st July, 1896, the Vestry had submitted to them a letter from the Secretary, Local Government Board, transmitting copies of an Order issued by the Board, transferring to the Vestry the power to appoint and revoke the appointment of any Assistant Overseer for the Parish, and requesting that one copy of such Order might be forwarded to the Clerk to the Justices. The following is a copy of the Order:—

(16th July, 1896.)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1894: Section 33.

Power to appoint and to revoke appointment  
of Assistant Overseers.

SAINT OLAVE'S UNION.

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE.

TO THE VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, in the Administrative County  
of London;—

To the Justices of the Peace for the County of London;—

To the Guardians of the Poor of the St. Olave's Union;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by sub-sections (1), (3), and (6) of Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1894 (hereinafter called "the Act"), it is enacted that—

"(1.) The Local Government Board may, on the application of the Council of any  
"municipal borough, including a county borough, or of any other urban district,

“ make an order conferring on that council or some other representative body  
 “ within the borough or district all or any of the following matters, namely, the  
 “ appointment of overseers and assistant overseers, the revocation of appointment  
 “ of assistant overseers, any powers, duties, or liabilities of overseers, and any  
 “ powers, duties, or liabilities of a parish council, and applying with the necessary  
 “ modifications the provisions of this Act with reference thereto.”

“(3.) Any order under this section may provide for its operation extending either to the  
 “ whole or to specified parts of the area of the borough or urban district, and may  
 “ make such provisions as seem necessary for carrying the Order into effect.”

“(6.) The provisions of this section representing councils of urban districts shall apply  
 “ to the administrative county of London in like manner as if the district of each  
 “ sanitary authority in that county were an urban district, and the sanitary  
 “ authority were the council of that district.”

And whereas We, the Local Government Board, have received an application from the Vestry of the said Parish of Rotherhithe, being a Sanitary Authority in the Administrative County of London, for the issue of an Order conferring on the said Vestry the appointment and revocation of appointment of Assistant Overseers :

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, We Order as follows :—

ARTICLE I.—We hereby transfer to the Vestry of the said Parish of Rotherhithe the power of appointing and revoking the appointment of any Assistant Overseer for the said Parish.

ARTICLE II.—Sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the Act shall, so far as relates to the power of appointing and revoking the appointment of an Assistant Overseer, apply to the said Parish, subject to the following modifications ; namely,—

References to the Parish and to the Vestry shall be deemed to be substituted in the said sub-section for references to a Rural Parish and to a Parish Council respectively.

ARTICLE III.—The appointment of every Assistant Overseer appointed in pursuance of this Order shall be made under the seal of the said Vestry in the Form A. in the Schedule to this Order, or in a Form to the like effect.

ARTICLE IV.—The revocation of appointment of any Assistant Overseer appointed in pursuance of this Order shall be made under the seal of the said Vestry in the Form B, in the said Schedule, or in a Form to the like effect.

ARTICLE V.—The said Vestry shall notify any appointment or revocation of appointment of any Assistant Overseer made in pursuance of this Order to the Board of Guardians of the Saint Olave's Union.



## SCHEDULE.

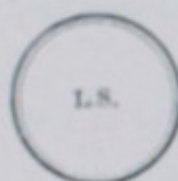
## FORM A.

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,  
in the County of London.

## APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT OVERSEER.

The Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe do hereby appoint *A.B.*, of  
an Assistant Overseer of the above-named Parish, and determine and specify the duties to be  
by him executed and performed to be as follows ; that is to say,—

Given under the Common Seal of the said Vestry at a Meeting held  
this                      day of                      , 189 .



\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Vestry.

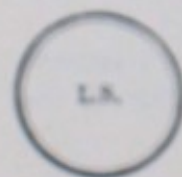
## FORM B.

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,  
in the County of London.

## REVOCATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT OVERSEER.

The Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe do hereby revoke the appointment of *A.B.*,  
of                      , as an Assistant Overseer of the above-named  
Parish.

Given under the Common Seal of the said Vestry at a Meeting held  
this                      day of                      , 189 .



\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Vestry.



Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this  
Sixteenth day of July, in the year One thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-six.

(Signed) HENRY CHAPLIN,  
*President.*

S. B. PROVIS,  
*Assistant Secretary.*

No Assistant Overseer is, however, appointed for the Parish, and the Order does not  
relate to the appointment of a Poor Rate Collector.

#### PAROCHIAL CHARITIES, PUBLIC BATHS AND WASH-HOUSES, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ETC.

On 2nd June, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having  
considered as to what powers, etc., transferred by the Local Government Act, 1894, to  
Parish Councils, should be applied for by the Vestry.

The following resolutions were then passed upon the Committee's recommendations :—

- (1.) That the Vestry being satisfied with the existing management of the Parochial  
Charities, see no adequate reason for depriving the Trustees of the powers  
and duties vested in them, and therefore do not desire to take over such  
powers and duties.
- (2.) That the Vestry being satisfied with the management of the Commissioners for  
Public Baths and Wash-houses, and for Public Libraries, see no reason to  
alter existing control.
- (3.) That the Vestry do not consider it advisable to take any action with reference  
to any further powers transferable by the Local Government Act, 1894.

On 1st December, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Assistant Secretary, Local Government Board, in reference to the application of the Vestry for an Order, under Section 33 of the Act, conferring upon them certain powers, and stating that as the Board had not received any statement of powers desired by the Vestry beyond the appointment of Overseers and Assistant Overseers, they presumed that the Vestry did not wish to proceed with such application, and they therefore did not propose to take any further action in the matter.

The letter was received.

### **Vestrymen and Auditors, Election of.**

On the 24th March, 1896, the Vestry appointed Wednesday, the 13th day of May, 1896, as the day for taking the poll (if any) for the annual election of Vestrymen and Auditors, but subsequently an Order was received from the Local Government Board in respect to the election of Vestrymen and Auditors in London in the year 1896, providing for the taking of the poll on Monday the 18th May, or not earlier than Saturday the 16th May, nor later than Wednesday the 20th May, 1897, the date to be fixed by the London County Council.

Section 7 of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, provides for the annual election to take place in the month of May, as the Vestry appoint, and therefore it was doubtful whether the Local Government Board had the power to appoint the day of Election, but in view of time being short the Vestry resolved not to question the action taken by the Board in regard to the present election.

The election took place on Saturday the 16th May, 1896, with the following result:—



## AS VESTRYMEN.

Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded.	Names of Candidates Elected.
Surnames.	Other Names.			
BROWN ...	Joseph ...	151, Rotherhithe New Road	586	BULMER, John Henry
BULMER...	John Henry...	8, Erlanger Road, New Cross	659	
BURKE ...	Michael ...	20, Clark's Orchard ..	526	
COBON ..	Charles William	86, Union Road ... ..	654	COBON, Charles William
EDWARDS ...	Joseph ...	80, Lower Road ... ..	462	HALL, Josiah Field
FOSTER ...	Francis ...	13, Renforth Street...	593	
HALL ...	Josiah Field...	93, Union Road ... ..	725	
HICKMAN ...	Benjamin ...	170, Rotherhithe New Road	153	HIGGS, James Collett
HIGGS ...	James Collett	28, Plough Road ... ..	726	
JARROLD ...	George Edward	45, Maynard Road ... ..	398	
JEYNES ...	Thomas ...	43, Hawkstone Road ...	383	KIMBER, Charles
KIMBER ...	Charles ...	83, Albion Street ... ..	659	
KINGSTON ...	Richard ...	26, Clerkenwell Close ...	252	
LUCAS ...	George Edwin	" St. Helena Tavern,"	89	MORTIMER, John Chew
MORTIMER ...	John Chew ...	St. Helena Road }	700	
MOSS ...	Robert Wallace	102, Lower Road ..	680	
MULLENGER ...	John James...	34, Plough Road ... ..	708	MOSS, Robert Wallace
OAKLEY ...	William Robert	72, Albion Street ... ..	485	MULLENGER, John James
PARSONS ...	William Trease	17, Union Road ... ..	548	SPARKES, Edward Alston
PASCOE ...	Charles ...	95a, Lower Road ... ..	507	
SPARKES ...	Edward Alston	185, Lower Road ... ..	681	
STREETON ...	Walter George	Surrey Dock Tavern, 163, }	670	STREETON, Walter George
WELCH ...	James Oliver	Rotherhithe Street }	501	
YOUNG ...	Hugh ...	29, Silwood Street ... ..	617	



## AS AUDITORS.

Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded.	Names of Candidates Elected.
Surnames.	Other Names.			
BELLCHAMBERS	William Charles	297, Rotherhithe New Road	153	
BRISTOW ...	James Thomas	2, Aspinden Road ...	400	BRISTOW, James Thomas
CARR ...	William Joshua	158, Lower Road ...	250	
GUERIN ...	Dennis ...	18, Hawkstone Road ...	336	GUERIN, Dennis
HALLIWELL ...	Thomas Bennett	76, Ilderton Road ...	299	
LAMBOURN ..	Arthur Charles	23, Princes Street ...	185	
MOORE ...	Henry ...	12 and 14, Lower Road ...	262	
SKUDDER ...	William Edward	104, Neptune Street ...	325	SKUDDER, William Edward
TAYLOR ...	William ...	25, Culling Road ...	438	TAYLOR, William
WALKER ...	Samuel Clare	58, Culling Road ...	320	
WILSON ...	James Frank	38, Derrick Street ...	377	WILSON, James Frank

**Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Appointment of.**

At the first meeting of the new Vestry held on the 22nd May, 1896, it was

RESOLVED—(Mr. F. J. Bisley: Mr. Mortimer)—That the Rev. Canon Beck be and he is hereby elected the Chairman of the Vestry for the year ending with the next annual election in May, 1897.

RESOLVED—(Mr. E. J. Talbot: Mr. R. W. Walker)—That Mr. Francis John Bisley be and he is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of the Vestry for the year ending with the next annual election in May, 1897.

### **Casual Vacancy, Filling up of.**

The Vestry then proceeded to determine, by ballot, who should be deemed to fill the casual vacancy caused by resignation, in accordance with Rule 22 of the Vestrymen and Auditors (London) Election Order, 1896, with the following result :—

For Mr. J. H. Bulmer	...	...	4 votes.
„ Mr. C. Kimber	...	...	17 „

RESOLVED—That Mr. John Henry Bulmer be and he is hereby elected to fill the vacancy caused by resignation, being for a period of 2 years.

### **Fine payable on Resignation.**

RESOLVED—(Mr. Bulmer : Mr. F. T. Talbot)—That the amount of the fine payable by any person elected to the office of Vestryman, upon non-acceptance of office or resignation, be 10s.

### **Returning Officer's Expenses.**

RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley : Mr. F. T. Talbot)—That an Order be made upon the Overseers of the Poor for payment of the Returning Officer's expenses in connection with the Election of Vestrymen and Auditors, amounting to £140 17s. 10d., out of the Poor Rate of the Parish, in accordance with Section 48 (7) of the Act.

### **Committees.**

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

(2)—That the Destructor Committee consist of 6 Members, viz. :—Messrs. Vice-Chairman Bisley, F. T. Talbot, Stuart, Moss, Vezey and Kimber.

(3)—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 on their behalf, and otherwise to execute the said Act.

### **Cheques.**

RESOLVED—That the following gentlemen be and are hereby authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Vestry :—

BRASLEY, WALTER	STUART, ROBERT LEISHMAN
BISLEY, FRANCIS JOHN	TALBOT, EDWARD JAMES
BROWNFIELD, SIDNEY	TALBOT, FRANCIS THOMAS
STREETON, WALTER GEORGE	WALKER, RALPH WESTALL

### ***London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894.***

Amounts received during the year :—				£	s.	d.
Half-year ending 30th September, 1896	...	...		1,372	11	5
Half-year ending 31st March, 1897	...	...	...	1,302	4	8
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				£2,674	16	1
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LONDON (EQUALISATION OF RATES) ACT, 1894.

Year ended 31st March, 1897.

**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.
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£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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### ***London, Deptford & Greenwich Tramways Coy.***

On the 21st April, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Manager of the above Company, in reference to the powers obtained by that Company in their Act of 1889, and later Acts for the construction of a passing place (No. 21) at the south end of Raymouth Road, which powers expired in August, 1895; and asking if the Vestry would allow the Company to construct such passing place, in order that they might run a more frequent service of cars from the "Red Lion" to Bermondsey New Road.

RESOLVED—That permission be granted, subject to the work being carried out in accordance with the previous resolution and conditions of the Vestry.

On 2nd March, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Secretary, London, Deptford & Greenwich Tramways Coy., asking the Vestry's permission to make experiments with Ribbes' Accumulator Car (worked by electricity) on the lines of the Company, under the powers conferred upon them by the Act of 1889, such experiments to be carried out on that portion of the Company's lines commencing in Rotherhithe New Road at the junction of Raymouth Road, and up to the Canal Bridge, Old Kent Road.

RESOLVED—(Mr. E. J. Talbot : Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley)—That the permission of the Vestry be given to such experiments, subject to the consent of the Board of Trade being obtained thereto.

### ***Obituary.***

On 18th August, 1896, Mr. Mabbs drew attention to the death of Mr. William Brown, a member of the Vestry, and moved, and Mr. F. T. Talbot seconded, and it was unanimously

RESOLVED—That the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to write a letter conveying to the family of the late Mr. Brown the Vestry's sympathy with them in their affliction.

On 15th December, 1896, the Surveyor reported the death on 12th idem of Ambrose Fletcher, who had been on the permanent staff for seven years.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley : Mr. E. J. Talbot)—That the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to Mrs. Fletcher, expressing the Vestry's condolence with her in the loss of her husband, and

On 19th January, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED to grant a gratuity of £10 to the widow.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Surveyor reported that Edward Atkinson, one of the sweepers who was put on permanent sick pay on the 1st December, 1896, died on Sunday, 31st January, 1897. He was 72 years of age, and had been in the employ of the Vestry since 1879, a period of 17 years.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart : Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley) —That the Vestry hear with regret of the death of Edward Atkinson, formerly a roadman in their employ, and that a gratuity of £10 be granted to his daughter, Mrs. M. Roast, in aid of the funeral expenses.

### ***Parliamentary.***

#### **City of London (Inclusion of Southwark) Bill.**

On 17th November, 1896, Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley drew attention to a legal advertisement appearing in the *Southwark Recorder* of 14th November, 1896, giving notice that it was proposed to promote a Bill in the ensuing Session of Parliament, for the purpose of including within the boundaries of the City of London, the Parishes of St. Saviour (including the Liberty of the Clink), Christchurch, St. Olave and St. Thomas, and St. John, Horselydown, Southwark, three of which Parishes, viz. : St. Olave, St. Thomas, and St. John, Horselydown, forming under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, the St. Olave District Board of Works, were at present included in the St. Olave's Union for Poor Law purposes, and

Moved—That the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Works Committee for consideration, with instructions to confer with a Committee of the Bermondsey Vestry, with the view of some combined action being taken to oppose the scheme, and that the Clerk communicate with the Bermondsey Vestry accordingly.

This was seconded by Mr. F. T. Talbot and carried, and

RESOLVED accordingly.



On 15th December, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Vestry Clerk of Bermondsey, stating that a Committee of seven members had been appointed to confer with a Committee of this Vestry upon the Bill.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart: Mr. Mortimer)—That a Committee of seven members, in addition to the Chairman, be appointed to consider the matter with the Committee representing the Bermondsey Vestry.

RESOLVED—That the following gentlemen form such Committee:—

THE CHAIRMAN.	MR. MORTIMER.
MR. VICE-CHAIRMAN BISLEY.	„ E. J. TALBOT.
„ BULMER.	„ F. T. TALBOT.
„ MARRS.	„ STUART.

On 5th January, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Vestry Clerk, St. George the Martyr, Southwark, with copy resolutions passed at a Conference of representatives of St. Saviour's Board of Guardians, and the Vestries of St. Mary, Newington, and St. George the Martyr, Southwark, in reference to the above Bill.

RESOLVED—That the Vestry of St. George-the-Martyr be informed that this Vestry have the matter under their consideration jointly with the Vestry of Bermondsey.

On 19th January, 1897, the joint Committee of members of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Vestries, appointed to consider the provisions of the Bill, reported that in their opinion it was desirable to oppose the Bill, and

RECOMMENDED—That the respective Vestries of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe take the necessary steps, by petition or otherwise, to oppose the Bill to be laid before Parliament, upon the ground that the severance of the above-named parishes from the St. Olave's Union, from the Metropolitan Police District, and from Schedule B of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, will materially and unfairly add to the burdens of the already over-rated parishes of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe.

RESOLVED—(Mr. F. T. Talbot: Mr. Mortimer)—That the recommendation be approved, and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorised to instruct Parliamentary Agents to oppose the Bill in Parliament.

On 10th February, 1897, a special meeting of the Vestry was held, at which the Petition prepared against the Bill was read as under:—

# CITY OF LONDON

(INCLUSION OF SOUTHWARK).

## PETITION AGAINST THE BILL.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The humble Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the Administrative County of London under their Common Seal.

SHewETH as follows:—

1. A Bill has been introduced and is now pending in your Honourable House intituled  
 “A Bill for the inclusion within the boundaries of the City of London of the Parishes of  
 “Saint Saviour (including the Liberty of the Clink) Christ Church Saint Olave and  
 “Saint Thomas Southwark and Saint John Horselydown and for other purposes.”

2. The preamble of the Bill recites (*inter alia*) as follows:—

“AND WHEREAS by the Metropolis Management Act 1855 the Parishes of  
 “Christ Church and Saint Saviour (including the Liberty of the Clink) were united  
 “and formed into the Saint Saviour’s District and made a District Board of Works  
 “and are now subject to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Acts 1855  
 “to 1893.”

“AND WHEREAS the Parishes of Saint Olave and Saint Thomas Southwark now  
 “united by order of the Local Government Board and the Parish of Saint John  
 “Horselydown were by the Metropolis Management Act 1855 united and formed  
 “into the Saint Olave District and made a District Board of Works and are now  
 “subject to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act 1855 to 1893.”

“AND WHEREAS the said districts of Saint Saviour and Saint Olave at present  
 “form part of the respective Saint Saviour’s and Saint Olave Poor Law Unions and  
 “it is expedient that with the consent and by order of the Local Government  
 “Board the parishes comprised in the said districts should be detached from the said  
 “Unions and be included within the City of London Union.”



3. The preamble further recites that the parishes forming the respective districts of Saint Saviour and Saint Olave (in the Bill and hereinafter in this petition referred to as "the added area") are desirous of being included and it is expedient that they should for the purposes of the Bill be included within the City of London and the liberties thereof (in the Bill and in this Petition referred to as "the existing City").

4. By Clause 5 of the Bill it is proposed to enact that the parishes forming the added area shall be added to the existing city and (save as by the Bill provided) be detached from the jurisdiction and powers of the London County Council and of the coroners and officers appointed by the said County Council and from the County of London and from the jurisdiction and powers of the Justices of the Peace Sheriff and Officers of such county and shall (save as by the Bill provided) form part of the City and the county of the City of London and by Clause 7 it is proposed to enact that the parishes within the added area shall for all purposes of the Metropolitan Police Acts 1829 to 1893 be detached from the Metropolitan Police district as constituted by the Metropolitan Police Act 1829.

5. By Clause 9 of the Bill it is proposed to enact that after the 21st day of December 1897 no lands or other property in the added area shall be liable to contribute to any County or County Council or Police or district or other rate assessment or contribution made after the said 21st day of December 1897 for the County or the administrative County of London or for the Metropolitan Police District or for the respective Districts of Saint Saviour and Saint Olave.

6. By Clause 12 of the Bill it is proposed to enact that the Local Government Board shall by order containing such terms and conditions as to them shall seem fit in regard to the added area and to such parts of the respective Poor Law Unions of Saint Saviour and Saint Olave as form no part of the added area include the added area within the boundaries of the Poor Law Union of the existing City and by Clause 20 of the Bill it is proposed to enact that from and after a date to be fixed by order of the Local Government Board the parishes within the added area shall cease to form part of the respective Poor Law Unions of Saint Saviour and Saint Olave and shall be included within and form part of the City of London Union.

7. Your Petitioners are the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe incorporated under the provisions of the Metropolis Local Management Act 1855 and possess jurisdiction for the purposes of that Act within the said parish.

8. Your Petitioners allege that they and the owners of property ratepayers and inhabitants of the said Parish will be injuriously affected by the provisions of the Bill if passed into law and they strongly object thereto for the reasons hereinafter appearing.

9. The Saint Olave Poor Law Union at present consists of the following parishes viz. Saint Mary Rotherhithe Saint John Horselydown Saint Mary Bermondsey and Saint Olave and Saint Thomas Southwark which union has a rateable value of £648,342 with a population of 127,363.



10. Your Petitioners' parish has a population of 40,215 and an area of 754 acres with a rateable value of £216,469 and your Petitioners submit that the severance of the parishes of Saint Olave and Saint Thomas Southwark and Saint John Horselydown from the Saint Olave Poor Law Union and from the Metropolitan Police District and their inclusion within the existing City as proposed by the Bill will materially and unfairly add to the burdens of your Petitioners' already over-rated parish.

11. Your Petitioners allege that no good and substantial reason exists for the inclusion of the added area within the existing city and they submit that if the Bill were allowed to pass into law it would prove alike injurious to and oppressive on your Petitioners and to the inhabitants of their parish generally by subjecting them to rates to a heavy and unfair and burdensome amount and your Petitioners further submit that if the Bill do pass provisions should be inserted therein indemnifying them and the inhabitants of their parish from all loss and damage which might be caused to and sustained by them by reason of the severance of the Saint Olaves District from the Saint Olaves Poor Law Union as proposed by the Bill.

12. Your Petitioners are advised and believe that the Bill is promoted in the interest of the Corporation of London so as to extend the rateable area of the existing City and that there is no public demand whatever for the inclusion of the added area within the existing City and your Petitioners respectfully submit that the provisions of the Bill are such as ought not to receive the sanction of your Honourable House.

13. There are divers clauses and provisions in the Bill to which your Petitioners object and which ought to be omitted amended or altered and there are other clauses and provisions which ought to be introduced into the Bill for the protection of the property rights powers privileges and interests now vested in or conferred by law upon your Petitioners.

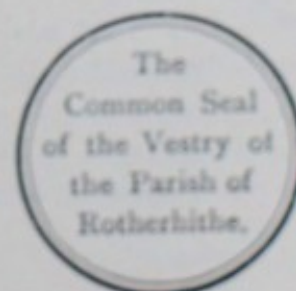
14. That the preamble of the Bill is untrue and incapable of proof.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and that they may be heard by themselves their Counsel agents and witnesses before the Committee of your Honourable House to whom the Bill may be referred against the preamble and clauses thereof and (if the Bill do pass) in support of the insertion therein of other clauses and provisions for their protection or that they may have such other relief in the premises as to your Honourable House shall seem meet.

The Common Seal of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the administrative County of London affixed by Order this Tenth day of February 1897 in the presence of

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.



RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley: Mr. F. T. Talbot)—That the same be approved and adopted, and the Common Seal of the Vestry affixed thereto.

The Bill was down for second reading for 22nd March, 1897, but was eventually put off for six months.

### **Metropolitan Sewers and Drains Bill.**

A copy of this Bill is contained in last year's Report.

On 7th April, 1896, the Vestry RESOLVED to present a petition in favour of the Bill.

The following is a copy of such petition:—

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE PETITION of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the administrative County of London, under their Common Seal.

SHEWETH:—

THAT the said Parish contains a population of about 40,000, with a rateable value of £216,658, and an area of 754 acres.

THAT your Petitioners are the Sanitary and Sewers Authority of the said Parish.

THAT a large portion of the rateable hereditaments in the said Parish are found on examination to be drained into the public sewers, by what is known as a "combined operation."

THAT many of such combined drains were constructed prior to the year 1855, as private drains, with the sanction and approval, there is every reason to believe, of the late Commissioners of Sewers, but that the records of the Commissioners are either lost or in such confusion as to render it impossible to trace such sanction.

THAT others of such drains were constructed as private drains with the sanction of your Petitioners shortly after the Metropolis Management Acts came into operation, but that the importance of a formal order not being then recognised, such sanction was, in many cases, intimated by the word "approved" entered above the signature of the Surveyor to your Petitioners, upon the plan of such drain.



THAT, again, others of such drains have been formed by surreptitious connections, either without the knowledge of, or directly contrary to plans submitted to and approved by, your Petitioners.

THAT there can be no doubt that all such drains were, at the time they were constructed, considered, both by your Petitioners and the owners, to be private drains, for the maintenance of which such owners would be in future responsible.

THAT owing to the peculiar provisions of the Metropolis Management Acts and to the manner in which such provisions have been interpreted by the Courts of Law, such drains are now held to be public sewers repairable by your Petitioners as the Sewer Authority, at the expense of the ratepayers.

THAT your Petitioners, as the Sanitary Authority of the Parish, are constantly met, when requiring owners to abate nuisances resulting from unsound drains, by the objection that the drains in question are combined drains, and consequently, unless they can be proved to have been constructed by the formal order of your Petitioners or their predecessors, sewers repairable by your Petitioners.

THAT as the result a heavy annual charge is cast upon the ratepayers of the Parish, which in equity should be borne by the owners of the property affected, as was no doubt originally contemplated.

THAT a Bill has been introduced into your Honourable House, intituled "A Bill to amend the Metropolis Management Acts, with respect to Sewers and Drains," which has for its object the amendment of the present defective legislation.

THAT as regards the retrospective effect of this Bill, it is, in your Petitioners' opinion, absolutely necessary to correct a defect in the existing Law, and your Petitioners would venture to point out that your Honourable House found it necessary to correct a similar defect in the interpretation of the word "drain" in the Metropolis Management Act of 1855, by similar retrospective legislation in the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will see fit, without delay, to pass the said Bill into law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

The Seal of the Vestry of the Parish of  
Rotherhithe, attached by Order, this  
7th day of April, 1896.

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,

*Vestry Clerk.*

The Bill was withdrawn on July 20th, 1896.





On 5th January, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Vestry Clerk of Islington, forwarding copy letter addressed by that Vestry to the London County Council, urging the reintroduction of a Bill, in the ensuing Session, to amend the Metropolis Management Acts as regards the words "sewer" and "drain."

RESOLVED—That this Vestry support the action taken by the Vestry of Islington.

### **Public Buildings (London) Bill.**

London Local Authorities, with three exceptions, have not the power to purchase land for their public buildings, except by agreement. Two of such exceptions are the School Board for London and the Metropolitan Asylums Board, who can purchase compulsorily under the Lands Clauses Act after public enquiry, and obtaining the consent of the Local Government Board, which has to be confirmed by Parliament; and the other is the Woolwich Local Board of Health, which is given the power under the Public Health Act of 1875, the one case in London in which that Act applies.

The above Bill provides for the purchase of freehold land by compulsion, if necessary, after an enquiry by the Local Government Board and a Provisional Order confirmed by Parliament.

On the 7th April, 1896, the Vestry resolved to seal a Petition to Parliament in favour of the Bill, and this was done, but the Bill was eventually dropped.

The following is a Copy of the Vestry's petition :—

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE PETITION of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe in  
the Administrative County of London under their Common  
Seal.

SHEWETH :—

That your Petitioners are the Local Authority of the said Parish for Sanitary, Sewers, Lighting, Highway and other purposes.

That the said Parish contains a population of about 40,000, a rateable value of £216,458, and an area of 754 acres.

That London Local Authorities, with three exceptions, have not now the power to purchase land for their public buildings, except by agreement. Two of such exceptions are the School Board for London and the Metropolitan Asylums Board, who can purchase compulsorily under the Lands Clauses Act after public enquiry and obtaining the consent of the Local Government Board, who make a Provisional Order, which has to be confirmed by Parliament; and under the Local Government Act, 1894, Parish Councils are given this power, and every Local Board also has it under the Public Health Act, 1875, and in one case in London where the Public Health Act, 1875, applies, namely, the Parish of Woolwich.

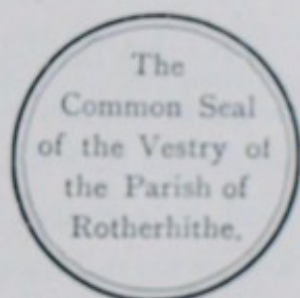
That a Bill has been introduced into your Honourable House, intituled, "A Bill to enable London Local Authorities to acquire freehold land for public buildings," which provides for the purchase of freehold land by compulsion if necessary after an enquiry by the Local Government Board, and a Provisional Order confirmed by Parliament, so that the public buildings erected out of rates may be built in the most central and commanding position necessary for the convenience of the locality, and will thus enable important buildings to be an architectural adornment of selected sites, instead of being placed only where land can be acquired by agreement.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will pass the said Bill into Law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Sealed by Order of the Rotherhithe Vestry,  
this 7th day of April, 1896.

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,  
Vestry Clerk.



### **South Eastern Railway Company.**

On the 1st December, 1896, the Vestry had submitted to them notice of the intention of the South Eastern Railway Company to make application in the ensuing Session of Parliament for leave to bring in a Bill for, *inter alia*, the following purposes, and the deposited plans in reference thereto:—

To authorise the Company to make and maintain the railways and the widenings of the portions of their existing railways hereinafter described, with all proper stations, sidings, roads, approaches, works and conveniences connected therewith (that is to say)—



A Railway (No. 1) commencing in the parish of St. John, Horselydown, by a junction with the Company's railway at a point 33 yards or thereabouts westward of the western side of Tanner Street measured along the said railway and passing into the parishes of Saint Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey, and Saint Mary, Rotherhithe, and terminating in the last-named parish by a junction with the Company's railway 157 yards or thereabouts from the western side of the Rotherhithe New Road, measured in a westerly direction along the said railway.

A Railway (No. 2) commencing in the parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, by a junction with the Company's railway at a point 170 yards or thereabouts from the centre of the signal box known as Corbett's Lane signal box, near Corbett's Lane, and passing into and terminating in the parish of Saint Paul, Deptford, by a junction with the Company's railway at a point 20 yards or thereabouts from the southernmost side of Bolt Street, measured in a southerly direction along the said railway.

RESOLVED—(Mr. F. T. Talbot : Mr. Stuart)—That the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Works Committee for consideration and report.

On 15th December, 1896, the Committee reported having had the matter under their consideration, and found from a report of the Surveyor that the plans shewed a bridge, Southwark Park Road, to be an arch 65 feet span and 18 feet high, and a bridge, Raymouth Road, to be an arch 40 feet span and 18 feet high very much on the skew about 100 feet long on the rail lines; that it was proposed to entirely block up all communication with White Post Lane, and in lieu of the present opening opposite Rudford Street which would be abolished, to construct a new opening nearly opposite Bracton Road, but which would only be available in the direction of Rotherhithe New Road and Corbett's Lane; that it was proposed in lieu of the footway along the back of Goodson Road in the direction of Deptford, to construct a new footpath from the end of Goodson Road alongside the new line joining the present footway about 40 yards east of the Deptford Wharf Branch of the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway.

RESOLVED—(L.)—That the Company be respectfully requested to substitute girder for arch bridges at Southwark Park Road and Raymouth Road, and to have the abutments lined with white glazed bricks.



(II.)—That the Vestry object to the stopping up of any Rights of Way.

On 19th January, 1897, the Committee further reported, with reference to the Bill, receipt on 6th January, 1897, of a circular letter dated 7th December, 1896, from the Solicitor to the Bill asking to be informed whether the Vestry assented to, dissented from, or remained neutral in respect to the Bill:—that, *inter alia*, it was proposed in the Bill to substitute the following:—

“ They may construct or provide a footway in the parishes of Saint Mary, Rotherhithe, and Saint Paul, Deptford, between a point nearly opposite Bracton Road or thereabouts eastward of the centre of the Deptford Wharf Branch of the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway measured in an easterly direction,”

for the obligation of the Company contained in Clause 9 of their Act of 1896 to provide a substituted footpath for the existing footway commencing on the south side of the Company's Railway at a point 230 yards or thereabouts eastward of the bridge carrying the Railway over the Rotherhithe New Road, and continuing eastward along the south side of the Greenwich Railway to a point nearly opposite Bracton Road, passing thence through an arch of the Viaduct at that point and then continuing eastward along the northern side of the Greenwich Railway and over the East London Railway and the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway to Trundley's Road near the Grand Surrey Canal.

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—

(1)—That to obtain a *locus standi* the Vestry formally dissent from the undertaking.

(2)—That the Vestry require the Company to insert in their Bill a clause protecting the Rotherhithe Vestry in connection with the undermentioned matters.—

(a)—The Company shall substitute girder for arch bridges at Raymouth Road and Southwark Park Road, and line the abutments thereof with white glazed bricks, to the satisfaction of the Vestry.

(b)—The Company shall not commence the construction of any of the works mentioned in the Bill, appertaining to the Parish of Rotherhithe, nor

shall they break up or disturb any road, street or place under the control or jurisdiction of the Rotherhithe Vestry, until they shall have given twenty-one days' notice in writing of their intention to commence the same, specifying the nature of the work to be done and the street intended to be broken up and disturbed, to the Surveyor of the Rotherhithe Vestry, and left for him at his office, plans, elevations, sections and other necessary particulars of the construction of such widenings.

(c)—The Company shall repay to the Rotherhithe Vestry the cost of any extra lamps, including the expense of lighting and maintaining the same, which may, in the opinion of the Rotherhithe Vestry, be reasonably necessary for lighting any road or street crossed by such widenings after the completion thereof, and the Company shall save harmless the Rotherhithe 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 Rotherhithe Vestry, at the cost, charges and expenses, in all respects, of the Company.

(d)—If any dispute or difference of opinion shall arise between the Company and the Rotherhithe Vestry, touching the reasonableness of any of the requirements of any Surveyor acting for the Rotherhithe Vestry, such dispute or difference of opinion shall be referred to the arbitration of an Engineer to be appointed by the Board of Trade, in manner provided by the Railway Companies' Arbitration Act, 1859.

(e)—That the Company adhere to Clause 9a contained in their Act of 1896, before referred to.

The Committee also reported receipt of a letter from the Chief Engineer, London County Council, asking to be informed whether the Vestry objected to the Bill or any part thereof, and if so, to explain precisely the nature of their objections, and state what provisions they deemed necessary for the protection of the public interest entrusted to their charge.

Resolved—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the Clerk be instructed to write stating the Vestry propose to object to the scheme, and the nature of the objections.



On 2nd February, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee, having inspected the footway in Bracton Road, passing through an arch of the viaduct at that spot, and continuing eastward to Trundley's Road, near the Grand Surrey Canal, authorised to be stopped up by the Company's Act of 1896, with the proviso that a substituted footway should be formed, which obligation was proposed to be done away with in the present Bill; it was

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the previous resolution of the Vestry that the obligations of the Company contained in Clause 9 of their Act of 1896 be adhered to, be confirmed, and objection taken to the stopping up of any footways in the parish without an obligation on the part of the Company to provide substituted ones.

The Clerk reported that he had written the Secretary of the Company, enclosing a copy of the requirements of the Vestry, to which he had not yet received a reply, and that failing an undertaking on the part of the Company to comply therewith, it would be necessary to petition against the Bill.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart: Mr. Bulmer)—That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorised to take such proceedings as circumstances may necessitate, as to protect the interests of the Vestry, and that in the event of the Company not agreeing to carry out the requirements of the Vestry, a petition be presented against the Bill under the Common Seal of the Vestry.

On 16th February, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported that the Company were willing to carry out such requirements with the exception of the provision of a substituted footpath for that portion of the existing footpath proposed to be diverted into Silwood Street and Goodson Road, thereby cutting off all communication between Silwood Street and White Post Lane, and having instructed the Clerk and Surveyor to endeavour to come to some arrangement with the Company whereby such communication might not be cut off before petitioning against the Bill.

The Clerk reported that, as instructed, the Surveyor and himself had had an interview with the Secretary of the Company, who had expressed the Company's willingness to provide the desired means of access to White Post Lane by connecting the same with Silwood Street, and the Surveyor produced a plan; showing in pencil the proposed communication



between Silwood Street and White Post Lane by means of the demolition of two houses in Silwood Street, and the construction of a footway on the site thereof, running through an arch of the Company.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart : Mr. Bulmer)—That the action of the Clerk and Surveyor be approved.

RESOLVED—(Mr. F. T. Talbot : Mr. Mortimer)—That upon the Company giving an undertaking to insert a clause in the Bill for the provision of means of communication between Silwood Street and White Post Lane in accordance with the before-mentioned proposition, and to meet the other requirements of the Vestry as previously resolved upon, further opposition to the Bill be withdrawn.

On 2nd March, 1897, the Clerk reported that the South Eastern Railway Company had sealed an undertaking agreeing to the insertion in their Bill in the present Session of Parliament of the clause resolved upon by the Vestry on 19th January and 16th February, 1897, and he had therefore not prepared any petition against the Bill, but had instructed the Parliamentary Agents to watch the passage thereof through Parliament, with a view to the carrying out by the Company of the terms of such undertaking.

The following is a copy of the undertaking referred to :—

To the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe.

Gentlemen,

In consideration of your withdrawing all opposition to the Act of the South Eastern Railway Company, now before Parliament, intituled "An Act for conferring further powers on the South Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes," we, the said South Eastern Railway Company, hereby undertake and agree to insert clauses in the said Act, to the following effect, for your protection :—

In the event of Railways Nos. 1 and 2 being authorized by the said Act and constructed :

Railway No. 1.

- (1)—The Company shall erect girder bridges in one span across Southwark Park Road and Raymouth Road, within the Parish of Rotherhithe, at the points shewn on the deposited plan, and shall line the abutments thereof with white glazed bricks to the satisfaction of the Vestry.
- (2)—The Company shall not commence the construction of any of the works mentioned in the Act, over any road, street or place under the jurisdiction of or appertaining to the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, nor shall they break up or disturb any road, street or place under the said jurisdiction, until they shall have given twenty-one days' notice in writing of their intention to commence the same, specifying the nature of the work to be done, and the street intended to be broken up and disturbed, to the Surveyor of the Rotherhithe Vestry, and left for him at his office, plans, elevations, sections and other necessary particulars of the construction of such works.
- (3)—The Company shall repay to the Rotherhithe Vestry the cost of any extra lamps, including the expense of lighting and maintaining the same, which may, in the opinion of the Rotherhithe Vestry, be reasonably necessary for lighting any road or street crossed by such widenings after the completion thereof, and the Company shall save harmless the Rotherhithe 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 Rotherhithe Vestry, at the cost, charges and expenses in all respects of the Company.
- (4)—If any dispute or difference of opinion shall arise between the Company and the Rotherhithe Vestry touching the reasonableness of any of the requirements of any Surveyor acting for the Rotherhithe Vestry, such dispute or difference of opinion shall be referred to the arbitration of an Engineer to be appointed by the Board of Trade in manner provided by the Railway Companies Arbitration Act, 1859.

Railway No. 2.

- (5)—The Company shall provide, maintain and light a means of communication not less than twenty feet in width from White Post Lane to Silwood Street, nearly opposite Reculver Road in the Parish of Saint Paul, Deptford, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in substitution of the existing footway at the rear of the houses on the south side of the Goodson Road, which it is proposed to abolish.

The Seal of the South Eastern Railway Company was  
hereunto affixed in the presence of

(Signed) C. SHEATH,

Deputy Secretary.

February 27th, 1897.



This Bill commenced in the House of Lords, and at the close of the financial year was waiting for a Select Committee to be named.



**Voluntary Schools Bill.**

(See "Voluntary Schools.")

***Paving.*****Ainsty Street.**

On 16th March, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following report of the Surveyor relative to the roadway, Ainsty Street :—

I have to ask the Vestry to refer to the Works Committee the roadway in Ainsty Street, between Albion Street and the Schools. It at present requires considerable repairs, and should either be tar macadamised or pitched with shallow setts. If macadamised with granite, I should not be able to use the steam roller, owing to the close proximity to the surface of the gas and water pipes and services.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the roadway be tar macadamised at an estimated cost of £180.

**Aylton Street.**

On 10th March, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the General Purposes and Works Committee, that the portion of the roadway at present unpaved be paved at an estimated cost of £20.

**Elephant Lane.**

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the General Purposes and Works Committee, that the Surveyor be instructed to repair Elephant Lane with old stone as soon as he should have any on hand available for the purpose.

**Faustin Place.**

On 15th December, 1896, the Vestry instructed the Surveyor to prepare an estimate of the cost of paving the footway on either side with Victoria stone, and the centre of the place with tar macadam.



On 16th February, 1897, the Surveyor submitted his estimate for the repairs to Faustin Place, consisting of a footway 3 feet wide on either side, with 3-inch York edging, and the roadway paved with tar macadam with a channel down the centre, amounting to £170; consideration of which was deferred for the Clerk to report as to whether Faustin Place had ever been taken to by the Vestry.

### **Galleywall Road.**

On 19th January, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following report of the Surveyor:—

"I have to call the attention of the Vestry to the condition of the footway in Galleywall Road, from Rotherhithe New Road to opposite Lynton Road. During periods of rain it is one sheet of water in places, owing to the back line being level with or below the kerb, and it is not possible to raise the back line without getting above the thresholds of the entrance gates, which are at present level with the back of the footway. It is therefore necessary to lower and relay the kerb on concrete, to relay the paving, and as there is no channel at present, provide a new 3-course granite channel. An additional gulley should also be inserted. I estimate the cost of this work at £160 ; "

and also a Memorial, signed by several ratepayers of the Parish, upon the same subject; and having inspected the roadway and having power to act, they had

RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be and he is hereby instructed to lower and relay the kerb on concrete, relay the paving, and provide a new 3-course granite channel from the Rotherhithe New Road to opposite Lynton Road, Bermondsey, at an estimated cost of £160 ; also to relay kerb on concrete from Lynton Road to Southwark Park Road, and provide a new 3-course granite channel thereto, at an estimated further cost of £75.

### **Lower Road.**

On 20th October, 1896, the Vestry, upon the motion of Mr. R. L. Stuart, seconded by Mr. F. T. Talbot,

RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of paving, with hard wood, the roadway, Lower Road, in front of the Town Hall and as far on either side as is necessary to deaden the sound of the traffic.

On 5th November, 1896, the Surveyor reported that his estimate for paving the Lower Road, opposite the Town Hall, with Jarrah, or other hard wood blocks, upon a concrete foundation, amounted to £345, the paving to extend from the northern corner of Neptune Street to the southern corner of the "Jolly Sailor" public-house; the total length was 150 feet, and he estimated the cost as under:—

				£	
Tramways Company	...	...	...	115	
Recoupment	...	...	...	35	
				<hr/>	80
Vestry	...	...	...	230	
Recoupment	...	...	...	70	
				<hr/>	160
				<hr/>	
			Net	...	£240
					<hr/>

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart: Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley)—That the estimate prepared by the Surveyor be approved, and that he be authorised to have the work carried out provided the London, Deptford & Greenwich Tramways Co. are willing to bear their portion of the cost.

The Tramways Company had not agreed to this at the close of the year.

On 2nd March, 1897, the Surveyor reported that the roadway in Lower Road in a number of places required relaying and the stones redressing, and asked the Vestry's authority to undertake the work.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Mortimer: Mr. Brownfield)—That the Surveyor be authorised to carry out the necessary repairs to the roadway of Lower Road the existing setts to be redressed and reused as far as possible.

On 2nd February, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered as to the paving round the Town Hall, and having

RESOLVED—That the paving be carried out in York flags, the flags to be used in the Lower Road to be not less than 4 feet square, and rubbed, the remainder of the work to be carried out in ordinary sized toolled flags.



Tenders were subsequently invited, and on the 16th February, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following Tenders for the supply of the before-mentioned paving:—

1. Messrs. William Knight & Co., Great Northern Railway Depot, Caledonian Road, N.
 

3 in. hard tooled paving, no stone less than 2 ft. either way	...	72s. 3d. per 100 ft. super.
3 in. best hard rubbed landings, 4 ft. by 4 ft. and upwards	...	1s. 5d. per ft. super.
3 in. Sillex stone, 4 ft. by 4 ft. and upwards	... ..	2s. 1d. per ft. super.
2. Messrs. Benjamin Farrar & Co., 35, Cannon Street, E.C.
 

3 in. best hard York paving, tooled top and roughly squared, no stone less than 2 ft. either way	... ..	72s. 6d. per 100 ft. super.
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3. Messrs. John Mowlem & Co., Grosvenor Wharf, Westminster, S.W.
 

3 in. hard York landings "Sillex" brand, rubbed on face, edges squared, no stone less than 4 ft. by 4 ft.	... ..	2s. 0d. per ft. super.
3 in. best hard York paving, tooled on face, edges squared, no stone less than 2 ft. by 2 ft.	... ..	11d. per ft. super.
4. Messrs. A. & F. Manuelle, 101, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 

3 in. York "Sillex" brand, quarry squared (not squared for laying) in stones to dimensions stated	... ..	1s. 10d. per ft. super.
If "Sillex" brand not insisted upon, can deliver York of about equal quality	... ..	1s. 6½d. per ft. super.
3 in. best hard York paving, specially tooled on face to dimensions stated	... ..	11½d. per ft. super.
5. Mr. Wm. Griffiths, 283, Kingsland Road, N.E.
 

3 in. "Sillex" landings, rubbed on face, edges squared, no stone less than 4 ft. in any direction	... ..	184s. 0d. per 100 ft. super.
3 in. hard yard paving, tooled on top and edges squared, no stone less than 2 ft. in any direction	... ..	86s. 0d. per 100 ft. super.

RESOLVED—(1.) That the tender of Messrs. A. & F. Manuelle for the supply of 1200-ft. of 3-in. York paving, "Sillex" brand, quarry squared, not less than 4 ft. in any direction, at 1s. 10d. per superficial foot, be accepted.



(2.) That the Tender of Messrs. W. Knight & Co. for the supply of 2000 feet of 3 in. hard tooled paving, not less than 2 feet either way, at 72s. 3d. per 100 feet superficial, be accepted.

### **Plough Road.**

On 16th March, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following report of the Surveyor relative to the footway on the north side of Plough Road :—

“ I have to report that the gravel footway along the north side of Plough Road requires repairing and the kerb requires relaying for a portion of the length. As there is a considerable amount of traffic along this road I should be glad if the Vestry would consider the question of paving this footway with something of a more permanent character than gravel. The present footway is part flagging and part gravel, and it is very difficult to keep it in good condition, especially at the junction of the two classes of material.”

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the whole of the footway on the north side of Plough Road, from William Street to Plough Bridge, at present only partly flagged, be flagged with York stone, the existing flags being used as far as possible, and the kerb reset, and that the cost of flagging that portion of the footway at present unflagged be apportioned upon the owners on both sides of the road, under the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1862, Amendment Act, 1890.

### **Providence Row.**

It will be remembered that the Vestry RESOLVED to pave Providence Row at an estimated cost of £80.

A letter was subsequently received from Messrs. Rose, Smith & Co. claiming the same as private property and notifying their intention of erecting gates in front of the existing lamp—and upon their producing evidence of the roadway in question having been leased to Messrs. Taylor, Walker & Co. by Mrs. Carr-Gomm, and of the lessees having given a right of user over the roadway to Messrs. Rose, Smith & Co.,

The Vestry on 16th June, 1896, RESOLVED to take no further action in the matter, and instructed the Surveyor to have removed the Vestry's lamp column, standing in the roadway, when the gates should be fixed.

On 6th October, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported that their attention had been called to the bad condition of the private roadway by the "China Hall" p.h., Lower Road.

The Surveyor was instructed to prepare an estimate for paving the roadway with granite setts, utilising as many old setts as possible.

On 3rd November, 1896, the Surveyor reported that his estimate for paving the roadway with redressed stones upon a bed of 6 inches of concrete, and extending the flagged footway along the "China Hall" p.h. frontage, amounted to £60, which he had apportioned as under :—

Messrs. Taylor, Walker & Co.	...	...	£25	4	0
„ Rose, Smith & Co.	...	...	34	16	0
			£60	0	0

RESOLVED—That the same be approved, and that upon receipt of the money the work be carried out.

The owners did not pay the money, but subsequently carried out the work themselves.

### **Rotherhithe Street.**

On 21st July, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following report of the Surveyor :—

"The paving, kerb and channel in front of the Metropolitan Asylums Board's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, is in a bad condition, and now that the new fence wall is finished and the boarding removed, I desire to know if the Vestry will do something to it. The existing kerb is flat and much worn; channel, pebbles; and the footway consists of York flags, in places only 1-in. thick, purbeck pitchers and pebbles.

To repave it with Victoria stone, providing new kerb and 3-course granite channel, I estimate would cost £75."



RESOLVED—That a new granite kerb and 3-course channel be provided, and the footway relaid *in situ* in cement concrete, as an experiment, at an estimated cost of £50.

**Rotherhithe Street (from Silver Street, North entrance,  
to Cow Lane).**

On 15th December, 1896, the Vestry instructed the Surveyor to prepare an estimate of the cost of carrying out the necessary repairs, and submit the same for their consideration.

On 19th January, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having had under consideration the following report of the Surveyor :—

“I beg to submit my estimate for the repairs to the footway in Rotherhithe Street, the provision of a new granite kerb and 3-course granite channel, and the relaying of the existing footway, using the old stones as far as possible.

I have had the existing paving examined, and I think providing new stones for one quarter of the area will be sufficient. ... ..

From Silver Street (North entrance) to Silver Street (South entrance)	...	£115	0	0
From Silver Street (South entrance) to Cow Lane	... ..	110	0	0
		<u>£225</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

RESOLVED—That the work stand over until 25th March, 1897, and the cost thereof included in the next estimate.

**Union Road.**

On 5th May, 1896, the Vestry received a deputation headed by Rev. S. M. Bardsley, the Vicar of Christ Church, relative to the paving in front of Christ Church.

It was pointed out by Mr. Bardsley that the annoyance and inconvenience occasioned to those officiating at and attending the Church by the continual noise of the traffic was very considerable, and he urged the Vestry to take into their favourable consideration the question of wood paving.

The matter was referred to the General Purposes and Works Committee for consideration and report.



In 1894 the Vestry upon a similar application **Resolved** to pave the portion of the road in front of the Church with wood provided the Tramways Company were willing to pave their portion of the road in the same manner, but failed to induce the Company to do so.

On 16th June, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having met Mr. Wain, Chairman of the Company, and Mr. Pryor, the manager, and discussed the matter with them. The Surveyor's estimate of the cost of paving the roadway from the west side of Cathay Street to the west side of No. 29 Union Road was as under :—

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Vestry's portion	...	...	..	180	0	0			
Recoupment	...	...	...	65	0	0			
				<hr/>			115	0	0
The Tramways Company's portion	...			160	0	0			
Recoupment	...	...	...	55	0	0			
				<hr/>			105	0	0
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Total net	...			£220	0	0			
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That Mr. Wain intimated that his Board would be willing to pave inside the rails, and that with reference to the future maintenance suggested that the Company should pay the Vestry an agreed sum per annum in consideration of the Vestry undertaking the same.

**Resolved**—That the roadway in Union Road opposite Christ Church, from the west side of Cathay Street to the west side of 29 Union Road, be paved with hard wood paving, subject to the Company agreeing to bear the expense of the paving 3 feet outside the rails on either side in addition to the space inside the rails, in accordance with the Act of Parliament, and that the question of maintenance stand over for subsequent negotiation.

On 7th July, 1896, Mr. Stuart introduced the Rev. W. Peatfield as spokesman on behalf of a Deputation which waited upon the Vestry in reference to wood paving in Union Road, who urged the Vestry to extend the wood paving already agreed to be laid in front of Christ Church so as to cover the frontage of the Primitive Methodist Church.

The matter was referred to the General Purposes and Works Committee for consideration and report, and the Surveyor instructed in the meantime to prepare an estimate of the cost of adding this work to that already provisionally agreed upon.

On 21st July, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered a letter from the Chairman of the London, Deptford & Greenwich Tramways Co. relative to the proposal to pave the roadway in front of Christ Church, Union Road, with wood, stating that the Directors would prefer, before entering into a discussion on the matter, that some general idea should be given with regard to the cost of maintenance, which they thought should be left in the Vestry's hands to carry out, also the question of continuing the wood paving in Union Road, already provisionally resolved upon, to opposite the Primitive Methodist Church, and the report of the Surveyor as to cost as under :—

	£	s.	d.
Cost of continuing wood paving from west side of 29 Union Road to east side of 66 Union Road, a distance of 119 feet ... ..	230	0	0
Recoupment for old materials ... ..	86	0	0
Total net cost ... ..	£144	0	0
Apportioned as under :—			
Vestry - - - - -	£140	0	0
Recoupment - - - - -	52	0	0
	£88	0	0
Tramways Company - - - - -	£90	0	0
Recoupment - - - - -	34	0	0
	56	0	0
	£144	0	0

And if paid by loan taken up for seven years (the estimated life of the wood)			
the first cost would be - - - - -	£0	2	1½ per sq. ft. per ann.
Repairs - - - - -	0	0	3 " "
Renewals - - - - -	0	1	6 " "
	£0	3	10½ " "



If paid out of revenue:—

Renewals	-	-	-	-	-	£0	1	6	per sq. ft. per ann.
Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	3	„ „
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						£0	1	9	„ „
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RESOLVED—That the Clerk forward to the Chairman of the Company a copy of the Surveyor's estimate of the cost of maintenance, and also notify him of the application to continue the wood paving to opposite the Primitive Methodist Church, and invite the views of the Company thereon.

On 16th March, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following letter from Mr. W. J. Carruthers Wain, Chairman of the London, Deptford & Greenwich Tramways Co., relative to the laying of wood in Union Road:—

“There are two or three points which should be mutually considered—The first, that as to conceding the principle of wood paving opposite churches and chapels on our road. My Directors feel they could not possibly undertake to pave with wood in front of the whole of them. If you are disposed to regard Christ Church as an absolutely exceptional case, and will agree to this, they will not be indisposed to consider the question. Secondly, they think there should be some consideration by the Vestry if they agree to this wood paving being inserted instead of the granite at present there; and that there should be a reasonable allowance made for the extra cost of repair or maintenance as between the cost of wood and granite; and thirdly, they desire to ask you for permission to insert a new passing place in Union Road between the points mentioned to your Surveyor in our interview with him, in order to facilitate the traffic and to prevent the blocks on the road, which are only of too frequent occurrence.”

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that Mr. Wain be informed that the Vestry cannot pledge themselves to regard Christ Church as an absolutely exceptional case, but upon the Company agreeing to lay wood paving in front of Christ Church and maintain the same, the Vestry will as a *quid pro quo* consent to the extension of the two passing places on either side of Cathay Street and Paradise Street respectively.

No further progress had been made in the matter at the close of the year.



### ***Plan of Parish.***

On 2nd March, 1897, Mr. F. T. Talbot moved, and Mr. Mortimer seconded, that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan of the parish, for the new Town Hall, showing all the alterations in the street names.

The Surveyor reported that he had in course of preparation a pocket size plan of the parish, reduced from the Ordnance Survey map, which would show, among other things, all the new street names.

**RESOLVED**—That the matter be left in the hands of the Surveyor to carry out.

### ***Plant.***

On 15th December, 1896, the Vestry instructed the Surveyor to purchase a horse rotary broom, at an estimated cost of £35; and

On 5th January, 1897, the Surveyor submitted the following prices for the supply thereof :—

1.—Gloucester Carriage and Wheel Works, wooden frame ... ..	£32	0	0
2.—Wadsworth & Son, Halifax, wooden frame ... ..	26	10	0
3.—" " " patent wooden frame ... ..	34	10	0
4.—W. Glover & Son, Warwick, wooden frame ... ..	27	0	0
5.—W. Smith & Son, Barnard Castle, wrought iron frame ... ..	26	10	0
6.—Burrows & Co., Limited, Banbury, wooden frame ... ..	25	10	0

**RESOLVED**—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley: Mr. E. J. Talbot)—That the tender of Messrs. W. Smith & Son, for a wrought iron framed rotary street sweeping machine, at the sum of £26 10s., be accepted.

On 20th October, 1896, the Vestry accepted the tender of Messrs. Stephens & Carter, of 1 Green Street, Paddington Green, for the supply of twelve navy barrows, at the sum of 12s. 6d. each.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Surveyor reported that the water vans and flushing carts required the usual overhauling, repairs and painting previous to commencing the coming season. He had had them examined and had obtained an estimate from the Vestry's wheelwright for the necessary repairs, amounting to £71. Some of the vans were very old, and each year required considerable repairs, and it would be more economical to gradually renew them than to keep patching them up.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart: Mr. Mabbs)—That it be left in the hands of the Surveyor to have the work carried out by the Vestry's wheelwright in accordance with the estimate submitted.

On 16th March, 1897, the Vestry Resolved, upon the recommendation of the General Purposes and Works Committee, that the tender of Messrs. E. H. Bayley & Co., of Newington Causeway, for the supply of a flushing and street watering van, at the sum of £36 5s., be accepted.

On 16th March, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be instructed to order from Mr. Philip Round 250 dust pails similar to those supplied in February, 1896, at a price not exceeding 26s. 9d. per doz.

**Public Health (London) Act, 1891.**

### Coroner's Court.

On 1st December, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported that the London County Council, who under the provisions of the Public Health (London) Act, 1891, are required to provide and maintain proper accommodation for the holding of inquests, and may, by agreement with a Sanitary Authority, provide and maintain the same in connection with a Mortuary or building for post-mortem examinations provided by that authority or with any building belonging to that authority, and may do so on such terms as may be agreed on with that authority: were desirous of arranging terms with the Vestry in respect to the use of the Coroner's Court at the Town Hall, and that the practice obtained by the Council was either to pay on the following scale:—

7/- for each inquest of under 4 hours' duration, and

10%                      "                      over



or a rent as might be agreed upon, the basis taken to arrive at a rental being 3 per cent. upon the capital outlay plus an agreed sum for maintenance.

RESOLVED—That negotiations be entered into by the Vestry for the payment by the Council of a rent of £40 per annum for the use and maintenance of the Coroner's Court at the Town Hall.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Clerk, London County Council, stating that the Committee dealing with the above subject would be prepared to recommend the Council to take a 21 years' lease of the Coroner's Court at the Town Hall when ready for occupation, and to pay a rent of £40 per annum for its use and maintenance on hearing that the proposal met with the approval of the Vestry.

RESOLVED—upon the motion of Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley—That the proposal of the Council be agreed to, subject to the reservation by the Vestry of the right to enter and use the room when not in use as a Coroner's Court.

#### **Public Conveniences.**

As stated in the last report, the question of the construction and maintenance of underground conveniences for men and women jointly with the Vestry of Bermondsey, viz., one on the old Millpond site in lieu of the present urinal in Southwark Park Road near the "Queen Charlotte" p. h. and another in Galleywall Road opposite the "John Bull" p.h., was adjourned for 12 months.

On 16th June, 1896, Mr. Bisley introduced Mr. Pridmore, Chairman of the Sanitary Committee of the Bermondsey Vestry, on behalf of a deputation representing that Committee, who urged the Vestry to again take the matter into their favourable consideration.

Mr. Bisley handed in the following notice of Motion :—

"I hereby give notice that I shall at the next meeting of the Vestry move that the resolution of the 19th day of November, 1895, relating to the erection of underground conveniences at the Union Road end of Southwark Park Road, and also at the Galleywall Road end of Southwark Park Road, be rescinded.

Dated this 16th day of June, 1896.

(Signed) FRANCIS J. BISLEY."



On 17th July, 1896, in accordance with notice, Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley moved :—

“That the resolution of the Vestry of the 19th November, 1895, relating to the erection of underground conveniences at the Union Road end of Southwark Park Road, and also at the Galleywall Road end of Southwark Park Road, be rescinded.”

This not being seconded, the matter dropped.

On the 5th January, 1897, the Report of the delegates appointed to confer with a Committee of the Bermondsey Vestry, *re* sanitary conveniences, the consideration of which was deferred for 12 months at a meeting of the Vestry held on the 19th November, 1895, was presented, and

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, and seconded by Mr. Mabbs—That no further action be taken in the matter, and that the minute in reference thereto be discharged.

Moved by Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley, and seconded by Mr. Beasley, as an amendment—That the matter be referred back to the joint Committee for reconsideration and report.

The amendment was put and lost.

A division was taken with the following result :—

For the amendment (3)

The Chairman,  
Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley,  
and Mr. Beasley.

Against the amendment (16)

Mr. E. J. Talbot,  
„ Stuart,  
„ Moss,  
„ Mortimer,  
„ Brownfield,  
„ Streeton,  
„ Bulmer,  
„ Mullenger,  
„ Higgs,  
„ Kimber,  
„ Mabbs,  
„ Aldridge,  
„ Vezey,  
„ F. T. Talbot,  
„ Sparkes, and  
„ Wood.

The motion was put and carried, and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk notify the Bermondsey Vestry accordingly, and express the regret of the Vestry at the action which they felt compelled to take in the matter.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Clerk, Bermondsey Vestry, acknowledging the receipt of letter conveying the Vestry's decision relative to the before-mentioned matter, and enquiring whether the Vestry would join them in bearing the expense of the construction and maintenance of a convenience by the "John Bull" p.h.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk be instructed to reply, stating the Vestry regret they do not see their way to acquiesce in the proposal.

### **Temporary Shelter.**

As stated in the last annual Report, the Vestry RESOLVED to sell No. 15, Cathay Street, which had been purchased with the view of utilising the same as a temporary shelter for the accommodation of the members of any family whose rooms are being disinfected, and to build a shelter at the Wharf, Rotherhithe Street.

On 7th April, 1896, the Vestry RESOLVED to accept the offer of a Mr. Dixon to purchase the property at the reserve price of £150.

**Re-naming and Re-numbering of Streets, etc.**

During the year the following streets, etc., were re-named or re-named and re-numbered under orders of the London County Council :—

Name of Street.			New Name (if any).			Old No.	New No.
Adam's Gardens	...	...	Oran Place	...	...	Re-named only.	
Neptune Court	...	...	Aylton Street	...	...	1	1
"	...	...	"	...	...	2	3
"	...	...	"	...	...	3	5
"	...	...	"	...	...	4	7
"	...	...	"	...	...	1	2
"	...	...	"	...	...	2	4
"	...	...	"	...	...	3	6
"	...	...	"	...	...	4	8
"	...	...	"	...	...	5	10
"	...	...	"	...	...	6	12
"	...	...	"	...	...	7	14
"	...	...	"	...	...	8	16
"	...	...	"	...	...	9	18
"	...	...	"	...	...	10	20
"	...	...	"	...	...	11	22
Mary Street	...	...	"	...	...	1	24
"	...	...	"	...	...	2	26
"	...	...	"	...	...	3	28



Name of Street.			New Name (if any).			Old No.	New No.
Mary Street (continued)...	...	...	Aylton Street	...	...	4	30
"	...	...	"	...	...	5	32
"	...	...	"	...	...	6	34
"	...	...	"	...	...	7	36
"	...	...	"	...	...	8	38
"	...	...	"	...	...	9	40
"	...	...	"	...	...	10	42
"	...	...	"	...	...	11	44
"	...	...	"	...	...	12	46
Princes Place	...	...	Regia Place	...	...	Re-named only.	
William Street	...	...	Hobman Street	...	...	1	1
"	...	...	"	...	...	2	2
"	...	...	"	...	...	3	3
"	...	...	"	...	...	4	4
"	...	...	"	...	...	5	5
"	...	...	"	...	...	---	6
"	...	...	"	...	...	5A	7
"	...	...	"	...	...	6	8
"	...	...	"	...	...	7	9
"	...	...	"	...	...	8	10
"	...	...	"	...	...	9	11
"	...	...	"	...	...	10	12

Name of Street.			New Name (if any).			Old No.	New No.
William Street	(continued)	...	Hobman Street	...	...	11	13
"	...	...	"	...	...	28	14
"	...	...	"	...	...	29	15
"	...	...	"	...	...	30	16
Windsor Terrace	...	...	Suffolk Street	...	...	2	15
"	...	...	"	...	...	2	13
"	...	...	"	...	...	3	11
"	...	...	"	...	...	4	9
Wyndham Road	...	...	Brunel Road	...	...	Re-named only.	

## ***School Board for London.***

### **Expenditure.**

On 6th October, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Chairman, Paddington Ratepayers' Committee, stating that the Committee had organised and intended holding a public meeting of enquiry about the end of October, at which Mr. J. Aird, M.P., would preside, and asking to be informed as to the sentiments of this Vestry, and as far as possible, the ratepayers of the parish, with reference to a Parliamentary limit being placed upon the expenditure of the Board, and also requesting to be informed whether the Vestry would combine with the Committee in holding public meetings for the discussion of the matter.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart: Mr. E. J. Talbot)—That the Clerk be instructed to reply thereto, stating that the Vestry agree with the Committee's views, and are willing to meet them in conference.

On 20th October, 1896, Messrs. R. L. Stuart, E. J. Talbot, and J. C. Mortimer were appointed to attend a public meeting convened by the Paddington Ratepayers' Committee, to be held at the Vestry Hall, Harrow Road, on Wednesday, 28th October, 1896, at 8.30 p.m.

On 17th November, 1896, Mr. Mortimer reported that, in company with Mr. Vezey, he attended the meeting at the Paddington Town Hall, when the following resolutions were passed :—

1—"That this meeting of the ratepayers of Paddington, whilst recognising the valuable work performed by the School Board for London, and the benefits it confers upon the community, is, nevertheless, of opinion that the expenditure of the Board has been unduly excessive, and has become a very heavy and oppressive burden upon the ratepayers, and that action is urgently called for with a view to the curtailment of such expenditure."

2—"That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that a limit should be fixed by statute to the School Board expenditure."

A letter was also read from the Hon. Sec. to the Committee, stating that the public meeting held was a great success, and the Committee, in order to render assistance in return for the courtesy shown by other districts, was raising a small fund to enable Paddington to join issue with such parishes in similar efforts to obtain a public platform, and asking if it was intended to form a Special Committee with a view to calling a public meeting on the subject in this district, with an assurance that the Committee would be happy to render assistance, and further stating that upon the formation of several District Committees, it was considered desirable to establish a Central Association for London, which should undertake the promotion of a Bill in Parliament to effect the desired result, and also to guide the next year's election for the School Board.

The matter was referred to the General Purposes and Works Committee.

### **Rate.**

On 5th January, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Town Clerk, West Ham Corporation, in reference to the incidence of the School Board Rate, stating that the



Corporation had decided to convene a Conference of the authorities adversely affected by the existing legislation, to be held at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross Road, W.C., on 12th January, 1897, Sir Charles Dilke in the chair, enclosing copy resolution to be submitted, as under:—

“That this Conference, having regard to the pledges of Her Majesty's Government in 1870, that the School Board rate should rarely reach and scarcely ever exceed 3d. in the pound, and to the fact that Section 97 of the Act, which was to have given effect thereto, has proved abortive, and remembering the Government proposals of last year, is of opinion that no measure which may be introduced into Parliament will be satisfactory unless it provides for the adequate relief of the burdens in poor School Board districts,”

and asking the Vestry to appoint two representatives to attend such Conference, or, failing which, to forward an expression of sympathy with the object in view.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart, Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley)—That the Vestry support the views expressed in the draft resolution framed by the West Ham Corporation, and that two delegates be appointed to attend such Conference.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Stuart: Mr. F. T. Talbot)—That Messrs. Mortimer and Vezey be and they are hereby appointed to represent this Vestry at the said Conference.

On 19th January, 1897, Messrs. Mortimer and Vezey reported that they duly attended the Conference convened by the West Ham Corporation, held at the St. Martin's Town Hall on Tuesday, 12th January, in reference to the School Board Rate, when the following resolutions were carried:—

1. “That having regard to the fact that Section 97 of the Act of 1870, which was designed to afford adequate relief to districts where the School Board Rate exceeded 3d. in the pound, has entirely failed in its object, and having also regard to the Government proposals of last year, this Conference is of opinion that no educational measure which may be introduced into Parliament will be satisfactory unless it provides for substantial relief of the burdens existing in poor School Board districts.

2. "That a Committee of Members of Parliament ascertain in what form the Government would receive a deputation upon the subject."

### **Electoral Divisions.**

On 20th October, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Vestry Clerk of Hammersmith, *re* School Board Electoral Divisions, and copy resolution passed at a Conference of various Vestries and District Boards held at Kensington, as under:—

"That, in the opinion of this Conference, the present School Board Divisions are inconvenient, and the Parliamentary Boroughs as set out in the Re-distribution of Seats Act, 1885, should be substituted therefor,"

and stating that in view of the next School Board Election taking place in November, 1897, that Vestry had again had the matter under consideration, and asking this Vestry to again memorialise the Government to bring about the desired alteration in the next Session of Parliament.

Resolved—That the Vestry support the action taken by the Vestry of Hammersmith, and send a petition to the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education.

### **Southwark Park.**

On 6th October, 1896, the Vestry resolved to request the London County Council to light the Southwark Park Road and Gomm Road entrances to the Park, and

On 15th December, 1896, the Vestry had submitted to them a letter from the Clerk to the Council stating, that the Council had decided to undertake the lighting of the Southwark Park Road and Gomm Road entrances to the Park.



## **Staff.**

### **Clerk's Department.**

On 16th February, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having considered as to the appointment of a Hall and House Keeper, and

Recommended—(1) That a man and his wife be appointed as Hall Keeper and House Keeper respectively, at a salary of 30/- per week for the man, and 15/- per week for the woman, together with apartments, coal and gas, and a uniform for the man, and that not more than two children be allowed to reside with them upon the premises.

(2) That Mr. John Ford, the present Hall Porter, and his wife, be appointed Hall Keeper and House Keeper respectively, upon the before-mentioned terms and conditions.

The before-mentioned recommendations were approved by the Vestry.

### **Surveyor's Department.**

On 5th May, 1896, the Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported that Mr. Humphrey, one of the Vestry's masons, whose wages were £2 2s. 6d. per week, had been acting as Clerk of Works at Bull Head Dock, and working overtime in consequence of the Contractor working beyond the usual hours, in order to expedite the work and take advantage of the level of the water in the river.

RESOLVED—That Mr. Humphrey's wages be temporarily increased to 50s. per week during the time that he is acting as Clerk of Works at Bull Head Dock.

The Vestry on 7th July, 1896, increased the salary of Mr. Norman Scorgie, the Surveyor to the Vestry, from £340 to £400 per annum, rising by four annual increments of £25 each to £500 per annum, and the requisite notice of motion to rescind the terms of his appointment was carried on the 21st July, 1896.



On 19th January, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to an application of the General Foreman (Mr. Baron) for an increase of wages; that Mr. Baron had been in the service of the Vestry for a period of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years, at a weekly wage of £2 10s. 0d., during which time he had given every satisfaction.

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That Mr. Baron's wages be increased from £2 10s. to £3 a week.

### **Sanitary Department.**

As stated in the last report, the Vestry RESOLVED to rearrange the working of the Sanitary Department by dividing the parish into two districts, allotting one district to the present Inspector, Mr. Davies, and the other to another Inspector to be appointed at a salary of £130 per annum, rising by two annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £150; and in order to obtain a return of a moiety of the salary of each Inspector, to obtain the approval of the Local Government Board to such rearrangement.

On 21st April, 1896, a letter was submitted to the Vestry from the Assistant Secretary to the Local Government Board, stating that the Board approved of the proposal of the Vestry in regard to the appointment of an additional Sanitary Inspector, at a salary of £130 per annum, and requesting to be furnished with particulars of the appointment of Mr. Davies and of the additional Inspector.

Advertisements were subsequently inserted in various papers inviting applications for the post, and at a special meeting of the Vestry, held on the 30th April, 1896, 30 applications were submitted. Six of these were selected, viz.: Messrs. Scott Addison, Charles Johnson, James Bullock, Herbert Mills, Henry M. Cockburn, and Edward T. D. Jordan; and at a meeting of the Vestry, held on the 5th May, 1896, the following resolutions were passed—

- (1) That subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Mr. Henry Mace Cockburn be and he is hereby appointed a Sanitary Inspector and Inspector under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for the parish, at a salary of £130

per annum, rising by two annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £150, subject to 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, to his residing in the parish, to his making no claim to a superannuation allowance under the Superannuation Allowances Act, 1866, upon retirement, and to his submitting to any scheme which the Vestry may adopt with regard to insurance for pensions or superannuation.

- (2) That, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Mr. Thomas Lane Davies be and he is hereby re-appointed a Sanitary Inspector and Inspector under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for the parish, at a salary of £200 per annum, subject to 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, to his residing in the parish, to his making no claim to a superannuation allowance under the Superannuation Allowances Act, 1866, upon retirement, and to his submitting to any scheme which the Vestry may adopt with regard to insurance for pensions or superannuation.

The appointments of Messrs. Davies and Cockburn as Sanitary Inspectors for the parish were duly sanctioned by the Local Government Board, such sanction being notified to the Vestry by letter dated 15th May, 1896.

On 16th June, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported having considered as to which part of the parish should be allocated to Inspectors Davies and Cockburn respectively, when it was, upon their recommendation,

RESOLVED—(1) That so much of the parish north of a line drawn from Lavender Bridge across the Surrey Commercial Docks to the main entrance thereto in the Lower Road, across Lower Road and down the centre of Gomm Road and through Southwark Park, intersecting the same in a line with the principal entrance thereto in Southwark Park Road, opposite Banyard Road, Bermondsey, be allocated to Inspector Davies.

- (2) That so much of the parish which lies south of the before-mentioned line be allocated to Inspector Cockburn.



RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley : Mr. Mabbs)—That a general authority, with copies of their respective appointments, be granted to Inspectors Davies and Cockburn under the Common Seal of the Vestry to examine and enter premises in accordance with section 115 of the Public Health (London) Act 1891, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare the same accordingly.

On 6th October, 1896, the Vestry instructed the Sanitary Inspectors to keep a register of those houses in the parish that should properly be registered under the Bye-laws recently made by the Vestry with regard to houses let in lodgings or occupied by members of more than one family, and submit the same to each meeting of the Sanitary Committee for consideration.

On 15th December, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported that the Inspector for the northern district of the parish having questioned the necessity of any order of the Vestry being given authorising him to take proceedings under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, they had instructed the Clerk to obtain the opinion of the Local Government Board upon the subject.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter dated 19th January, 1897, from the Secretary, Local Government Board, expressing the opinion of the Board that the words "when and as directed by the Sanitary Authority," contained in Article 19 (7) of the Board's General Order of 8th December, 1891, governed the whole of the paragraph in question, and that the only proceedings which the Inspector could take upon receiving a certificate stating that the articles of food, etc., submitted by him for analysis were adulterated, were such as the Sanitary Authority had directed or might direct him to take.

The Sanitary Inspectors were instructed accordingly.

On the 15th December, 1896, the Vestry RESOLVED—That a Special Sanitary Committee consisting of the whole of the members of the Vestry be and is hereby appointed to enquire into and report upon the whole working, management, and control of the Sanitary Department and the duties of the Sanitary Officers in connection therewith.



On 2nd March, 1897, the Special Sanitary Committee reported having carefully considered and amended the Bye-laws and Regulations of the Vestry and list of Officers' Duties, and also considered as to the working, management, and control of the Sanitary Department.

RESOLVED—(Mr. F. T. Talbot: Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley)—

(1)—That the Bye-laws and Regulations of the Vestry as amended be approved and adopted.

(2)—That the Clerk be authorised to have 150 copies of the same printed.

### ***Standing Resolutions.***

RESOLVED—(7th April, 1897)—That in every case of the existence of a dangerous structure coming to the notice of the Vestry's officials, they report the same to the General Purposes and Works Committee for inspection before sending the information to the Council.

RESOLVED—(7th July, 1896)—That the Clerk be instructed when calling two or more Committee Meetings for the same day in future, to convene them to follow one another.

RESOLVED—(7th July, 1896)—That the Sanitary Inspectors be instructed to obtain samples of food and drugs for analysis by the analyst once a month.

Referring to the portion of the resolution of the Vestry, of 3rd March, 1896, as under :—

“ . . . And when an Order is made upon any person, such person may, upon application, appear before the Sanitary Committee to show cause why the Order made upon him should be delayed or altered ”—

The Vestry, on 15th September, 1896, RESOLVED—That upon any person seeking an interview with the Committee, he shall first submit to the Clerk a statement in writing, setting forth for what purpose the interview is sought, and the points (if any) he wishes to urge upon the Committee in respect thereto.

On 1st December, 1896, the Vestry RESOLVED—upon the motion of Mr. Balmer, seconded by Mr. F. T. Talbot—That the reports of the Committees and Officials be taken serialim and read only once.

## ***Street Improvements.***

### **Rotherhithe Street (by Bull Head Dock).**

This improvement was duly effected before the close of the last financial year, but on the 31st March, 1896, the Surveyor submitted, for the consideration of the Bull Head Dock Works Committee, two plans showing an additional improvement as under :—

(a)—Showing the present boundary line of the Vestry's property set back in a straight line from the present gateway entrance, near Messrs. Bellamy's premises, to a point about 7ft. 6in. behind the present line at the junction with Messrs. Green's property, and consisting of 619 square feet (coloured red on plan); an area of 358 square feet (coloured blue on plan) to be acquired from Messrs. Green, and an area of 250 square feet upon the opposite side of the street (coloured brown on plan) being available for disposal to the Surrey Commercial Dock Company.

(b)—Showing the present frontage maintained for a distance of about 153ft., thence deviating to a point about 7ft. 6in. behind the present line at the junction with Messrs. Green's property, the area consisting of 244 square feet (coloured red on plan); an area of 358 square feet (coloured blue on plan) to be acquired from Messrs. Green, and an area of 250 square feet upon the opposite side of the street (coloured brown on plan) being available for disposal to the Surrey Commercial Dock Company; and

RECOMMENDED—That plan "B" be approved and adopted, and that the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to ascertain from Messrs. Green their terms for giving up a portion of their land frontage, and also enquire whether the Surrey Commercial Dock Company would be willing to purchase a strip of land on the opposite side of the street, as shown on the before-mentioned plan.

This was approved by the Vestry on the 7th April, 1896.

The Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported on 7th April, 1896, having considered a letter from Mr. Bradshaw Brown, on behalf of Messrs. Green, enquiring in view of the irregular shape of the two properties, viz. :—Surrey Commercial Wharf and Bull Head



Dock, whether the Vestry would be willing to sell a portion of their property or agree to a "give and take" line to be drawn cutting off a portion of the two properties.

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That Messrs. Green be informed that the Vestry cannot part with any portion of their waterside premises, but to obtain a straight line would be willing to consider the question of purchasing a portion of Surrey Commercial Wharf, and enquiring their terms for the sale thereof.

On the 21st April, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Secretary of the Surrey Commercial Dock Co.: stating that the Directors were not disposed to entertain the proposal that the Company should purchase the strip of land on the south-west side of Rotherhithe Street, opposite Bull Head Dock, in connection with the contemplated improvement.

On 16th June, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to a letter from Mr. Thomas Price (late Mr. Bradshaw Brown) *re* proposed setting back of Messrs. Green's premises in Rotherhithe Street, suggesting that the Vestry should purchase so much of the premises as was coloured blue on accompanying plan, and also that portion hatched in in pencil, and stating that if the Vestry were prepared to negotiate on these lines, he would go into the matter, not only for that portion of the property, but also with the view of selling the Vestry so much of the property as would give them a straight boundary line to Bull Head Dock; that they had met Mr. Price and discussed the matter with him, who had agreed to submit a price for the sale of the two portions of the property above-mentioned for the consideration of the Committee, and they had accordingly adjourned the further consideration of the matter pending receipt of terms from Mr. Price.

And on 7th July, 1896, the Bull Head Dock Works Committee reported receipt of a letter from Messrs. Bradshaw Brown, Hooper & Price, submitting terms for the sale to the Vestry of a portion of Surrey Commercial Wharf, as under:—

"We have had an interview with our clients and are instructed to say that for the land coloured pink on the plan herewith, having an area according to your measurement of 1,779 square feet, and also for the land colored blue and marked in with pencil, exclusive of the land above-mentioned, and having an area of about 446 feet, our clients would be prepared to take



£800 for the freehold, subject to your Board erecting a wall in continuation of the existing wall at Bull Head Dock, and of a similar height, which is about 20 feet, and also subject to your Board erecting a dwarf wall with wood palings on same along the Rotherhithe Street frontage—our clients to be at liberty to use the wall between Bull Head Dock and their property as a party wall.”

RESOLVED—That the offer be not entertained.

### **Rotherhithe Street (by Princes Dock).**

On 16th June, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to a letter received from Messrs. C. Crouch & Co., of Princes Dock, Rotherhithe Street, stating they were about to rebuild their wall at Princes Dock, enquiring whether the Vestry would entertain a proposal to set the same back for a few feet so as to give more room for the traffic; having met Mr. Crouch at Princes Dock, who offered to set the wall back a distance of four feet, subject to the Vestry paying £50 and building a new wall. The Committee thought it advisable to seize every opportunity of effecting an improvement in the width of Rotherhithe Street, and

RECOMMENDED—That the Vestry offer Messrs. C. Crouch & Co. the sum of £50 compensation on their pulling down the existing wall of Princes Dock fronting Rotherhithe Street, and building a new wall a distance of four feet behind the line of the old wall at their own expense, and giving up the land between the line of the old wall and the line of the proposed new wall to the Vestry, to be merged into the public roadway.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter dated 15th June, 1896, from Messrs. Crouch & Co. in reply to the Vestry's letter conveying the terms of the Committee's recommendation, stating that if the Vestry increased their offer to £65, and allowed them to put up a wood fencing, they would be prepared to accept the same and start the work at once.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley : Mr. Bulmer)—That the recommendation of the Committee be approved with the exception that the Vestry's offer be raised to £65, that sum to include the freehold and leasehold interests in the portion of ground proposed to be thrown into the public way, and that no objection be offered to the proposed continuation of the existing fencing at the premises in lieu of the erection of a wall.

On 5th January, 1897, the Clerk reported that the negotiations for the purchase of the strip of land in front of Princes Dock, Rotherhithe Street, for the purpose of widening the street, were proceeding, and that he had agreed the cost of the Vendor's Solicitors in the matter at £17 17s.

On 19th January, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having inspected the setting back of the fence, Princes Dock, and No. 181, Rotherhithe Street, and that in their opinion it was advisable that the improvement should be continued by setting back the gates and the fence belonging to the King and Queen Dock, on the east side of Princes Dock, terminating with the existing line of the adjoining building.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk be instructed to ascertain from the owners their views upon the matter.

### ***Sun-blinds.***

Complaints having been received of tradesmen in the parish using side sun-blinds which came below the regulation height of 7 ft. 6 in.,

The Vestry, on 6th October, 1896, RESOLVED—That notices be served upon all persons in the parish having side blinds projecting over the footway below the height of 7 ft. 6 in. to remove the same, or otherwise to make them in accordance with the regulations of the Vestry.

On 5th January, 1897, the Clerk reported that two persons had failed to comply with the notice served in pursuance of the above resolution.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorised to take proceedings against such persons to enforce compliance with the Vestry's notice, and also any other persons who failed to comply with the notice served upon them.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Clerk reported having that day attended Greenwich Police Court in support of several summonses against tradesmen in the parish for failing to comply with the requirements of the Vestry in respect to side sun-blinds specified in notices duly served upon them; that in two cases, the work having in the meantime been carried out, he withdrew the summonses on payment of the costs; and that in two other cases fines of 20/- and costs were inflicted.



### ***Surrey Commercial Docks Extension.***

On 2nd June, 1896, the Surveyor reported that the resident Engineer had been to see him in reference to the paving of the new road for the Plough Road diversion; that the Engineer was anxious to close the existing Plough Bridge as soon as possible, so as to admit of the completion of the present works; but under the terms of the Company's Act this was not allowed until the new road in lieu thereof should be completed and opened for traffic, and as the new road would be upon a made-up bank 12 ft. thick at its deepest end, the Engineer suggested, and he agreed with him, that it would not be advisable to permanently pave the roadway for some considerable time, so as to allow it to consolidate somewhat, and asked the Vestry's consent to the present roadway being blocked as soon as the new one should be paved in a temporary manner by placing the setts upon the ground without concrete, the Company or their Contractors to enter into an agreement indemnifying the Vestry from all accidents or claims for damages arising from subsidences or other causes by reason of the temporary character of the roadway, and to afterwards permanently construct the footways and roadway in accordance with the approved cross section, the period of maintenance, as already arranged with the Dock Company, to commence from the date of the completion of the permanent roadway.

This was referred to the General Purposes and Works Committee for consideration and report, and

On the 7th July, 1896, the Vestry, upon the recommendation of the Committee,

RESOLVED—(1) That the Vestry offer no objection to the application, provided the Company enter into a stringent agreement to indemnify the Vestry against all loss by reason of any accident occurring through the temporary nature of the roadway, to remedy all defects in the roadway immediately without delay, to permanently construct the footway and roadway in accordance with the approved cross section when consolidated, and to maintain the roadway for a period of eighteen months as already agreed, from the date of the permanent completion of the same.

(2) That the Surveyor be instructed to confer with the Engineer and endeavour to obtain an amended corner to the mouth of the new roadway.



On 7th July, 1896, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be instructed to approach the Engineer with a view to inducing the Company to make provision for a flight of steps to approach the new bridge from Chilton Street.

On 15th September, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered a letter from Mr. J. Wolfe Barry, stating that the Directors of the Surrey Commercial Dock Company assented to the setting back of the parapet wall on the west side of the new road by Plough Road, on the understanding that the Vestry would adjust the paving of Yeoman Street and Plough Road, and also agreed to steps being erected in Yeoman street leading up to the new road, on condition that the Vestry paid them for the piece of land occupied by the steps and defrayed the cost of the work and all expenses incidental thereto.

RESOLVED—(1) That upon the Company setting back the parapet wall on the west side of the new road by Plough Road, the Vestry adjust the paving of Yeoman Street and Plough Road free of expense to the Company.

(2) That the Company be respectfully requested to erect steps in Yeoman Street leading up to the new road at their own expense, inasmuch as it would not only be a benefit to the public at large, but also to the Company's own employees.

On 6th October, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from Mr. J. Wolfe Barry, Engineer to the Surrey Commercial Docks extension works, stating with regard to the proposed steps from Yeoman Street to the new road (which the Vestry suggested should be constructed at the expense of the Company) that the Company would not agree to construct such steps at their own expense.

On 19th January, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following report of the Surveyor :—

“I have received a plan from the Resident Engineer of the Docks Extension Works, showing the proposed arrangement of the gas lamps upon the new and temporary roads constructed by the Company for the Plough Road diversion, and which I submit for your



consideration. He desires your approval as soon as possible, so that the new roadways can be completed and opened for traffic, as they are unable to further complete the new canal lock until the existing Plough Bridge is demolished. It is, however, a question whether the Company are yet in a position to close the existing bridge, as the Act states they are not to close Plough Road until they have completed and opened for traffic the new road No. 2, and the road as at present constructed is only a portion of new road No. 2, that portion from the new bridge to Commercial Dock Road being a temporary road which they were bound to construct to provide for the traffic from Commercial Dock Road, until the completion of the new road No. 1 from near Lady Dock Bridge to Osprey Street, and it is a question whether after it is completed and opened for traffic it becomes vested in the Vestry the same as road No. 2 mentioned in the Act, or if the Company is liable for the maintenance, scavenging and lighting of the same."

RESOLVED—(1) That the positions of the proposed lamps which are less than 40 yards apart, be approved.

(2). That consideration of the question of closing Plough Bridge be adjourned until a formal application has been received from the Dock Company.

On 16th February, 1897, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following report of the Surveyor relative to Plough Road diversion :—

"I have received an application from Mr. Wolfe Barry, the Engineer for the Docks Extension Works, for permission to close portions of London Road and Plough Road as follows :—

"Pending the completion of road No. 2 to Grove Street, we wish only to close the portion of London Road marked C D on the enclosed plan, forming a loop between the two ends of the new roads E F, also shown on the plan.

"As soon as these roads are connected and accepted by your Vestry, we shall then wish to close Plough Road, so that Plough Bridge may be removed.



“When the new road to Grove Street has been constructed, the remainder of London Road and the short road marked F on the plan will be closed.

“In answer to a letter of mine, Mr. Barry is unable at the present time to say within what period the extension to Grove Street will be undertaken, but the matter will be considered at an early date by his Directors.

“An application has also been made by the Dock Company to the London County Council to the same effect, and the Engineer desires to know if the Vestry concur in the proposed arrangement, with any observations the Vestry may wish to make thereon to the Council, before sanction is given to the proposals of the Company.

“When the new roads marked E F upon the plan are completed, the portion of London Road which the Company desire to close will be of no use so far as traffic is concerned, and I see no reason why permission should not be given, the only difference being that the temporary road F. has a gradient of 1 in 37 against 1 in 70 and 1 in 50 of the extension to Grove Street; but this 1 in 37 is not so steep as the approach road from Plough Road, which, according to the Act, is 1 in 35.

“As regards the closing of Plough Road from Yeoman Street to Commercial Dock Road, if the Company are to complete the present section of their works, it is absolutely necessary to demolish the existing bridge, and they are only asking to do as soon as possible what they have statutory power to do upon the completion of the road to Grove Street. When the present roads are completed and opened for traffic the Company will have carried out the whole of their obligations so far as providing for the traffic from Commercial Dock Road to Plough Road, pending the completion of the new road No. 1 from near Lady Dock Bridge to Lower Road at Osprey Street, so that I have no objection to the closing of Plough Road as desired, but I think the question of the maintenance, lighting and scavenging of these temporary roads should be considered and settled as between the Company and the Vestry before they are opened for traffic, and that the Company should be asked to state a time within which they would undertake to complete the permanent roads, as their compulsory powers do not lapse until ten years from the date of the passing of the Act, or 1904.”

And also the following resolution of the London County Council :—

“That the sanction of the Council be given to the closing of that portion of London Road marked C D on the plan submitted by the Surrey Commercial Dock Company's Engineer



with his letter dated 25th January, 1897, addressed to the Council's Chief Engineer, such sanction, however, being subject to the following conditions :—

“That the road be not closed without the consent of the Vestry of Rotherhithe and the Greenwich District Board having first been obtained; that previously to the closing of the road, a temporary road be formed to join the new road with the London Road; that this temporary road and the new road in substitution for the portion of London Road to be closed, be maintained, repaired, scavenged and lighted by and at the expense of the Company, to the satisfaction of the road authorities, until the entire diversion shall have been completed by the Company and taken over by them; and that the sanction of the Council to the present proposal shall in no way be held to relieve the Company of its obligations to construct the whole of the road diversions specified in Section 14 of its Act of 1894.”

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the consent of the Vestry be given to the closing of a portion of London Road, before-mentioned, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the resolution of the Council before referred to, and to the Company entering into an agreement with the Vestry to indemnify them against any loss, etc., they may sustain by reason of any accident occurring through the newness of the roads, by subsidence or otherwise.

## ***Town Hall.***

### **Allocation of Offices.**

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Town Hall Committee, that the first two offices on the left of the entrance in the Lower Road be allocated to the Clerk's Department; that the first two offices on the right of the entrance in Lower Road be allocated to the Surveyor's Department; that the first office past the entrance in Neptune Street be allocated to the Overseer's Clerk, and the room beyond reserved for Overseers and Vestry Committee meetings, when required; and that the two offices opposite be allocated to the Sanitary Department.



### **Boundary Wall.**

On 16th March, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported in reference to the boundary wall on the south side of the buildings, receipt of the following letter of the Architects, dated 27th February, 1897 :—

“ We have obtained the verbal consent of Messrs. Still & Son on behalf of the freeholders, Messrs. Courage & Co., the superior leaseholders, and Mr. Lambert, the present leaseholder of the ‘ Jolly Sailor ’ p.h., to build a 14-inch wall as shown on the accompanying plan, *i.e.*—placing the wall entirely on their property at the expense of the Vestry, on the understanding that the wall becomes a party wall, and the Vestry have a right to use half of the wall next to the Town Hall property.

“ We have laid similar application before the leaseholder of No. 23 Moodkee Street ; and Messrs. Still, who represent the freeholders, have verbally agreed to allow this wall to be built where shown on the plan at the expense of the Vestry, on the condition that the wall next the Town Hall property becomes a party fence-wall, and the Vestry acquire a right to use the half next the Town Hall property. We have not yet received the consent of Mrs. Owen, the leaseholder, to this proposal, but will inform you as soon as we hear from her.

“ We consider it will be necessary for the Vestry to exchange letters with each of these parties embodying this arrangement.

“ We send you plans of same for you to do the necessary legal work, and return you the letters you lent us.”

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—that upon receiving the assent of Mrs. Owen to the above proposal, the Architects be instructed to have a 14 inch wall built, as shown on plan submitted with their letter, such wall to be placed entirely on the adjoining property at the Vestry’s expense, and to become a party wall, the Vestry to have the right to use the half of such wall next the Town Hall property, and to have inserted in such wall a stone setting forth the rights of the Vestry to half thereof.

### **Clock.**

On 5th January, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported receipt of a letter from the Architects submitting an offer from Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon, who had supplied the Town Hall Clock, to maintain the same in thorough efficient working order for an annual charge of £5.

RESOLVED—That Messrs. Gillett & Johnston’s offer be accepted as and from the newyear.

**Electric Light.**

On 7th July, 1896, the Town Hall Committee reported having considered the question of electric lighting for the buildings, the cost of providing which they had ascertained from the Architects would be £750.

RESOLVED—That the Architects be instructed to take steps for the provision of the necessary plant, etc., required to light the buildings by electricity, at an estimated further cost of £750.

On 18th August, 1896, the Town Hall Committee reported having had three tenders for the supply of electric plant submitted to them, as under :—

Tender No. 1	—	—	£631	0	0	Gas Engine, 15 brake h.p.
„ 2	—	—	1107	0	0	„ 22 „
„ 3	—	—	849	8	6	„ 18 „

Estimated initial cost of installation :—

Tender No. 1	—	—	—	—	£631	0	0
Engine House	—	—	—	—	100	0	0
Fittings	—	—	—	—	403	0	0
Laying on Gas and Water	—	—	—	—	20	0	0
					£1154	0	0

Which, if borrowed for a term of 10 years at 3 per cent., represents an annual charge on the annuity system of £140, and for 15 years of £101.

Estimated working expenses :—

Gas	—	—	—	—	—	£20	5	2
Oil and Water	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	0
Labour	—	—	—	—	—	43	9	2
Renewals :—								
Lamps	—	—	—	—	—	15	0	0
Accumulators	—	—	—	—	—	30	0	0
Water	—	—	—	—	—	0	10	0
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Loan charge for 10 years	-	-	£140	0	0
			<u>251</u>	4	4
Loan charge for 15 years	-	-	101	0	0
			<u>£212</u>	4	4
Estimated initial cost of Gas :—					
Gas Fittings	-	-	£400	0	0
Piping	-	-	100	0	0
			<u>£500</u>	0	0

Representing an annual loan charge of £60 for 10 years, and of £42 or 15 years.

Estimated working expenses :—

Cost of Gas	-	-	£100	0	0
Decorations	-	-	80	0	0
			<u>180</u>	0	0
Loan charge for 10 years	-	-	60	0	0
			<u>240</u>	0	0
Loan charge for 15 years	-	-	42	0	0
			<u>£222</u>	0	0

Comparison :—

Electric Light 10 years	-	-	£251	0	0
Gas	-	-	240	0	0
			<u>£11</u>	0	0
				-	In favour of Gas.
Electric Light 15 years	-	-	£212	0	0
Gas	-	-	222	0	0
			<u>£10</u>	0	0
				-	In favour of Electricity.

The Committee further reported having visited the Canning Town Public Hall, inspected the Electrical plant, etc., installed there, and having ascertained the following particulars in reference thereto:—

Electric installation by the Brush Electrical Engineering Company, Plant consists of 2 gas engines, of 12 h.p. each, and dynamos which supply 500 lamps:—115 at the Public Library adjoining, and 385 at the Public Hall. One engine is capable of supplying 300 lamps.

The lights at the Public Hall are as follows:—

100	-	-	In large Hall.
45	-	-	On Stage.
240	-	-	spread over remainder of Building.
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The light has been running regularly since 14th February, 1895, without any mishap, but gas is also laid all over the buildings, the lamps being constructed for gas as well as electricity.

One man is exclusively engaged to work the light at a wage of £2 7s. per week.

The amount of the accepted tender for the installation, without engine house or fittings, was £1075.

The estimated average consumption of gas is 1000 ft. for 3¼ hours running per 100 lamps.

RESOLVED—(Mr. F. T. Talbot: Mr. Mortimer)—That the question of lighting the buildings by electricity stand over for the present, and that the Architects be and they are hereby instructed to have gas laid on, only employing incandescent burners wherever possible, that electric wiring be run throughout the buildings encased in leaden pipes, and combined fittings provided in case electricity should be installed at a later period.

### Electric Fittings.

Tenders were subsequently received for the supply of electric fittings, and submitted to the Vestry on 1st September, 1896, as under:—

No. 1—Messrs Vaughan & Brown, 16, Kirby Street, E.C.	-	-	£260	1	0
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No. 2—Messrs. New & Mayne, 8 & 10 Bridge Street, Westminster	-	£200 13 7
No. 3—The Brush Electrical Engineering Company, Limited, 49 Queen Victoria Street, E.C.	- - - - -	£196 12 6

RESOLVED—That the tender of the Brush Electrical Engineering Company, Limited, at the sum of £196 12s. 6d., be and is hereby accepted, and that the Architects be and are hereby instructed to have the work proceeded with at once.

### Extras.

On 3rd November, 1896, the Town Hall Committee reported that the staircase leading to the Public Gallery to the Council Chamber was in their opinion dangerous, owing to the unprotected state of the well holes, the rails being only 3 ft. high.

RESOLVED—That the Architects be authorised and instructed to have hand-rails fixed opposite the existing rails, and the wellholes covered with wire frame-work.

On 20th October, 1896, the Town Hall Committee reported that the space in roof over the Committee Room was not floored, and with the view of preventing any damage to the ceiling of the Committee Room or any accident,

RECOMMENDED—That the Architects be authorised to instruct the builder to floor the same.

On 19th January, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Town Hall Committee, that the Architects be instructed to have a door fixed at the top of the steps leading down to the men's lavatory of the Public Hall on account of its proximity to the Ladies' Cloak Room, and instructed the Surveyor to obtain prices and samples of a canvas covering to the floor of the public hall.

### Furniture.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported with reference to a letter from the Architects relative to the furniture required, and the allocation of the offices, submitting sketches of proposed new furniture; that the furniture in the Board Room, with

the exception of the seal and an old safe, did not belong to the Vestry, but to the Guardians of St. Olave's Union, and that the furniture in the Vestry Offices proposed to be used was as under :—

1. Box with Vestry Seal on pedestal.
2. Writing chair (Overseers').
3. Three slopes and stationery cabinet.
4. Writing table, 4-ft. by 3-ft., with two drawers.
5. Do. 4-ft. 4-in. by 2-ft. 10-in.
6. Do. 4-ft. 6-in. by 2-ft. 10-in.
7. Iron safe.
8. Copying press.
9. Five mahogany chairs.
10. Oak cupboard and pedestal, 2-ft. 4-in. by 1-ft. 9-in. by 3-ft. 9-in.
11. Copying press.
12. Chest of drawers in Surveyor's office.
13. Writing table.
14. Cupboard, 3-ft. 9-in. by 1-ft. 2-in. by 8-ft.

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the said furniture be thoroughly repaired and repolished, and the articles reused in the positions they will best fit in the new rooms, and as follows :—

1. Vestry Clerk's room.
2. Overseers' room.
3. Clerks' office.
4. Sanitary Clerk.
5. Overseers' Clerk.
6. Overseers.
7. Vestry Clerk.
8. Do.
9. Overseers' room, with one new chair to match old.
10. Surveyor's Clerk.
11. Do.
12. Do.
13. Do.
14. Basement.



The Committee also submitted the following list of proposed new furniture:—

GROUND FLOOR—

*Surveyor's Private Room*—Surveyor's table and drawers, centre table with pedestals, four chairs and one writing chair, chest of drawers, cupboard with pigeon holes, linoleum floor cover and square of Brussels carpet, fender and fireirons, and coal-box.

*Surveyor's Clerk's Office*—Surveyor's table and drawers, two office stools, chest of drawers, linoleum, fender and fireirons, and coal-box. Four lobbies: linoleum and oak bench to each.

*Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspectors' Private Room*—One table with pedestal, four chairs and one writing chair, book-case and sample cupboard, linoleum, rugs, fender and fireirons.

*Sanitary Officers' Office*—Clerks' high desk for two clerks, two office stools, four chairs, linoleum, fender and fireirons, coal-box, and two tables with slopes.

*Overseers' and Vestry Committee Room*—Committee table for twelve members, twelve chairs, chairman's chair, linoleum, square of carpet, fender and fireirons, and coal-box.

*Overseers' Clerk's Office*—Writing-table on legs, three chairs, fender and fireirons, coal-box, and linoleum.

*Vestry Clerk's Private Office*—Book-case, cupboard, linoleum, square of carpet, fender and fireirons, coal-box, double writing-desk, six chairs, and two writing chairs.

*Vestry Clerk's Clerks' Office*—Clerks' high desk for four clerks, four stools, two chairs, fender, fireirons and coal-box, and linoleum.

FIRST FLOOR—

*Vestry Hall*—Twenty-seven armchairs and twenty-seven desks for same, not to exceed £4 each, chairman's table large enough for chairman and six others, with drawers, platform for table, chairman's chair and six others, reporters' table and chairs, two sets of fireirons in wrought iron, carpet over the whole floor, leaving a margin of two feet all round room, and on platform, and new clock in oak case not to exceed £10, to be placed on chimney-piece, the same to be detachable.

*Committee Room, also arranged for Coroner's Court*—Committee table for seventeen, sixteen oak chairs, chairman's chair, fender and fireirons, square of carpet, railing for public witness box, and coal-box.

*Waiting Room*—Small centre table and four chairs.



*Retiring Room*—Small centre table with drawers, four chairs, linoleum, fender and fireirons.

*Cloak Room*—Pegs and rails for forty, fixed to wall, twenty Austrian bent-wood chairs round room, to be used in Coroner's Court when required, centre table, six chairs at table, linoleum, fender, fireirons, and coal-box.

*Lavatories*—One looking-glass in each.

*Caretaker's Apartments*—Omitted.

*Public Hall*—1,000 chairs, Austrian bent-wood and perforated seats.

*Shelving to Strong Rooms and in stores in basement* to be fitted up subsequently, when the Officers shall have had an opportunity of judging exactly what will be most suitable in these special positions.

This was approved by the Vestry.

RESOLVED—That the Architects be authorised to invite tenders for the before-mentioned furniture from the following firms :—

Messrs. J. Shoolbred & Co., Tottenham Court Road.  
 „ Maple & Co., Ltd., Tottenham Court Road.  
 „ Atkinson & Co., Westminster Bridge Road.  
 „ Tarn & Co., Newington Causeway.  
 „ Jones & Higgins, Peckham.  
 „ Waring & Sons, Oxford Street.  
 „ C. & R. Light, Shoreditch.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Town Hall Committee also reported that to meet the requirements of the London County Council in respect to stage plays, the stage was open up to the roof of the building, which would considerably lessen the acoustic properties of the Hall in the event of a concert taking place, unless some steps were taken to prevent the escape of sound to the roof, which could effectually be done by hanging a woollen curtain over the stage suspended from the roof.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the provision of a woollen curtain for the before-mentioned purpose be included in the list of furniture to be tendered for,



On 2nd March, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having had submitted to them by the Architects the undermentioned tenders for the supply of furniture required for the Town Hall, etc. :—

Messrs. Maple & Co., Ltd.	-	-	-	£1373	16	10
„ J. Shoolbred & Co.	-	-	-	1244	3	9
„ Jones & Higgins	-	-	-	1232	14	2
„ Waring & Sons	-	-	-	1226	18	0
„ C. & R. Light -	-	-	-	1211	14	0
„ Atkinson & Co.	-	-	-	1121	1	8

RESOLVED—(1) That the tender of Messrs. Atkinson & Co. for the supply of the furniture required, at the sum of £1121 1s. 8d., be accepted, subject to the omission of the carpet for the Coroner's Court therefrom, and subject to the decision of the Committee in reference to the quality of the bent-wood chairs for the large hall, and the adjustment of the amount of the tender accordingly.

(2) That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorised to prepare the necessary contract for execution by Messrs. Atkinson & Co., and to insert therein a clause for the delivery of the goods within a period of six weeks from the date of the acceptance of the tender, and to affix the Common Seal of the Vestry thereto.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That a piano be purchased by the Committee at a cost of not exceeding 150 guineas, for the purpose of letting the same to hirers of the large hall, so as to obviate any damage to the buildings which might be occasioned by the constant moving in or out of pianos.

Tenders for the supply of a grand pianoforte suitable for concerts for the Town Hall were subsequently invited from the undermentioned firms :—

Messrs. S. & P. Erard.
„ John Broadwood & Sons.
„ John Brinsmead & Sons.
„ Kirkman & Son.
„ Collard & Collard.

On 2nd March, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having had submitted to them the undermentioned tenders for the supply of a grand pianoforte for the large hall :—

					Gross.			Net.		
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1.	Messrs. S. & P. Erard—									
	Concert Grand Pianoforte	—	—	—	325	10	0	150	0	0
	Drawing-room Grand	—	—	—	220	10	0	100	0	0
2.	J. Broadwood & Sons—									
	Rosewood Full Concert Grand	—	—	—	315	0	0	200	0	0
	Rosewood Cross strung Drawing-room Grand	—			183	15	0	116	0	0
3.	Messrs. J. Brinsmead & Sons—									
	Class 32 Orchestral Concert Grand	—	—		189	0	0	134	13	6
	„ 33 Boudoir Iron Grand	—	—	—	157	10	0	112	4	6
	„ D Horizontal Grand	—	—	—	142	16	0	101	15	0
	„ 35 Boudoir Iron Grand	—	—	—	115	10	0	82	6	0
4.	Messrs. Collard & Collard—									
	Concert Grand	—	—	—	183	15	0	130	0	0

RESOLVED—That tender No. 2 of Messrs. John Broadwood & Sons, for the supply of a Rosewood Cross-strung Drawing-room Grand Pianoforte at the sum of £116 net cash, be accepted.

On 16th March, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—To purchase a dark leather cover for the pianoforte at a cost of £4 5s. 0d.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having considered a letter from the Architects, enquiring whether the Vestry would like the fireproof curtain next the auditorium painted as a drop scene.

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the curtain be painted as a drop scene, and the Architects authorised to obtain three tenders, including one from Mr. E. V. Williams, of 439 Southwark Park Road.



On 2nd March, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having had submitted to them by the Architects two tenders for painting the fireproof curtain as a drop scene, as under :

Mr. Bruce Smith, on a separate piece of canvas, also fireproof ... ..	£12 15 0
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Mr. E. V. Williams	...	...	...	...	...	...	£10 10 0
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RESOLVED—That the tender of Mr. Bruce Smith at the sum of £12 15s. be accepted.

On 2nd March, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having accepted the tender of Mr. Wm. Whiteley for the provision and laying of a canvas covering for the large hall at the sum of £36 18s. 8d.

On 2nd March, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having had submitted to them three sample chairs of bent-wood as under :—

No. 1	-	-	-	-	-	2/11 each
„ 2	-	-	-	-	-	3/4 „
„ 3	-	-	-	-	-	3/7 „

and having power to act, selected sample No. 3, and instructed the Architects accordingly, and authorised them to order a sufficient quantity in walnut.

This was approved by the Vestry.

On 5th January, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having instructed the Architects to obtain prices and sketches for the combination fittings for gas and electric light from four firms and submit the same for the consideration of the Vestry.

On 19th January, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having had four tenders and sketches submitted to them by the Architects for the combination fittings for gas and electric light as under :—

										£	s.	d.
The Brush Electrical Engineering Co.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	528	11	0
Strode & Co.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	363	0	0
C. Smith, Sons & Co., Ltd.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	482	14	6
Verity's, Ltd.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	441	16	5

and recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. C. Smith, Sons & Co., Ltd., at the sum of £482 14s. 6d.

This was approved by the Vestry.

### **Insurance.**

On 16th March, 1897, the Town Hall Committee reported having considered as to the insurance of the Town Hall buildings : that the buildings were insured in the Sun Fire Office in the names of the builder and the Vestry in the sum of £12,000, expiring at Michaelmas, 1897.

RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Committee—That the Clerk be instructed to increase the insurance of the buildings in the Sun Fire Office by the sum of £4,000.

### **Land Tax.**

As reported in the last report the Land Tax on the site of the old Drill Hall, which forms part of the site of the Town Hall, has been redeemed.

The following is a copy of the Contract and Certificate received from the Registrar of Land Tax, Somerset House :—

No. 78,779.

#### **INLAND REVENUE OFFICE.**

KNOW ALL MEN that We, Frederic Lacy Robinson, Esquire, C.B., and Edmund Henry Wodehouse, Esquire, two of the Commissioners acting in the execution of the several Acts for the redemption of the Land Tax, do hereby certify, that we have contracted and agreed with the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, for the redemption by them of one pound Land Tax, being the Land Tax charged upon,—

All that piece or parcel of land situate and abutting upon the north-east side of Lower Road, and at the junction of the said Lower Road with Neptune Street, and comprising the site of the late Drill Hall (afterwards used as the Salvation Army Hall), and more particularly delineated and described on the plan annexed hereto marked No. 194, and thereon coloured green :

Which said premises are assessed in the assessment made for the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Division of First East Brixton, in the County of Surrey, for the year 1895-6, as follows, viz.:—



No. of Assessment.	Christian and Surnames of Proprietors.	Christian and Surnames of Occupiers.	Names and Descriptions of Properties Charged.	Rentals or Annual Values Assessed.	Sums Assessed and not exonerated at .....in the £.
889	The Vestry of Rotherhithe, Lower Road	ditto	Ground Site of late Drill Hall.	40	£1 : 0 : 0

The consideration is declared to be so much of lawful money of Great Britain, to be paid to the Receiving Officer or his Deputy for the said County of Surrey, as will be sufficient for the redemption of the said Land-tax, on or before the 25th day of January instant, according to the price of Stock to be transmitted to the said Receiving Officer in the second week, subsequent to the date hereof, and conformably to the provisions of the Acts. 42nd Geo. III., C. 116 ; 53rd Geo. III., C. 123 ; 16th and 17th Vic. C. 74 ; and the 52nd and 53rd Vic., C. 42, and the Rules and Directions therein respectively contained.

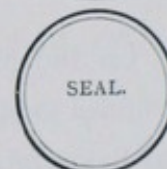
Dated at the Inland Revenue Office at Westminster, this 2nd day of January, 1896.

Witness our hands and seals,

(Signed) F. L. ROBINSON.



(Signed) EDMUND H. WODEHOUSE.



### **Licence.**

The provisional music and dancing licence in respect to the Town Hall was renewed by the Licensing Committee of the Council at its meeting on 16th October, 1896.

### **Marble Tablet.**

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—upon the recommendation of the Town Hall Committee—

- (1) That a marble tablet be provided bearing an inscription relative to the opening ceremony, and the names of the present members of the Vestry.

- (2) That the Architects be instructed to prepare estimates and designs, and submit the same to the next meeting of the Committee, and that such Committee have power to act in the matter.

On 16th February, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the marble tablet be placed on the right-hand side of the vestibule, ground floor.

On 2nd March, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the tablet to be provided for the opening ceremony inscription and the names of the present members of the Vestry, be of white Carara marble with gilt letters, and that the Architects be instructed accordingly, and authorised to at once proceed with the matter as far as possible.

On 16th March, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the names be placed upon the tablet in the following order :—

Chairman.

Vice-Chairman.

Churchwardens.

Members of Vestry in alphabetical order of names.

Clerk.

Architects.

Builder.

### **Opening Ceremony.**

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry unanimously RESOLVED—That an invitation be forwarded to Mrs. Carr-Gomm, the Lady of the Manor, who laid the foundation stone, to visit Rotherhithe on the 24th March for the purpose of performing the opening ceremony of the Town Hall Buildings in the Lower Road.

### **Programme.**

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—upon the motion of Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley, seconded by Mr. Mortimer—That in order to comply with the regulations of the London County Council in respect to theatres, requiring that every programme sold or distributed in the theatre shall have printed upon it a plan of the Auditorium with all the exits, ordinary and extra, plainly marked thereon, it be an instruction to the Town Hall Committee to have a plan of the Hall prepared and engraved, so that the plate may be placed at the service of hirers for theatrical purposes, upon payment of a fee ; and



On 16th February, 1897, the Vestry instructed the Architects to prepare a reduced plan of the Hall, showing all the exits therefrom, and have the same engraved.

On 16th March, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the plan be prepared on the “16th” scale.

### Scale of Charges, Etc.

On 16th February, 1897, the Town Hall Committee submitted the following scale of charges, etc., for letting the Town Hall, etc., prepared by them:—

	Public Hall, Committee and Retiring Rooms.	Public Hall and Retir- ing Rooms.
	£ s. d.	£ 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 local religious, educational, charitable, temperance, or other similar institution, society or object...		
[To cover expense of lighting, cleaning, etc.]	1 11 6	1 1 0
2.—Meeting, concert, lecture, or other similar entertainment in aid of any political, religious, educational, charitable or temperance society <i>within the Parish</i> 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 daylight ... ..	2 2 0	1 11 6
3.—Ditto by gas-light ... ..	2 12 6	2 2 0
4.—Ditto by day-light, <i>outside the Parish</i> ... ..	2 12 6	2 2 0
5.—Ditto by gas-light <i>ditto</i> ... ..	3 3 0	2 12 6
6.—Meeting, concert, lecture, or other similar entertainment promoted by private persons by day-light ... ..	3 13 6	3 3 0
7.—Ditto by gas-light ... ..	4 4 0	3 13 6
8.—Theatrical performance by day-light ... ..		5 5 0
9.—The like by gas-light ... ..		6 16 6

	Public Hall, Committee and Retiring Rooms.	Public Hall and Retiring Rooms
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
10.—Bazaar—for first day ... ..		4 4 0
11.—Ditto for each succeeding day ... ..		2 2 0
12.—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. ... ..	5 5 0	4 4 0
13.—Cinderella dance, from 8 to 12 p.m. ... ..	3 3 0	2 12 6
14.—Banquet ... ..		3 3 0
15.—Wedding breakfast and reception, terminating at 5 p.m. ... ..		2 2 0
16.—Ditto and dance, terminating at 12 p.m. ... ..	5 5 0	4 4 0
17.—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
18.—Ditto by gas-light ... ..		1 11 6

Applications not embraced in the foregoing will receive consideration.

NOTE.—Hirers requiring the use of a piano will be allowed the use of the one belonging to the Hall upon payment of a fee of 10s. 6d. On no account will hired pianos be allowed to be brought into the Hall.

### Conditions of Letting and Regulations.

1.—All applications for the hire of the Hall, etc., are to be made in writing on a form supplied by the Vestry and addressed to the Vestry Clerk.

2.—The charges, including those for police (if any), are to be paid at the time of hiring, and no engagement will have been effected until payment is made to the Vestry Clerk, and no receipt will be valid which is not on the Vestry's printed form. No announcement is to be made until after the date of the printed receipt.

3.—The Hirer shall, if the Committee think fit, pay any extra sum the Committee may incur for engaging constables to preserve order at any meeting.



4.—Should any damage be done to the building or furniture or any articles belonging to the Vestry lost or missing in connection with the engagement, the expense of making good the same must be defrayed by the hirer : the Committee to be sole judge of the damage done or loss sustained and the amount thereof. The Committee may, if they deem fit, require a deposit to be paid by the Hirer, which will be returned, less any amount which may be deducted in respect of making good such loss or damage. Nothing will be allowed to be fixed to the floors, walls, or ceilings of the Hall or Rooms.

5.—The person whose name is mentioned on the printed receipt must be a person of known responsibility and will be deemed to be the Hirer.

6.—The Committee cannot under any circumstances accept responsibility or liability in respect to any damage to or loss of any property, articles or things whatsoever placed or left upon the premises by the Hirer.

7.—The Hat and Cloak Rooms will be in the care and custody of the Hirer, who must provide his own attendants and be responsible for any mistake or loss which may occur.

8.—No decorations, flags, or emblems, etc., will be permitted without the special consent in writing of the Committee. In the event of any article or property belonging to the Hirer, Caterer, or Contractor being left after the hour named, the cost of removing the same will be charged to the Hirer.

9.—No Hirer nor any one on his behalf or by his permission, nor any person whosoever, shall sell excisable liquors without the sanction of the Committee and without the production to the Vestry Clerk before 5 p.m. (Saturday, 2 p.m.) on the day of hiring, of the occasional licence obtained for that purpose.

10.—No persons shall be allowed to supply refreshments, etc., without their names being first submitted to the Committee and approved.

11.—Caterers, Contractors and others employed will be required to remove and clear away all their articles and property by 12 o'clock in the morning following the engagement, and to observe such reasonable instructions as may be given them on behalf of the Committee in connection therewith, and should be notified accordingly by the Hirer.

12.—No part of the buildings will be let for Sales of Furniture by Auction.

13.—No meeting or entertainment except a private party or ball is to be continued after midnight.

14.—No engagement is to be binding which the Vestry, the Committee, or the Vestry's Officers may deem likely to lead to disorder or anything contrary to sobriety, decency and good manners.



15.—No engagement except for Religious Services or the performance of sacred music is to be binding which will occasion the premises to be open on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or any lawfully appointed day of fast or humiliation.

16.—In all cases in which a series of lettings extending over a period of more than two weeks may be granted, the Committee reserve to themselves the right of user on one day or night during each fortnight upon giving seven days' notice to the Hirer, and on making an equivalent reduction in the charge.

17.—The Hallkeeper is not allowed to supply refreshments of any kind to Hirers or to any person using any of the hired rooms without the consent in writing of the Vestry Clerk previously obtained ; nor is the Hallkeeper allowed to take charge of the Cloak Rooms or to assist therein in any case.

18.—Smoking will be allowed only in the room or rooms which may be arranged to be set apart for that purpose.

19.—The seating accommodation provided in the Hall, etc., is limited to the following :—Public Hall (ground floor) 568 ; Gallery 301 ; Stage 38 ; and on no account must this number be exceeded.

20.—Lettings for Bazaars, Exhibitions, etc., will be subject to any further charges or conditions which the Insurance Companies may impose in respect of the extra risk involved.

21.—The regulations of the London County Council for Theatres provide that "Every programme sold or distributed in the Theatre shall have printed upon it a plan of the Auditorium with all the exits, ordinary and extra, plainly marked thereon."

In order that this regulation may be complied with, a plan of the Hall has been prepared and engraved, and the plate will be placed at the service of Hirers upon payment of One Shilling, subject to its being returned in good condition. Notice bills announcing any theatrical performance, must bear the name and address of the Vestry Clerk as under :—

JAMES J. STOKES, *Responsible Manager*,  
TOWN HALL, ROTHERHITHE.

22.—If any hirer refuse or omit to comply with any of these conditions and regulations, or with any instructions conveyed to him by the Vestry Clerk on behalf of the Vestry or the Committee, he and his servants may be excluded until he comply with the same, but without relieving him from his obligation under any contract or agreement.

23.—The Committee reserve to themselves and their officials the right to enter at all times on the production of the pass for that purpose. The ticket-takers are to be instructed accordingly.



RESOLVED—(Mr. Mortimer : Mr. Stuart)—That the Scale of Charges, Conditions of Letting, Regulations, etc., as submitted by the Committee, be approved and adopted, and the Clerk instructed to have 500 copies thereof printed, and that framed copies be suspended in the Town Hall, Vestry Hall, and Public Library, and a copy supplied to any person desirous of hiring the Hall.

### **Strong Room.**

On 2nd March, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Town Hall Committee—That the small room in the basement of the buildings be utilised as a strong room, and that the Architects be authorised to have slate shelves constructed in such room and to substitute for the present wooden door a strong iron door with three duplicate keys.

### **Water Rate.**

On 1st September, 1896, the Town Hall Committee reported that the Architects had been endeavouring to get the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company to give a supply of water to the buildings by meter instead of levying a water rate upon the rateable value of the premises, and were in receipt of a letter from the Supervisor of the Company stating that the Company afford meter supplies only to those premises requiring a supply of water for business purposes, and that in all other cases it is considered a domestic rate and must be levied upon the rateable value of the premises so supplied.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Water Company, urging upon them the equity of affording a meter supply, the building being erected for the purpose of carrying on the business of the parish.

On 6th October, 1896, the Town Hall Committee reported receipt of a letter from the Architects dated 26th September, 1896, as under :—

“ In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, the Water Company requires a payment of about £50 for opening the ground and laying on the large high pressure main from its present position on the west side of the Lower Road, down Neptune Street, and along Moodkee Street to the end of the new building to supply the firecocks. We have communicated with the Company



about it, and find as it is to be used for this one building only, they require to be paid before they will lay it on. Under these circumstances we have instructed Mr. Williams to pay the amount, and there is no alternative but to allow it to be charged as an extra in his accounts."

The Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company in regard to their charge for the proposed high pressure main down Neptune Street and along Moodkee Street, to supply the firecocks upon the Town Hall Buildings, and read a letter from the Company dated 5th October, 1896, stating that the only way for the Vestry to avoid the required payment of £50 would be for them to be content to have the firecock supply drawn from the Company's existing 9-in. high pressure main in the Lower Road, but that if a length of main were required to be driven down Neptune Street and along Moodkee Street specially for the Vestry's benefit, the Company had no alternative but to make the charge in question under the 53rd section of their Act of 1852.

RESOLVED—That the action of the Architects be approved and no further action taken in the matter.

### ***Tradesmen.***

The following were the tradesmen appointed during the year :—

For the half-year ending 25th December, 1896.

Fleetwood Thomas	—	—	—	Smith.
A. Powell	—	—	—	Oilman.
F. J. Rooney	—	—	—	Carpenter.
H. Bellsham	—	—	—	Ironmonger.
A. J. Walling (Mrs.)	—	—	—	Plumber.
J. Scammell—	—	—	—	Wheelwright.

For the half-year ending 24th June, 1897.

A. Bayley	—	—	—	Smith.
E. Walling	—	—	—	Oilman.
W. Maple	—	—	—	Carpenter.
G. O. Higgins	—	—	—	Ironmonger.
W. Durrant & Sons	—	—	—	Plumbers.
J. Scammell	—	—	—	Wheelwright.
J. Daly	—	—	—	Supply of Bedding.



### ***Vaccination.***

On 2nd June, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Vestry Clerk of St. Pancras, stating that that Vestry had decided to convene a Conference of delegates from the Vestries and District Boards of the Metropolis, to meet at the Vestry Hall, Pancras Road, on Tuesday, at 3 o'clock p.m., to fully discuss the Vaccination Acts, and appoint a Deputation to wait upon the Local Government Board to urge the desirableness of the administration of the said Acts being placed in the hands of the Sanitary Authorities to carry out, and the urgent necessity for the Royal Commission on Vaccination reporting at as early a date as possible, and asking that this Vestry would appoint four delegates with the Clerk and Medical Officer of Health to attend such Conference.

RESOLVED—That Mr. F. T. Talbot and Dr. J. Field Hall attend such Conference as delegates from this Vestry, together with the Clerk and Medical Officer of Health.

On 21st July, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Vestry Clerk of St. Pancras, stating that the Conference of delegates from Vestries and District Boards of the Metropolis, which met at St. Pancras Vestry Hall on the 25th June, 1896, to consider the question of the administration of the Vaccination Acts, had passed resolutions in favour of the administration of the said Acts being transferred from the Boards of Guardians in the metropolis to the Sanitary Authorities, and that the President of the Local Government Board should be asked to receive a Deputation from the Authorities represented at the Conference to urge the desirability of the transfer being made, and the urgent necessity for the Royal Commission on Vaccination reporting at as early a date as possible; also requesting that this Vestry would appoint two representatives on the Deputation to the Local Government Board.

The letter was referred to the Sanitary Committee for consideration and report.

On 1st September, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported having considered the letter from the Vestry of St. Pancras, asking the Vestry to appoint two representatives on the proposed Deputation to the Local Government Board to urge the desirability of the administration of the Vaccination Acts being placed in the hands of the Sanitary Authorities.

RESOLVED—That no action be taken thereon.



## ***Vacant Land.***

### **Wyndham Road.**

It will be remembered that the Vestry enclosed the piece of vacant land opposite St. George's Terrace, Wyndham Road, in consequence of a complaint having been received of a nuisance arising therefrom, and there being apparently no owner, and that the fence erected by the Vestry was broken down by a person named Harry Chicken.

Summonses were subsequently taken out against Mr. Harry Chicken for damage to the fence, and also against Mr. William Chicken for failure to remove his vehicles from the public footway, after notice from the Vestry to do so, the vehicles in question having been removed from off the piece of land by the Vestry.

On 2nd June, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter dated 9th May, 1896, giving notice on behalf of Messrs. William and Harry Chicken of their intention to bring an Action against the Vestry, in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, for damages, and

On 16th June, 1896, writs were served upon the Clerk relative to actions in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court, one on behalf of Mr. William Chicken claiming damages on account of assault, detention of goods and malicious prosecution, and the other on behalf of Mr. Harry Chicken claiming damages in respect to assault and malicious prosecution, who was instructed to take the necessary steps to defend the said actions.

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

## ***Voluntary Schools, State Aid to.***

On 17th November, 1896, the Vestry considered a letter from the Vestry Clerk of St. James', Westminster, forwarding copy resolution passed by that Vestry on the above subject:—

“That this Vestry, understanding that the Government contemplate making a grant to the Denominational Schools, is of most emphatic opinion, that such grant should come out of the Imperial Taxes, without further burdening the already heavily rated householders by making such grant a charge on the rates.”



RESOLVED—(Mr. Beasley: Mr. Vice-Chairman Bisley)—That the Vestry support the action taken by the Vestry of St. James', Westminster, in the matter.

The Voluntary Schools Act received the Royal Assent on the 8th April, 1897, and is an Act to provide for a Grant out of the Exchequer in aid of Voluntary Elementary Schools, and for the exemption from rates of those Schools, and to repeal part of Section 19 of the Elementary Education Act, 1876.

### **Water Supply.**

On 2nd June, 1896, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported having considered the following reports of the Surveyor, with reference to the water supply of the Parish :—

“During the summer of last year I reported the failure of some of the pumps to give sufficient water for street watering purposes, and upon the 2nd July, 1895, I was instructed to have three stand-posts erected and connected with the Water Companies' mains, one near the 'Lion' p.h., and the other two in Rotherhithe Street; but owing to the terms asked by the Kent Water Company for those in Rotherhithe Street being such as I could not ask you to accept, I only erected the one near the 'Lion' p.h. I have again approached the Engineer to the Kent Water Company, and he is not prepared to supply the water by meter as in the case of the Southwark and Vauxhall Company, but by the mileage of road watered, and I have succeeded in getting him to reduce the amount to £20 per mile per annum, or £50 for the 2½ miles from Surrey Bridge to Plough Bridge and the side streets. This district is watered by two carts; and if the stand-posts are erected I shall save 8s. 10d. per day for labour now required for pumping. The average number of days the carts were out for the past two years was 105, representing a cost of £46 7s. 6d.; so taking these figures as a basis, the extra cost will only amount to £3 12s. 6d. per annum; but as this water without extra charge will be available for flushing sewers and gullies, the £3 2s. 6d. will be more than saved on that account. More efficiency will also be obtained, because at present it takes 6 hours per day to pump water, leaving only 4 hours for distribution, whereas with the stand-pipes it will only take 3 hours to fill the same number of carts; therefore, I estimate that each cart would be able to distribute one-third more water, or 24 loads per day against 18 loads, the present average quantity, if the pumps would give the water, their present yield being only about one-quarter the quantity required.

“The argument set forth above is applicable to the whole of the parish, and I have to inform the Vestry that, having only one stand-pipe at the 'Lion' p.h. is a loss with no equivalent



advantage, but if they will give me permission to erect two, or at least, one more between that point and the Mill Pond boundary, I shall be able to save the extra labour, which in this case also amounts to 8s. 10d. per day of 10 hours; more efficiency will be obtained, and the water almost, if not quite, paid for.

"It will be noticed that in the figures quoted I have not mentioned the cost of the maintenance of the pumps, which has for the past two years averaged £15 per annum.

"In further reference to my report, *re* street watering, I have to report a further deficiency of water, and that six of the pumps are now unable to yield sufficient water for street watering purposes, and that the following stand-posts are necessary to provide an adequate supply :—

Three in Rotherhithe Street, from Surrey entrance to Plough Bridge.

Two in Lower Road, etc., from "Red Lion" p.h. to Mill Pond Bridge, and

One in Rotherhithe New Road, near Hawkstone Road.

"If these are erected the street watering can be efficiently performed, except in exceptional periods, with six vans instead of eight as at present, 19s. per day being saved in horse-hire, and 26s. 6d. per day for pumpers' labour.

"I have had complaints from the men of the great difficulty that is experienced in pumping the water. They have often to continue pumping for nearly an hour to obtain one load.

"After deducting a sum of £1 8s. 4d. (the cost of the use of an estimated amount of 40,000 gallons of water per day at 8½d. per 1,000 gallons) from the estimated saving of 45s. 6d. per day as shown above, I calculate there would be an annual saving of £90 2s. 6d., or 17s. 2d. per day for a season of 105 days."

RESOLVED—(1.) That the Vestry enter into an agreement with the Kent Waterworks Company for a supply of water for that part of the parish which lies within the area of supply:—From Swing Bridge, Rotherhithe Street, to Plough Bridge, Plough Road, including the side streets, being a distance of 2½ miles, at a cost of £20 per mile per annum, or a sum of £50 for the whole area.

(2.) That the Surveyor be authorised to have erected three hydrants within the area of supply.



- (3.) That the Surveyor be authorised to have erected three stand-posts connected with the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company's mains, at the following points :—

Hothfield Place,  
Culling Road, and  
Rotherhithe New Road.

- (4.) That the Vestry enter into an agreement with the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company for the supply of water thereto at a rate not exceeding 8½d. per 1,000 gallons.

- (5.) That the Surveyor in his discretion employ a sufficient number of water carts to efficiently water the roads in the parish.

On 15th September, 1896, the Sanitary Committee reported having considered a letter from the Vestry Clerk of Battersea, stating that that Vestry has had under consideration the question of the water supply of the Metropolis, and in connection therewith the Special Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the London Water Companies' Bills, dated 7th July, 1896, and had directed a communication to be addressed to Her Majesty's Government urging that effect might be given to the recommendations contained in the Report referred to, and asking this Vestry to take similar action.

Copy Report referred to.

“ Your Committee beg to report that they have had before them up to this date the following Bills :—

- “ The Chelsea Water Company's Bill.
- “ The Lambeth Water Company's Bill.
- “ The Staines Reservoirs Bill.
- “ The New River Water Company's Bill.
- “ The Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill.

“ 1. They have passed the Preambles of these four Bills, making extensive alterations in the clauses, and in the case of the Staines Reservoirs Bill amending the Preamble. They found that the Preamble of the Southwark and Vauxhall Bill had not been proved.



" 2. In dealing with these Bills your Committee have observed to the best of their judgment the instruction given to them by the House, and confined the powers conferred upon these several Companies to those works, and that acquisition of land 'which could not, in their judgment, be postponed without detriment to the interests of the public.'

" 3. The evidence before your Committee clearly points out that no large new source of water supply for the constantly increasing wants of these districts could be made available for at least 13 to 14 years from the present time, and that therefore the population must be supplied from sources now available for a similar period, and that as the present powers of supply of some of these companies will soon be exhausted, and the storage is already inadequate, provision must be made in the public interest for the further supply and storage of water required in the interval.

" 4. The population deriving their daily water supply from the companies whose Bills have been under consideration amount to no less than 3,863,566.

" 5. Whilst it has been alleged that the prevention of waste would in some cases place more water at the disposal of the water companies, on the other hand the large increase of the population, the substitution of constant for intermittent supply, and especially the decided evidence that there is a largely increased consumption per head of the population, for domestic, sanitary, and municipal purposes, far outweigh any probabilities of savings and economies that any practicable methods could introduce.

" 6. In addition, the imperative demand for water compels that some provision should be made for exceptional drought, floods, frosts, and those casualties to which a water supply is always liable. The storage, in the case of the three companies interested in the Staines Reservoirs Bill (except West Middlesex, which obtained considerable powers for increased storage in 1894, which are about completed), is greatly deficient, and far short of the estimate of the Royal Commission of 1893, and of the amount deemed to be necessary by the water examiner and experts, to secure a good, wholesome and constant supply, and for provision in case of even a small excess in demand.

" 7. It has been suggested that more water might be obtained by pumping direct from the river Thames, and thus avoiding a present outlay in storage reservoirs, but it seems to your Committee that this expedient would only aggravate the acknowledged evils and dangers of deficient storage, and might involve taking water direct from the river when it would be most unsuitable to do so, instead of obtaining it from a storage supply drawn from the river at times most suitable for pumping.

" 8. Your Committee have had before them the report and suggestions of the Local Government Board, and of the Board of Agriculture. They have endeavoured to embody in the Bills the suggestions made by these authorities.



" 9. The price of issue of the stock to be raised will in all cases be settled by the Governor of the Bank of England. It will be sold subject to the Standard Auction Clauses.

" 10. Any premiums will be used in reduction of the authorised amount. Powers to redeem the stock at par at the end of 25 years have been inserted. The Sinking Fund Clause has been adapted to all the money raised in each case.

" 11. In the Staines Reservoirs Bill a clause has been inserted, to the effect that in the event of a sale of any of the three subscribing companies within seven years from the passing of the Act to any public body or trust, the advantages conferred by this Act, shall not be deemed to have enhanced the value for purposes of sale of any of the three companies obtaining that Act. A clause has also been inserted bringing the Staines Reservoirs under the auditors appointed by the London Water Act of 1871.

" 12. During the course of their inquiry your Committee have frequently had their attention drawn to paragraphs Nos. 176, 177, and 180 of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Water Supply of the Metropolis, dated 8th September, 1893. No regulations yet exist, as recommended by the Royal Commission, as to the processes deemed necessary before water is in a fit condition to be supplied to the consumer. No Statutory regulations applying to all Metropolitan water companies are in force as to the periods for pumping, nor as to the proper appliances and regulations for the subsidence and filtration of water.

" 13. The water examiner, whilst treated with the greatest courtesy by the water companies, has no legal right of entry, or power to check the quantities taken out of the rivers and springs as reported to him by the companies, or the quantities delivered into the main for the supply of consumers.

" 14. Whilst it is practically proved by the low rate of mortality from typhoid fever in the Metropolis (Frankland's Report, page 145, 1894-95) that care is taken to ensure a good and wholesome supply of water, your Committee submit that where the health of so enormous a population confined in so comparatively small an area, is concerned, no executive Government ought to delay dealing with these most important questions. As your Committee have elsewhere pointed out, London must be supplied under any circumstances for several years to come, and probably in future in great measure, from the present sources of supply, and, therefore, in any event such regulations as the above-named paragraphs recommend are imperatively necessary, and cannot be delayed without some risk to the public health.

" 15. Your Committee would with great deference point out that the present position of the London water supply is not in accordance with the public interest.

" 16. By the now established mode of issuing all new stock by auction, and by the application of the sinking fund to all moneys required by the companies for their further development, they have no longer the stimulus of remuneration, which is one of the wholesome



factors in open trade, whilst, on the other hand, the consumer is left without that care of his interests which is ensured by placing the supply under a representative body in whose election he is made personally interested.

“ 17. In the meantime, each Session, applications to Parliament are being made which are opposed by local authorities and private persons. These proceedings are annually costing a very large sum of money, and Committees of Parliament have the almost impossible task assigned to them of deciding what powers should be granted to water companies in order that they may provide for the wants of an ever-increasing population, and what powers withheld to avoid the water companies acquiring an increased value, in the event of a purchase by a public authority.

“ 18. From this acknowledged anomalous position it would be greatly to the public interest that both the water companies and the inhabitants of London should be speedily freed.”

RESOLVED—That the Vestry of Battersea be informed in reply thereto that this Vestry is of opinion that the water supply of the Metropolis should be taken out of the hands of the water companies, and a water trust created by the Government with as little delay as possible, and the question of a supplementary supply considered.

On 20th October, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Vestry Clerk of Camberwell stating that a complaint having been received, a sample of water had recently been taken by a Sanitary Inspector of that Vestry from the main of one of the water companies supplying that parish. The sample, properly sealed, was taken by direction of the Public Health Committee to the Local Government Board in order that the same might be analysed, which the Board refused to do, stating that they did not “ cause analyses of the London water supply to be made for local authorities,” and, under these circumstances, and having regard to the fact that the Local Government Board was the only water authority for the Metropolis, asking that this Vestry would approach the Local Government Board in order that in future apparently unsatisfactory samples of water submitted to the Board should be analysed.

RESOLVED.—Upon the motion of Mr. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Higgs, that the Clerk write a letter to the Local Government Board, urging the desirability of apparently unsatisfactory samples of water submitted to the Board by local authorities being analysed under the Board's direction.



On 17th November, 1896, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Assistant Secretary, Local Government Board, stating in reply to the Vestry's letter *re* water analysis, that the Board had considered the suggestion made in such letter, but could not arrange for the analysis of samples of water which might be sent to them by the local authorities of the Metropolis.

### **Water Troughs.**

On 19th January, 1897, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the water trough in Neptune Street be moved lower down the street between Messrs. Brandram's gates and Moodkee Street, and that the Clerk notify the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain Association accordingly.

On 2nd February, 1897, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Secretary, Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association, expressing the hope that the Vestry would cause the work of the removal and re-erection of the trough in Neptune Street to be done without cost to the Association, its funds being at a low ebb.

RESOLVED—(Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Bulmer)—That the Association be informed that the Vestry are prepared to incur the expense of removing the trough in question.

ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

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

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***Vestrymen :***

*CHAIRMAN.*

The Rev. CANON BECK, M.A., J.P., *Rector*, The Rectory, St. Marychurch Street.

*VICE-CHAIRMAN.*

Mr. FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT, 34, Lower Road.

*CHURCHWARDENS.*

Mr. JOHN JAMES MULLENGER, 72, Albion Street, and Mr. JAMES COLLETT HIGGS, 28, Plough Road (elected May, 1897).

*TO GO OUT OF OFFICE, 1898*

Mr. SIDNEY BROWNFIELD, Surrey Lock, Surrey Commercial Docks.

- „ FRANCIS JOHN BISLEY, 68, Union Road.
- „ ROBERT LEISHMAN STUART, 226, Lower Road.
- „ EDWARD JAMES TALBOT, 72, Union Road.
- „ FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT, 34, Lower Road.
- „ RALPH WESTALL WALKER, 14, Rebecca Terrace.
- „ WALTER BEASLEY, 187, Lower Road.
- „ JOHN HENRY BULMER, 8, Erlanger Road, New Cross, S.E.

*TO GO OUT OF OFFICE, 1899 :*

- Mr. JAMES COLLETT HIGGS, 28, Plough Road.
- „ JOSIAH FIELD HALL, 36, Lower Road.
- „ JOHN JAMES MULLENGER, 72, Albion Street.
- „ JOHN CHEW MORTIMER, 102, Lower Road.
- „ EDWARD ALSTON SPARKES, Surrey Dock Tavern, 163, Rotherhithe Street.



- Mr. 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.  
 „ DANIEL BOARD, 215, Lower Road.  
 „ 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.

COMMITTEES :

*GENERAL PURPOSES AND WORKS  
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.

*FINANCE COMMITTEE :*

The whole of the Vestrymen.  
*Day of Meeting :* As settled by the Clerk.

*TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE :*

The whole of the Vestrymen.  
*Day of Meeting :* As settled by the Clerk.

*TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE :*

Rota Sub-Committee to act from June to  
September, 1897 :

- Mr. EDWARD J. TALBOT.  
 „ WALTER BEASLEY.  
 „ SIDNEY BROWNFIELD.  
 „ HENRY VEZEY.

Rota Sub-Committee to act from October,  
1897, to January, 1898 :

- Mr. GEORGE WOOD.  
 „ FRANCIS J. BISLEY.  
 „ WALTER G. STREETON.  
 „ ROBERT W. MOSS.

Rota Sub-Committee to act from February to May, 1898 :

Rev. CANON BECK, M.A., J.P.

Mr. FRANCIS T. TALBOT.

„ ROBERT L. STUART.

„ JAMES C. HIGGS.

*Day of Meeting :* Second Monday in each Month.

*AUDITORS OF ACCOUNTS :*

Mr. JAMES THOMAS BRISTOW,

Mr. THOMAS BENNETT HALLIWELL,

„ WILLIAM CAPEWELL,

„ HENRY MOORE,

and Mr. WILLIAM ALFRED PHILLIPS.

***Officers of the Vestry :***

*CLERK'S DEPARTMENT :*

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

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

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

REUBEN JOHN WALKER, Junior Assistant Clerk, Quebec Yard, Surrey Commercial Docks.

*SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT :*

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

NEPTUNE FREDERICK BAKER, Surveyor's Clerk, 47, Lower Road.

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.

*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," 218, Fort Road, Bermondsey.

EDWIN SANDERSON, Sanitary Clerk, 95, Lower Road.

SOLOMON SCULPHER, Mortuary Keeper, Disinfector, etc., 83B, Lower Road.

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

*COLLECTOR OF SEWERS, LIGHTING AND PAVING RATES:*

JOSEPH DAY, 48, Union Road.

*MESSENGER:*

THOMAS BAUCKHAM, 20, Hothfield Place.

*HALL KEEPER:*

JOHN FORD, Town Hall.

*HOUSE KEEPER:*

ELLEN FORD, Town Hall.

*ASSISTANT HALL KEEPER:*

SAMUEL J. SHARP, 46, St. Marychurch Street.

***Representatives at the London County Council:***

W. H. C. PAYNE, Esq., Goldsmith Building, Temple, E.C.

A. H. A. MORTON, Esq., 80, Eaton Place, Pimlico, S.W.

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

Mr. Francis J. Bisley, 68, Union Road.

„ Edward J. Talbot, 72, Union Road.

„ William Archer, 19, St. Marychurch St.

Mr. Ralph W. Walker, 14, Rebecca Terrace.

„ John G. Hobman, 8, Plough Road.

„ William J. Brett, 9, Old Road.

COPY OF RETURN OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE VESTRY,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1897.

**As made to the Local Government Board.**

Abstract of sums received and expended in the Parish of Rotherhithe during the year ended 25th March, 1897.  
RATEABLE VALUE OF PARISH £216,646.

**Receipts excluding Balances and Loans.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Rates, amounting to 2/6 in the £				24,700	0	0	Brought forward . . .				32,894	0	0
The sum raised as General Rates during the year to satisfy the Precepts of the School Board amounted to £10,985.							Contributions from or payments by other Local Authorities :—From Metropolitan Asylums Board—Notification of Disease—Repayment of Medical Fees . . .				63	0	0
Lighting Rates, amounting to 2d. in the £ .				2,000	0	0	Fines and Penalties . . .				43	0	0
Sewers Rates, for local sewers under Secs. 158 and 161 of 18 and 19 Vic. C. 120, amounting to 3d. in the £ . . .				2,700	0	0	Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, Part II. :—						
Mem. :—The total amount of Government contributions, received by the Sanitary Authority, in respect of all rates on Government Property during the year was £35 12s. 9d.							Cost of Summonses . . . . .				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 . . . . .				340	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 . . . . .	2,675	0	0				Payments by companies and others for repair of roads and footpaths broken up by them . . . . .	845	0	0			
In respect of salaries of Sanitary Inspectors . . . . .	61	0	0				Costs of Summonses recovered . . . . .	11	0	0			
In respect of contributions under Section 11 (10) of the Local Government Act, 1888 . . . . .	302	0	0				Other sources of Receipt :—						
Contribution towards cost of Swan Lane Sewer . . . . .	116	0	0				Interest on accounts at bank . . . . .	35	0	0			
							Miscellaneous . . . . .	23	0	0			
											914	0	0
Carried forward . . . . .				£32,894	0	0							
							Total . . . . .				£33,915	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 . . .				14,528	0	0
Maintenance and Repair . . .	4930	0	0				Private Works :—						
Cleansing and Scavenging, including watering . . .	4073	0	0				Private street improvements . . .	154	0	0			
Street Improvements and the making of new streets . . .	5	0	0				Other private works including removal of trade refuse . . .	187	0	0			
				9,008	0	0					341	0	0
Public Lighting and Works connected therewith . . .				1,667	0	0	Loans :—						
Sewerage and Drainage Works . . .				1,821	0	0	Principal repaid . . .	1,567	0	0			
Removal of House Refuse . . .				1,333	0	0	Interest (including Income Tax thereon) . . .	1,228	0	0			
Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890—Part II. . .				2	0	0					2,795	0	0
Parks, Pleasure Grounds, Commons and Open Spaces . . .				21	0	0	Salaries, Remuneration and Superannuation Allowances, including salaries of Medical Officers of Health and Sanitary Inspectors . . .				2,524	0	0
Disinfectants and Disinfecting and Works connected therewith . . .				367	0	0	Other Establishment Charges . . .				741	0	0
Other Public Works or purposes :—							Payments under Precept :—				10,985	0	0
Public conveniences . . .	153	0	0				To School Board for London . . .						
Sale of Food and Drugs Acts . . .	82	0	0				Other Contributions or payments to Local Authorities, viz.—						
Notification of Disease :—							Vestry of Bermondsey ; moiety of maintenance of "John Bull" and "Queen Charlotte" urinals . . .	42	0	0			
Fees for Medical Certificates . . .	63	0	0				Ditto.—Destruction of Bedding . . .	14	0	0			
Mortuaries and places for post-mortem examinations and inquests . . .	11	0	0								56	0	0
				309	0	0	Legal and Parliamentary Expenses . . .				94	0	0
							Other payments :—						
							Valuation Committee expenses . . .	50	0	0			
							Miscellaneous . . .	11	0	0			
											61	0	0
Carried forward . . .				£14,528	0	0	Total . . .				£32,125	0	0

## LOAN TRANSACTIONS.

Purpose of Loan.	Amount of Loan outstanding on the 25th March, 1897.	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	7510	—	—	938	333
Public Buildings ... ..	19521	6750	9787	437	565
Depots, Wharves, Yards, Refuse Destroyers and Works connected therewith ...	12338	2760	4862	192	329
Total ... .. £	39369	9510	14649	1567	1227



# **Surveyor's Annual Report,**

**1896-7.**

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY.—

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report upon the work of my Department for the year ending 25th March, 1897.

## ***Licenses.***

Forty-seven licenses were granted to erect scaffolds and hoardings on the public foot-paths and carriageways for new buildings, alterations, or repairs; an increase of thirteen when compared with the number granted last year.

## ***Roads and Footways.***

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

**Tiger Bay.**—The Apportionments being paid, the road has been pitched with 4 in. by 4 in. granite setts on 6 in. concrete, with a granite kerb on each side and a footway of York flagging upon the south-east side. The total amount of the apportionment was £79 4s.; the work included 102 ft. kerb laid, 48 sq. ft. flags relay, 141 sq. ft. new flags supplied and laid, and 96½ sup. yds. pitching.

**Hatteraick Street.**—The portion of the street extending from Adam's Gardens to the wood-yard has been paved with 4 in. by 4 in. granite setts upon a foundation of 6 in. of cement concrete, a granite kerb placed along each side, and the footways flagged. The cost was apportioned amongst the owners, and amounted to £42 17s. 10d.; the work included 103½ ft. kerb laid, 41 sq. ft. flags relay, 119 sq. ft. new Victoria, and 42½ sq. yds. pitching.

**Nolan Place.**—This place has been paved with tar macadam upon a foundation of hard core, with a granite channel down the centre. The cost was apportioned upon the owners and amounted to £47 14s. 3d. The area is 113½ sq. yds.

**Galleywall Road.**—A memorial, extensively signed, having been presented to the Vestry, complaining of the state of the footway in Galleywall Road, the same from Rotherhithe New Road to Lynton Road has been relaid, the existing stones refaced or new supplied where necessary, the kerb was relaid on concrete and a new three-course granite channel provided for the roadway. I have received instructions to continue the channel and relay the kerb to Southwark Park Road, but this extension was not carried out at the end of the year.

**Yeoman Street.**—In connection with the work of connecting the New Approach Road with Plough Road and by reason of the setting back of the pier at the end of the boundary wall 20 ft. from the line of Plough Road, this road has been reformed from the latter road to Chilton Street, the kerbs and footways have been relaid, a foundation put in for the road, which has been covered with broken granite, rolled, and thoroughly consolidated.

**Lower Road.** (Bank to Cope Street).—The condition of this portion of the main road having become such that it was impossible to satisfactorily patch it, the same has been, on the west side, entirely relaid from tramway to kerb, the whole of the stones redressed, and new supplied to make up for the waste. The total cost was £143 0s. 10d., of which sum £40 3s. was repaid by the Tramway Company for portion of the work they were liable for.

**Nelldale Road.**—The kerb on both sides of this road has been relaid to the extent of 700 ft., and 3685 sq. ft. of flags relaid.



**Abbeyfield Road.**—In this road 649 ft. of kerb and 2928 sq. ft. of flags have been relaid, 671 sq. ft. flags faced, squared, and relaid, and 17 sq. ft. of new flags laid.

**Mossington Road.**—The footways on both sides of this road have received attention. 591 ft. of kerb and 3406 sq. ft. of flags were relaid, and 140 sq. ft. of new flags laid.

**Raymouth Road.**—The footway in this road opposite Nos. 124–144 has been relaid to the extent of 847 sq. ft.; 153 ft. of kerb was also relaid.

**Cranham Road.**—This road has received considerable attention during the past year; the kerbs were relaid for a length of 1265 ft., and 4852 sq. ft. of flags relaid, 2426 sq. ft. refaced, squared, and relaid, and 76 sq. ft. of new laid.

**Silwood Street.**—In Silwood Street the kerb has been relaid for a length of 802 ft., 3626 sq. ft. of flags relaid, 1247 sq. ft. refaced, squared, and relaid, and 127 sq. ft. of New York supplied.

**Pedworth Road.**—Extensive repairs have been executed in this road, 557 feet of kerb and 2,940 sq. ft. of flags were relaid and 85 sq. ft. of New York laid.

**Hawkstone Road.**—In this road the following repairs have been executed: 106 ft. kerb and 892 sq. ft. flagging relaid, 179 sq. ft. refaced, squared, and relaid, and 22½ sq. ft. New York laid.

**Culling Road.**—The condition of this road towards the end of last year became so unsatisfactory that extensive repairs were absolutely necessary to both footways and roadway. The kerbs were relaid for a length of 750 ft., the footways relaid for an area of 4367 sq. ft., the whole of the roadway picked-over, coated, and rolled, the area being 2365 sq. yds., and 178 tons 15 cwt. of broken granite was used.

**Ilderton Road.**—This road has received attention to both footways and roadway. 279 ft. of kerb and 2070 sq. ft. of flags were relaid, and 28 sq. ft. of New York supplied. The roadway for an area of 950 sq. yds. was picked up, coated, and rolled, 59 tons 13 cwt. of broken granite being used.

**Lower Road.** (Red Lion P.H. to Boundary.)—This roadway has received attention during the past year to the extent of  $604\frac{1}{2}$  sq. yds., which were relaid; the cost of the work was £81 5s. 5d., of which sum £7 14s. 8d. was charged to the Tramway Company.

**Raymouth Road and Rotherhithe New Road**—Repairs have been executed in these roads when necessary, and some portions have been relaid the whole width, extending from the tram lines to the kerb, the width for 3 ft. outside the rails when executed by my men being in all cases charged to the Tramway Company.

In addition to the streets above enumerated, the following are the important ones that have received attention :

#### Footways—

Trident Street.	St. Marychurch Street.	St. Helena Road.
Corbetts Lane.	Swan Lane.	Old Road.
Rotherhithe New Road.	Bracton Road.	Litlington Street.
Southwark Park Road.	Cranswick Road.	Commercial Dock Road.
Lower Road.	Neptune Street.	Albion Street.
Tunnel Road.	York Place.	Suffolk Street.

and several thousands of square feet have been relaid in patching.

#### Pitched Roads—

	Square yards.
St. Marychurch Street . . .	472
Raymouth Road . . .	536
Lower Road . . .	852
Rotherhithe New Road . . .	287
Rotherhithe Street, Princes Street to Platform	526
„ (patches) . . .	191
Southwark Park Road . . .	50
Commercial Dock Road . . .	250



The principal macadam roads that have received attention are as under, with the areas dealt with and the amount of stone used :—

	Square yards.	Broken Granite used.		
		Tons	c.	qrs.
Paradise Street . . .	2500	186	0	0
Hawkstone Road . . .	945	36	14	0
Abbeyfield Road . . .	402	10	10	0
Galleywall Road . . .	1133	91	17	0
London Street . . .	1168	77	11	0
Neptune Street . . .	842	64	7	0
Nelldale Road . . .	1140	61	10	2
Adam Street . . .	1260	35	4	0
Chilton Street . . .	1304	4	2	0
Lavender Lane . . .	300	18	14	0
Cranham Road . . .	1200	36	6	0
Hothfield Place . . .	233	17	12	0
Clack Street . . .	498	29	14	0
Ilderton Road . . .	950	59	13	0
Southwark Park Road . . .	408	19	16	0
Prospect Street . . .	781	38	10	0
Corbetts Lane . . .	666	45	5	3
Mossington Road . . .	668	49	11	1
Rotherhithe New Road . . .	1250	34	12	0
Bush Road . . .	198	5	10	0
Wharf . . .	292	36	0	0
Osprey Street . . .	1711	97	13	0
Swan Lane . . .	1000	67	0	0
Paradise Street . . .	1450	41	12	0
Tunnel Square . . .	480	32	7	0
Rotherhithe Street (South wh.)	1567	164	0	0
Culling Road . . .	2365	178	15	0

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

Broken Guernsey Granite . . .	2350 tons
Thames Ballast . . .	1471½ cub. yds.
Sand (from Docks) . . .	587 "
Grey Stone Lime . . .	28 "

Ground Stone Lime . . .	2 cub. yds.
Portland Cement . . .	215 tons
3 in. York Flags . . .	8145 super. ft.
Victoria Stone . . .	158 „
4 in. by 7 in. Guernsey Setts .	251 tons 17 cwt.
4 in. by 4 in. „ .	33 „ 11 „
3 in. by 7 in. „ .	10 „ 0 „
3 in. by 5 in. Setts (Wharf) .	510 „ 10 „
6 in. by 12 in. Guernsey Kerb (straight)	783 ft. 4 in. lineal
6 in. by 12 in. „ (circular)	40 ft. „
Stock Bricks . . .	5000
Gault „ . . .	10858
Blue Staffordshire Bricks . .	100
Blue Lias Lime . . .	2½ tons
Bull Nosed Bricks . . .	200
Fine Gravel . . .	46 tons

### ***Removal of Slop.***

Up to the 29th September, 1896, the Contractor was required to remove the street sweepings to a shoot provided by him outside the parish, but since that date it has been taken to the Vestry's wharf in Rotherhithe Street, and tipped into craft provided by the Barging Contractor. During the year 9,518½ cubic yards of slop have been removed from the streets by the Contractors, Mr. E. Donogan and Messrs. A. T. Hobman & Son, at a cost of £1,205 16s. 9d., but to which amount must be added the proportion of the Barging Contract. This quantity is in excess of the previous year by 1,883 cubic yards, or 23 per cent., practically the whole of such increase occurring in the last quarter (January to March). A small portion of this increase can be accounted for by the more efficient cleansing of the main roads by sweeping them with the machine brush, which commenced work on the 16th January, but the greater portion was caused by the extremely wet season, and the many endeavours made to finish the work each night, only to find that it was necessary to do the same work again next morning, and to the snow-storms which occurred on the 17th, 23rd and 25th January, the collections for this work being included in the total for the year, and amount to 310 cubic yards.



The following table gives the weekly collection of Slop, Material Carts hired, Street Watering Horses hired, and the amount of Silt removed from sewers and gullies, Horses hired and water used for flushing same.

WEEK ENDING. 1896.	Slop Collection and Material Carts.		Street Watering. Horses & Drivers Hired. Days.	Cleansing and Flushing Sewers.			Cleansing and Flushing Gullies.		
	Slop removed. Cubic yards.	Horses & Drivers Hired. Days.		Deposit Removed Cubic yds.	Horses and Drivers Hired Days.	Water used. Loads.	Deposit Removed. Cubic yds.	Horses and Drivers, Hired.	Water used. Loads.
27th March ...	30	3	—	4	—	—	8	—	—
3rd April ...	102	10	—	4	2	29	6	—	—
10th „ ...	98	10½	4½	2	4	49	6	—	—
17th „ ...	152½	12	—	10	5	68	20	—	—
24th „ ...	106½	32	12	4	5½	73	22	—	—
1st May ...	136	12	30	12	6	79	22	2½	35
8th „ ...	119¼	15	29	2	1¾	27	22	2	25
15th „ ...	131	8½	42½	3	1	13	22	5½	60
22nd „ ...	135	9½	33½	2	6	75	21	3½	37
29th „ ...	126	9	24	4	4	46	18	4¾	54
5th June ...	110½	9	32¾	10	5	58	22	4¾	54
12th „ ...	156½	16	13	4	4	49	22	4	47
19th „ ...	112½	11¾	37½	10	4	43	24	3	38
26th „ ...	125¾	14	35½	6½	4	48	24	4	55
3rd July ...	115½	10	35	11	5½	75	22	5¼	70
10th „ ...	125¾	15	36¼	3½	6	80	22	5¼	67
17th „ ...	118¼	13	39½	2	6	82	22	5¼	71
24th „ ...	118½	11½	47½	12	6¾	86	22	4¼	51
31st „ ...	137¼	15¼	32	12	7	97	22	1¾	27
7th August ...	106¾	17	30	10	5	74	18	4¾	74
14th „ ...	139½	18	19½	10	5¼	77	22	2¾	36
21st „ ...	126	24	10	11	7¼	114	21	2¾	42
28th „ ...	138	25	¾	4	2	32	22	—	—
4th Sept. ...	160¼	26½	5¼	4	3¼	50	21	¾	10
11th „ ...	138¾	27	—	12	3	36	20	3	38
18th „ ...	130¼	21¼	—	11½	—	—	22	—	—

WEEK ENDING. 1896.	Slop Collection and Material Carts		Street Watering Horses and Drivers Hired. Days.	Cleansing and Flushing Sewers.			Cleansing and Flushing Gullies.		
	Slop removed Cubic yards.	Horses & Drivers Hired. Days.		Deposit Removed. Cubic yds.	Horses and Drivers Hired. Days.	Water used. Loads.	Deposit Removed. Cubic yds.	Horses and Drivers. Hired.	Water used. Loads.
25th Sept. ...	143	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	22	—	—
2nd Oct. ...	127 $\frac{3}{4}$	21	—	9	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	40	14	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	32
9th „ ..	192	15	—	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	16	2	1	14
16th „ ...	258 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—	—	—
23rd „ ...	215 $\frac{3}{4}$	18	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
30th „ ...	110 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	4	—	—	20	—	—
6th Nov. ..	217	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
13th „ ...	109	23	—	—	1	11	—	—	—
20th „ ...	250 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27th „ ...	102 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	—	6	—	—	—	—	—
4th Dec. ...	331	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11th „ ...	350 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—	—	—	20	—	—
18th „ ...	287 $\frac{3}{4}$	25	—	—	—	—	22	—	—
25th „ ...	172 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	—	5	—	—	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
1st Jan., 1897	373	27	—	1	—	—	19	—	—
8th „ ...	329	34 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	4	—	—	20	—	—
15th „ ...	219 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	20	—	—	22	—	—
22nd „ ...	278 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	22	—	—
29th „ ...	546	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
5th Feb. ...	427 $\frac{1}{4}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—	—	—
12th „ ...	299	52	—	—	—	—	20	—	—
19th „ ...	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	2	—	—	22	—	—
26th „ ...	155 $\frac{1}{4}$	70	—	—	—	—	24	—	—
5th March ...	161 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	2	4	—	—	22	—	—
12th „ ...	186 $\frac{3}{4}$	41	—	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	45	22	—	—
19th „ ...	255 $\frac{1}{4}$	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	—	—	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
25th „ ...	117 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	6	2	—	—	18	—	—
TOTAL ...	9,518 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,210	559 $\frac{1}{2}$	279 $\frac{3}{4}$	117	1,572	858	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	937

N.B.—The flushing carts carted 60 loads of water to the Paviers, etc., and did other sundry cartage amounting to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  days.



Upon numerous occasions during the year the Contractors have failed to supply a sufficient number of horses and carts to complete the day's work, and I have called the Vestry's attention to the unsuitability of the plant supplied by the present Contractor.

Table showing the amount collected per quarter for the past two years, but it must be borne in mind that no snow storms occurred during the winter of 1895-6.

Quarter ending	1895-6		1896-7	
	Cubic yds.		Cubic yds.	
June . . .	1723	.	1516 $\frac{3}{4}$	.
September . . .	1912	.	1822 $\frac{1}{2}$	.
December . . .	2199	.	2725 $\frac{1}{4}$	.
March . . .	1796 $\frac{1}{2}$	.	3454	.
Total	7630 $\frac{1}{2}$		9518 $\frac{1}{2}$	

The sweeping machine was obtained from Messrs. Smith & Sons at a cost of £26 10s.

### ***Snow Storms.***

Snow storms occurred on the 17th, 23rd, and 25th January, 1897. The following table will give particulars of the expenses incurred for labour in clearing the streets:—

TABLE OF LABOUR.

Date.	No. of Extra men.	Ordinary Staff.	Total.	Cost.		
1897				£	s.	d.
17th January	9	38	47	7	16	3
18th „	—	46	46	11	4	0
23rd „	78	53	131	31	11	3
25th „	57	50	107	22	15	10
26th „	—	25	25	5	5	10
Totals	144	212	356	78	13	2

310 cubic yards were carted to the Vestry's shoots at a cost of £31, the clean snow being thrown into the river upon the ebb of the tide, whilst the dirty was deposited on the wharf to melt and the *débris* tipped into the barges.

### ***Unemployed.***

Except for cleansing the streets after the snow storms no especial works were undertaken for the relief of the unemployed, and very few applications were received of persons out of employment during the past winter.

### ***Steam Roller.***

The steam roller has been fully employed during the past year to the greatest possible benefit to the parish. Previous to the purchase of the roller, when stone was placed upon a road it was allowed to remain there without complaint for weeks, but now things are altered, and I am constantly receiving enquiries to know when the roller is coming, if it does not immediately follow the roadman, the parishioners not being satisfied until the road is thoroughly consolidated.

The cost of working during the year has been as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Driving 165 days . . . . .	48	2	6
Cleaning, Oil, Packing, Coke, Repairs, etc.	35	17	2
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		83	19 8
10 per cent. depreciation . . . . .		39	0 0
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		£122	19 8
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The total working days were 165, and if a roller had been hired for that period the cost would have amounted to £280 10s., showing a saving of £157 0s. 4d. upon the year's work by having our own roller. The amount added to the saving reported in my last annual report makes a total of £271, or 75 per cent. of the cost of the roller. It was engaged in 48 streets in different parts of the parish, and was out on hire for 6 days.



### ***New Sewers.***

The sewers constructed during the year have been in substitution of old defective ones, and consist of the following lengths:—

15 inch pipe—	Swan Lane (S. of Albion Street)	...	...	...	202 feet
12	„ Swan Lane to Clarence Street, (across property)	...	...	...	205 „
12	„ Connection W. side Swan Lane	...	...	...	58 „
9	„ Chilton Street (rear of S. side W. of Croft Street to No. 6)	...	...	...	465 „
					<hr/> Total 930 feet <hr/>

The old defective sewer in Swan Lane belonged to the London County Council, and consisted of a brick culvert. After correspondence they agreed to contribute the cost of constructing the new 15-inch pipe sewer in that road, as per my estimate of £115 12s. 6d., upon the Vestry agreeing to transfer all connections draining into the old culvert, into the new sewer, fill up the same and maintain and flush the new pipe; this was done, and the amount as agreed has been paid into the Vestry's account.

In all cases the new sewers have been laid to uniform gradients between the points of inspection, laid on and surrounded with cement concrete, with provision of manholes where required, and flushing manholes at the ends of the sewers whenever possible. During the past year 279 $\frac{3}{4}$  cubic yards of deposit have been removed from the sewers. The cost of carting away the whole and the disposal of that collected to September, 1896, amounts to £48 8s. 11d. A one-horse flushing cart and two men were employed flushing the sewers upon 117 days and 1572 loads of water or 393,000 gallons were used. Three 50-foot lengths of leather flushing hose have been obtained from Messrs. J. Heathman & Co. at a cost of £16.

On the 16th March the Vestry accepted the tender of Messrs. E. H. Bayley & Co. for a 450-gallon combined flushing and street watering van at a cost of £365, as recommended in my last year's report, but the same has not yet been delivered.

Complaints being received as to the emission of foul gases from the open gratings in the street upon the County Council's sewer in Rotherhithe Street, consents were obtained

from the owners of property and up-cast shaft ventilations erected in lieu thereof by the County Council at the following places :—

654, Rotherhithe Street.  
622, Rotherhithe Street.  
Nelson Dock.  
Lavender Wharf.

A similar complaint was received as regards the Vestry's sewer in Neptune Court, and an up-cast ventilator was erected at a cost of £2 13s. 4d.

### **Gullies.**

The gullies now number 820, being an increase of 2 during the year; they have been regularly cleansed upon the same principle as previously reported. 858 cubic yards of deposit have been removed from them and a horse and cart has been engaged flushing them out on 73½ days, using 937 loads or 234,250 gallons of water.

The new gullies have been inserted as follows :—

Tiger Bay	.	.	1
Yeoman Street	.	.	1

Fourteen 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	Beatson Street	.	.	2
Clack Street	.	.	.	1	Tissington Street	.	.	1
Abbeyfield Road	.	.	.	1	Parfitt Road	.	.	1
Ilderton Road	.	.	.	2	Dilston Grove	.	.	1
Rotherhithe Street	.	.	.	1	Trinity Road	.	.	1
Oldfield Road	.	.	.	1	Swan Lane	.	.	1

Thirteen new gully grates to replace worn out and broken ones have been fixed as follows :—

St. Marychurch Street	.	.	1	Silver Street	.	.	1
Lower Road	.	.	1	Galleywall Road	.	.	2
Rotherhithe Street	.	.	1	Neptune Street	.	.	1
Cranham Road	.	.	2	Suffolk Street	.	.	1
Litlington Street	.	.	1	Debnams Road	.	.	1
Odessa Street	.	.	1				



### **Manholes.**

New manholes have been constructed upon the sewers during the year, and provided with heavy cast-iron circular covers, in the following streets—those fixed at the ends of sewers being provided with flushing penstocks :—

Swan Lane to Clarence Street	-	-	-	-	6
Chilton Street (rear of)	-	-	-	-	3

Seven flushing penstocks were used in connection with these manholes.

The following existing manholes which were covered over below the ground level have been brought to the surface and provided with covers :—

Parfitt Road	-	-	-	2	Rotherhithe Street	-	-	3
Cranham Road	-	-	-	2	Bracton Road	-	-	1
Silwood Street	-	-	-	1	Culling Road	-	-	1
Silverlock Street	-	-	-	2	Old Road	-	-	1

New oak blocks have been inserted in the covers where necessary, the cost of the same being £4 5s. 0d.

### **Drainage Works.**

One hundred and sixty-two notices have been received in reference to the re-drainage of houses, erection of new houses, etc., as follows :—

Existing houses re-drained	-	-	-	187
Buildings and premises other than houses drained or re-drained	-	-	-	49
New houses erected or re-built and drained	-	-	-	8
Other buildings ditto	-	-	-	15
Additions and alterations to houses	-	-	-	29
House drains cleansed	-	-	-	14
House ditto (sanitary requisitions)	-	-	-	10
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In connection with the above, 26 new connections have been made with the sewers; of this number, 9 were connected to the County Council's mains. The cost charged to the owners for the connections and for the necessary interceptor and inspection chamber under the footway where no forecourt existed, amounted to £120 13s. 11d.

Very little difficulty has arisen during the year in getting the drainage regulations carried out by builders and others when executing the various works, as I think owners of property are beginning to realise the necessity of having the work done well once for all. Upon several occasions I have been asked to give a certificate upon the completion of the work, which request I have in every case complied with.

In a number of cases the very vexed question of combined drain *v.* sewer, owing to the present unsatisfactory state of the law, has come to the front, but in all instances we have been able to prove that the pipe in question was not a sewer, and therefore repairable by the owner.

During the past year the whole of the old drainage notices for Surrey and Kent at the London County Council offices, extending from March, 1848, to October, 1855, have been examined, and copies made of those having reference to this parish. They consisted of 16 volumes, numbering in all about 7,300 notices, and copies have been made of 321 of them, including sketches of the plans attached. The minute books of the Commissioners were also examined and abstracts taken therefrom. A special assistant, under my direction, was engaged for this work at a salary of 50/- per week, and it took 21 weeks to complete. He commenced his duties on the 19th October, 1896, and finished 13th March, 1897, the total amount paid in salary being £52 10s. These old records will prove exceedingly useful, and enable us to trace the drainage of houses executed, previous to the constitution of the Vestry, and under the direction of the Commissioners of Sewers.

### ***Street Watering.***

At the commencement of the watering season the pumps were again examined, and found deficient of water, so that I was compelled to again bring before you the question of obtaining a supply of water from the mains belonging to the Kent and Southwark Water Companies.



Early in the season I again approached the Kent Company as to a moderation of their charges, and succeeded in obtaining terms which I considered reasonable, and which you accepted, viz., £20 per mile per annum, or £50 per annum for the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Surrey Bridge to Plough Bridge and the side streets ; the stand-posts were erected as soon as possible, and, although only available for the second half of the season, I am of opinion a considerable saving was effected, this district being now watered with one van instead of two as formerly, and pumper's wages amounting to 8/10 per day is saved. This water is also used for flushing purposes without additional charge.

As regards the area of the Parish supplied from the mains of the Southwark & Vauxhall Company, the one standpost near the "Red Lion" p.h. as it did not independently supply any one district was a loss with no equivalent advantage, as the water had to be paid for and no labour saved, the extra man having to be in attendance to assist the carter when pumping water at the other ends of the districts, therefore the Vestry consented to my erecting three additional ones upon the same terms as the one already existing, so that the street watering could be executed by the carters alone. These were also only available for a part of the season.

The stand-posts therefore now number seven, fixed in the following positions :—

Near "Red Lion" p.h., Rotherhithe New Road.  
 Silwood Street.  
 Hothfield Place.  
 Culling Road.  
 Swing Bridge Road, near Messrs. Holland's.  
 Cow Lane.  
 Beatson Street.

The cost of erecting the additional ones and maintaining the whole number being as under :—

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Stone & Co.'s a/c	—	—			34	6	5
<i>Fixing—</i>								
	Vestry Employees	—	—	10	1	6		
	Kent Water Company	—	—	10	17	5		
	Southwark & Vauxhall Company	—		38	0	0		
						<u>58</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>
	Carried forward	—				93	5	4

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	-				93	5	4
<i>Maintenance-</i>								
	Tradesmens' a/c	-	-	1	13	6		
	Vestry Employees	-	-	1	8	7		
						3	2	1
						£96	7	5

The maintenance of the pumps by tradesmen cost £6 18s. 8d., by the Vestry employees £6 12s. 10d., total £13 11s. 6d.

The total cost of the street watering amounted to £427 2s. 5d., and is divided as follows :—

				£	s.	d.
Horse Hire and Drivers	-	-	-	265	1	1
Labour Pumpers	-	-	-	69	19	3
Water from Posts and Rents	-	-	-	67	2	1
Kent Company, half season	-	-	-	25	0	0
				£427	2	5

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

4351½ Loads pumped from Wells-	-	1,523,000	gallons.
4995½ Loads, Southwark & Vauxhall Mains		1,690,000	„
770 Loads, Kent Company's Mains	-	269,500	„
Total	-	3,482,500	„

Previous to the commencement of the season, the eight vans and two carts were thoroughly overhauled, repaired, and painted by Messrs. Oakley & Son at a cost of £51 7s. 6d. A further expense of £7 10s. 8d. was incurred in repairing sundry defects during the season, making the total repairs £58 18s. 4d.



**Urinals.**

One additional urinal, for three persons, situate in Rotherhithe Street, near Swan Lane, has been erected during the year, making a total of ten, with accommodation for 39 persons at one time.

The cost of the above-mentioned urinal was as follow :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Macfarlane's account - - - - -	35	0	0			
„ additional Screen - - - - -	12	5	0			
	<hr/>			47	5	0
Company's charges connecting water supply - - -				4	9	2
Vestry's Plumber, fixing regulating and bye-pass flushing taps - - - - -				2	11	6
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				£54	5	8
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The circular urinal at the junction of Union Road and Lower Road was damaged by vans upon two occasions ; the urinal near Swan Lane twice, and the one near Lavender Bridge once, wantonly damaged and the supply pipes stolen. The damage in all cases was repaired as soon as possible.

Notwithstanding the increase in the number of urinals, I am pleased to be able to report that the accounts for water used again show a decrease amounting to £5 14s. 11d. as compared with last year's accounts.

The total cost of the maintenance of the 10 urinals for the year is as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wages, urinal man, 52 weeks - - - - -	71	12	0			
„ Sundays and Bank Holidays - - -	7	5	0			
	<hr/>			78	17	0
Carried forward - - - - -				78	17	0

								£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				78	17	0
Water Supply and Rents of Meters :—													
Rotherhithe New Road and Bush Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	11	9			
Lower and Hawkstone Roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	4	1			
Halfway House, Rotherhithe New Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	18	11			
Union and Lower Roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	3	1			
Railway Avenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	12	5			
Neptune Street-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	14	0			
Rotherhithe Street, near Swan Lane (3 qrs.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	8	11			
Derrick Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	5	10			
Globe Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	0			
Lavender Bridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	10			
Repairs to urinals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				75	4	10
Urinal brooms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				10	15	9
											0	17	6
											£165	15	1

Average per urinal per annum, £17.

Average cost per unit of accommodation per annum, £4 5s.

The total quantity of water used as registered by the meters, 1,812,000 gallons.

The urinals attached to twelve public houses in different parts of the Parish are also cleansed by the urinal man, as per the list given in my 1895 report.

In addition to the above, two 6-stall urinals are maintained in Southwark Park Road by the Vestry of Bermondsey, at the joint expense of the two Vestries. Their maintenance last year amounting to £83 12s. 2d., of which amount the Vestry paid one-half, or £41 16s. 1d.

### **Lighting.**

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

Ordinary Street Lamps	-	-	-	-	-	495	
Sugg's Patent Lamps	-	-	-	-	-	4	
10 ft. per hour Lamps	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Large Lanterns	-	-	-	-	-	4	
							505



Seven additional lamps have been erected, two lamps discontinued, and the positions of seven lamps altered during the year :

## NEW LAMPS.

Luxford Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Corbetts Lane	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cornick Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Neptune Street side of Town Hall (temporary)	-						2
Lower Road, front of Town Hall	do.	-					2
							— 7

## LAMPS DISCONTINUED.

Providence Place	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Baker's Rents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
							— 2
							— 5
							—
Total	-	-	-				510

## LAMPS ALTERED.

Luxford Street : owing to additional lamp in street.  
 Rotherhithe Street : (2) on account of new footway opposite South Wharf.  
 Nolan Place : bracket to column.  
 Osprey Street : to improved position.  
 Cernick Street : owing to additional lamp in street.  
 Slipper's Place : ditto Cornick Street.

The experiments with incandescent burners to five lamps upon the Union Road was continued to the 17th June, 1896, from the 14th November, 1895—a period extending over 216 nights, or 2,212 lighting hours per lamp, and upon the 7th July I presented the following report :—

Consumption per hour ordinary street burners	...	...	5 cubic feet
Do. incandescent burners with pilot light, say	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	..	

Saving in gas  $\frac{3}{4}$  cubic feet per hour per lamp, or 15 per cent. = 8,295 cubic feet for the 5 lamps during the above-mentioned period.

Average number of mantles used per lamp, 15.

Average life of mantles, 14.4 nights, or 147 $\frac{1}{2}$  lighting hours.

		£	s.	d.
Cost per lamp, mantles, forks and chimneys	...	0	16	1½
Saving in gas per lamp at 2/3 per 1,000 cubic feet	...	0	3	8½
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		£0	12	5
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Nett increased cost per lamp, per annum, £1 2s. 10d.

The present nett cost of the burners, not included in the above figures, is 9/1, to which must be added cost of fixing.

Increased illumination taken from experiments made by the Gas Company, 70 per cent.

Present increased cost over ordinary burners for maintenance, 36 per cent.

The Company desired to discontinue the use of the burners for a time until further perfection was obtained, but at the request of the Vestry they consented to allow them to remain up.

On the 16th December, I placed before you a further communication from the Gas Company, that they were prepared to undertake the lighting, repairs, cleaning, and all responsibility in connection with lamps fitted with incandescent burners upon payment of an additional sum of 12/- per lamp beyond the price now paid for lamps fitted with ordinary burners, upon that basis I placed before you figures referring to the whole of the lamps upon the main road from Mill Pond to the Deptford Boundary, but as the existing patent has only three years to run, the Vestry declined for the present to entertain the question.

A great diminution in the amount of gas consumed in the Clock Tower of Christ Church has taken place since it was fitted with an automatic arrangement for raising and lowering the supply, and for the past year there is only a difference of 2,300 cubic feet between it and the St. Mary's Church Clock. The following table shows the amount consumed per quarter for both clocks:—

		Christ Church. 1,000 c. ft.	St. Mary's. 1,000 c. ft.
Quarter ending	Midsummer, 1896	... 59·0	50·5
„	Michaelmas, 1896	... 49·7	55·5
„	Xmas, 1896	... 80·0	57·2
„	Lady-Day, 1897	... 88·1	111·3
		<hr/> 276·8	<hr/> 274·5



### ***Repairs of 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 £759 16s. 1d., this is £76 12s. 10d. less than last year.

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

Company.	Relay Flags.	New Flags.	Relay Pitching on Concrete.	Repair Macadam.	Repair Gravel.	Kerb Reset.	Holes Cut.	Amount.		
								£	s.	d.
South Metropolitan Gas	sq. ft. 11194	sq. ft. 712	sq. yds. 504	sq. yds. 1619	sq. yds. 54	ft. lin. 144	number 3	391	10	2
S. & V. Water... ..	1482	88	245	275	—	10	22	96	8	4
Kent Water ... ..	1243	35	38	—	—	19	167	31	17	4
London Electric ... ..	12033	869	327	1	—	56	12	240	0	3
Totals ... ..	26952	1704	1314	1895	54	229	204	759	16	1

### ***Re-naming and Re-numbering Orders.***

The following re-naming and re-numbering orders have been received from the County Council, and new name plates of cast iron with raised letters have been put up, and where necessary the houses have been re-numbered by the owners, after receiving the notice from me, in accordance with the orders.

“ Windsor Terrace,” Suffolk Street, abolition of subsidiary name.

Neptune Court, }  
Mary Street, } now Aylton Street. (2)

William Street, now Hobman Street. (2)

Adam Place, Adam Street; now Oran Place.

Princes Place, St. Mary Church Street; now Regia Place.

Wyndham Road, now Brunel Road. (2)

### ***Wharf, Rotherhithe Street.***

Considerable 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 for the River Walls and Dock was completed by the Contractor, Mr. Thomas Adams, of Wood Green, N., on the 1st September, and the accounts, as agreed between the Contractor and myself, amounted to £3678 9s. 11d., or £45 6s. less than the amount of the tender as accepted.

Owing to a sudden dip in the level of the ballast, at the south-east corner of the Dock, it was necessary, so as to ensure a good foundation, to carry the concrete wall considerably below the levels shown upon the contract drawings, the depths varying from 2ft. 6in. to 7ft. 9in., for a length of 32ft. along the east side, and 21ft. along the end wall, the cost of this work was £100 16s. 6d., and is included in the amount of the settled accounts.



The Committee appointed to inspect recently-erected Dust Destructors in London and the Provinces presented their report on the 7th July, the consideration of which was deferred to enable them to visit Lewisham to inspect a new form of Destructor, which was promised to be at work in a few weeks, but they were compelled to wait over seven months, and it was only on the 27th February that they were enabled to see the machine in operation. This long period of waiting was not altogether without advantage, as during that time the Destructor at Leyton, which at the date of their first report was in course of erection, was completed, and commenced working during the first week in October. The Committee were so impressed with what they saw at Leyton on the 10th December, and from additional information which they obtained from a source independent of the makers, that on the 16th February they reported to the Vestry a modification of their report of the 7th July, and unanimously recommended in favour of this form of Destructor. The report was adopted at your meeting on the 16th March, and I was instructed to prepare, as soon as possible, the necessary drawings. The Destructor, which will consist of two cells, will be approached by an inclined road, with a gradient of 1 in 20, to the tipping shed, the refuse being shot into shoots, one to each cell, and the cells charged alternately so as to ensure an even temperature in the combustion chamber. The outlets to the flues are at the opposite end to the feed openings, so that the gases pass through the hottest part of the fire on their way to the chimney. The fire bars will be stationary and fixed level, and the clinker will be removed by hand through openings in the side of the cells, the clinkering floor level being 9ft. 6in. below the level of the tipping floor. Forced draught from a fan will be introduced under the grate, the ash hearth being sealed. Immediately behind the combustion chamber will be placed two 64-h.p. water tube boilers, with a by-pass flue between them, and the dampers will be so arranged that the gases pass round the tubes of one or both boilers, or direct to the chimney through the by-pass flue. The boilers will be fitted with auxiliary firing arrangements, and the steam generated by the waste heat will be utilised for disinfecting purposes, and working an engine to supply power for mortar mill and electric lighting. The engine house and mortar mill shed being placed beneath the tipping shed. The chimney shaft will be octagonal in form with square base, and 150ft. in height above the level of the coping of the Dock, 4ft. inside diameter, with an inside lining of firebrick for a height of 100ft.



The house in Cathay Street, purchased for use as a shelter, proving unsuitable, I was instructed to consider whether it was not possible to provide accommodation in connection with some of the buildings to be erected at the wharf. I submitted two schemes, and it was decided to erect the shelter in the form of cubicles over the cart shed, to be erected along the Rotherhithe Street frontage. As at this period no decision was arrived at as regards the form of Destructor, I prepared the contract drawings, specification and quantities for the remainder of the buildings, except the stables, consisting of house, office, store, blacksmith and wheelwright's shop, steam roller shed and cart shed, with shelter over. The tender of Messrs. H. Knight & Son, of Tottenham, N.W., amounting to £2,226 7s. was accepted on the 1st September, the work commenced on the 29th September, and is now nearly completed.

A self-contained weighbridge of 10 tons capacity, with patent steelyard, without loose weights has been fixed by Messrs. Pooley & Son, Limited, immediately in front of the office window at a cost of £66, tested and stamped by the London County Council's Inspector.

The necessary drainage works for the house and buildings, and for the roadways on the east side of the Dock have been executed by the Vestry employees; 510 tons of granite setts have been delivered for paving the whole of the roadways and under the cart shed by Mr. Wm. Wilson, of Kilsyth, N.B., in accordance with his tender at 28s. per ton, and the paving works are now in progress.

Gas and water have been laid on to the house, shelter, and other buildings, and for the use of the depot.

The tender of Messrs. Grafton & Co., of Bedford, for the supply of a 3-ton steam crane at £300, and those of Messrs. Stothert & Pitt, Limited, for 100 feet of railway track complete at £15 and three  $\frac{1}{2}$ -yard turn-over skips at £18 2s. 6d., were accepted.

The crane, which was required to lift and lower the maximum load at a radius of 20 feet, was handed over by the makers on the 6th December, and commenced working immediately afterwards. Up to the end of the year the following materials had been landed.



## MATERIALS UNLOADED BY CRANE.

Broken Granite	-	-	-	1165 tons 12 cwt.
5 by 3 Setts	-	-	-	510 „ 10 „
4 by 7 „	-	-	-	101 „ 3 „
6 by 12 Kerb	-	-	-	217 ft. 9 in. run.
Ballast	-	-	-	474½ cubic yds.

**Barging Contract.**

The tender of Messrs. Flower & Everett for the removal of street sweepings, house refuse, etc., having been accepted for the twelve months commencing 30th September, the work of tipping the material into craft was commenced on that day.

As shown in the table for the removal of slop up to the end of the year, 6179¼ cubic yards of street sweepings, less the amount of snow thrown into the river, and 1488½ loads of house refuse were received and dealt with.

The weekly collection of house refuse is shown in the following table, but no reliable weight can be obtained until the weighbridge is in working order, as the loads vary so much in quantity :—

Week ending				Loads
3rd	October (part),	1896	.	40
10th	„	1896	.	53
17th	„	„	.	53
24th	„	„	.	52
31st	„	„	.	47
7th	November	„	.	54
14th	„	„	.	56
Carried forward				355

				Loads
		Brought forward	.	355
21st	„	„	.	58½
28th	„	„	.	58
5th December	„		.	58
12th	„	„	.	60
19th	„	„	.	58
26th	„	„	.	57
2nd January, 1897			.	62
9th	„	„	.	58
16th	„	„	.	61
23rd	„	„	.	60
30th	„	„	.	63½
6th February	„		.	63
13th	„	„	.	67
20th	„	„	.	64
27th	„	„	.	58
6th March	„		.	58½
13th	„	„	.	62
20th	„	„	.	58
25th	„	(part) 1897	.	49
Total for half-year				1488½

### ***Street Improvements.***

By arrangement with the owners of the "Queen's Head" p.h. at the corner of Paradise Street and Fulford Street, an improved "give and take" line upon the Paradise Street frontage was agreed to previous to the rebuilding of the premises and the work is now in hand.



***Dock Company's Act, 1894.***

Considerable progress has been made during the year in carrying out the work within the company's premises, authorised by the above Act, and the new bridge across the canal near Plough Road, with the necessary approach road thereto, has been completed. The Company, desiring to close the existing Plough Bridge and a portion of London Street, to enable their contractors to complete the construction of the new canal lock, before completing new road No. 2 as required by the Act, your consent to this arrangement was asked for and obtained subject to the London County Council and the Greenwich Board of Works also agreeing to the proposal.

At the request of the Vestry, the Company agreed to set back the pier at the junction of the new road with Yeoman Street, 20 feet from the line of Plough Road, providing the Vestry undertook to execute the necessary alterations to the roadways free of expense to the Company. The pier has been set back and the connection between the new approach road and Plough Road has been completed, the cost of the road and footway alterations amounting to £64 7s. 4d.

The junction of the new road with Swing Bridge Road and London Street are at present in abeyance owing to the inability of the Company to obtain the consent of the Greenwich Board of Works to the before-mentioned arrangement as to the closing of the existing roads. As soon as these connections are made, the new road and bridge will be opened for traffic, existing Plough Bridge closed and demolished.



# Inventory of Plant, Tools and Materials.

March 25th, 1897.

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	<b>Plant.</b>		<b>PLANT.—con.</b>		<b>PLANT.—con.</b>
9	Mortar Boards	52	Iron Pins	6	Kettle Lamps
9	Searchers	5	Steel Pins	8	Water Tubs
3	Ballast Screens	17	Bars	17	Lengths, old Hose
16	Sieves (in use)	2	Turncock Rakes	3	Do. new do.
12	Sieves (old)	2	Do. Keys	1	Steam Roller
2	Concrete Boxes, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. yd.	8	Standpost do.	1	Do. Crane
1	Ditto $\frac{1}{6}$ c. yd.	10	Swan Neck do.	2	Set Fire Irons
2	Ditto $\frac{1}{8}$ c. yd.	6	Manhole do.	2	Screw Spanners
16	Stand Horses	8	Side Entrance Keys	3	Oil Feeders
10	Mops	6	Hose Nozzles	65 ft.	Hose Rubber Pipe
34	Old Shovels		Sling Chains	12	Gauge Glasses
130	Shovels in use	4	Sling and Chain Ropes	9	Do. Washers
11	Snow Shovels	3 sets	Gully Tools	1	Funnel
6	Grafting Tools	8	Hoes	1	Tube Rod
43	New Brooms	2	Drain Brushes	4	Do. Brushes
33	Brooms (in use)	2	Sewer do.	2	Caulking Tools
87	Broom Handles	4	Drain Worms	2	Lamps
121	Picks	90 ft.	Drain Rods	3	Augers
13	Granite Picks	4	Wheels	2	Files
20	Pick Shafts	4	Davy Lamps	1	Set Keys
39	Rakes	2	Tide Boards	1	Screwdriver
24	Stone-breaking	2	Stand Pipes	1	Jack
	Hammers	1	Do. Pump	1	Vice
6	Dressing Hammers	1	Snatch Block	2	Tarpaulins
7	Bedding do.	3	Branding Irons	6	Truck Sheets
2	Sledge do.	1 bundle	Cane	3	Axes
1	Hand do.	14	Gully Wires	1	Drawknife
2 doz.	Hammer Handles	1	Sewer Drag	1	Carpenters' Chisel
1 pair	Goggles	11	Punners	1	Pair Shears
2	Flushing Tanks	12 pairs	Sewer Boots	2	Gas Brackets
3	Water Carts	2	Mauls	2	Fire Devils
8	Water Vans	12	Cans	3	Ropes
9 sets	Boning Roads	2	Handpumps	12	Builders' Baskets
24	Navy Barrows	26	Standirons	6	Indiarubber Washers
7	Trucks	3	Handsaws		
3	Sewer Trolleys	1	Crosscut Saw		
1 pair	Gas Tongs	3	Trowels		
8	Wedges	3	Chisels		
6	Twybills	1	Small Ladder	2,728 ft.	New York
10	Rammers	1	Long do.	92 ft.	New Kerb
9	Beadles	4	Watchboxes	17 ft. 6 in.	New Cir. Kerb
18	Granite Tools	2	Forks	7 ft.	Redressed Cir. Kerb
19	Pails	13	Lamps	90 ft.	Do. Kerb
11	Straight Edges	4	Naptha Lamps	287 ft.	Old Kerb
				4 ft.	Do. Cir. Kerb
					<b>Materials.</b>



Inventory of Plant, Tools and Materials—*continued*.

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	<b>MATERIALS—con.</b>		<b>MATERIALS—con.</b>		<b>IRONWORK, &amp;c.</b>
386 ft.	Tram Kerb	3 by 3	Zinc	26	Foot Iron
350 ft.	Old York	1 roll	Bunting	6	Back Water Flaps
$\frac{1}{2}$ -ton	Do. Pitchers	2 lbs.	Worsted	2 tons	Old Iron
71 ton	Redressed Pitchers	37 lbs.	Asbestos Packing		
96 „	4 by 7 new do.				
4 „	4 by 4 do. do.				
30 c. yds	Ballast		<b>Timber.</b>		<b>Pipes, &amp;c.</b>
$1\frac{1}{4}$ „	Lime	23 ft.	11 in. by 3 in. Planks.	161	4 in. Pipes
24 ton.	Cement	1,536 ft.	9 in. by 3 in. do.	8	6 do.
12	Bull Nose Bricks	39	Scaffold Poles	4	9 do.
709	Blue Bricks	187 ft.	7 in. by 2 in. Runners	7	12 do.
264	Paving do.	66 ft.	Dice Square	3	15 do.
2,000	Old do.	$\frac{3}{4}$ fathom	Polling Boards	5	18 do.
275 ft.	Victoria Stone	182 ft.	11 in. by 2 in. Planks	7	4 in. Bends
9 ft. run	Edging	100	Ventilator's Blocks	48	6 do.
4 lbs.	New Nails	1	Jack Roll	5	9 do.
1 lb.	Pipe Hooks	1	Foot Bridge	6	12 do.
766	Candles	2	Lamp Boxes	3	15 do.
72 gals.	Carbolic			12	6 in. by 4 in. Junction
5 cwt.	Sanitas Powder			2	6 in. by 6 in. do.
3 tons	Coke		<b>Iron Work, &amp;c.</b>	13	9 in. by 4 in. do.
1 ton	Coal	9	Manhole Tops & Covers	20	9 in. by 6 in. do.
1 box	Cart Grease	7	Lamphole do.	6	12 in. by 6 in. do.
4 gals.	Leathersell	18	Gully Top and Grates	1	18 in. by 6 in. do.
2 „	Coal Tar	3	Patent Gullies	2	12 in. by 12 in. do.
3 „	Lard Oil	6	Manhole Plates	9	6 in. Syphons
3 „	Colza do.	2	Iron Girders	2	9 in. Channel Pipes
3 „	Neatsfoot Oil	20	Gully Grates	2	12 in. Tidal Flaps
3 „	Cylinder do.	5	Flushing Boxes	5	6 in. by 4 in. Tapers
12 lbs.	Waste	1	Cement Testing	7	9 in. by 6 in. Saddle Pipe
6	Sheets Emery		Machine and Moulds	1	9 in. Channel Junction
9 lbs.	Boiler Composition				

## **Workmen and Wages.**

No alteration has been made in the working hours during the past year, and the sums paid for wages (52 weeks) were as under :—

<b>Scavenging.</b>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Street Sweeping . . . .	2124	4	2			
Street Watering . . . .	88	2	2			
Bull Head Wharf a/c . . .	235	6	3			
Macadam Roads . . . .	496	13	11			
	<hr/>			2944	6	6
 <b>Footways and Roadways.</b>						
Footways . . . . .	551	19	6			
Roadways . . . . .	803	6	2			
Trenching . . . . .	307	0	8			
	<hr/>			1662	6	4
 <b>Sewers.</b>						
Flushing Urinals, etc. . .	143	9	10			
Cleansing Manholes and Sewers .	227	16	6			
Cleansing Gullies . . . .	119	8	0			
Repairs to Sewers, etc. . .	74	8	10			
New Drainage Works . . .	508	19	10			
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Sundries . . . . .				248	12	8
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				£5929	8	6
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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, 1896.***

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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 40,200 for the year.

Number of Births registered :—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	...	177	158	335
In the second quarter	...	...	170	162	332
In the third quarter	..	...	168	149	317
In the fourth quarter	...	...	185	177	362
			—	—	—
Totals for the year	...		700	646	1346

Number of Deaths (Parishioners only) registered :—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	...	115	86	201
In the second quarter	...	...	82	99	181
In the third quarter	...	...	123	82	205
In the fourth quarter	...	...	122	120	242
			—	—	—
Totals for the year	...	...	442	387	829

Increase :—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	...	62	72	134
In the second quarter	...	...	88	63	151
In the third quarter	...	...	45	67	112
In the fourth quarter	...	...	63	57	120
			—	—	—
Totals for the year	...	...	258	259	517

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

Births :—				Males.	Females.	Totals.
1887-8	...	...	...	726	705	1431
1888-9	...	...	...	774	672	1446
1889	...	...	...	773	707	1480
1890	...	...	...	698	653	1351
1891	...	...	...	780	681	1461
1892	...	...	...	696	605	1301
1893	...	...	...	712	693	1405
1894	...	...	...	711	662	1373
1895	...	...	...	649	648	1297
1896	...	...	...	700	646	1346



Deaths :—				Males.	Females.	Totals.
1887-8	...	...	...	492	443	935
1888-9	...	...	...	439	411	850
1889	...	...	...	375	351	726
1890	...	...	...	404	362	766
1891	...	...	...	451	391	842
1892	...	...	...	417	392	809
1893	...	...	...	520	453	973
1894	...	...	...	387	380	767
1895	...	...	...	373	417	790
1896	...	...	...	442	387	829

Increases :—				Males.	Females.	Totals.
1887-8	...	...	...	234	262	496
1888-9	...	...	...	335	261	596
1889	...	...	...	398	356	754
1890	...	...	...	294	291	585
1891	...	...	...	333	285	618
1892	...	...	...	279	213	492
1893	...	...	...	167	205	372
1894	...	...	...	324	282	606
1895	...	...	...	276	231	407
1896	...	...	...	258	259	517

### Deaths of Parishioners in Outlying Institutions.

Compiled from the returns supplied from the Registrar General's Office :—

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Guy's Hospital ... ..	13	4	17
South-Eastern Fever Hospital ...	1	7	8
South-Western Fever Hospital ...	0	2	2
	—	—	—
Carried forward ...	14	13	27

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
Brought forward	...	...	14	13	27
Fountain Fever Hospital	...	...	2	1	3
Brook Fever Hospital	...	...	3	1	4
King's College Hospital	...	...	2	0	2
Central London Sick Asylum	...	...	2	0	2
Licensed Victuallers' Asylum	...	...	0	1	1
Colney Hatch Asylum	...	...	0	1	1
Peckham House Asylum	...	...	1	0	1
National Hospital, Queen's Square	...	...	0	1	1
St. Peter's House, Kennington	...	...	0	1	1
Homœopathic Hospital	...	...	0	1	1
Middlesex Hospital	...	...	1	2	3
Friedenheim	...	...	1	1	2
Children's Hospital, Shadwell	...	...	4	3	7
London Hospital	...	...	4	0	4
Evelina Hospital	...	...	1	0	1
Royal Chest Hospital, City Road	...	...	1	1	2
St. Thomas's Hospital	...	...	1	2	3
Infirmery, Bermondsey	...	...	0	1	1
Infirmery, Parish Street	...	...	4	6	10
Darenth Hospital	...	...	0	1	1
Cane Hill Asylum	...	...	0	2	2
Banstead Asylum	...	...	2	1	3
Drowned in West India Dock	...	...	1	0	1
St. Bartholomew's Hospital	...	...	3	1	4
			—	—	—
Totals	...	...	47	41	88



**Deaths in the Parish of Non-Parishioners.**

Males.	Females.	Total.
150	75	225

Of these, 163 were from Bermondsey; 8 from St. Olave's; 18 from St. John's; 5 drowned in River; 4 from Deptford; 3 from Camberwell; 2 from New Cross; 2 from Walworth; one from each of the following places:—Kent, Scotland, Shoreditch, Lavender Hill, Fleet Street, Jarrow-on-Tyne, Guernsey, Bow, East Greenwich, Plaistow, Plumstead, Copenhagen, Shadwell, Durham, Russia, Brixton, Ratcliff, Blackfriars Road, Whitechapel, Hull, South Shields, and 1 unknown.

**Birth Rate.**

The Birth Rate per thousand per annum is 33.

**Death Rate.**

The Death Rate per thousand per annum is 20·6.

**Uncertified Deaths.**

Thirteen deaths were uncertified. Three were of adults and ten 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.

**Inquests.**

Sixty-five Inquests have been held. Verdicts were:—

During the month of January—Six. Two drowned in Docks; Two drowned in the Thames; Cerebral Hæmorrhage; Septicæmia.

During the month of February—Eleven. Two drowned in Docks; Two Pneumonia; Heart Disease; Rupture of the Aorta; Phthisis; Bronchitis; Exhaustion following fracture of thigh; Malnutrition; Acute Pericarditis.

During the month of March—Six. Suicide by drowning; Suffocated in bed; Two, Consumption; Exhaustion from burns; Aneurism of Aorta.

During the month of April—Two. Bronchitis; Suicide by hanging (Dane).

During the month of May—Two. Two Fatty Degeneration of Heart.

During the month of June—Seven. Two, drowned in Docks; Two, injuries from falling down ship's hold; Two, Asphyxia from Pneumonia; Inflammation of brain from falling against a fender.

During the month of July—Nine. Three drowned in Docks; Drowned by falling into a washing tub; Drowned in Thames; Run over by train; Pneumonia; Fracture of skull; Phthisis.

During the month of August—Three. Run over by engine; Drowned in Docks; Pyæmia.

During the month of September—One. Syncope.

During the month of October—Three. Two Fatty Degeneration of Heart; Suffocated in bed.

During the month of November—Six. Two Convulsions; Heart Disease; Syncope from Acute Pericarditis and Broncho-Pneumonia; Drowned in the Thames; Injuries from stack of timber falling upon him in the Docks.

During the month of December—Ten. Two drowned in Docks; Accidentally suffocated in bed; Fracture of skull; Rupture of blood vessel in lungs; Convulsions; Heart Disease; Congestions of lungs.

### **Zymotic Diseases.**

The number of deaths in the parish and the Asylums Board and other Hospitals is 154. In 1893 the number was 142. In 1894 the number was 126. In 1895 the number was 102. The marked increase is due entirely to the excessive number of deaths from the two infantile



diseases Whooping Cough and Measles. All the cases of Measles were complicated with Bronchitis, Pneumonia, or Broncho-Pneumonia. In fact these various forms of lung disease were the true causes of death.

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

Smallpox, one; Scarlet Fever, ten; Enteric Fever, eleven; Typhus Fever, none; Puerperal Fever, three; Continued Fever, none; Relapsing Fever, none; Diphtheria, twenty-five; Diarrhœa, twenty-seven; Measles, forty-three; Whooping Cough, thirty-two; Erysipelas, one; Membranous Croup, one; English Cholera, none; Influenza, one.

SMALLPOX. None. One last year.

SCARLET FEVER. Ten. Nine last year.

FEVERS. None.

ENTERIC FEVER. Eleven. Eight last year.

TYPHUS FEVER. None.

DIPHTHERIA, Twenty-five. Twenty-nine last year.

ERYSIPELAS. One. Four last year.

WHOOPING COUGH. Thirty-two. Five last year.

MEASLES. Forty-three. Eighteen last year.

DIARRHŒA. Twenty-seven. Twenty-seven last year.

MEMBRANOUS CROUP. One.

PUERPERAL FEVER. Three. None last year.

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

ENGLISH CHOLERA. None.

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 eight years; and of the deaths from the same complaints during the previous three years. In the three years (1886-8) the deaths in outlying institutions had not been ascertained. The death rate per thousand per annum is also added.

	1896		1895		1894		1893		1892		1891	
Typhus Fever ...	none		none		none		none		2	·04	none	
Enteric ,, ...	11	·26	9	·21	2	·05	7	·17	8	·175	10	·24
Scarlet ,, ...	10	·24	8	·2	15	·35	14	·34	6	·145	3	·07
Puerperal ,, ...	3	·07	none		none		3	·07	1	·02	4	·09
Fever (not defined)	none		none		none		none		none		none	
Small Pox... ..	none		1	·025	none		13	·3	none		1	·02
Measles ... ..	43	1·07	18	·44	37	·9	8	·179	42	1·06	6	·14
Diphtheria ... ..	25	·62	29	·7	28	·7	27	·68	10	·25	2	·04
Whooping Cough	32	·8	5	·12	12	·3	31	·79	23	·58	21	·42
Diarrhoea ... ..	27	·67	25	·6	26	·69	31	·79	27	·68	21	·47
Erysipelas... ..	1	·025	3	·08	1	·025	3	·07	6	·14	2	·04
Membranous Croup	1	·025	1	·025	1	·025	4	·1	3	·07	none	
English Cholera ...	none		none		none		1	·025	none		none	



	1890	1889	1888-9	1887-8	1886-7
Typhus Fever ...	none	none	1 (?)	none	none
Enteric ,, ...	6   .141	4   .094	6   .139	6   .14	5   .12
Scarlet ,, ...	7   .164	2   .047	7   .148	14   .3	6   .142
Puerperal ,, ...	5   .117	...	...	...	...
Fever (not defined)	none	1   .023	1   .024	none	none
Small Pox... ..	none	none	none	none	none
Measles ... ..	37   .79	19   .41	17   .362	7   .15	24   .54
Diphtheria ...	9   .2	9   .2	1   .024	6   .14	2   .047
Whooping Cough...	47   .93	23   .48	7   .147	3   .07	...
Diarrhœa ... ..	33   .7	24   .5	30   .695	37   .84	44   1.04
Erysipelas... ..	1   .02	1   .023	...	...	...
Membranous Croup	2   .04	...	...	...	...
English Cholera ...	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.
Eugenia Road ...	...	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	5	...	12
Faustin Place ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Fisher's Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Forsyth Street ...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	2	...	8
Fulford Street ...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	5
Galleywall Road...	...	3	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	8
Gataker Street ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Gilham's Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Glebe Road ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Globe Street ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Gomm Hospital ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Gomm Road ...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4
Gooch Place ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Goodsn. Rd. Bd. Sc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Hadland Street ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	5
Hatteraick Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Hawkstone Road ...	...	6	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	10
Henwood Road ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Hickling Street ...	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	6
Hothfield Place ...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4
Ilderton Road ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	4
Infirry. (St. Olave's)	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3
Irwell Place ...	...	6	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	10
Kenning Street ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Kinburn Street ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	4
Lagos Place ...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Lavender Lane ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lovett's Place ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Lower Road ...	...	11	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	19
Luxford Street ...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Litlington Street	...	1	...	...	3	1	1	...	...	...	6
Manor Lane ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2
Mariner's Bldgs...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Mary Street ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Maynard Road ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2
Matson Street ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Mestaires Bldgs...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	4
Moodkee Street ...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Mossington Road	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Nelldale Road ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Neptune Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Neptune Street ...	...	15	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	18
Neston Street ...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	1	8





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

### ***Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.***

The number of deaths due to these diseases, is 263, as compared with 270 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.

The Death Rate per thousand per annum from all forms of lung disease is 6·5.

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 ten years :—

	1896.		1895.		1894.		1893.		1892.		1891.	
Phthisis ...	91	2·2	75	1·8	59	1·5	88	2·2	77	1·9	67	1·4
Bronchitis...	79	1·96	112	2·7	84	2·1	137	3·4	125	3·1	138	2·6
Pneumonia ...	34	·84	39	·97	44	1·1	53	1·3	45	1·1	48	1·2
Bron.-Pneumonia...	53	1·3	42	1·04	31	·7	49	1·5	35	·89	47	1·2
Pleurisy ...	1	·02	2	·05	0	...	4	·1	2	·05	4	·09
Pleuro-Pneumonia .	3	·07	0	...	1	·02	6	·15	3	·07	2	·04
Emphysema ...	2	·049	0	...	0	...	none	...	none	...	.....	...

			1890.		1889.		1888-9.		1887-8.	
Phthisis ...	...		72	1·61	64	1·38	61	1·37	90	2·0
Bronchitis...	...		126	2·59	81	1·75	77	1·73	114	2·59
Pneumonia	...		65	1·25	35	·71	30	·67	71	1·6
Bron-Pneumonia	...		57	1·21	14	·45	23	·51	34	·77
Pleurisy ...	...		5	·09	2	·04	2	·045	3	·07
Pleuro-Pneumonia..			1	·02	1	·022	5	·11	4	·09
Emphysema	...		.....		1	·022	.....		.....	



**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 ... ..	7	33	3	...	...	...	...	43
Scarlet Fever ... ..	...	5	4	1	...	...	...	10
Typhus „ ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Enteric „ ... ..	...	2	4	3	1	...	...	10
Relapsing „ ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Remittent „ ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Simple and Undefined Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Influenza ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2
Whooping Cough ... ..	15	14	3	...	...	...	...	32
Diphtheria ... ..	...	18	6	1	...	...	...	25
Cholera (English) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Diarrhœa ... ..	18	5	1	1	...	1	1	27
Dysentery ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Hydrophobia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Glanders ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Cowpox and Vaccination ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Syphilis ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Erysipelas ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Pyæmia ... ..	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Puerperal Fever ... ..	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3
Other Zymotic Diseases ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Malignant Pustule ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Malassimilation ... ..	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Alcoholism ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Delirium Tremens ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Rheumatic Fever ... ..	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	4
Rheumatism ... ..	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	4
Gout (Rheumatic) ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	3
Rickets ... ..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cancer of Throat ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
„ „ Stomach ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	4
„ „ Uterus ... ..	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	5
„ „ Rectum ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
„ „ Breast ... ..	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	4
„ „ Tongue ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
„ „ Liver ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	3	...	8
„ „ Scrotum and Penis ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
„ „ Intestines ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
„ „ Bladder ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
„ „ Neck ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
„ „ Pancreas ... ..	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
„ „ Kidney ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
„ „ Testicle ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
„ „ Omentum ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
„ „ Upper Jaw ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
„ „ Pylorus ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Tabes Mesenterica ... ..	35	8	...	...	...	...	...	43
Tubercular Meningitis ... ..	4	12	4	...	...	...	...	20



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**Bakehouses**

Have been inspected twice. In two of them, which have hitherto caused some trouble, many improvements have taken place.

**Slaughter-houses and Cow-sheds**

Have been inspected twice during the year. Pits for the reception of dung have been made in two of the Cow-shed yards, in accordance with the By-laws of the London County Council.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

JOSEPHUS SHAW, Medical Officer of Health.

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

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## **A**

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NORTHERN DISTRICT.

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Inspector - Mr. THOMAS LANE DAVIES.

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### ***Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.***

Nos .1 to 8, Fisher's Court and 80, Rotherhithe Street, have been closed by magistrate's order. These houses are included in Fulford Street and Braddon Street insanitary area.

### ***Unsound Food.***

A barrel of pigs' heads, which were intended for human consumption, were examined and seized from a shop in Rotherhithe New Road, on April 18th.

Proceedings were taken against the vendor who was fined £10.

# ***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.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Butter - - -	14	12	2	4 0 0	0 10 0
Cocoa - - -	1	1	—	—	—
Citrate of Iron and Quinine - -	1	1	—	—	—
Coffee - - -	10	9	1	Nil.	—
Gregory's Powder -	1	1	—	—	—
Ginger Powder -	1	1	—	—	—
Margarine - - -	4	1	3	1 10 0	0 8 0
Milk- - - -	39	33	6	16 0 0	0 14 0
Milk (separated) -	1	1	—	—	—
Mustard - - -	4	4	—	—	—
Oatmeal - - -	1	1	—	—	—
Olive Oil - - -	1	1	—	—	—
Pepper - - - -	1	1	—	—	—
Tincture of Rhu- barb - -	1	1	—	—	—
Vinegar - - - -	1	1	—	—	—
	81	69	12	21 10 0	1 12 0



**Tabulated Statement.**

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

Houses and premises inspected . . . . .	1189
Infected houses inspected . . . . .	299
Intimations served . . . . .	932
Statutory notices served . . . . .	335
Rooms cleansed and disinfected . . . . .	132
Bedding destroyed . . . . .	53
Bedding purified . . . . .	81
Defective water fittings and inefficient supplies . . . . .	50
Waste pipes connected with drains . . . . .	61
Dirty and dilapidated rooms, passages and wash-houses . . . . .	565
Insanitary and defective w.c. pans and traps . . . . .	155
No through ventilation under floors . . . . .	311
Defective stack pipes, guttering and pointing . . . . .	229
Defective yard and wash-house paving . . . . .	436
Damp, defective house walls, floors, seats and walls of w.c. . . . .	392
No water to w.c. and urinals . . . . .	85
Defective main, wash-house and w.c. roofs . . . . .	220
Overcrowding . . . . .	23
Stack pipes directly connected with drain . . . . .	36
Stables unpaved . . . . .	10
Smoke nuisances abated . . . . .	7
Choked rain-water pipes and gutters . . . . .	55
Insanitary and defective traps . . . . .	136
Drains unstopped and cleansed . . . . .	44
Accumulation of offensive matters . . . . .	40
No receptacles for dung . . . . .	11
Dirty, defective and uncovered cisterns . . . . .	43
Forecourts, defective and unpaved . . . . .	65
Defective main and branch drains . . . . .	135

Animals kept as to be a nuisance . . . . .	21
Drinking water cistern directly connected to w.c. . . . .	98
No receptacles for offal . . . . .	2
Houses registered under By-laws for houses let in lodgings . . . . .	nil
Bodies removed to mortuary . . . . .	6
Dust complaints . . . . .	4
Bakehouses and cowhouses . . . . .	37

\*This statement covers the whole of the Parish for the first six months.

### ***Mill Pond.***

On several occasions I have found the Mill Pond in an unsatisfactory condition, having an accumulation of offensive matter upon the surface of the water. The owners have, when requested, had the pond thoroughly cleansed.

### ***Visitation of Schools.***

(*Re WATER SUPPLY*). The undermentioned schools were visited by order of your Sanitary Committee with respect to the water supplied for drinking purposes :—

Albion Street Board School	Green School, Clarence Street
St. Mary's National	St. Paul's Schools, St. Paul's Lane
Christ Church Schools in Paradise Street and Prospect Street	Catholic School, Paradise Street

In only one instance it was found that the water was drawn from a cistern which flushed the w.c.



# B

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Inspector - Mr. HENRY M. COCKBURN.

### ***Sale of Food and Drugs Act.***

List of articles submitted to the Public Analyst from 8th June to 31st December, 1896.

Articles.	Number of Samples.	Genuine.	Adulterated.	Amount of Fines.	Costs.
				£ s. d.	
Milk and Water -	1	1	—	—	—
Milk - - -	22	18	4	8 0 0	8/-
Skim Milk - -	1	1	—	—	—
Gin - - -	2	2	—	—	—
Brandy - - -	2	2	—	—	—
Margarine - -	6	2	4	7 15 0	8/-
Coffee - - -	6	6	—	—	—
Coffee and Chicory	3	3	—	—	—
Mustard - - -	3	3	—	—	—
Butter - - -	2	2	—	—	—
Cheese - - -	3	3	—	—	—
Butterine - - -	1	1	—	—	—
Pepper - - -	1	1	—	—	—
	53	45	8	£15 15 0	16/-

### ***House-to-House Inspection.***

From June 8th to December, 1896.

Debnams Road	Warndon Street
Corbetts Lane	Silwood Street
Cranham Road	L.B.S.C. Railway arches leading from
Parfitt Road	the private roadway, Rotherhithe
Luxford Street	New Road to Deptford
Tissington Street	Faustin Place
Chilton Street	Galley Wall Road

### ***Workshops and Factories.***

125, Lower Road, Steam Laundry.—No water to w.c. Defective yard paving.

20, Luxford Street, Firewood Cutter.—No through ventilation. Dirty and dilapidated condition of ante-room, kitchen, and washhouse.

2, Corbetts Lane, Firewood Cutter.—Defective yard paving, floor of w.c., and dirty washhouse.

22, Tissington Street, Mantle Maker.—Forecourt not paved.

67, Galleywall Road, Leather Dresser.—Sanitary defects, nil.

4, Debnams Road, Engineers.—Defective drains. No w.c. accommodation for the use of workpeople. Rain-water pipes directly connected to drains; this work was carried out under the supervision of the Surveyor.

Shuttleworth's Cocoa Factory, Debnams Road.—No urinal accommodation for the use of workpeople.

Mr. Duff's Asphalte Factory, abutting 15, Yeoman Street.—Defective drains, inefficient w.c. accommodation. Work carried out under the supervision of the Surveyor.

14, Cranham Road, Chair Maker.—Defective yard, paving and trap.



36, Cranham Road, Card Box Maker.—No water to w.c. Dirty condition of rooms and passage, sink waste pipe directly connected to drains, no through ventilation.

21, Cranham Road, 'Ladies' Underlinen Makers.—Drinking water cistern directly connected to w.c., defective w.c. pan and trap.

Mr. Hatton, Debnams Road, Fish Curer.—Defective drains, dilapidated and dirty condition of workplace, no separate w.c. accommodation for the use of workpeople of both sexes.

408, Southwark Park Road, Chair Mender.—Defective w.c., kitchen, and passage.

340, Southwark Park Road, Bicycle Maker.—Dirty and dilapidated condition of rooms, passage, and washhouse.

15, Parfitt Road, Whipthong Maker.—Dirty condition of workshop.

75, Cranham Road, Blouse Maker.—Sanitary condition good. Work done under the supervision of the Surveyor.

(The defects at these premises have been remedied.)

### ***Tabulated Statement.***

From 8th of June to 31st December, 1896 :—

Houses and premises inspected	.	.	.	.	.	656
Reinspections	.	.	.	.	.	1555
Infected houses inspected	..	.	.	.	.	118
Intimations served	.	.	.	.	.	699
Statutory notices	.	.	.	.	.	404
Rooms cleansed and disinfected	.	.	.	.	.	72
Bedding destroyed	.	.	.	.	.	40
Bedding purified	.	.	.	.	.	32
Defective water fittings and inefficient supplies	.	.	.	.	.	20
Sink waste pipes directly connected to drains	.	.	.	.	.	28

Dirty and dilapidated rooms, passages, washhouses and ceilings .	282
Insanitary and defective soil pans and traps . . . .	73
No through ventilation under floors . . . .	121
Defective stack pipes, guttering and pointing . . . .	117
Defective yard and washhouse paving . . . .	209
Damp, defective house walls, floors, seats and walls of w.c.'s and urinals . . . . .	212
No water to w.c.'s and urinals . . . . .	61
Defective and leaky main, washhouse and w.c. roofs . . . .	130
Overcrowding . . . . .	14
Rain-water pipes directly connected to drains . . . .	22
Stables unpaved . . . . .	9
Smoky chimneys . . . . .	11
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