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FORTY-THIRD
GENERAL REPORT

OF THE
VESTRY



DATA LOGGED

OF THE

PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE,

LONDON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1899.

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

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

WE, CHARLES WILLIAM COBON, HARRY MOORE, CHARLES WILLIAM ROONEY, WILLIAM ROYAL, AND WILLIAM TAYLOR, the Auditors appointed under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894, to examine and audit the Accounts of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe for the year ending 25th March, 1899, 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 Accounts of the Parish have been kept, and to the uniform correctness of the same.

Given under our hands this 8th day of June, 1899,

(Signed)

CHARLES W. COBON,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
HARRY MOORE,		
C. W. ROONEY,		
W. ROYAL,		
WM. TAYLOR.		

CHAPTER I.

THE Committee, constituted under the Local Government Act, 1901, have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Report of the Local Government Commission, dated the 1st of July, 1901, and to express their appreciation of the valuable information contained therein. The Commission's Report is a most comprehensive and valuable document, and it is the duty of the Committee to consider it carefully and to report thereon to the Local Government Board. The Commission's Report is divided into two main parts, the first of which deals with the general principles of local government, and the second with the details of the proposed system. The Committee have considered the Report in detail, and have found it to be a most valuable and comprehensive document, and they are of opinion that it should be adopted as the basis of the proposed system of local government.

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VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT.

Showing the Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 25th March, 1899, under the "Metropolis Local Management Act,"
18th and 19th Victoria, cap. 120.

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, 1899.

Account.	Moneys owing to the Vestry.					Debts and Liabilities owing by the Vestry.					Total.
	Cash Balance.	Due from Overseers.	Contributions etc.	Loans.	Total.	Cash Balance.	Loans, Mortgages, etc.	Special Contracts Outstanding.	Tradesmen's Bills and Accounts.		
Sewers ...	£ s. d. 691 0 7	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ... Gulleying New Dock Road 5 1 6 Sundries 25 7 10	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 691 0 7	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 280 15 4	£ s. d. 280 15 4	
Lighting ...	500 1 0	...	...	...	500 1 0				452 3 7	452 3 7
Paving and General Purposes ...	11244 11 10	...	Lighting New Dock Road 41 16 9	...	41 16 9						
			Paving Works 422 1 11				L. C. C. No. 14 1302 0 0 L.C.C. No. 16 300 0 0 L.C.C. No. 17 450 0 0 L.C.C. No. 18 128 0 0 L.C.C. No. 19 1600 0 0 L.C.C. No. 20 2470 0 0 L.C.C. No. 21 268 0 0 L.C.C. No. 22 4550 0 0 L.C.C. No. 23 1125 0 0 L.C.C. No. 24 1035 0 0 L.C.C. No. 25 9157 10 4 L.C.C. No. 26 4634 8 10 L.C.C. No. 27 5253 6 5 L.C.C. No. 28 1035 8 5 L.C.C. No. 29 2642 17 2 L.C.C. No. 30 5055 0 0 L.C.C. No. 31 539 0 0 L.C.C. No. 32 6912 0 0	Wharf Buildings :— (Contract No. 3) 51 16 0 (Contract No. 4) 1333 10 6 Destructor Cells, etc. 2200 0 0 Disinfecter 317 10 0 Town Hall Buildings :— New Retiring Room 119 0 0 Ventilation and Electric Light Installation 107 17 6 Sun Burner 74 0 0 Gallery Front 6 4 6 Water Vans 113 5 0 Dust Pails 57 5 10	4402 9 5	4402 9 5	
			Scavenging New Dock Road 90 5 0								
			Hire Steam Roller 68 4 0								
			Wharf Charges 18 3 0								
			Rents under Agreements 3 6 0								
			Sundries 33 18 4	...	635 18 3				...	4380 9 4	
							49157 11 2				
							L.C.C. (Liby.) 2024 0 0 L.C.C. (Baths) 10872 6 8				
Public Libraries ...	51 1 0	...	...	...	51 1 0			...	56 18 7	62053 17 10
Baths and Wash-houses	...	...	...	...	...	612 9 0	...	...	...	56 18 7
					13194 18 9				232 17 8	612 9 0	
			Total Liabilities ...		59277 2 0					232 17 8	
					72472 0 9					£72472 0 9	

*Paving and General Purposes Account ... 11339 19 10
Erection of Wharf, etc., Loan Account ... 1103 16 10

12443 16 8

Overspent on Erection of Town Hall, etc., Loan Account 1199 4 10

11244 11 10

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

Summary Statement.

One Year ending 25th March, 1899.

SEWERS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash from Overseers On account of Precept				2675	0	0	By Salaries, one year (proportion)	595	9	6			
Sewer Deposits, etc.	160	2	5				" Sick Pay (proportion)	83	12	6			
Less amount returned	21	18	3				" Sewer Boots	12	4	6	691	6	6
				138	4	2	" Sewer Labour :—Flushing Sewers, etc. ...	341	18	6			
" Interest on Current Account at Bank ...				14	1	0	Repairs to Sewers	51	12	2			
							New Drainage Works	684	10	7	1078	1	3
							" Horse-hire :—Flushing	112	1	11			
							Slop from Gullies and Sewers	87	2	0			
							Material Cartage	72	11	1			
								271	15	0			
							Less amount received for gullying New Approach Road	1	6	4	270	8	8
							" Barging Slop, etc. (proportion)	37	5	11			
							" " Excavation	12	15	10			
							" Shooting Excavation at Bermondsey Vestry's Shoot	10	10	0	60	11	9
							" Plant and Repairs	43	16	2			
							" Materials, Ironwork, Tools, etc.	303	18	0			
								347	14	2			
							Less amount received for Manhole Cover	1	7	6	346	6	8
							" Urinals :— Maintenance of and Water Supply to (including amount of £15 13s. 11d. paid to the Vestry of Bermondsey in respect of Urinals at "John Bull" and "Queen Charlotte" P.H.s)	101	5	11			
							Less damages recovered	1	2	9	100	3	2
							" Water for Flushing				38	10	7
							" Disinfectants				59	2	8
							" Printing and Stationery (proportion) ...				58	8	4
							" Legal Expenses				2	2	0
							" Committee Expenses (proportion)				9	4	0
							" Sundries—Postage Stamps, Advertisements, and other Incidental Expenses				49	9	2
Total for the year				2827	5	2	Total for the Year				2763	14	9
Balance 25th March, 1898				627	10	2	Balance 25th March, 1899				691	0	7
				£3454	15	4					£3454	15	4

SUMMARY STATEMENT—Continued.

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash from Overseers On account of Precept	...	...	2175	0	0	By Salaries, one year (proportion)	...	...	287	10	3			
" Interest on Current Account at Bank ...	...	...	14	1	0	" Sick Pay " "	...	...	5	12	6	293	2	9
						" Lighting Public Lamps	...	...	1696	9	11			
						Less amount received for lighting private								
						lamp corner of Warndon Street	£3	0	7					
						Do. for lighting New Approach								
						Road	...	...	19	17	11			
									22	18	6			
									1673	11	5			
						" New Lamps, Repairs, etc.	...	...	28	18	3	1702	9	8
						" Lighting Christ Church Clock	...	...				28	7	11
						" " St. Mary's Church Clock	...	...				35	8	11
						" Printing and Stationery (proportion)...	...	...				31	1	8
						" Sundries :—Postage Stamps, Advertisements,								
						and other Incidental Expenses	...	...				18	13	3
Total for the year	...	...	2189	1	0	Total for the year	...	...				2109	4	2
Balance 25th March, 1898	...	...	420	4	2	Balance 25th March, 1899	...	...				500	1	0
			£2609	5	2							£2609	5	2

SUMMARY STATEMENT.—Continued.

PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash from Overseers On account of Precept				27250	0	0	By Salaries, one year (proportion)	1827	1	9					
" Excess of grant due from, over contribution due to the Equalisation of Rates Fund under the Equalisation of Rates Act ...				2823	16	7	Less moiety received from L.C.C. in respect to Salaries of Sanitary Officers ...	268	6	10			1558	14	11
" Trench Work and Paving ...				1268	10	6	" Sick Pay, Grants, etc. ...						115	3	6
" Rents under Agreements ...				11	12	0	" Paving— Labour ...						2407	6	8
" Fines recovered under the Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts ...				4	0	0	Horse-hire ...						510	19	10
" Fines recovered under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 ...				28	0	0	Barging ...						24	19	1
" Licence Deposits ...	91	2	0				Materials ...						2518	8	9
" Less amount returned ...	50	13	6				Vestry of Bermondsey, use of Shoot ...						2	19	6
				40	8	6	" Scavenging—Labour ...						1943	6	3
" Interest on Current Account at Bank (proportion)				41	11	4	Horse-hire ...						1092	4	11
" Hire of Steam Roller ...				5	19	0	Watering ...						191	2	8
" Berthing, Unloading, etc., at wharf ...				57	6	7	Disinfectants ...						14	0	0
" Sale of 15, Cathay Street ...				100	0	0	Barging ...						328	14	10
" Vans and Gig ...				50	10	0	Plant and Repairs ...						224	14	0
" Sundries ...				1	13	2							3794	2	8
							Less amount received from the Surrey Commercial Dock Company for Scavenging, etc., New Approach Roads						25	15	7
							" Dusting— Labour ...						180	13	4
							Horse-hire ...						507	12	8
							Barging ...						548	4	3
							Plant, Dust Pails and Repairs						165	17	8
							Disinfectants ...						10	10	0
													1412	17	11
							Less amount received for removal of Ashes, etc. ...						19	15	10
							" Plant, Repairs, etc. ...						197	14	8
							Less amount received for damages ...						5	11	3
							" London School Board Precept ...								
							" Instalments of Loans (as per folio 11) ...						2081	15	1
							" Interest on Loans ...	1576	19	3					
							" Income Tax, Interest on Loans ...	104	14	4			1681	13	7
							" Legal Costs and Expenses ...								
							" Rents, Rates, Taxes, Gas and Insurance ...						3763	8	8
							" Sanitary Expenses and Expenses under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 :—						57	8	5
							Wages of Caretaker at Shelter ...						290	19	8
							Disinfectants, etc. ...	13	0	0					
							New Bedding ...	19	19	7					
							Registrar's Returns to Medical Officer of Health ...	0	5	9					
							Sundry Expenses ...	18	9	6					
								40	17	2					
							Less Costs recovered ...	92	12	0					
							" Mortuary—Wages of Mortuary Keeper ...	12	5	0			80	7	0
							Rates, Taxes, Gas and Insurance	94	10	0					
							Fittings ...	16	6	0			111	1	0
							" Expenses under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts ...	0	5	0					
							Less Costs recovered ...	0	6	0			118	13	0
							" Expenses under the Canal Boats Acts ...	0	10	6					
							Less amount received for Certificate ...	0	5	0					
							" Expenses under the Housing of the Working Classes' Act, 1890 ...						0	5	6
							Notification Fees ...	34	14	0			4	11	6
							Less amount repaid ...	34	14	0					
							" Planting and Maintenance of Trees ...						21	18	6
							" Hill and Bell's Charity ...						6	0	0
							" Winding and Regulating St. Mary's Church Clock ...	5	0	0					
							" Do. Town Hall Tower Clock ...	5	0	0					
							" Committees' Expenses (proportion) ...						10	0	0
							" Printing and Stationery (proportion) ...						36	16	0
							" Valuation Committee Expenses ...						149	6	7
							" Sundries, Postage Stamps, Advertisements and other Incidental Expenses ...						60	0	0
													105	6	9
Total for the year				31683	7	8	Total for the year						28503	12	9
Balance 25th March, 1898				8517	14	0	" Debit Balance, Town Hall Management Account, transferred						357	9	1
				£40201	1	8	Balance 25th March, 1899						11339	19	10
													£40201	1	8



SUMMARY STATEMENT.--Continued.

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

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
				By Balance due on Building Works ...	500	5	7			
				" " of Architects' Commission ...	25	0	0	525	5	7
				" Additions and Alterations :—						
				Electric Light Installation and Ventila-						
				tion Works, on a/c of ...	100	0	0			
				New Gallery Front, etc., on a/c of ...	62	5	0			
				New Retiring Room, on a/c of ...	122	7	11			
				Reflecting Cones to Clock Dials ...	15	0	0			
				Boundary Wall ...	30	1	6			
				Sink, Gate, Boiler, etc. ...	30	2	8			
				Sundries ...				359	17	1
								3	3	11
Total for the year ...				Total for the year ...				888	6	7
Balance 25th March, 1899 ...	1199	4	10	Balance 25th March, 1898 ...				310	18	3
	£1199	4	10					£1199	4	10

ERECTION OF WHARF, ETC., LOAN ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Exchange of Land with Messrs. G. & H.							By Balance of Cart Sheds, etc., Works						
Green, Surrey Commercial Wharf ...				120	0	0	(Contract No. 2) ...	50	0	0			
" Interest on Deposit Account at bank ...	87	2	9				" On Account of Erection of Chimney Shaft						
Less Income Tax ...	5	3	2				(Contract No. 3) ...	1680	0	0			
				81	19	7	" On Account of Destructor Buildings						
							(Contract No. 4) ...	2600	0	0			
											4330	0	0
							" Lightning Conductor for Shaft ...				14	15	0
							" Paving Works ...				42	3	4
							" Quantities ...	52	3	6			
							Less amount retained ...	2	0	0			
											50	3	6
							" Wages of Clerk of Works ...				188	15	2
							" Exchange of Land with Messrs. G. & H.						
							Green, Surrey Commercial Wharf ...				120	0	0
							" Sundries ...				21	8	2
Total for the year ...				201	19	7	Total for the year ...				4767	5	2
Balance 25th March, 1898 ...				5669	2	5	Balance 25th March, 1899 ...				1103	16	10
				£5871	2	0					£5871	2	0

SUMMARY STATEMENT.—*Continued.*

TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount received for Lettings	253	5	6				By Wages of Hall Keepers and House Keeper	189	9	0
Less fees returned	3	12	6				„ Uniforms, Assistance, etc.	15	11	1
				249	13	0	„ Rates, Taxes, Lighting and Insurance	433	8	7
„ Rent of Coroner's Court				40	0	0	„ Coals, Coke, Oil Goods, etc.	78	17	9
„ Rent of Overseers' Office (1½ years) ...				87	10	0	„ Sundries	17	5	8
Total for the year ...				377	3	0	Total for the year ...	734	12	1
Balance 25th March, 1899, transferred to Paving and General Purposes Account				357	9	1				
				£734	12	1				
								£734	12	1

GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

Date of Loan.	Name of Lender.	Purpose of Loan.	Rate of Interest %	Period Years	Amount Borrowed.		Amount Repaid.		Balance Outstanding Lady-Day, 1898.		Repaid during year out of Paving and General Purposes Account. (as per folio 8.)		Balance Outstanding Lady Day, 1899.	
1880, 17th Aug.	London County Council	Widening of Rotherhithe Street by Gas Works, etc.	3½	50	£	2100	£ s. d.	756 0 0	£ s. d.	1344 0 0	£ s. d.	42 0 0	£ s. d.	1302 0 0
1881, 15th Nov.	Ditto	Paving Works, Rotherhithe Street, by Gas Works, etc.	3½	20		2000		1600 0 0		400 0 0		100 0 0		300 0 0
1883, 6th Nov.	Ditto	Paving Works, Commercial Dock Road	3½	20		1800		1260 0 0		540 0 0		90 0 0		450 0 0
1885, 1st July	Ditto	Acquisition of Site for formation of Entrance to Southwark Park, Abbeyfield Road	3½	30		250		114 0 0		136 0 0		8 0 0		128 0 0
1886, 7th Oct.	Ditto	Paving Works, Rotherhithe New Road and Raymouth Road	3½	20		4000		2200 0 0		1800 0 0		200 0 0		1600 0 0
1892, 17th May	Ditto	Paving Works, Albion Street	3½	20		3800		1140 0 0		2660 0 0		190 0 0		2470 0 0
1893, 9th June	Ditto	Acquisition of Site for Town Hall (Drill Hall)	3½	50	1100		110 0 0		990 0 0		22 0 0		968 0 0	
1894, 2nd May	Ditto	Acquisition of Site for Town Hall (85 and 87, Neptune Street)	3½	50	1250		100 0 0		1150 0 0		25 0 0		1125 0 0	
1894, 29th June	Ditto	Acquisition of Site for Town Hall (81 and 83, Neptune Street)	3½	50	1150		92 0 0		1058 0 0		23 0 0		1035 0 0	
1895, 6th Feb.	Ditto	Erection of Town Hall	3½	30	10000		621 10 7		9378 9 5		220 19 1		9157 10 4	
1896, 6th Aug.	Ditto	Ditto	3	30	5550		175 6 10		5374 13 2		121 6 9		5253 6 5	
1896, 6th Aug.	Ditto	Ditto	3	15	1200		97 5 4		1102 14 8		67 6 3		1035 8 5	
1897, 11th Dec.	Ditto	Ditto	3	30 15	7220	27470	—	1196 2 9	7220 0 0	26273 17 3	308 0 0	787 12 1	6912 0 0	25486 5 2
1894, 12th April	Ditto	Purchase of Bull Head Dock and Victoria Oil Mills for adaptation as a Wharf	3½	55	5000		360 0 0		4640 0 0		90 0 0		4550 0 0	
1895, 29th July	Ditto	Adaptation of Bull Head Dock and Victoria Oil Mills as a Wharf, etc.	3½	30	5000		256 17 1		4743 2 11		108 14 1		4634 8 10	
1897, 19th Jan.	Ditto	Ditto	3	30	2760		57 13 11		2702 6 1		59 8 11		2642 17 2	
1897, 4th Nov.	Ditto	Ditto	3	20 15 10	5430		—		5430 0 0		375 0 0		5055 0 0	
1897, 4th Nov.	Ditto	Ditto	3	20 10	570	18760	—	674 11 0	570 0 0	18085 9 0	31 0 0	664 3 0	539 0 0	17421 6 0
						60180		8940 13 9		51239 6 3		2081 15 1		49157 11 2
1889, 6th Aug.	Ditto	Public Library (Site)	3½	50	660									
		Ditto (Erection)		30	2000									
		Ditto (Fittings, etc.)		12	340	3000		976 0 0						2024 0 0
1879, 9th July	Ditto	Baths and Wash-houses (Site)	3½	30	1500		950 0 0						550 0 0	
1879, 22nd Dec.	Ditto	Ditto (Erection, etc.)	3½	30	24500		15516 13 4						8983 6 8	
1882, 11th July	Ditto	Ditto Ditto	3½	29	3000	29000	1661 0 0	18127 13 4					1339 0 0	10872 6 8
						92180		28044 7 1						62053 17 10

Estimate 1

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE—HALF-YEAR TO MICHAELMAS, 1898.

PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Liabilities at Lady-day, 1898 :-							
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee							
Expenditure to Michaelmas, 1898 :-							
Salaries of Officers—proportion	767	0	0				
Collector's Poundage	150	0	0				
Rent of Stone Yard and Taxes on the same, Mortuary and Wharf	75	0	0				
Loans—Principal	1903	0	0				
Interest	865	0	0				
	2768	0	0				
Fulford Street and Braddon Street Insanitary area (provision for loan)	500	0	0				
School Board Precept	6000	0	0				
Maintenance of Trees	11	0	0				
Printing and Stationery—proportion	240	0	0				
Disinfecting, cleansing, etc.	250	0	0				
Expenses of Valuation Committee	30	0	0				
Maintenance of Town Hall Buildings	375	0	0				
Balance of Contract and Commission on Town Hall Buildings and additions	775	0	0				
Proportion of Cost of Chimney Shaft, Destructor Buildings, etc., not included in Loan	1000	0	0				
Paving Works :-							
Opposite "Red Lion" P.H.	150	0	0				
Rotherhithe Street Improvement (Surrey Commercial Wharf)	70	0	0				
	220	0	0				
Wages of Roadmen	1100	0	0				
" Masons, etc.	1150	0	0				
" Wharf Labourers	120	0	0				
" Steam Roller Driver	40	0	0				
	2410	0	0				
Casual Labour	50	0	0				
Permanent Sick Pay and Holidays	160	0	0				
Dusting :-							
Collection	320	0	0				
Disposal	245	0	0				
Dust Pails, renewals, etc.	55	0	0				
	620	0	0				
Scavenging :-							
Collection	360	0	0				
Disposal	175	0	0				
Brooms	40	0	0				
	575	0	0				
Watering :-							
Distribution	225	0	0				
Water	175	0	0				
Repairs to Vans, etc.	25	0	0				
	425	0	0				
Disposal of surplus earth, etc.	25	0	0				
Horse-hire	300	0	0				
Re-dressing Setts	100	0	0				
Flagstones	100	0	0				
Ballast, Lime and Cement	250	0	0				
Setts and Kerb	100	0	0				
Broken Granite	600	0	0				
Boundary Wall at Wharf	120	0	0				
Sundry Accounts	250	0	0				
Incidentals and Contingencies	200	0	0				
	1944	0	0				
	£23394	0	0				

ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Assets at Lady-day, 1898 :-							
Available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account							
The like on Deposit Account							
	14792	0	0				
Proportion due to Sewers							
Account	628	0	0				
The like, Lighting Account	420	0	0				
	1048	0	0				
Balance on New Wharf, etc., Loan Account	5670	0	0				
	6718	0	0		8074	0	0
Receipts to Michaelmas, 1898 :-							
Equalisation Fund, [excess of grant from, over contribution to]							
Contributions from London County Council, viz. :-							
Rent of Coroner's Court ($\frac{1}{2}$ year)	30	0	0				
Mortality of Salaries of Sanitary Officers	263	0	0				
	293	0	0				
Rent of Overseers' Room ($1\frac{1}{2}$ years)	62	0	0				
Town Hall Lettings	150	0	0				
	2879	0	0				

Estimated amount required for the Half-year to Michaelmas, 1898 13515 0 0

SEWERS ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Liabilities at Lady-day, 1898 :-							
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee							
Expenditure to Michaelmas, 1898 :-							
Salaries of Officers (proportion)	272	0	0				
Collector's Poundage	35	0	0				
Printing and Stationery (proportion)	60	0	0				
Maintenance of Urinals by Vestry of Bermondsey (half-year)	20	0	0				
Wages	400	0	0				
General Works and Repairs	200	0	0				
Cleansing Gullies and Sewers :-							
Collection	40	0	0				
Disposal	25	0	0				
Flashing	50	0	0				
	115	0	0				
Horse-hire	50	0	0				
Disposal of surplus earth, etc.	20	0	0				
Water for Urinals	60	0	0				
Sewer, Aspiden Road	230	0	0				
Sewer rear Chilton Street, north side	180	0	0				
Manhole Covers and Ironwork	20	0	0				
Disinfectants	25	0	0				
Sundry Accounts	40	0	0				
Incidentals and Contingencies	50	0	0				
	1777	0	0				
	£1890	0	0				

ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Assets at Lady-day, 1898 :-				
Proportion of available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account				
	628	0	0	
Estimated amount required for the Half-year to Michaelmas, 1898				
	1262	0	0	

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Liabilities at Lady-day, 1898 :-							
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee							
Expenditure to Michaelmas, 1898 :-							
Salaries of Officers (proportion)	123	0	0				
Collector's Poundage	25	0	0				
Gas for Public Lamps, etc.	850	0	0				
Incidentals and Contingencies	25	0	0				
	1023	0	0				
	£1485	0	0				

ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Assets at Lady-day, 1898 :-				
Proportion of available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account				
	420	0	0	
Estimated amount required for the Half-year to Michaelmas, 1898				
	1065	0	0	
	£1485	0	0	

THE VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE.—HALF-YEAR TO MARCH 25th, 1899.

PAVING AND GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Liabilities at Michaelmas, 1898:—		Assets at Michaelmas, 1898:—	
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee	4513 0 0	Available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account	8227 0 0
Expenditure to Lady-day, 1899:—		The like on Deposit Account	4755 0 0
Salaries of Officers (proportion)	750 0 0	Proportion due to Sewers Account	540 0 0
Superannuation Allowances and Sick Pay (proportion)	110 0 0	Lighting Account	454 0 0
Collector's Poundage and Postages (proportion)	160 0 0	Balance in hand on New Wharf Loan Account	3465 0 0
Stone Yard, Mortuary and Wharf, Rent and Taxes	85 0 0	Estimated Expenditure on this Account in excess of loan raised (in hand)	1000 0 0
Loans:—Principal	1428 0 0	London (Fulford Street and Eadson Street, Rotherhithe) improvement scheme (provision for loan in hand)	500 0 0
Interest	902 0 0		5960 0 0
School Board Precept	2330 0 0		7022 0 0
Maintenance of Trees	6100 0 0	Receipts to Lady-day, 1899:—	
Printing and Stationery (proportion)	150 0 0	Contributions from the London County Council:—	
Disinfecting, Cleansing, etc.	250 0 0	Excess of grant due from, over contribution due to one-half of the Equalisation Fund for the half-year ending 31st March, 1899	1400 0 0
Expenses of Valuation Committee	30 0 0	Rent of Coroner's Court Moity of Salaries of Sanitary Officers (1½ years)	431 0 0
Town Hall Management Expenses	450 0 0		461 0 0
" Alterations and Additions	500 0 0	Rent of Overseers' Office	1861 0 0
Proportion of cost of Destructor Buildings, Machinery, etc., not raised by loan	500 0 0	Town Hall Lettings	25 0 0
Boundary Wall, Surrey Commercial Wharf and Bull Head Dock	120 0 0	Exchange of Land, Rotherhithe Street	150 0 0
Paving Works:—			9178 0 0
Wood Paving, Town Hall	300 0 0	*Estimated Amount of Precept required to be levied upon the Overseers of the Poor in respect to this account for the Half-year to 25th March, 1899 ... (Say £13700)	13756 0 0
Rotherhithe Street Improvement, by Bull Head Dock	70 0 0		
Rotherhithe New Road, opposite "Jolly Gardeners" P.H.	93 0 0		
Wages of Roadmen	1100 0 0		
" Masons, etc.	1150 0 0		
" Wharf Labourers	120 0 0		
" Steam Roller Driver	40 0 0		
Casual Labour	2410 0 0		
Snow Labour and Cartage	150 0 0		
Dusting:—			
Collection	340 0 0		
Disposal	320 0 0		
Dust Pails, renewals, etc.	50 0 0		
Scavenging:—			
Collection	360 0 0		
Disposal	270 0 0		
Brooms	40 0 0		
Disposal of surplus earth, etc.	670 0 0		
Horse-hire	25 0 0		
Re-dressing Setts	300 0 0		
Flagstones	100 0 0		
Ballast, Lime and Cement	150 0 0		
Setts and Kerbs	250 0 0		
Broken Granite	100 0 0		
Sundry Accounts	600 0 0		
Incidentals and contingencies	200 0 0		
	250 0 0		
	18321 0 0		
	£22934 0 0		£22934 0 0

* NOTE.—The amount levied for the corresponding period of last year was £15275, and for the preceding half-year, £13550.

SEWERS ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Liabilities at Michaelmas, 1898:—		Assets at Michaelmas, 1898:—	
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee	331 0 0	Proportion of available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account	540 0 0
Expenditure to Lady-day, 1899:—			
Salaries of Officers (proportion)	180 0 0		
Superannuation Allowances and Sick Pay (proportion)	105 0 0		
Collector's Poundage and Postages (proportion)	35 0 0		
Printing and Stationery (proportion)	50 0 0		
Wages	400 0 0		
General Works and Repairs	200 0 0		
Cleansing Gullies and Sewers:—			
Collection	40 0 0		
Disposal	25 0 0		
Flushing	30 0 0		
	95 0 0		
Horse Hire	30 0 0		
Disposal of surplus earth	20 0 0		
Water for Urinals	70 0 0		
Sewer rear of Manor Lane	260 0 0		
Manhole Covers and Ironwork	20 0 0		
Disinfectants	25 0 0		
Sundry Accounts	40 0 0		
Incidentals and contingencies	50 0 0		
	1580 0 0		
	£1911 0 0		£1911 0 0

* NOTE.—The amount levied for the corresponding period of last year was £1325, and for the preceding half-year, £1275.

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENDITURE.		ASSETS AND RECEIPTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Liabilities at Michaelmas, 1898:—		Assets at Michaelmas, 1898:—	
As recommended for payment by the Finance Committee	460 0 0	Proportion of available Balance with the Treasurer on Current Account	454 0 0
Expenditure to Lady-day, 1899:—			
Salaries of Officers (proportion)	130 0 0		
Collector's Poundage and Postages (proportion)	25 0 0		
Gas for Public Lamps, etc.	885 0 0		
Incidentals and contingencies	25 0 0		
	1065 0 0		
	£1525 0 0		£1525 0 0

* NOTE.—The amount levied for the corresponding period of last year was £1190, and for the preceding half-year, £1075.

SCHEDULE OF FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES, &c.,

Belonging to the Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, on the 25th March, 1899:—

Name and Description of Property.	Date of Agreement or Purchase.	By whom occupied	For what purpose.	Nature of Tenure.	Annual rent payable by Vestry.
Stone Yard, Lower Road ...	19th Nov., 1897	The Vestry	Depôt	Lease for 21 years	£60
Town Hall, Council Chamber, Coroner's Court, Offices, etc.	—	Do.	Municipal Purposes, etc.	Freehold	—*
Bull Head Dock and the Victoria Oil Mills, 171 and 173, Rotherhithe Street	16th May, 1894	Do.	Wharf, Temporary Shelter, etc.	Do.	—
Strip of land fronting 158 to 166, Rotherhithe Street, and thrown into roadway	26th Aug., 1895	Do.	Public Roadway	Do.	—
Site of 168, Rotherhithe Street	25th Sept., 1895	Do.	Do.	Do.	—
Mortuary Buildings ...	—	Do.	Mortuary and Post-Mortem Room.	Do.	—
Strip of Land forming forecourt of 120, Lower Road	31st Dec., 1895	Do.	Public Footway	Do.	—
Strip of Land forming forecourt of "Red Lion" p.h., Lower Road	5th Sept., 1898	Do.	Do.	Do.	—
Strip of Land forming forecourt of "Jolly Gardeners" p.h., Rotherhithe New Road	30th May, 1899	Do.	Do.	Do.	—
Strip of Land forming part of forecourt of St. Pelagius' Home, Rotherhithe Street	1st June, 1899	Do.	Do.	Do.	—
Public Library, Lower Road ...	15th Aug., 1889	Do.	Public Library	Do.	—
Public Baths and Wash-houses	24th June, 1887	Do.	Public Baths and Wash-houses	Do.	—

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

STATEMENT OF INSURANCE POLICIES

In force previous and subsequent to, and during the year ended 25th March, 1899 :—

Date.	Name of Company.	Insurance.	No. of Policy.	Amount of Insurance.	Annual Premium.	When Payable.
22nd April, 1888	Scottish Boiler Insurance and Engine Inspection Co., Ltd.	Three Engines at Public Baths and Wash-houses	496	£3000	£ s. d. 9 0 0	22nd April
31st July, 1889	London Assurance Corpn. ...	Public Baths and Wash-houses	1,168,160	£16000	16 0 0	24th June
19th June, 1890	Phoenix Fire Office ...	Public Library ...	3,400,159	£2500	1 17 6	24th June
29th Sept., 1894	Do.	Furniture, Fittings, etc., of Public Library	4,585,424	£1000	0 15 0	29th Sept.
18th July, 1895	Scottish Boiler Insurance and Engine Inspection Co., Ltd.	Boiler of Steam Road Roller	2,830M	£500	1 10 0	25th June
20th Feb., 1896	North British and Mercantile Insurance Co.	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.
24th June, 1898	London Assurance Corpn. ...	Furniture, Fixtures, Books and Stationery, Gas Fittings, etc., at Town Hall	1,890,323	£1,500	1 10 0	24th June
28th June, 1897	Scottish Boiler Insurance and Engine Inspection Co., Ltd.	Boiler of Steam Crane at Wharf	3,230M	£500	1 10 0	25th June
16th July, 1897	North British and Mercantile Insurance Co.	House, Carpenter's and Blacksmith's Shops, Cart Sheds, Shelter, and Steam Roller Shed, etc., at Bull Head Wharf	3,161,119	£2,000	2 15 6	25th Mar.
27th July, 1897	Employers' Liability Assurance Corpor., Ltd.	Liability for injury to employees at Baths; Liability Act of 1880 and at Common Law	33,123E	£800	0 12 0	27th July
25th July, 1898	Provident Clerks and General Accident Insurance Co., Ltd.	Liability of Vestry for personal injury to their workmen under Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, Employers' Liability Act of 1880, and at Common Law	23,121	Limit of one year's wages not to exceed £300 in respect to liability by the Common Law.	45 0 0	20th July
10th Dec., 1898	Accident Insurance Co. ...	Third Party Risks ...	1,735	Limited to £100 for any one accident, and to £500 in any one year.	25 0 0	10th Dec.
21st June, 1899	North British and Mercantile Insurance Co.	Chimney Shaft, Destructor and Disinfecter Buildings at Bull Head Wharf, for 3 months from 19th May to 19th August, 1899	2,339,673	£6000	4 10 0 for 3 mos.	—
26th June, 1899	Scottish Boiler Insurance and Engine Inspection Co., Ltd.	Two Water Tube Boilers at Bull Head Wharf	3828M	£1000	3 0 0	26th June

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, 1899, and of all Contracts subsisting at the commencement of that year and continuing during the same.

Date of Contract.	Name of Contractor.	Nature of Works to be performed.	Contract Price.
December, 1888 ...	The South Metropolitan Gas Company	The Lighting of the Public Lamps with Gas, and maintenance of lamp columns and fittings	£3 3s. 9d. per Lamp per annum.
22nd October, 1894...	Walter Charles Benedict ...	The maintenance of all Trees in Southwark Park Road ; Galley Wall Road ; and Rotherhithe New Road, and the replacing of those that fail, for 5 years, from 17th July, 1894	£21 per annum.
3rd July, 1895 ...	Howell J. Williams ...	The erection of Town Hall, Vestry Hall, Offices, and other buildings connected therewith	£14998, being £14768 plus £230 for oak panelling to Vestry Hall.
1st September, 1896	Henry Knight & Son ...	The erection of Cart Sheds, Shelter, Steam Roller Shed, House, Office, Store, etc....	£2226 7s.
5th January, 1897 ...	Gillett & Johnston ...	The maintenance of Clock in Town Hall Tower in thorough and efficient working order	£5 per annum.
15th June, 1897 ...	Cornelius Hailstone ...	The supply of 6 Dust Vans ...	£47 each, plus 5s. per van extra for interchangeable wheels.
19th July, 1897 ...	Wm. Glover & Sons, Ltd. ...	The supply of 6 Material Carts... Do. 1 Stone Cart ... Do. 14 Slop, Gully and Sewer Vans ...	£23 each. £28. £43 each.
21st September, 1897	Alfred H. Keep ...	The Barging away of House Refuse, Road Sweepings, Gully Slop and surplus Excavation, from the Vestry's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, for one year, from 30th September, 1897	Schedule of prices.
21st September, 1897	George Painter ...	The provision of Horses, Carts and Men as required for one year from 30th September, 1897	Ditto
16th October, 1897 ..	Henry Knight & Son ...	The erection of a Chimney Shaft, 150 ft. high, in connection with proposed Refuse Destructor at Vestry's Wharf, (Bull Head Dock Works, Contract No. 3)	£2428 2s.
18th January, 1898 ...	J. H. Heathman & Co. ...	The examination and overhauling of Fire Hydrants, Hose, Buckets and Fittings in the Town Hall Buildings	£2 10s. per annum.
20th January, 1898...	German Gulde ...	The Winding, Regulation and Maintenance of nine Clocks at Town Hall and Wharf	£3 3s. do.
1st February, 1898 ...	Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd. ...	The Quarterly Inspection and Cleaning, Adjusting and Maintaining in proper order of the Weighing Machine at Vestry's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street	£5 do.

Date of Contract.	Name of Contractor.	Nature of Works to be performed.	Contract Price.
15th March, 1898 ...	John Broadwood & Sons ...	The Tuning of the Grand Pianoforte in Public Hall once per month, and the cleaning of the interior and the regulation of the mechanism of the instrument once per year	£4 4s per annum.
23rd March, 1898 ...	Fry Bros. ...	The supply of Broken Guernsey Granite, Pitching Setts and Kerb, for one year from 26th March, 1898	Schedule of prices.
23rd March, 1898 ...	Thomas Scholey ...	The supply of Ballast, Sand and Hoggins, for one year from 26th March, 1898	Ditto.
23rd March, 1898 ...	George Tyrie ...	The supply of Scavenging Brooms and Handles, for one year from 26th March, 1898	Ditto.
23rd March, 1898 ...	Adcock, Easton & Co. ...	The supply of Disinfectants and Sulphur Candles, for one year from 26th March, 1898	Ditto.
23rd March, 1898 ...	Fredk. Shaw & Co. ...	The supply and execution of Stationery and Printing, for one year from 26th March, 1898	25 per cent. below Schedule of prices.
24th March, 1898 ...	The Whitwell Coal Co. ...	The supply of Coals for one year, from 26th March, 1898 ...	Schedule of prices.
25th March, 1898 ...	Thomas Wragg & Sons ...	The supply of Stoneware Drain Pipes for one year, from 26th March, 1898 ...	Ditto.
30th March, 1898 ...	E. Wells & Son ...	The supply of Coke for one year, from 26th March, 1898 ...	Ditto.
4th April, 1898 ...	Wakeley Bros. & Co. ...	The supply of Lime and Cement for one year, from 26th March, 1898 ...	Ditto.
19th April, 1898 ...	Philip Round ...	The supply of 500 Dust Pails to specification ...	26s. per dozen.
7th June, 1898 ...	J. W. Gray & Co. ...	The provision of Electric Bell communication from Council Chamber, Coroner's Court and Cloak Room on first floor, and Committee Room, ground floor, to Porter's Lobby, and Indicator	£6 5s. 0d.
16th June, 1898 ...	Mellowes & Company ...	The construction of an iron and glass roof to retiring-room to be built in yard adjoining Town Hall	£122 7s. 11d.
17th June, 1898 ...	Henry Knight & Son ...	The erection of Refuse Destructor Buildings, Inclined Roadways, Engine House, Mortar Mill, Shed, Disinfector Buildings, and other works at the Vestry's Wharf	£3933 10s. 6d.
18th June, 1898 ...	William Nash ...	The erection of an additional Retiring-room in Town Hall yard ...	£119 0s. 0d.
29th July, 1898 ...	Beaman & Dea's Syndicate, Ltd. ...	The supply and fixture in connection with the Destructor Buildings at the Vestry's Wharf, of Destructor Cells and Accessories	£2200 0s. 0d.
4th August, 1898 ...	William Harbrow ...	The taking down of the existing close panelled oak front to public gallery of Council Chamber at Town Hall, and insertion of a Balustraded oak front, as per specification	£59 10s. 0d.
31st August, 1898 ...	J. H. Pickup & Co., Ltd. ...	The execution of Ventilation works required to Council Chamber and Gallery thereof at the Town Hall, in accordance with specification	£79 17s. 6d.

Date of Contract.	Name of Contractor.	Nature of Works to be performed.	Contract Price.
31st August, 1898 ...	J. H. Pickup & Co., Ltd. ...	The execution of work necessary to complete the installation of the Electric Light in the Town Hall buildings	£128 0s. 0d.
20th September, 1898	Benjn. Farrow & Co. ...	The supply of 3000 ft. of 3 inch best quality solid hard York rubbed paving ...	£4 12s. 9d. per 100 ft. superficial.
20th September, 1898	C. H. Lemmon & Son, Ltd. ...	The supply of 300 Lithographed copies of small plan of parish ...	£9 0s. 0d.
29th September, 1898	George Painter ...	The provision of Horses, Carts and Men as required for eighteen months, from the 30th September, 1898	Schedule of prices.
1st October, 1898 ...	Alfred H. Keep ...	The Barging away from the Vestry's Wharf, of House Refuse, Slop, etc., for eighteen months from the 30th September, 1898	Schedule of prices.
15th October, 1898 ...	Manlove, Alliott & Co., Ltd. ...	The supply and fixture of an "L" size Alliott & Paton's patent improved Washington Lyon's Steam Disinfector at the Vestry's Wharf	£317 10s. 0d.
10th November, 1898	The London Electric Supply Corporation, Ltd.	The supply of Electric energy to the Town Hall premises ...	5d. per unit for Lighting purposes. 3d. " for Cooking, Heating, or Driving motors.
6th December, 1898	P. Boswell & Sons ...	The purchase by Messrs. Boswell from the Vestry of five vans and one gig (removed from public thoroughfare, Wyndham Road, in March, 1896)	£50 10s. 0d.
21st March, 1899 ...	E. H. Bayley & Co., Ltd. ...	The supply of three 400 gallon street Watering Vans ...	£36 5s. 0d. each (30/- each extra if with iron stocks).
21st March, 1899 ...	J. & P. Round ...	The supply of 500 galvanised iron Dust Pails ...	£1 7s. 6d. per dozen.
22nd March, 1899 ...	Frederick Shaw & Co. ...	The supply and execution of Printing and Stationery for twelve months from 26th March, 1899	20 per cent. below Schedule of prices.
22nd March, 1899 ...	Fry Brothers ...	The supply of Broken Granite, Pitching Setts and Kerb for one year, from 26th March, 1899	Schedule of prices.
22nd March, 1899 ...	Thomas Scholey ...	The supply of Ballast, Sand, Hoggins, etc., for one year, from 26th March, 1899	Ditto.
22nd March, 1899 ...	John Williams & Co. ...	The supply of Lime and Cement, for one year from 26th March, 1899 ...	Ditto.
23rd March, 1899 ...	Sargeant, Longstaff & Co. ...	The supply of Coals, for one year from 26th March, 1899 ...	Ditto.
24th March, 1899 ...	E. Wells & Son ...	The supply of Coke, for one year from 26th March, 1899 ...	Ditto.
24th March, 1899 ...	Hosca Tugby & Co. ...	The supply of Stoneware Drain Pipes, for one year from 26th March, 1899 ...	Ditto.
25th March, 1899 ...	George Tyrie ...	The supply of Scavengers' Bass Brooms and Handles, for one year from 26th March, 1899	Ditto.
14th April, 1899 ...	Burt, Boulton & Haywood, Ltd. ...	The supply of Disinfectants, for one year from 26th March, 1899 ...	Ditto.

List of Agreements entered into with the Vestry, and in force previous to, during and subsequent to the year ending 25th March, 1899.

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

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

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
				£ s. d.
29th June, 1894	Adam Luke Oliver, 26, Odessa Street	The taking as tenant by Mr. Oliver, all that piece or parcel of ground being the surface over the sewer in Elgar Street, abutting on property adjoining and at rear of No. 25, Elgar Street	From year to year, to give up possession on last day of any month upon receipt of one month's notice	0 1 0
12th Sept., 1894	Bellamy & Co., King and Queen Granaries, Rotherhithe Street	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 Wilmott 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	Ditto	Do.
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
28th Nov., 1895	Frederick William Cook, "Sir Garnet Wolseley" P.H., 6, Warndon Street	The Vestry to light private lamp at corner of Warndon Street and Rotherhithe New Road	From year to year, subject to removal of lamp column on receipt of one month's notice	At current charge made by Gas Co.
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 Aylton 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	Ditto	Do.
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.	Ditto	Do.
13th Feb., 1896	Alfred Hancock, 122, Jamaica Road, S.E.	Permission for lamp to remain as erected at Christ Church Schools, Paradise Street	Ditto	Do.
13th Feb., 1896	Gillman & Spencer, Ltd., Gordon's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street	Permission to erect a flap from first floor doorway at their premises, Princes Street	From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	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

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
27th March, 1896 and 5th Aug., 1897	Thomas Parr, 11, Lower Road	Erection by Mr. Parr of stables over sewer belonging to the Vestry, upon his premises	From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	£ s. d. 1 0 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
21st July, 1896	Thomas Parr, 11, Lower Road	Use by Vestry of a portion of premises, No. 11, Lower Road, for storage of gravel for distribution upon carriageway at junction of Union and Lower Roads.	From year to year	0 6 0
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
29th Dec., 1896	James Pocock, 17, Albion Street	Permission to erect a sunblind at No. 17, Albion Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	Do.
27th Feb., 1897	South Eastern Railway Co., 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	—	—
20th Mar., 1897	Chas. Hy. Mogridge, 92, Union Road	Permission to retain two lamps erected outside No. 92, Union Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice.	No consideration
23rd Mar., 1897	John Shepherd, 286, Rotherhithe Street	Permission to erect a sign-board outside No. 286, Rotherhithe Street	Ditto	Do.
24th Mar., 1897	Henry Alfred Dyer, 22, Albion Street	Permission to retain sunblind erected at No. 22, Albion Street	Ditto	Do.
3rd May, 1897	The Surrey Commercial Dock Co., 106, Fenchurch Street, E.C.	The Vestry agree to the closing of a portion of London Road, pending the completion of new road No. 2, from Plough Road, Rotherhithe, to Grove Street, Deptford, the Company undertaking to form a temporary road to join new road with London Road meanwhile; to pay cost of maintenance, scavenging and lighting of temporary and new roads until the completion of the whole diversion, and also to pay to the Vestry the extra cost of maintenance of new road No. 1. (Lower Road to Commercial Dock Road) and No. 2 above mentioned, beyond what would ordinarily be necessary, for a period of eighteen months after their completion, and to indemnify the Vestry against any loss through any accident occurring by reason of the newness of the roads.	—	—

Date.	Name of Party.	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 consideration
21st May, 1897	Ann Tregenna, 89, Lower Road	Permission to retain sunblind erected at No. 89, Lower Road	Ditto	Do.
29th June, 1897	Henry Austen Lambert, "Jolly Sailor" P.H., 91, Lower Road	Permission to erect a light circular sign over saloon-bar entrance to "Jolly Sailor" P.H.	Ditto	Do.
9th July, 1897	Crowley & Co., The Brewery, Alton, Hants, and 45, Wandsworth Road, S.W.	Permission to re-construct existing rolling way and cellar flap at the "King and Queen" P.H., Rotherhithe Street, and to place a coal plate on the pathway at the side	From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	0 5 0
13th July, 1897	John Dudin & Sons, 35, Shad Thames, S.E.	Permission to erect an iron footbridge across Rotherhithe Street to connect waterside premises, No. 99, Rotherhithe Street, with their landside premises	From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of six months' notice	0 10 0
13th Aug., 1897	Geo. S. Bayley, 3, Blackheath Rise, S.E.	Permission to insert a coal plate in footway, York Place, for No. 36, Clarence Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration
16th Aug., 1897	William Henry Mills, "Duke of Suffolk" P.H., 59, Hawkstone Road	Permission to erect an iron water post upon the public footway in front of 59, Hawkstone Road	From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	0 5 0
30th Oct., 1897	John Percy, 109, Albion Street	Permission to erect a sunblind overhanging the footway at No. 109, Albion Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice from Vestry	No consideration
3rd Nov., 1897	H. W. Watkinson, "Queen's Head" P.H., 33, Paradise Street	Permission for the retention of a circular saloon bar lamp erected at the "Queen's Head" P.H.	Ditto	Do
17th Nov., 1897	Alexander Fredk. Gardiner, Hope Wharf, 107, Rotherhithe Street	Permission for the retention of a jib erected at Hope Wharf	From year to year, subject to one month's notice	0 5 0
8th Feb., 1898	W. C. B. Bellamy, Bellamy's Wharf, Ltd., 175 & 177, Rotherhithe Street	Permission for the retention of lamp erected at Bellamy's Wharf	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice from Vestry	No consideration
9th Feb., 1898	Frederick Jackson, "King and Queen" P.H., 179, Rotherhithe Street	Permission for the erection of a lamp projecting over the footway at the "King and Queen" P.H.	Ditto	Do.

Date.	Name of Party	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
24th Feb., 1898	Fredk. Wm. Cook, "Sir Garnet Wolseley" P.H., 6, Warndon Street	Permission for the erection of a day and night sign projecting over the footway at the "Sir Garnet Wolseley" P.H.	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice from Vestry.	No consideration
2nd March, 1898	Atkins & Co., Atkins' Wharf, 6, Odessa Street	Permission for the erection of a jib crane at Atkins' Wharf projecting, when swung, over the footway	Ditto	Do.
15th March, 1898	The Vestry of Bermondsey ...	The future maintenance by the Vestry of Bermondsey of the urinal adjacent the "John Bull" P.H., Southwark Park Road, and by the Rotherhithe Vestry of that by the "Queen Charlotte" P.H., Southwark Park Road (the Bermondsey Vestry having formerly maintained both, charging half the cost to the Rotherhithe Vestry.)	To take effect on the 26th March, 1898	—
18th March, 1898	William Packer, 46, Langdale Road, Peckham, S.E.	For payment by instalments of paving apportionment, Adams Gardens	—	—
6th April, 1898	Alexander Fredk. Gardiner, Hope Wharf, 107, Rotherhithe Street	Permission for the erection of a temporary wooden bridge across Rotherhithe Street at Hope Wharf	From year to year, subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice from Vestry	0 10 0
9th April, 1898	Jno. Jas. Mullenger (Agent for Owner) 72, Albion Street	For payment by instalments of paving apportionment, Badland Street	—	—
16th April, 1898	Richard Chas. Snow, 11, Claremont Place	Ditto ditto	—	—
18th April, 1898	George Bailey Smith, "Jolly Caulkers" P.H., 126, Lower Road	Permission to retain illuminated semicircular sign erected at the "Jolly Caulkers" P.H.	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration
5th May, 1898	James Mahoney, 20, Plough Road	For payment by instalments of paving apportionment, Adams Gardens	—	—
25th June, 1898	Emily Blanche Carr-Gomm, The Chase, Farnham Royal, Bucks; Courage & Co., Ltd., Shad Thames, S.E., and Henry A. Lambert, "Jolly Sailor" P.H., Lower Road	The Vestry to build a wall 10 feet high, a portion in 9 in. brickwork, and the remainder in 14 in. brickwork, entirely upon the land belonging to the "Jolly Sailor" P.H., abutting the yard of the Town Hall, the said wall to become a party-wall, and the Vestry to be at liberty to use one-half thereof.	—	—

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
27th June, 1898	Emily Blanche Carr-Gomm, The Chase, Farnham Royal, Bucks, and Harriet Higgs, 39, The Greenway, Uxbridge, Middlesex	The Vestry to build a wall in 9 in. brickwork, for a portion of the length to be 7 ft. high, exclusive of coping course, and the remainder to be 4 ft. 3 in. high, surmounted with an iron fencing—partly upon the ground forming the yard of 23, Moodkee Street—the wall to become the property of the Vestry.	—	—
4th July, 1898	Robert Candlish & Son, Platform Wharf, Rotherhithe Street	Permission to construct an iron and wooden bridge across Rotherhithe Street, to connect their waterside premises, No. 17, with landside premises, Nos. 18 and 20, Rotherhithe Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of six months' Notice	0 10 0
25th July, 1898	George Penfold, 36, Union Road	Permission for the retention of signboard overhanging the public footway at 36, Union Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration
4th Aug., 1898	Edward Hy. James, 58, Neptune Street	Permission to erect a signboard overhanging the public footway at No. 58, Neptune Street	Ditto	Do.
22nd Aug., 1898	S. Pearson & Son, Limited, Surrey Commercial Docks Extension Works	Permission : (1) to construct a crane road across Commercial Dock Road ; (2) to enclose a portion of Commercial Dock Road for construction of wagon roads ; (3) to construct two level crossings, Commercial Dock Road ; (4) to erect a temporary wooden bridge across Commercial Dock Road ; (5) to lay a 24 in. cast iron syphon pipe beneath Commercial Dock Road	Works to be removed one month after Docks Extension completed	Do.
11th Oct., 1898	Batey & Co., Limited, 216, Kingsland Road, N.E., and another	Permission for the erection of a signboard at No. 70, Adam Street	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	Do.
22nd Nov., 1898	Batey & Co., Limited, 216, Kingsland Road, N.E.	Permission for the erection of a signboard at No. 58, Neptune Street	Ditto	Do.
9th Feb., 1899	National Telephone Co., Limited, 6 & 8, Marshalsea Road, S.E.	The Vestry rent from the Company one Telephone line and one wall set of instruments from Town Hall to Hop Exchange	Five years from date of Agreement	£17 per annum
20th Mar., 1899	Thomas Barden, 61, Hawkstone Road	Permission for retention of lamp erected at No. 61, Hawkstone Road, projecting over public footway	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Rent.
6th June, 1899	George Leach, 4, Bush Road	Permission for the retention of 3 lamps erected at No. 4, Bush Road	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration
26th June, 1899	Hy. Jas. Bailey, 19, Gomm Road Edward Jas. Talbot, 72, Union Road Joseph Willoughby, 20, Blakeney Avenue, Beckenham Elhanan Blake, 283, Rotherhithe Street Wm. Morris Thomas, 19, Cheapside, E.C. Thos. Prior, 2, Hoopwick Street, Deptford, S.E. C. C. & T. Moore, 7, Leadenhall Street, E.C.	The parties agree, upon the combined drain serving the premises, Nos. 20 to 40, Swan Lane ; 30 to 44 and 50, Ainsty Street, and 90 to 94, Albion Street, being re-laid by the Vestry, to re-pay to the Vestry on demand their several proportions of the cost.	—	—
27th June, 1899	Martin Thos. Boston, 46, Albion Street	Permission to retain sunblind erected at 46, Albion Street, overhanging footway	Subject to removal upon receipt of one month's notice	No consideration

Agreements and terms for the Supply of Water to the Parish.

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Price.
21st July, 1891	Southwark & Vauxhall Water Coy.	Supply of water to urinal, Hawkstone Road, near "Jolly Caulkers" P.H.	From year to year	As per the undermentioned schedule
21st July, 1891	Do.	Ditto rear of "Red Lion" P.H.	Do.	Do.
24th March, 1893	Do.	Ditto Rotherhithe New Road	Do.	Do.
5th October, 1894	Do.	Ditto Lower Road, near "Royal Oak" P.H.	Do.	Do.
5th February, 1895	Do.	Ditto Railway Avenue	Do.	Do.
16th July, 1895	Do.	Supply of water to Dépôt, Lower Road	Do.	Do. and meter rent of 5s. per quarter
18th Sept., 1896	Do.	Placing and maintaining of 4 fire-cocks at Town Hall buildings	Do.	£4 4s. per annum; charge for resealing, 10s. each time for the four, or 30s. per annum.
13th October, 1896	Do.	Supply of water to urinal, Swan Lane	Do.	As per the undermentioned schedule
7th June, 1898	Do.	Ditto Southwark Park Road, near "Queen Charlotte" P.H.	Do.	Do.
4th Nov., 1898	Do.	Supply of water to Town Hall	Do.	Do. meter rent 9s.
27th April, 1899	Do.	Supply of water for road watering purposes	Do.	6d. per 1000 gallons at those standposts, the points of delivery from which do not exceed 60 ft. above ordnance datum, and at 7½d. per 1000 gallons at all other points.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

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

Date.	Name of Party.	Nature of Agreement.	Term.	Price.
—	Kent Water Works Coy....	Supply of water to urinal, Derrick Street	—	10d. per 1000 gallons.
—	Do.	Ditto near "Globe" P.H., Rotherhithe Street	—	Do.
—	Do.	Ditto Lavender Bridge, Rotherhithe Street	—	Do.
9th February, 1897	Do.	Ditto Bull Head Wharf ...	—	Do. minimum charge £1 per quarter for 24,000 gallons.
9th February, 1897	Do.	Supply of water to Bull Head Wharf, Shelter, House, Office, and Urinal	—	Do. do.
—	Do.	Supply of water for part of Parish between Surrey Bridge, Rotherhithe Street, and 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 Reports 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, 1898:—

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the administrative County of London, upon the articles analysed by him under the above Act during the quarter ending the 31st March, 1898.

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.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	57 per cent. of Margarine	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	10 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Rum	Do.	Diluted to the extent of 8·7 degrees below legal limit	Do.	
Rum	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	4 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do. (poor)	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	

These figures show a slight falling-off in the purity of the food supply since last quarter. The percentage of condemned articles being 9·09 as against 1·45.

Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 44.

4th April, 1898.

(Signed)

JOHN MUTER, Ph.D., F.R.S.E., *Public Analyst.*

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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.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Whiskey	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Brandy	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
CoffeeMixture	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Rum	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	15 per cent. of Cream deficient	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Rum	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
CoffeeMixture	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	75 per cent. Chicory	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Whiskey	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gregory's Powder	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Deficient in Magnesia to extent of 58 %	Do.	
Vinegar	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mixed Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Chocolate	Do.	60 per cent. Chicory	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Chocolate	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	6 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	

Including the samples of Margarine (which although appearing as genuine in this report yet represent sales in contravention of the Margarine Act), these results show that the percentage of impure or wrongly sold articles during the quarter, amounted to 20·27, or just over 1/5th of the articles purchased.

Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 74.
5th July 1898.

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

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the administrative County of London, upon the articles analysed by him under the above Act during the quarter ending 30th September, 1898.

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.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	12 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Vinegar	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Skim Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Vinegar	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	5 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	33 per cent. of Chicory	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Gin	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Separated Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Whisky	Do.	Do.	Do.	These figures show that 7·3 per cent. of the samples submitted were found impure, as against 8·3 in the corresponding quarter of 1897.
Milk	Do.	Do. (poor)	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	

Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 41.

4th October, 1898.

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

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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.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee and Chicory	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cocoa	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mixture				
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Pepper	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	5 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	8 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	14 per cent. of added water	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Cheese	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mixture				
Butter	A member of the Public	Do.	Do.	Excluding the samples of Margarine (which, although herein reported genuine, yet probably represent infringements of the Margarine Act) the above figures show that 12½ per cent. of the samples submitted were impure as against 1¼ per cent. in the corresponding quarter of last year.
Butter	Do.	85 per cent. of Margarine	Do.	
Milk	Inspector of Vestry	14 per cent. of cream deficient.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Genuine	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Butter	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Margarine	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Coffee	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Mustard	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
Milk	Do.	Do.	Do.	
		Do.	Do.	
		Do.	Do.	
		Do.	Do.	
		Do.	Do.	
		Do.	Do.	
		Do.	Do.	
		Do.	Do.	

Total number of samples analysed during the quarter, 45.

2nd January, 1899.

(Signed)

JOHN MUTER, Ph.D., F.R.S.E., 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, 1898, to give effect to the provisions of the said Acts and Regulations:—

Canal Boats Acts, 1877 and 1884.

Have you any Hospital accommodation for any case of infectious disease met with on a Canal Boat in your Sanitary District ?	...	...	...	Yes
Is Inspector's remuneration inclusive with payment for other duties ?	...	...	...	Not entirely
If special, how much ?	...	...	10/6 for each Boat newly registered	
Number of Boats added to Register in 1898	...	...	...	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, 1898	...	...	...	21
Total number of Registrations cancelled	...	...	...	8
Actual number of Boats on Register at 31st December, 1898	...	...	...	13
Number of Boats inspected from all Districts in 1898	...	...	...	8
Number of Boats conforming to the Acts and Regulations	...	...	...	7
Number of Boats infringing the Acts and Regulations	...	...	...	1
Total number for which the Cabins were registered	...	...	...	22½
Total number occupying the Cabins	...	...	...	24
Details of Occupation—Male Adults...	...	...	13	
Female Adults	...	...	5	
Children of School age	...	...	5	
Children under School age	...	...	1	
			—	24

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
None	...	Absence of Certificate	...	...	...	None
None	...	Certificate not identifying Owner with Boat	...	...	...	None
None	...	Marking	...	...	...	None
None	...	Overcrowding	...	...	...	None
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
One	...	Without Pump	...	...	...	None
None	...	Refusal of Admittance of Inspector	..	...	...	None
None	...	No proper Water Vessel	...	...	...	None
None	...	Without requisite Double Bulkheads	...	...	...	None
None	...	Non-notification of Infectious disease	...	...	...	None
None	...	Number of Boats detained for cleansing (not for I. D.)...	...	...	...	None

Two Total cases met with.

Total cases remedied One

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

Charity Trustees.

Trustees of Mrs. Bayly's Charity:

The Rector.

The Curate.

The Churchwardens.

- Mr. Edward Talbot, 24, Lower Road
- „ Edward James Talbot, 72, Union Road.
- „ Francis John Bisley, 68, Union Road.
- „ Samuel Brownfield, 97, Lower Road.
- „ George Butcher, 186, Rotherhithe Street
- „ Samuel Ward Copping, 99, Lower Road.
- „ Ralph Westall Walker, 14, Rebecca Terrace, Gomm Road.
- „ Robert Thomas Nichols, M.D., 28, Park Road, Ilford, Essex.
- „ Francis Thomas Talbot, 20, St. James', New Cross, S.E.

Clerk :

James John Stokes.

Trustees of the Burial Grounds :

The Rector.

The Curate.

The Churchwardens.

- Mr. Edward Talbot, 24, Lower Road.
- „ Francis John Bisley, 68, Union Road.
- „ Ralph Westall Walker, 14, Rebecca Terrace, Gomm Road.

Feoffees of the Amicable School and Hill and Bell's Charity.

The Rev. Canon Beck, M.A., Rectory, St. Marychurch Street.

Mr. Edward Talbot, 24, Lower Road.

- „ Edward James Talbot, 72, Union Road.
- „ William Henry Kelsey, 29, Union Road.
- „ Francis John Bisley, 68, Union Road.
- „ George Mabbs, 74, Lower Road.
- „ Frederick James Rooney, 262, Rotherhithe Street
- „ Francis Thomas Talbot, 20, St. James', New Cross, S.E.
- „ Alfred William White, 110, Lower Road.
- Rev. Luke Harrison Blakeston, All Saints' Vicarage, Lower Road.
- Mr. William George Wells, 13, Oak Place.
- „ Samuel Brownfield, 97, Lower Road.
- „ Robert Leishman Stuart, J.P., 226, Lower Road.
- „ William Royal, 26, Lower Road.
- „ George Wood, 270, Rotherhithe Street.
- „ George Butcher, 186, Rotherhithe Street.
- „ John Reeson, 249, Lower Road.
- „ William Joshua Carr, 158, Lower Road.
- „ Walter George Streeton, 29, Silwood Street.
- „ Richard John Wood, 130, Lower Road.
- „ Charles Jollands Thompson, 180, Lewisham High Road, S.E.
- „ Henry Bellsham, 247, Lower Road.

Trustees of Church Wharf:

The Rev. Canon Beck, M.A., Rectory,
St. Marychurch Street.

Mr. Edward Talbot, 24, Lower Road.

„ Francis John Bisley, 68, Union Road.

„ Edward James Talbot, 72, Union Road.

„ George Mabbs, 74, Lower Road.

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

„ Frederick James Rooney, 262, Rother-
hithe Street.

„ George Butcher, 186, Rotherhithe
Street.

„ Ralph Westall Walker, 14, Rebecca
Terrace.

„ Samuel Brownfield, 97, Lower Road.

„ William George Wells, 13, Oak Place.

**Trustees of the Stratford and Plaistow
Charity Estates:**

The Rector.

The Churchwardens.

Mr. Edward Talbot, 24, Lower Road.

„ Samuel Brownfield, 97, Lower Road.

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

„ Francis John Bisley, 68, Union Road.

„ Edward James Talbot, 72, Union Road.

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Street.

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Mr. William George Wells, 13, Oak Place.

„ Robert Leishman Stuart, J.P., 226,
Lower Road.

„ Frederick James Rooney, 262, Rother-
hithe Street.

„ George Wood, 270, Rotherhithe Street.

„ Robert James Rushbrook, 66, Plough
Road.

„ Walter George Streeton, 29, Silwood
Street.

„ Edmund Rumney Smith, 143, Lower
Road.

„ Samuel Ward Copping, 99, Lower Road.

„ Charles Jollands Thompson, 180, Lewis-
ham High Road, S.E.

„ John David Hawkins, 70, Lower Road.

„ Charles William Cobon, 86, Union Road.

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

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

Mr. William Robert Millar, 101, Lower Road.

„ Walter Beasley, 1D, Ilderton Road.

„ Henry Moore, 12, Lower Road.

„ Henry Bellsham, 247, Lower Road.

„ Robert Thomas Nichols, M.D., 28,
Park Road, Ilford, Essex.

„ William Royal, 26, Lower Road.

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

„ Richard John Wood, 130, Lower Road.

„ John Reeson, 249, Lower Road.

„ William Joshua Carr, 158, Lower Road.

„ Henry Lovell Bartlett, 30, Lower Road.

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

Public Libraries Act.

At a meeting of the Vestry held 4th October, 1898, Messrs. George Mabbs, Edward James Talbot and Hugh Young were elected Commissioners for Public Libraries and Museums in this Parish for the ensuing three years, or pending such time as the powers, duties and liabilities of the Commissioners should be transferred under an order of the Local Government Board, to the Vestry.

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, 1899: The Rev. Canon Beck, M.A. (Chairman), Mr. Francis Thomas Talbot and Mr. Charles Jollands Thompson.

2nd Class.—Offices to be vacated October, 1900: Mr. Robert Leishman Stuart, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Ralph Westall Walker and Mr. Francis John Bisley.

3rd Class.—Offices to be vacated October, 1901: Mr. George Mabbs, Mr. Edward James Talbot and Mr. Hugh Young.

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, 1899 :—

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, 1899.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash Balance			117 11 5	Building, Repairs and Main- tenance	128	9	7½
Amount received from Rates	834	10	0	Books, Periodicals, &c. ...	246	14	8
Fines and Sales	39	4	10	Salaries	338	13	0
Other Receipts	1	11	6	Establishment Charges ...	25	14	9½
			875 6 4	Repayment of Loans ...	108	0	0
				Interest on Loans	70	6	1
				Total Expenditure... ..			917 18 2
				Cash Balance			74 19 7
Total	£992	17	9	Total	£992	17	9

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, 1899, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is nine hundred and seventeen pounds, eighteen shillings and twopence.

As witness my hand this 18th day of July, 1899.

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

Baths and Wash-houses Acts.

At a meeting of the Vestry held 1st November, 1898, Messrs. Robert Leishman Stuart and Sidney Brownfield were elected Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses for this Parish for the ensuing three years, or pending such time as the powers, duties and liabilities of the Commissioners should be transferred under an order of the Local Government Board to the Vestry, 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, 1899.	To go out of Office, 1900.	To go out of Office, 1901.
Mr. Edward James Talbot (Chairman)	Mr. Ralph Westall Walker (Vice-Chairman)	Mr. Robert Leishman Stuart, J.P.
„ Francis Thomas Talbot	„ Charles Jollands Thompson	„ Sidney Brownfield
„ Robert Wallace Moss		

The retirement takes place annually in November.

Clerk :

JAMES JOHN STOKES.

Superintendent :

THOMAS HENRY WRIGHT FEY.

Matron :

LUCY ANNE FEY.

Day of Meeting :

First Wednesday in each month at 7 p.m.

The following is a copy of the Commissioners' Balance Sheet for the year ending 25th March, 1899.

LOANS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS—				EXPENDITURE—			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash from Overseers 1900	0	0		By Instalments off Loans	969	13	4
Less proportion transferred to Working Account ...	508	10	3	„ Interest on Loans...	421	16	5
					1391	9	9
					£1391	9	9

Working Account.

	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Balance in Superintendent's hands	0	0	2	By Balance at last Audit ...	...	...	104	18	8
RECEIPTS—				EXPENDITURE—					
	£	s.	d.	By Wages, as per sheets ...	...	...	940	9	2
„ Baths ...	1286	8	6	„ Engineer's superannuation ...	...	...	34	13	0
„ Wash-houses ...	420	8	11½	„ Compensation for accident ...	...	...	20	0	0
„ Sale of Soap and Soda	42	14	2	„ Clerk's salary ...	...	...	40	0	0
„ Other Receipts (Swim- ming Lessons, Polo Matches and Hire of Bath) ...	13	15	9	„ Gratuity to Superintendent ...	...	...	7	10	0
„ Overpaid into Bank ...	0	0	0½	„ Water ...	...	...	297	10	0
	1763	7	5	„ Coals and Coke ...	...	...	614	5	9
„ Proportion of amount received from Overseers	508	10	3	„ Gas ...	...	...	18	14	2
	2271	17	10	„ Soap and Soda ...	...	...	33	4	6
Account at Bank overdrawn	612	9	0	„ Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	...	...	313	0	0
	£2884	6	10	„ Printing and Stationery ...	...	...	32	16	6
				„ Special Repairs to Engine and Machin- ery ...	...	...	100	16	6
				„ General ditto ditto	...	...	89	7	1
				„ Fire bars ...	...	...	7	18	0
				„ Improvements to swimming baths ...	...	...	47	14	3
				„ Repairs to Buildings ...	...	...	91	13	7
				„ Boiler Fluid and Oil ...	...	...	9	18	10
				„ Oilman's Goods ...	...	...	34	9	7
				„ Drapery ...	...	...	9	16	9½
				„ Cartage of Ashes ...	...	...	3	19	10
				„ Ironmongery ...	...	...	12	13	1
				„ Sundry small accounts ...	...	...	18	17	6½
							£2884	6	10

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

	£	s.	d.
Total amount of Loans borrowed from Metropolitan Board of Works ...	29,000	0	0
Amount paid off ...	18,127	13	4
Amount outstanding ...	£10,872	6	8

COPY OF RETURN OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE VESTRY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25TH MARCH, 1899.

As made to the Local Government Board.

Abstract of sums received and expended in the Parish of Rotherhithe during the year ended 25th March, 1899.

Receipts excluding Balances and Loans.							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
General Rates, amounting to 2/8 in the £ ...	27,250	0	0	Brought forward ...	36,223	0	0
Lighting Rates, amounting to 3d. in the £...	2,175	0	0	Fines and Penalties ...	32	0	0
Sewers Rates, for local sewers under Secs. 158 and 161 of 18 and 19 Vic. c. 120, amounting to 4d. in the £ ...	2,675	0	0	Other Receipts :—			
Mem. :—The total amount received during the year by the Overseers in lieu of Rates on Government Property was £99.				Highways—Payments by companies and others for repair of roads and footpaths broken up by them ...	1120	0	0
From the London County Council :—Out of the Equalisation Fund under Section 1 of the London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894 ...	2,824	0	0	Costs of Summonses recovered... ..	13	0	0
In respect of Salary of Medical Officer of Health ...	97	0	0	Other sources of Receipt :—			
In respect of salaries of Sanitary Inspectors ...	172	0	0	Interest on accounts at bank ...	152	0	0
Rent of Coroner's Court ...	40	0	0	Miscellaneous ...	78	0	0
	3,133	0	0		1363	0	0
Contributions from or payments by other Local Authorities :—From Metropolitan Asylums Board—Notification of Disease —Repayment of Medical Fees ...	35	0	0				
Income from other Real or Funded Pro- perty (including Rents, Profits of Property and Dividends) ...	337	0	0				
Proceeds of Sale of other Real or Funded Property... ..	271	0	0				
Private Works :—Payments made to the Vestry in respect thereof, includ- ing payments for works of private street paving and improvement, and sewers connections, and for the removal of trade refuse, but excluding payments by com- panies and others for repair of roads and footpaths broken up by them ...	347	0	0				
Carried forward ...	£36,223	0	0	Total Receipts, excluding balances and loans, and receipts under the adoptive Acts ...	£37,618	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

Excluding Balances and Payments out of Loans.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Public Roads, Streets and Paths :—												
Maintenance and Repair	5468	0	0									
Cleansing and Scavenging, including watering... ..	3768	0	0									
				9236	0	0						
Removal and Destruction of House Refuse ...				1393	0	0						
Public Lighting and Works connected therewith				1766	0	0						
Sewerage and Drainage Works				1617	0	0						
Disinfectants and Disinfecting and Works connected therewith				152	0	0						
Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890—												
Part II.				5	0	0						
Parks, Pleasure Grounds, Commons and Open Spaces				22	0	0						
Other Public Works or purposes :—												
Public conveniences	122	0	0									
Mortuaries and places for post-mortem examinations and inquests	111	0	0									
Public Buildings :—												
Erection of Town Hall, Payment out of revenue	888	0	0									
Sale of Food and Drugs Acts	119	0	0									
Notification of Disease :—												
Fees for Medical Certificates	35	0	0									
Public Works or purposes for which no heading is provided above :—												
Town Hall Management Expenses	735	0	0									
				2010	0	0						
Carried forward				£16,201	0	0						
Private Works :—												
Private street paving and other improvements	189	0	0									
Other private works, including removal of trade refuse	158	0	0									
										347	0	0
Repayment of Loans and Interest on Loans :—												
Principal repaid	2082	0	0									
Interest (including Income Tax thereon)	1682	0	0									
										3764	0	0
Salaries, Remuneration and Superannuation Allowances, including salaries of Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspectors										2927	0	0
Other Establishment Charges :—												
Printing and Stationery	239	0	0									
Rents, Rates, Taxes, etc.	291	0	0									
Miscellaneous	220	0	0							750	0	0
Contributions or payments to Local Authorities, viz. :—												
School Board for London ; contribution under precept	11195	0	0									
Vestry of Bermondsey ; moiety of maintenance of " John Bull " and " Queen Charlotte " urinals	16	0	0							11211	0	0
										60	0	0
Legal and Parliamentary Expenses												
Other payments :—												
Valuation Committee expenses	60	0	0									
Miscellaneous	16	0	0							76	0	0
Total Expenditure, excluding balances and payments out of loans, and expenditure under the adoptive Acts										£35,336	0	0

RATEABLE VALUE.

Rateable value of buildings, etc.	£219,827	0	0
Annual value on which contributions are received from H.M. Treasury of non-rateable hereditaments which are in the occupation of the Crown	249	0	0
	£220,076	0	0

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.

Purpose of Loan.	Amount expended out of Loans during the year.	Amount of Loan outstanding at the beginning of the year.	Amount of principal repaid during the year, not including pay- ments to, or repay- ments out of Sinking Fund.	Amount of Interest paid during the year (including Income Tax on Interest).	Amount of Loan outstanding at the end of the year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Highways and Public Street Improvements	—	6880 0 0	630 0 0	238 0 0	6250 0 0
Depots, Wharves, Yards, Refuse Destructors and Works connected therewith ...	4767 0 0	18085 0 0	664 0 0	571 0 0	17421 0 0
Public Buildings—Town Hall ...	—	26274 0 0	788 0 0	822 0 0	25486 0 0
Total, excluding loans raised under the adoptive Acts£	4767 0 0	51239 0 0	2082 0 0	1631 0 0	49157 0 0

LONDON (EQUALISATION OF RATES) ACT, 1894	...	...	44 and 101

Year ended 31st March, 1899.

Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe.

Total Amount received from the London County Council under the Act by the Sanitary Authority during the Year.	Total Amount of the Expenses incurred by the Sanitary Authority during the Year.				Amount expended out of the Sums received from the London County Council under the Act by the Sanitary Authority during the Year.			
	Under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 (including expenses of scavenging streets).	In respect of Lighting.	In respect of streets (other than the expenses of scavenging streets).	Total.	Under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 (including expenses of scavenging streets).	In respect of Lighting.	In respect of streets (other than the expenses of scavenging streets).	Total.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2823 16 7	6245 0 0	2109 0 0	5571 0 0	13925 0 0	2823 16 7	—	—	2823 16 7

Bull Head Dock and Victoria Oil Mills.

Boundary Wall.

On 5th April, 1898, the Vestry had before them a letter from Messrs. B. Brown and Co., dated 24th March, re Surrey Commercial Wharf, stating that they were instructed by Mr. Green to say that he agreed to the arrangement as to re-building wall, etc., as described in Vestry's letter of 17th March, 1898 (vide last year's report).

Chimney Shaft.

The General Purposes and Works Committee reported to the Vestry on the 5th July, 1898, the satisfactory completion by the Contractors of the chimney shaft.

Destructor Buildings, etc.

The tender of Messrs. Henry Knight and Son, of Chesnut Road, Tottenham, for the erection of these Buildings was accepted by the Vestry on 7th June, 1898, at the sum of £3,933 10s. 6d.

Destructor Cells and Accessories.

On 7th June, 1898, the tender of the Beaman and Deas Syndicate, Ltd., to supply and fix the necessary Destructor Cells and accessories for the sum of £2,200 was accepted.

Disinfector.

On 20th September, 1898, the Vestry accepted the tender of Messrs. Manlove, Alliott and Co. for the supply and fixing of a full size Lyon's Patent Steam Disinfector for the sum of £317 10s.

Conferences.

Costermongers.

On 20th December, 1898, Mr. Beasley reported that, in company with Mr. Vice-chairman Vezey, he attended the Conference convened by the Hackney Vestry, and held at the Guildhall on 8th December, 1898, when, after considerable discussion, the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That in the opinion of this Conference the various Acts of Parliament having reference to trade obstructions on highways in the Metropolis should be amended and consolidated under one Act.

2. That in the opinion of this Conference the Vestries and District Boards of the Metropolis should be the authority to decide under what conditions costermongers and others causing obstructions shall be allowed to stand in any street in their respective districts.

3. That the Hackney Vestry, on behalf of the Conference, be requested to prepare a memorial to the Home Secretary embodying the various resolutions adopted with a view to promoting legislation on the lines thereof, and also that a copy of this memorial be forwarded to the Vestries and District Boards of the Metropolis and the Members of Parliament for the Metropolis, asking them to support the same.

The Vestry approved the action taken in the matter.

Her Majesty's Jubilee.

On 5th April, Mr. Mortimer reported that, in company with Messrs. Vezey and Beasley, as representing the Vestry, he attended a further meeting of the Conference convened by the Camberwell Vestry in regard to the proposed acquisition of the Crystal Palace, held at the Mansion House, on 23rd March, 1898, when 36 Vestries and District Boards were represented, and the following resolution passed:—

“That in the opinion of this Conference the present is an opportune time for the Government to secure as a permanent place of instruction and recreation the Crystal Palace and its grounds as a National Institution; and, further, that this Conference is of opinion that every means should be taken to prevail upon the Government to acquire and maintain the same for the enjoyment of the people for ever.”

Housing of Working Classes.

On 19th July, 1898, Mr. Vezey reported that, in company with Mr. Beasley, he attended the Conference at the Bermondsey Town Hall, on Friday, the 15th July, upon the subject of Overcrowding and the Housing of the Working Classes, when the following resolutions were passed:—

(a) That the London County Council be asked to exercise their power under Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act to provide accommodation within the County of London where required.

(b) That the London County Council be approached with a view to the insertion of a clause in their General Powers Bill for 1899 to enable Metropolitan Vestries and District Boards to erect Municipal Dwellings under Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

(c) That this Conference is of opinion that the London County Council should contribute towards the cost of building dwellings for the working classes by local authorities in London, such contributions to be determined in case of dispute by the Local Government Board.

(d) That Local Authorities should be allowed to permanently retain and manage any dwellings for the working classes erected by them, and that the provision of the Section 12 (5) of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, requiring them to sell or dispose of such dwellings within ten years from the completion thereof unless the Local Government Board otherwise determine, should be repealed.

(e) That in view of the heavy cost of land in London, and the fact that the value of such land is more likely to increase than decrease, Local Authorities should not be compelled to repay the cost of such land out of the income from the dwellings, and that the period for borrowing for buildings should be extended to 100 years.

On 1st November, 1898, the Vestry, upon the recommendation of the General Purposes and Works Committee, passed the following resolutions:—

1. That the Vestry approve of resolutions "a, b, c and d."
2. With regard to resolution "e,"

(a) That the Vestry of Bermondsey be informed that this Vestry is of opinion that the rents derivable from the letting of dwellings should pay for the cost of the site of such dwellings, as otherwise the result obtained would be a fictitious one, and therefore the Vestry does not approve of the proposal that the cost of the land should come out of the rates.

(b) That the Vestry approve of the period of borrowing for buildings being extended to 100 years.

Open Spaces.

On 7th February, 1899, Mr. Mortimer reported having attended the Conference convened by the London County Council with reference to the maintenance of small open spaces in the County, held at Spring Gardens on Wednesday, 25th January, when the following resolutions were passed:—

(a) That the maintenance and control of all open spaces under ten acres be undertaken by the Sanitary Authority for the district. That the Council grant annually to the Sanitary Authority the amount of the cost of such maintenance and control, such sum to be equal to the amount of the average expenditure per annum for the preceding three years upon the maintenance and control of such open spaces, and such annual grant to be subject to a certificate of the Council's officials that the expense has been incurred and the work properly carried out.

(b) That any contribution towards the maintenance of any open space which has not been formerly maintained be based upon the above, having regard to the area and position of that already maintained and controlled in the district.

Sewer Emanations.

On 7th June, 1898, Mr. Vice-chairman Vezey reported that, in conjunction with Mr. Moss and the Surveyor, he attended a Conference at the Camberwell Vestry Hall, on 4th May, in reference to the subject of sewer emanations and ventilation, when the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That the closing of surface sewer ventilators, in response to complaints, increases the general evil, the diminution of which is to be attained by the multiplication of ventilators, both surface and uptake shafts, at regular frequent intervals.

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

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

Telephone Service.

On 17th May, 1898, Mr. Chairman Bisley, J.P., and Messrs. Mortimer and Streeton were appointed to represent the Vestry at a Conference proposed to be called by the London County Council to consider as to what evidence should be put before the Select Committee appointed by the House of Commons upon the subject of the Telephone Service.

On 21st June, 1898, Mr. Mortimer reported that, in company with the Chairman, he attended the Conference at the County Hall, on the 14th June, 1898, upon the above subject, when the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That in the opinion of this Conference the present telephone service of the London area, as supplied by the National Telephone Company, is both inefficient and inadequate, that the charges, as compared to those made by the same Company in the provinces, are much too high, and that these disadvantages to London are largely due to the abandonment by the Post Office of that principle of competition which was expressly adopted prior to 1892 for the protection of telephone users.

2. That this Conference views with alarm the action of the Post Office in using, for the benefit of the National Telephone Company, its special powers as to the breaking up of streets, as instanced in the recent case of the Commissioners of Sewers and the Post Office, and urges the Select Committee on Telephones, which is now sitting at the House of Commons, to preserve intact that control over the streets which has hitherto been vested in the municipal authority.

3. That in the opinion of this Conference the telephone service is of such general public importance, and calculated to become of such general benefit, that it ought no longer to remain exclusively in the hands of a trading corporation, but be worked by the Government as a part of the Postal service of the country.

4. That in the event of the Post Office not undertaking a telephone service, it is desirable that the Local and Central Authorities of the London telephone district should at once combine to secure an efficient and cheap municipal telephone service.

5. That the Chairman of the Highways Committee of the London County Council be requested to place the views of the Conference as indicated in the foregoing resolutions before the Select Committee of the House of Commons.

The question of the supply of electrical energy in bulk was also discussed, and resolutions passed as under:—

1. That this Conference regards it as essential to the interests of London as a whole that the present purchase clause of the Electric Lighting Acts which applies to defined areas should also be made to apply to such companies as propose to supply electrical energy in bulk to the whole of London without regard to area.

2. That while preserving intact the rights of the Local Authorities with regard to electric lighting and energy, in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable that the London County Council should be in a position to undertake, if it so determine, and if so requested by the Local Authority, the supply of electrical energy in bulk for the convenience of any districts desiring to be so supplied, provided that the Council does not become competitive with the Local Authority.

3. That in the opinion of this Conference power should be retained by the Local Authority to object to overhead wires for traction purposes, and to have a provisional veto against the granting of an order to any private company.

4. That with reference to question 1—

Whether, notwithstanding the provisions of section 12 (1) of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882, powers should be given in any cases for acquiring land compulsorily for generating stations, and if so, under what conditions as respects liability for nuisance, notices to surrounding owners and otherwise.

answer (b)—

Provision should be made for the granting of these powers in the Provisional Orders of the Board of Trade subject to confirmation by Parliament. Such provision would facilitate a continuance of the existing practice, according to which more or less uniform conditions under which undertakers are to work are provisionally settled by the Board of Trade. Procedure by private bill should be reserved as at present for exceptional cases,

of the report of the Joint Select Committee, this Conference is of opinion that all existing undertakings should share in the advantages suggested by these clauses.

5. That as regards question 3—

Whether, in case of a generating station, however acquired, not being situate within the area of supply, power should be given for the breaking up of streets between the generating station and the boundary of the area of supply,

in the report of the Joint Select Committee, the Conference is of opinion that it should be left to the Local Authority to decide the route.

6. That the Chairman of the Highways Committee of the London County Council be empowered to present to Parliament the resolutions arrived at by the Conference with reference to the supply of electricity in bulk.

On 6th September, 1898, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Clerk, Wandsworth District Board, with copy resolutions passed by that Board in favour of the Telephone Service being exclusively exercised by the Government, and not undertaken by the London County Council and the other local authorities, and of the undertaking and property of the National Telephone Company being taken over by the Post Office, when it was

RESOLVED to support the action taken by the Wandsworth District Board in the matter.

On 7th March, 1899, Mr. Mortimer reported that, in company with Messrs. Sparkes and Beasley, he attended the Conference convened by the City Corporation to consider the National Telephone Company's Bills in Parliament, held at the Guildhall, on Wednesday, the 1st March, when the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That in the opinion of this Conference the powers sought by the National Telephone Company would, if granted and exercised, seriously prejudice the rights and powers of the several Local Authorities, and would be inimical to the interests of the State.

2. That in the opinion of this Conference, representing the London County Council, the Corporation of London, and the Vestries and District Boards of the Metropolis, the Bills being promoted by the National Telephone Company in Parliament should be most strenuously opposed.

3. That the Authorities represented at this Conference be requested forthwith to petition against the said Bills, and to ask their representatives in Parliament to oppose the Bills on second reading, and to take every possible measure to prevent the same from becoming law.

4. That in the event of the Bills being promoted by the National Telephone Company passing the second reading, the Corporation be asked to arrange another Conference with a view to decide as to the best means of continuing the opposition to the said Bills.

The Vestry resolved to oppose the Bills (vide Parliamentary).

Deputations.

Parks and Open Spaces.

On 6th September, 1898, Mr. Vezey reported that, accompanied by the Clerk, he attended a meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee of the London County Council to advocate the provision of a second gymnasium in Southwark Park. The Deputation presented a Memorial in support of that object, and were very favourably received, it being intimated that no doubt the gymnasium would be provided by the next summer season.

The gymnasium has since been provided, and is very largely patronised.

Drainage.

Arica Place.

On 3rd May, 1898, the Sanitary Committee reported with reference to the following report of the Surveyor:—

Finding that drainage works had been executed without notice at No. 16, Arica Place, I called upon the owner to open out the same for inspection and testing. He has done so, and they were found very defectively laid, passing under the house immediately beneath the floor. The shallowness was unavoidable owing to the condition of the sewer in Arica Place, and at an interview I had yesterday with the Manager of the Society owning the property he promised to relay the drains of the eight houses on the south side in two groups of four each if the Vestry would deepen their pipe. Four of the houses at present have separate connections. I have this morning received a letter from him upon the subject.

In April, 1895, when reporting upon an application to drain a stable from Southwark Park Road into Arica Place, I fully set out the condition of the sewer as under:—

The Vestry has, however, no sewer in Arica Place other than a 9-inch pipe taking a gully placed halfway along the Place continuing to near the top, at which point it is only 2 ft. 2 in. deep, and contains 6 in. of silt. I have had this pipe examined and find it very irregular in line and level, with little or no joints. If the stable is drained as shown, to take the sewer to the boundary of the property will require about 40 yards of 9-inch pipe, with a manhole in Prospect Street and a flushing shaft at the top end. I estimate the cost at £35.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the necessary work be carried out at an estimated cost of £35

Chilton Street.

On 15th May, 1898, the Vestry resolved to relay the sewer rear of 1 to 49 Chilton Street.

Combined.

On 15th November, 1898, Mr. Vezey was appointed, in the room of Mr. F. T. Talbot, to attend the Holborn Conference, in conjunction with Mr. Moss.

On 6th December, Mr. Vezey reported having attended, with the Assistant Vestry Clerk, the meeting of the Conference held that afternoon at the Holborn Town Hall, when the following report of a Committee of the Conference was adopted:—

1. In pursuance of the resolutions of the Conference your Committee presented to the London County Council the draft of the Bill as approved with a request that the Council would take steps to promote it in the last Session of Parliament. At the same time your Committee desired the Council or one of its Committees to receive the representatives of the Local Authorities at the County Hall.

2. To this communication an answer was received to the effect that the Main Drainage Committee of the Council were already of opinion that the existing law should be amended; consequently there appeared to be no necessity for the proposed meeting. The Council further stated that when the Bill was in Parliament it would receive the support of the Council. The Council at the same time called attention to the great difficulty already experienced by them in getting Members of Parliament to introduce and back the Bill and suggested that the Local Authorities should themselves obtain the name of some Member willing to introduce the Bill and take charge of it.

3. In further pursuance of the resolutions of the Conference and acting upon the above-mentioned suggestion, your Committee put themselves in communication with the Members of Parliament for the Metropolis with a view to arranging for a meeting at which the measure could be discussed and some Member selected to take charge of the Bill.

4. Your Committee were informed by the Chairman of the Unionist Members that they did not consider an interview necessary, as the statements made on the subject by the former Deputation from the Conference were fresh in their minds. It may be mentioned that when the Deputation met the Unionist Members on the occasion here referred to, they, without receiving any absolute pledge, gathered from the interview that the Unionist Members representing Metropolitan Constituencies were, with but one or two exceptions in favour of the Bill.

5. Your Committee were favourably received by the Metropolitan Members on the Opposition side, who gave an assurance that they would do everything possible to assist the passage of the Bill into law when introduced.

6. Your Committee afterwards had interviews with other Members of Parliament, but were unable to obtain the services of a Member to undertake the introduction of the Bill, in view of the state of business in the House and the fact that it might be expected that opposition would be offered to the Bill on the part of one or two Members, so that it would fall under the Twelve o'clock rule. Your Committee therefore reluctantly came to the conclusion that the idea of securing the passing of the Bill in the late Session must be abandoned.

7. The question of convening a further Conference of the representatives of Local Authorities towards the end of the late Session was considered, but your Committee were of opinion that such a course would not serve any useful purpose, and they therefore decided to leave the matter over until after the vacation.

8. From information obtained from the majority of the various Local Authorities it appears that the cost incurred by the ratepayers of London in discharging in connection with combined drainage liabilities which in equity pertain to private owners amounted during the last three years to upwards of £43,000, or over £14,000 per annum. That this amount will be largely increased year by year is certain, for owners of houses are daily becoming more alive to their legal position, and more ready to take advantage of the difficulty which Local Authorities experience in proving the liability of the owners for these works, the numerous recent decisions in the Law Courts having served to advertise this difficulty all over the Metropolis.

9. There is another point to which your Committee desire to call attention. Since the passing of the Public Health (London) Act, 1891, there has been increased activity on the part of the Local Authorities in ascertaining the existence of nuisances, and serving abatement notices. If some remedy which will prevent the cost of abating nuisances relating to combined drains falling upon the ratepayers be not found, there is a danger that a less energetic discharge of these duties may ensue, since if zealously carried out, the result is that a heavy and unjust burden is cast upon the ratepayers instead of upon those who in equity should bear it.

10. Having regard to these facts it seems curious that whilst the Metropolitan Local Authorities have been unable to obtain the required relief in this matter, a Provincial Authority adjoining London, viz.: the West Ham Corporation, has attained the object in view by inserting in a private Bill promoted by that body and passed in the last Session of Parliament, a Clause which amends in the desired way the definition of the word "drain" so far as the Borough of West Ham is concerned. Your Committee cannot but consider it a striking anomaly that Parliament should not yet have granted similar advantages to the County of London.

11. In the opinion of your Committee it is necessary, in order to secure the passing of the measure, that there should be a combined and determined expression of the views of the Local Authorities of London as to the urgent need for the amendment of the present definition of the word "drain," and it is also necessary to obtain the active assistance of the London County Council and of the Metropolitan Members of Parliament.

12. Your Committee accordingly recommend:—

(a) That a copy of this report be forwarded to the London County Council, and that they be urged to take upon themselves the duty of introducing and promoting as a county Bill a measure dealing with the question in the next Session of Parliament.

(b) That copies of this report, the draft Bill approved by the Conference and the Section of the West Ham Act referred to in paragraph 10 be also communicated to the various Vestries and District Boards, and that they be requested to press upon the London County Council the necessity of taking such action as is above suggested.

(c) That the Local Authorities be also asked to communicate with the Members of Parliament representing their respective Districts, and to endeavour to obtain their active co-operation in the promotion of the Bill through the various stages of the House, and especially of balloting for the Bill with the view of securing an early date for the second reading.

H. G. HILLS,
Chairman.

Holborn Town Hall, W.C.,
8th November, 1898.

Clause before referred to.

Section 42. In and for the purposes of Section 41 of the Act of 1893, the word "drain" shall be deemed to include any sewer or drain, whether constructed before or after the passing of this Act, with which two or more houses or premises (whether belonging to the

same or different owners) are at the date of the passing of this Act, or may at any time thereafter, be connected, or which is used, or capable of being or intended to be used for the conveyance of the drainage of such houses or buildings directly or by means of any other sewer or drain to any public sewer situate under a street repairable by the inhabitants at large, but shall not include any sewer which has been constructed to the satisfaction of the Corporation under Section 152 of the Public Health Act, 1875, or any sewer which has been constructed by the Corporation for the effectual drainage of the Borough.

A Bill dealing with the subject was subsequently brought in by Mr. James Stuart, called the "Metropolitan Sewers and Drains Bill," the second reading of which was dropped.

Old Road and Manor Lane.

On 1st November, 1898, the Vestry resolved to relay the sewer at the rear of Manor Lane in 12-inch pipes, at an estimated cost of £260.

Rotherhithe Street.

On 7th March, 1899, the Sanitary Committee reported with reference to the following report of the Surveyor:—

The Lower King and Queen Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, being without any convenience for the men employed thereat, I have received a notice to build and drain a water-closet, but as the Vestry has at present no sewer opposite this property, I have been unable to deal with the notice, and refer the matter for your consideration. The nearest available sewer is a 12-inch pipe running down St. Paul's Lane about 6 ft. 3 in. deep at its entry into Rotherhithe Street, and about 70 yards from the point opposite the property where the water closet is to be constructed. To construct this length of sewer in 12-inch pipes about 7 feet deep to the invert with the necessary manholes I estimate will cost £120.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the necessary length of sewer be constructed, at an estimated cost of £120.

Education.

On 5th July, 1898, the Vestry had before them a letter from Dr. C. W. Kimmins, Charterhouse, E.C., stating that the Joint Committee of the Technical Education Board and the London Society for the Extension of University Teaching proposed to arrange a course of ten popular science lectures to be delivered by Professor V. Lewes, in the Town Hall, commencing in October, 1898, provided the Vestry would grant the use of the Hall for the purpose free of expense apart from any small charge for cleaning.

The Vestry **RESOLVED**—That the use of the Town Hall be granted for the purpose of the lectures in question upon ten consecutive Tuesday evenings, commencing in October next, at a charge of 5s. for each evening's occupation.

Electric Lighting.

County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company.

On 5th April, 1898, the Vestry had before them a letter, dated 16th March, 1898, from the Secretary to the above Company, again seeking the Vestry's consent to the Company's application to the Board of Trade for a Provisional Order in respect to the Parish, but no action was taken thereon.

On 5th July, 1898, the Vestry had before them a notice from Mr. Sydney Morse on behalf of the Company of their intention to make application to the Board of Trade, on or before the 21st December, 1898, for a Provisional Order in the matter of the supply of electrical energy in the Parish.

On 20th December, 1898, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to the map and "Gazette" notice of the intention of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, to apply to the Board of Trade, on or before the 21st December, 1898, under the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882

and 1888, for a Provisional Order to authorise and empower the Company to produce, store, and supply electricity within the Parish: when it was

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the Vestry refuse consent to the granting of a Provisional Order to the Company.

On 17th January, 1899, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported receipt of the Draft Provisional Order under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Ltd., affecting the Parish, and with reference thereto that the Vestry had on three occasions refused their consent to the Company's application, and the Company were now proceeding without such consent, the Board of Trade having power to dispense therewith, and if the Vestry desired to bring before the Board of Trade any objection respecting the grant of a Provisional Order, such objection should reach the Board of Trade on or before the 15th January, and if they desired to have any clauses or other amendments inserted in the Order they should be delivered to the Board of Trade and also to the Parliamentary Agents of the Order on or before the time limited for bringing objections.

As the Vestry would not meet until the 17th January, and the Committee had no authority to act, they had instructed the Clerk to write to the Board of Trade asking them under the circumstances to extend the time for hearing objections.

The Clerk reported that he had carried out the instructions of the Committee, and was in receipt of a reply from the Secretary to the Board of Trade stating that the Board would be prepared to consider any representations made by the Vestry if forwarded to the Department by the 20th inst.

RESOLVED [Mr. Mortimer : Mr. Brown]—That the Clerk address a letter to the Board of Trade, objecting to the application of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Ltd., to the Board of Trade for a Provisional Order in respect to this Parish, upon the ground that ample provision exists in the Parish for the supply of electricity, and that it is unnecessary and inexpedient to grant powers to another Company to break up the paving in the parish, as the Vestry will themselves shortly be in possession of the necessary plant at their wharf whereby they could generate and supply electric current to the Parish.

The following is a copy of a letter forwarded to the Board of Trade:—

Town Hall,

Rotherhithe,

18th January, 1899.

COUNTY OF LONDON (SOUTH-EAST) ELECTRIC

LIGHTING PROVISIONAL ORDER.

Sir,

Referring to the application of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, for the above-mentioned Order, I am directed by the Vestry to inform you that they strongly object to the grant of the proposed Order as unnecessary and inexpedient for the following reasons:—

1. That the Vestry have not consented to the proposed Order, and the Company can show no sufficient reason to the Board of Trade for dispensing with such consent.

2. That ample provision already exists in the Parish for the supply of electric current to those who require it, inasmuch as the Board of Trade have as long ago as 1889 granted a Provisional Order to the London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, to supply electric energy within the Parish, which Order was confirmed by Parliament on 26th August, 1889.

3. That although the Confirmation Order before-mentioned contained provision for the compulsory laying down of mains for the supply of current in Rotherhithe Street, Lower Road and Union Road within a period of two years from the date of the Order, the Corporation have not been enabled to carry out the terms of the Order in this respect through lack of demand for supply of electric current until quite recently.

4. That the said Corporation have now laid distributing mains in Lower Road and Union Road and are prepared to lay similar mains in Rotherhithe Street when required.

5. That the compulsory works contained in the draft Order of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company relate to Union Road, Albion Street, Rotherhithe Street, Lower Road and Swan Lane, which said streets and roads, with the exception of Albion Street and Swan Lane, are already dealt with by the London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited.

6. That the roads and footpaths in the Parish are constantly being disturbed by Gas and Water Companies in the laying of pipes and mains, which is a source of obstruction to traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, besides damaging the paving, and the Vestry feel that the time has come when indiscriminate powers should not be granted to trading companies and others to pull up and disturb the roads and footpaths of the Metropolis unless some very good and just reason can be shown for so doing, which reason cannot be shown in respect to the Rotherhithe Parish, having regard to the fact that ample provision already exists for the supply of electric current therein.

7. That the Vestry, whilst entirely approving of the idea of the Legislature that monopoly should not exist and that competition is good for the community, are of opinion that if any further powers are granted by the Board for the supply of electric energy within the Parish, it should be to the Local Authority and not to a private trading company, and with this view have under consideration the question of the advisability of applying to the Board of Trade for that purpose.

8. That the Vestry already have in course of erection a Dust Destructor and Wharf in Rotherhithe Street from which electric current may be generated.

And to ask that if notwithstanding the aforesaid objections of the Vestry, the Board feel disposed to grant the Order, they will, before so doing, hold a local inquiry in the matter, and if the Order is eventually granted a clause may be inserted therein enabling the Vestry to purchase the undertaking any time after the expiration of seven, fourteen, or twenty-one years from the date of the Order upon terms to be approved by the Board of Trade.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

The Assistant Secretary,

Clerk to the Vestry.

(Fisheries and Harbour Dept.),

Board of Trade.

On 21st February, 1899, the Vestry had before them a letter from Mr. Sydney Morse relative to the County of London (South-East) Electric Lighting Provisional Order, enclosing copy of the Promoters' replies to the objections of the Vestry, which he had that day forwarded to the Board of Trade, also a letter from the Assistant Secretary, Board of Trade,

[Fisheries and Harbour Department] upon the same subject, stating that the Board would be glad to receive, as early as possible, any observations the Vestry might desire to offer on the request of the Promoters to the Board of Trade that the consent of the Vestry should be dispensed with, and also on the reply of the Promoters to the objections of the Vestry.

The Clerk reported that he had already furnished the Board of Trade with a very full statement of the Vestry's objections to the grant of a Provisional Order to the Company.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk be instructed to reply to the Board of Trade drawing attention to the terms of the Vestry's previous letter.

The Board of Trade subsequently refused to grant the Order.

London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited.

On 6th December, 1898, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported receipt by the Surveyor of a notice and plan of the intention of the Company to lay distributing mains along both sides of Union Road from the junction of Lower Road to Southwark Park Road.

The Vestry resolved to approve the plan for one side only.

Fire Escape.

On 6th September, 1898, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Clerk to the London County Council, stating that the Council had decided, on the recommendation of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, that whenever a Horsed Fire Escape of the improved pattern is kept at a Fire Station it is not necessary to retain the Fire Escapes hitherto kept in the public thoroughfares within a certain radius of the Station; that the authorities of the Norwegian Church, Bickley Row, had required the Council to move within a short time the Fire Escape and Watch-box from their premises, the space being wanted for other purposes,

and as there were few large inhabited houses within a short distance of such Escape Station the Council had, on the recommendation of the Chief Officer of the Brigade, decided that the said Station be discontinued on the 27th July.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Council in reply, drawing their serious attention to the necessity for maintaining a Fire Escape in the locality, and that the further consideration of the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Works Committee, with instructions to visit the neighbourhood with the view of selecting a new site for the replacement of the Fire Escape removed from Bickley Row.

The following correspondence subsequently took place:—

Town Hall,

Rotherhithe,

7th September, 1898.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 20th July, 1898, stating that the Fire Escape and Watch Box which have hitherto stood upon the premises of the Authorities of the Norwegian Church, in Bickley Row, were to be withdrawn on 27th July, 1898, the space being wanted for other purposes, I am directed to express the regret of the Vestry at the action taken by the Council in the matter, and the hope that the Council will reconsider the matter and reinstate the Escape in the neighbourhood.

In spite of the fact that a horsed escape of an improved pattern is kept at the Rotherhithe Fire Station, the Vestry is of opinion that were a fire to break out in the neighbourhood of Bickley Row, lives might be lost before the horsed escape (which is, according to you, about a mile and a quarter away) could arrive, which might otherwise be saved if the escape were reinstated.

If the want of a site stands in the way of the Council reinstating the escape, I am to state that the Vestry is quite confident that one can be found in the neighbourhood of Bickley Row; in fact, there is every reason to believe that if application is made by the Council to the Rev. Selby Hele, Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, he will be willing to permit the escape to be located permanently in Trinity Church yard; at all events, he is willing to allow it to be put there temporarily at once.

I am, therefore, to ask the Council to be good enough to give instructions for the latter to be done, pending some final settlement of the question.

May I ask you to bring this letter to the notice of the Council with the least possible delay.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

The Clerk,

Clerk to the Vestry.

London County Council.

Town Hall,

Rotherhithe,

17th September, 1898.

Sir,

In further reference to my letter to you of the 7th inst., I am directed to point out as an important reason for reinstating the Fire Escape, that the neighbourhood is practically an island, to approach which from the north side two bridges have to be crossed, and from the south side one.

These bridges can remain open for 20 minutes at a time when vessels or barges are passing through the locks, and it is obvious that this might be the means of detaining the horsed escape from arriving at a fire in the neighbourhood in time to save life.

I am also to state that the neighbourhood is surrounded by large stacks of timber in the docks, and by wharves and works of an inflammable nature, among which latter may be mentioned the Timber Pickling Works.

Some of these wharves, I understand, are stored with large quantities of inflammable goods, and if a fire were to break out at any time at one or more of them, great danger would ensue to life in the locality (as it is a thickly-populated one and the streets are very narrow) if an escape were not promptly on the spot.

I am therefore to urge the Council to lose no time in having the escape placed in Trinity Church yard.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

JAMES J. STOKES,

The Clerk,

Clerk to the Vestry.

London County Council.

Spring Gardens, S.W.,

12th September, 1898.

Sir,

I will lay before the Fire Brigade Committee at its next meeting your letter of the

7th instant with reference to the removal of the fire escape in Bickley Row, but I am unable to give instructions for it to be reinstated until I have brought the matter before the Committee.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,

Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Town Hall,

Rotherhithe,

24th October, 1898.

Sir,

I have to inform you that the Vestry at its last meeting appointed a deputation to wait upon the Fire Brigade Committee of the Council, to urge upon them the necessity of the fire escape recently removed from Bickley Row being at once reinstated in the neighbourhood, and I am directed to forward you the enclosed Memorial, prepared by the Delegates in pursuance of the Standing Orders of the Council, and to request you to be good enough to bring the matter to the notice of the before-mentioned Committee, with the view of the said Deputation being received by such Committee at an early date.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

The Clerk,

London County Council.

The deputation consisted of the following gentlemen:—Mr. Vice-chairman Vezey, Mr. Moss, and Mr. Stuart.

Copy memorial.

THE MEMORIAL of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Administrative County of London, to the London County Council, praying them to at once reinstate the fire escape in the neighbourhood of Bickley Row, recently removed therefrom.

SHEWETH:—

1. That a Fire Escape and Watchbox have for many years stood upon the premises of the Authorities of the Norwegian Church in Bickley Row, Rotherhithe, creating in the minds of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood a feeling of security in the event of a fire breaking out therein.

2. That the Authorities before mentioned requiring the use of the site, having given notice to the Council to remove the said Fire Escape and Watchbox therefrom, the Council have decided to discontinue, and, in fact, have already discontinued the Escape Station in question.
3. That the nearest station where a horsed Escape is kept is distant one and a quarter miles from Bickley Row, and that the rule of the Council has hitherto been, not to abandon any Fire Escape Station distant more than a mile from a Fire Station where a horsed Escape is kept.
4. That a fire not having occurred in the locality for some years is no guarantee that a fire will never occur therein.
5. That the locality in question is peculiar, inasmuch as at times it is quite an island, to approach which on the north side two bridges have to be crossed, and on the south side one.
6. That these bridges can remain open for twenty minutes at a time when vessels or barges are passing through the locks, and therefore it is obvious that this fact might be the means of detaining the horsed Escape from arriving at a fire in the locality in time to save life.
7. That the neighbourhood is surrounded with large stacks of timber in the docks and by wharves and works of an inflammable nature, among which latter may be mentioned the Timber Pickling Works.
8. That some of the said wharves are stored with large quantities of inflammable goods, and were a fire to break out it might assume large proportions and greatly endanger the lives of residents in the locality, which is thickly populated, principally by persons of the working class.
9. That the want of a site need not stand in the way of the Council reinstating the Escape, as the Rev. Selby Hele, the Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, is willing to permit the Escape to be located permanently in Trinity Church yard.
10. That your Memorialists feel that the action of the Council in the matter is greatly endangering the lives of parishioners living in the locality in question, and they must offer their strenuous opposition to it.

11. Therefore your Memorialists ask that they may be allowed to send three or more of their Members to the London County Council as a Deputation, to urge upon the Council the necessity of the Fire Escape recently removed from the neighbourhood of Bickley Row, Rotherhithe, being at once reinstated; and that having regard to the urgency of the matter, they may attend the next meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee.

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

JAMES J. STOKES,
Clerk to the Vestry.



Spring Gardens, S.W..
25th October, 1898.

Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of the removal of the Fire Escape until recently stationed in Bickley Row, I write to say that the Fire Brigade Committee, having been informed by Mr. Glanville that the Vestry of Rotherhithe desires to attend by Deputation on the subject, will be prepared to receive a small deputation here at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd November.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,

Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Spring Gardens, S.W.,
7th November, 1898.

Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of the removal of the Fire Escape until recently stationed in Bickley Row, Rotherhithe, and to the Memorial in support of which a Deputation from the Vestry attended at the last meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee, I have to inform you that the Committee having fully discussed the subject after inspecting the locality, has decided that the consideration of the question of again stationing a Fire Escape at the spot in question shall be reconsidered on the completion of the new road now in course of construction between Deptford Road Railway Station and Lady Dock Bridge. In the meantime, however, instructions have been given for providing near each of the three Fire Alarms in Rotherhithe Street what is known in the Fire Bri-

gade as a first-floor ladder. These ladders will be placed so that they can be readily utilised in case of need by policemen or others. An intimation will be given to you directly the ladders shall have been provided.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,

Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Town Hall,

Rotherhithe,

17th November, 1898.

Referring to the removal of the Fire Escape Station from Bickley Row, Rotherhithe, to my letter to you of 24th ult., to the Memorial in support of which a Deputation from this Vestry attended before the Fire Brigade Committee of the Council on the 3rd inst., and to your letter of the 7th inst., stating that the Committee has decided that consideration of the question of again stationing a Fire Escape at the spot in question shall be reconsidered on the completion of the new road now in course of construction between Deptford Road Railway Station and Lady Dock Bridge, and that in the meantime instructions have been given for providing near each of the three Fire Alarms in Rotherhithe Street what is known as a "first-floor ladder," I have to inform you that at the last meeting of the Vestry, I was directed to express their great regret and surprise at the action proposed to be taken in the matter, inasmuch as it cannot possibly be held that the provision of three first-floor ladders is an efficient and proper substitute for the escape removed, and to point out that the use of such ladders upon the occasion of a fire may be a source of further danger, rather than otherwise, as it is obvious that great skill and care must be exercised in endeavouring to effect a rescue or escape from a burning building by means of an unprotected ladder.

That with regard to the decision to reconsider the matter in a year's time (when the new road is finished) the Vestry cannot appreciate the utility of the delay, as when that time arrives, the locality will be none the less an island, but rather more so, as instead of one bridge to cross on the south side, there will be three (see plan enclosed).

Under these circumstances I am to strongly urge upon the Fire Brigade Committee to reconsider their decision, and to fall in with the reasonable wishes of the Vestry in the matter; and in the event of the Committee not being willing to do so, to request that a Deputation from the Vestry may attend the next meeting of the Council, when the matter comes up for discussion.

The locality affected, as shown on enclosed plan, between points A and B, consists of 733 houses, with an estimated population of between 4,000 and 5,000 people.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

The Clerk,

London County Council.

Spring Gardens, S.W.,

18th November, 1898.

Sir,

I laid before the Fire Brigade Committee at its meeting yesterday afternoon your letter of the 17th instant further on the subject of the arrangements for the protection of life from fire in the neighbourhood of Rotherhithe Street. The Committee gave further consideration to the question, but in the end decided to adhere to the decision at which it had arrived, which decision will be before the Council for confirmation next Tuesday. I may mention, however, that the three ladders proposed to be placed near the Fire Alarms in Rotherhithe Street will be specially made for the purpose, and each of them will be 24 feet long.

The Committee in its last report to the Council alluded to the Memorial which the Vestry had forwarded, and mentioned that a Deputation from the Vestry had been heard by the Committee in support of the Memorial. Under the Council's Standing Orders it is not competent for a Committee to invite the attendance of a deputation at a meeting of the Council; such invitation must come from the Council itself. As regards the question at issue, however, the Fire Brigade Committee is of opinion that as all the facts will be before the Council the attendance of the Deputation will not be necessary, and it will report to this effect next Tuesday. I hasten however, to give you this early intimation of what is proposed to be done.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,

Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Spring Gardens, S.W.,

23rd November, 1898.

Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of the removal of the Fire Escape from Bickley Row, Rotherhithe, I have to inform you that the Council yesterday considered the report made by the Fire Brigade Committee, and approved the course taken by the Committee with regard to the arrangements for the protection of life from fire in the locality.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,

Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Town Hall,

Rotherhithe,

Sir,

27th December, 1898.

Referring to the protest of this Vestry against the removal of the Fire Escape from the neighbourhood of Bickley Row, as expressed in my letters to you upon the subject, and also by the Deputation which waited upon the Fire Brigade Committee of the Council on the 3rd November, and to your letters dated respectively 18th and 23rd November, conveying the decision of the Council to approve the action taken by the Fire Brigade Committee in substituting three ladders 24 feet long (I am informed they are only 19 feet long) for the Fire Escape which has for so many years stood in the locality of Bickley Row; I am directed by the Vestry to express their great surprise at what they consider a somewhat arbitrary action on the part of the Council, inasmuch as the escape in question was practically first removed and the Vestry notified of the fact afterwards, your letter, dated 20th July, stating the escape was to be removed on the 27th, thus not only ignoring altogether the opinion of the Vestry upon the subject, but debarring them from taking any action to prevent the removal of the Escape. I am also to state that in their opinion the ladders may be a source of danger rather than otherwise, as it must be apparent to any one that to escape from a burning building by means of an ordinary unprotected ladder requires not only great presence of mind and courage, but skill, qualities which, in the excitement of a conflagration, are sure to be found wanting in a good many people, but especially in women and children and aged and infirm persons. I am further to state that, having regard to the very strong views formed by the Vestry as to the danger of leaving the neighbourhood in question without better means of protection from fire than 3 ladders, views which have been notified to the Council both verbally and by letter, they are somewhat at a loss to understand their want of success in the matter.

I am also to state that they feel sure that if members of the Council were as cognisant of the peculiar nature of the district as the members of the Vestry are, they would not hesitate a moment in giving instructions for the escape to be immediately replaced, and they hope that before finally disposing of this matter the members of the Council, or some of them at least, will make it their business to visit the neighbourhood and acquaint themselves with its peculiar features.

I am also to inform you that at their last meeting they had under consideration resolutions which have been passed at a public meeting held at Trinity School Room, Rotherhithe Street, on 12th December, at which between 400 and 500 people were present, which resolutions the Vestry decided to support and directed me to enclose you a copy thereof for the information of the Council, and to request the Council to be good enough to receive a deputation of 6 members of the Vestry, together with myself, to urge upon them the necessity of establishing a small Fire Engine Station in a central position between Surrey Lock and Lady Dock Bridges.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

The Clerk, London County Council.

The following gentlemen formed the deputation :—Mr. Vice-Chairman Vezey, Messrs, W. Beasley, J. C. Higgs, J. C. Mortimer, R. W. Moss, and R. L. Stuart.

Copy Resolutions before referred to :—

1. That this meeting of the inhabitants of Lower Rotherhithe has heard with alarm that the London County Council, having been compelled to remove the Fire Escape which was so long stationed upon the premises of the authorities of the Norwegian Church, has decided not to reinstate it in the same neighbourhood, notwithstanding that the urgent necessity for continuing such a station has been clearly pointed out to them, both by the representatives for Rotherhithe and the Vestry of the Parish.

2. That inasmuch as the position of this part of the Parish is that of an island, and that serious delays in the approach of Engines and Horsed Fire Escapes might arise in the event of the drawbridges being open at the time of a fire, this meeting respectfully asks the Vestry to again take up the matter with the London County Council, with the view of getting them to reconsider their decision, and to urge on them the necessity

for establishing a small Five Engine Station in a central position between Surrey Lock and Lady Dock Bridges.

3. That this meeting requests the Chairman to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Vestry of Rotherhithe, begging it to transmit the same to the London County Council at the earliest possible date, and pointing out the unprotected condition of the lower part of the Parish in the event of a fire, and strongly urges that the ladders which the Council propose to supply will be of no avail to enable women, children and infirm persons to escape from a burning building.

Spring Gardens, S.W.,

4th January, 1899.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, requesting that a deputation on the subject of the means of protection from fire in the neighbourhood of Rotherhithe Street may be allowed to attend the Council, I send herewith a copy of the Standing Orders of the Council prescribing the course to be followed by Local Authorities or others seeking to attend by deputation.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,

Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Spring Gardens, S.W.

17th January, 1899.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 4th instant, I write to say that the Fire Brigade Committee will meet on Thursday, the 19th instant, and that it will be convenient if I receive by the afternoon of that day the memorial which the Vestry of Rotherhithe wishes to present on the subject of protection from fire in the neighbourhood of Rotherhithe Street.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,

Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Town Hall,

Rotherhithe,

Sir,

18th January, 1899.

Referring to the correspondence which has taken place on the above subject, I beg to enclose you herewith the Vestry's Memorial, which was sealed last evening, in accordance with the request contained in your letter of 17th inst.

I also transmit you, for the information of the Fire Brigade Committee, a plan of the Parish of Rotherhithe, showing the site where the Fire Escape stood; the centre of the "island"; the distance from the said centre of the island on the north side to the Fire Station in Gomm Road to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles; and the distance from the centre of the island on the south side to the Fire Station in Gomm Road to be over $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

The Clerk,

London County Council.

Copy memorial referred to.

THE MEMORIAL of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Administrative County of London, to the London County Council, praying them to at once reinstate the Fire Escape in the neighbourhood of Bickley Row, recently removed therefrom, and to establish a small Fire Engine Station in a central position between Surrey Lock and Lady Dock Bridges, Rotherhithe Street:

SHEWETH:—

1. That a Fire Escape and Watch-Box have for many years stood upon the premises of the authorities of the Norwegian Church in Bickley Row, Rotherhithe, creating in the minds of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood a feeling of security in the event of a fire breaking out therein.
2. That the authorities before mentioned, requiring the use of the site, having given notice to the Council to remove the said Fire Escape and Watch-Box therefrom, the Council have decided to discontinue, and, in fact, have already discontinued, the Escape Station in question.
3. That the Vestry was not afforded an opportunity of placing its views upon the subject before the Council until the removal of the Escape was an accomplished fact, and then only upon application.
4. That the nearest Station where a Horsed Escape is kept is distant one and a quarter miles from Bickley Row, and that the rule of the Council has hitherto been not to abandon any Fire Escape Station distant more than a mile from a Fire Station where a Horsed Escape is kept.

5. That the Vestry have protested against the removal of the Escape in question, and have been heard by deputation in support of their views by the Fire Brigade Committee of the Council.
6. That the Council have, after being placed in possession of the Vestry's views in the matter, decided to place three ladders, 24 feet long, near the Fire Alarms in Rotherhithe Street in substitution for the Escape ; but that, as a matter of fact, one ladder only is 24 feet long.
7. That in the opinion of the Vestry the ladders in question may be a source of danger rather than safety, inasmuch as to escape from a burning building by means of an ordinary unprotected ladder requires not only great presence of mind and courage, but also a certain amount of skill, qualities which are not always to be found in persons under ordinary circumstances, and in the excitement of a conflagration are sure to be found wanting in a good many people, but especially in women and children and aged and infirm persons.
8. That the want of a site need not stand in the way of the Council reinstating the Escape, as the Rev. H. H. Selby Hele, the Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, is willing to permit the escape to be located permanently in Trinity Church Yard.
9. That your Memorialists feel sure that if members of the Council were as cognisant of the peculiar nature of the district as your Memorialists are, they would never have sanctioned such a retrograde movement as the removal of the Escape, and if they make themselves acquainted with the exceptional features of the locality they will at once order the reinstatement of the Escape in the district.
10. That a public meeting to protest against the action of the Council has been held in the neighbourhood, at which between 400 and 500 people were present, when some strong resolutions were passed (copies of which have already been forwarded to the Council), which resolutions your Memorialists heartily support and endorse.

Therefore your Memorialists ask that they may be allowed to send six or more of their members to the London County Council, as a deputation, to urge upon the Council the necessity of the Fire Escape recently removed from the neighbourhood of Bickley Row, Rotherhithe, being at once reinstated ; and of the urgent necessity of some further means of protection from fire being afforded, in the

shape of the establishment of a small Fire Engine Station in a central position between Surrey Lock and Lady Dock Bridges ; and that, having regard to the urgency of the matter, they may attend the next meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee.

Spring Gardens, S.W.,

20th January, 1899.

Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of protection from fire in Rotherhithe Street, and particularly to the Memorial which you forwarded on the 18th instant, I have to inform you that the Fire Brigade Committee will be prepared to receive at its next ordinary meeting a small deputation from the Vestry of Rotherhithe. I have accordingly to ask you to be good enough to arrange for the deputation to be in attendance here at 4 p.m. on Thursday, the 2nd of February.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,

Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Town Hall,

Rotherhithe,

23rd January, 1899.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of the 20th inst., informing me that the Fire Brigade Committee of the Council will be prepared to receive the deputation appointed by the Vestry on Thursday, 2nd February next, at 4 p.m.

I will accordingly make the necessary arrangements for that purpose.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

The Clerk,

London County Council.

Spring Gardens, S.W.,

16th February, 1899.

Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of protection from fire in Rotherhithe Street and the neighbourhood, I send herewith, for the information of the Vestry of

Rotherhithe, a report made to the Council by the Fire Brigade Committee on the question.

The report was adopted by the Council last Tuesday, and the Fire Brigade Committee will in due course take steps to give effect thereto. It will be observed that pending the erection of a permanent Fire Station in the locality the provision of a temporary station is authorised.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,

Clerk of the Council.

The Clerk of the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

Report referred to.

13.—The Council on 22nd November last approved the course taken by us in arranging for the placing near each of the three fire alarms in Rotherhithe Street of a ladder 24 feet long for life saving purposes in the event of fire. This action was taken on the recommendation of the chief officer to meet the objections of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, who had protested against the removal of the Fire Escape which for some years had stood near the Norwegian Church in Bickley Row, Rotherhithe, but which the authorities of the church had called upon the Council to remove as they required the space. The Council's resolution was communicated to the Vestry of Rotherhithe, and that body at the end of December sent a communication in which it expressed great surprise at the action of the Council and gave reasons for its opinion that danger would attend the use of the ladders referred to. The Vestry asked that, before finally deciding the matter, members of the Council would visit the locality to acquaint themselves with its peculiar geographical features, and also forwarded a copy of resolutions passed at a public meeting of ratepayers urging that the Escape in question should be replaced, and that a small Fire Engine Station should be established between Surrey Lock and Lady Dock Bridges. The Vestry asked the Council to receive a deputation in support of such requests. Subsequently the Vestry forwarded, in compliance with the Council's standing Order, a Memorial with regard to the above-mentioned requests, but, as we judged that the Council would not wish to receive the deputation, we ourselves have received the deputation.

None of the statements made, either in the Memorial or by the deputation, have induced us to alter our opinion that the area within which proper protection is afforded by a Hand Escape in charge of one fireman is extremely limited, and we are therefore not

prepared to recommend the re-establishment of the Escape Station in question. We have, however, given further consideration to the whole question of protection from fire in the locality, and we have received a further report on the subject from the chief officer. He states that, when he last advised us on the subject, he was under the impression that the new road to be constructed from Lower Road, Rotherhithe, to Commercial Dock Road through some of the Surrey Commercial Docks would be free from all obstructions, but that it now appears that the thoroughfare will be obstructed by two swing bridges, apart from the swing bridge in Commercial Dock Road over Lady Dock, that is to say, there will be between the Rotherhithe Fire Engine Station and Rotherhithe Street no less than three bridges liable to be open at any moment.

The area is practically an island, and is roughly in the shape of a horseshoe, in the centre of which Rotherhithe Street, which is nearly two miles long, runs. When it is stated that, from the centre of that portion of Rotherhithe Street which is cut off by bridges from the rest of the locality, the distance in one direction to the Rotherhithe Fire Station is a mile and a half, and in the other direction a mile and three-quarters, it will be seen that any delay arising from swing bridges being open at a time when fire appliances have to pass might lead to a serious result. In order to protect the neighbourhood by means of Hand Fire Escapes there would have to be at least three machines, for working which five men would be required, but the firemen would be on duty by night only, and further would only be able to save life within a comparatively small radius from the points where they were stationed. The locality contains large factories, oil-mills, and timber stores, and, with a view to providing adequate protection for property as well as for life, the chief officer suggests that a sub-station should be established near Lavender Dock, distant rather more than a mile and a half from the Rotherhithe Station. The proposed station would be equipped with a pair of horses and an Escape mounted on a van containing fire-extinguishing appliances, and the staff by which it would be necessary to augment the Brigade to enable duty to be carried on would be one officer, five firemen, and a coachman. We think such a station should be established in due course, but, as some years will be occupied in acquiring a suitable site, preparing plans, and erecting a permanent building, the cost of which will probably be not less than £7,000, we propose that on a site being secured there shall be erected thereon a temporary structure to provide accommodation for the staff and appliances. In order to give the Council an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the proposal we have forwarded to the Finance Committee an estimate of £100 in respect of preliminary expenses, and we recommend:—

(a) That the estimate of £100 to be submitted by the Finance Committee in respect of expenses in connection with the contemplated establishment of a sub-station in Rotherhithe Street be approved.

(b) That the Fire Brigade Committee be authorised to make the necessary preliminary arrangements for the establishment of a sub-station at or near Lavender Dock in Rotherhithe Street, and for the erection on the proposed site of a temporary structure pending the erection of a permanent building.

Nothing had been done to give effect to the before mentioned resolutions at the close of the year.

Her Majesty's Jubilee, 1897.

Almshouses.

The Scheme promoted by the Vestry for the erection of Almshouses in the Parish in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of H.M. the Queen has been abandoned owing to want of funds.

The subscriptions received have been returned to their donors, and the expense of printing and postage apportioned between the subscribers as under:—

ROTHERHITHE JUBILEE ALMSHOUSES FUND.

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Beck, Miss	3 3 0	—	3 3 0	0 0 6	—	0 0 6
Beck, Canon and Mrs.	52 10 0	52 10 0	—	0 7 6	52 2 6	—
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White, A. W. ...	21 0 0	—	21 0 0	0 3 0	—	0 3 0
Wilmott & Cobon ..	6 6 0	6 6 0	—	0 1 0	6 5 0	—
Wilson, A. C. ...	0 10 6	0 10 6	—	—	0 10 6	—
Wood, G. ...	5 5 0	—	5 5 0	0 0 9	—	0 0 9
Young, H.	2 2 0	2 2 0	—	—	2 2 0	—
Vestry of Rotherhithe	880 5 0	496 10 6	383 14 6	6 7 6	492 12 9	2 9 9
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ROTHERHITHE JUBILEE ALMSHOUSES ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Subscriptions paid:—</i>								
E. Perks ...	...	...	2	2	0			
T. Tucker ...	...	...	10	10	0			
C. Hay & Son ...	...	...	50	0	0			
A. H. A. Morton, M.P.			26	5	0			
Rev. S. M. Bardsley ...			5	5	0			
R. T. Nichols, M.D. ...			10	10	0			
Rev. T. C. Johnson ...			1	1	0			
H. Moore ...	...	...	5	5	0			
H. F. Morriss ...	...	...	2	12	6			
J. & W. J. Topp ...	...	...	105	0	0			
J. M. Paice ...	...	...	3	3	0			
Wilmott & Cobon ...	...	...	6	6	0			
T. Newman ...	...	...	5	5	0			
J. C. Macdona, M.P. ...	...	...	20	0	0			
Murray & Foster	} Card		5	5	0			
A. F. Gardiner			5	5	0			
R. Robson			0	10	6			
A. C. Wilson			0	10	6			
W. Knight			0	10	6			
J. M. Paice (Card) ...		...	5	5	0			
H. Hayward ...	...	...	5	5	0			
J. R. Maylett ...	...	...	1	1	0			
Rev. L. H. Blakeston (Card)			2	4	6			
F. C. Carr-Gomm ...	...	...	150	0	0			
Canon and Mrs. Beck ...	...	...	52	10	0			
T. & H. Aldridge ...	...	...	10	10	0			
Carried forward			492	1	6			

PAYMENTS.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
E. Perks ...	...	...	2	2	0			
T. Tucker ...	...	...	10	8	6			
C. Hay & Son ...	...	...	49	12	8			
A. H. A. Morton, M.P. ...			26	1	2			
Rev. S. M. Bardsley ...			5	4	3			
R. T. Nichols, M.D.			10	8	6			
Rev. T. C. Johnson ...			1	1	0			
H. Moore ...	...	...	5	4	3			
H. F. Morriss ...	...	...	2	11	9			
J. & W. J. Topp,	...	...	104	3	8			
J. M. Paice ...	...	...	3	2	6			
Wilmott & Cobon ...	...	...	6	5	0			
T. Newman ...	...	...	5	4	3			
J. C. Macdona, M.P. ...	...	...	19	11	3			
Murray & Foster	} Card		5	4	3			
A. F. Gardiner			5	4	3			
R. Robson			0	10	6			
A. C. Wilson			0	10	6			
W. Knight			0	10	6			
J. M. Paice (Card) ...		...	5	4	3			
H. Hayward ...	...	...	5	4	3			
J. R. Maylett ...	...	...	1	1	0			
Rev. L. H. Blakeston (Card)			2	4	6			
F. C. Carr-Gomm ...	...	...	148	18	0			
Canon and Mrs. Beck ...	...	...	52	2	6			
T. & H. Aldridge ...	...	...	10	8	6			
Carried forward			488	3	9			

Statement of Receipts and Payments.—*Continued.*

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<i>Subscriptions paid :—</i>							
Brought forward	492	1	6	Brought forward	488	3	9
H. Young	2	2	0	H. Young	2	2	0
W. N. Redman	0	5	0	W. N. Redman	0	5	0
W. Angus	1	1	0	W. Angus	1	1	0
J. H. Bulmer	1	1	0	J. H. Bulmer	1	1	0
Balance of Princess of Wales Dinner Fund	7	2	3	Vestry of Rotherhithe ...			
Interest on Deposit ... 2 6 11							
Interest on Deposit ... 3 16 6							
Interest on Deposit ... 3 13 10							
	9	17	3				
			16 19 6				
			£513 10 0				£513 10 0

This account was audited and found correct at a meeting of the Executive Committee held at the Town Hall on August 11th, 1899.

EDWARD JOSSELYN BECK, *Chairman.*
JAMES C. HIGGS.
GEORGE MABBS.

Housing of the Working Classes Act.

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

The following letter, dated 11th March, 1898, from the Assistant Secretary to the Local Government Board having been received:—

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board to forward, for any observations which it may be desired to offer, the accompanying Draft of the Order which they have caused to be prepared for sanctioning, with modifications, the scheme made by the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe under Part II. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

In connection with the provisions for the rehousing of persons displaced by the scheme, the Board have experienced a difficulty, inasmuch as they have been advised that the cleared area would be insufficient in extent to provide adequate accommodation for 550 persons, unless recourse be had to the erection of a block or blocks of tenement buildings. Assuming therefore that the Vestry and County Council desire to avoid the construction of such buildings, the Board have deemed it necessary to provide for the use of some other suitable site for some of the dwellings to be erected in pursuance of the scheme.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

S. B. PROVIS,

Assistant Secretary.

Modifications referred to:—

Art. 1. We sanction the scheme subject to the following modifications, namely:—

1. The clause of the scheme numbered 4 shall be omitted.

2. The scheme so far as it relates to the laying out of convenient streets and other matters not provided for in this Order shall be carried out in such manner as may be determined from time to time hereafter by plans, sections and specifications under the seal of the Local Authority and approved by us.

3. The Local Authority shall not without our sanction sell or let any of the lands in the area comprised in the scheme for any purposes other than the erection of suitable dwellings for the accommodation of persons of the working class.

4. (a) Suitable dwellings, according to plans, to be prepared by the Local Authority and agreed upon between them and the London County Council shall be erected on the area comprised in the scheme for the accommodation of two hundred and forty persons of the working class, and on some other suitable site or sites, to be approved by the Local Government Board, for three hundred and ten persons of the working class.

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 us, and our decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

(b) The Local Authority may, for the purpose of providing accommodation for the three hundred and ten persons of the working class for whom accommodation is to be provided on some other site or sites than the area comprised in the scheme, appropriate any lands for the time being belonging to them which are suitable, or may purchase by agreement any such further lands as may be convenient.

The Vestry, on 19th April, 1898, upon the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee, passed the following resolution:—

That to obviate the necessity of acquiring additional land and increasing the cost of carrying the scheme into execution, the block system of tenement dwellings be adopted and the Surveyor instructed to prepare a plan in accordance therewith and submit the same to the Committee when ready.

On 21st June, 1898, the Sanitary Committee reported having considered the plan prepared by the Surveyor for covering the area with model dwellings, and the following report accompanying such plan:—

As instructed, I beg to submit a plan for the erection of Working Class Dwellings upon the Fulford Street and Braddon Street insanitary area.

The buildings to be erected in the form of a quadrangle formed by the streets bounding the area; to be four floors in height and divided by party walls into ten separate dwellings, the frontages varying from 85 feet to 60 feet and 36 feet in depth, outside measurements. They are so arranged as to admit of a free circulation of air around them.

There are four entrances to the quadrangle, two for vehicular traffic and two for pedestrians only.

Each dwelling has a separate entrance from the quadrangle and common staircase, giving access to the corridors and tenements right and left.

There are in the ten dwellings 160 tenements, made up as follows:—

	No. of Rooms.					
8 Four-roomed Tenements	32
68 Three-roomed Tenements	204
68 Two-roomed Tenements	136
16 One-roomed Tenements	16
						<hr/>
Total No. of Rooms	388

The four-roomed tenements are arranged as a living room 13 feet by 12 feet, one bedroom 13 feet by 8 feet, and two bedrooms 12 feet 6 inches by 8 feet, each of the bedrooms being private and entered from the living room or passage.

The three-roomed tenements are arranged as a living room 13 feet by 12 feet, one large bedroom 15 feet by 8 feet, capable of being divided into two bedrooms by a movable screen, with separate entrances to each half, and one bedroom 13 feet by 8 feet.

The two-roomed tenements are arranged as a living room 13 feet by 12 feet, and, except in three cases, upon each floor one bedroom 15 feet by 8 feet, capable of division as above described. In the excepted cases the bedroom is 13 feet by 8 feet.

The one-roomed tenements are arranged as a living room and bedroom combined 13 feet by 12 feet.

All the rooms to be 9 feet in height.

There are ten staircases, one to each dwelling, the staircase openings being 8 feet in width.

Entering from a lobby out of the corridors and adjacent to the sculleries, water closets slightly projecting beyond the main line of buildings are provided, two on each floor for the joint use of the four tenements; they are thoroughly disconnected from the tenements and have through ventilation.

The dust and ashes on each floor would be disposed of through a ventilated shoot, formed in the angle of the lobby leading to the w.c., terminating in a receptacle placed in position on the ground floor; two connections in the corridors on each floor.

Adjacent to the w.c.'s and leading from the corridor are the sculleries, each provided with a double sink, so that each tenant would have the exclusive use of one sink.

In addition to the above accommodation each tenant would have the sole use for a fixed day of a laundry placed centrally on each floor, with two entrances from the corridors and intended for the use of the four tenements on the floor. By the proposed arrangements each tenant would have for the day the privacy that would attach to a laundry within his own tenement without any of the disadvantages arising from conducting washing operations therein.

The quadrangle is laid out with a footway 6 feet wide and a carriage way of tar macadam 15 feet wide round the buildings, the central portion measuring 150 feet by 55 feet, being enclosed with an iron railing, with entrance gates on each side, in convenient positions. This enclosure could be laid out as a playground in cement or tar paving, or turfed, with a border of shrubs around the outer edge.

The dwellings (four floors only in height) will provide for a population of 800 persons at the least, consisting of about two-thirds adults and one-third children. Taking these figures, the cubic space allotted to each person is considerably in excess of the amount required under the regulations, and in safety could be augmented without causing any overcrowding.

I estimate the cost of the scheme as follows:—

Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	£42,000	0	0
Laying out Quadrangle	1,200	0	0
Value of land, as per Mr. Page's valuation	2,800	0	0
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							£46,000	0	0

Basing the rents to be charged the same as now charged by the London County Council for the tenements upon the Boundary Street area:—

							s.	d.	
4-roomed tenements	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	6	per week.
3 do.	do.	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	do.
2 do.	do.	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	do.
1 do.	do.	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	do.

which are exclusive of gas, but inclusive of all rates and taxes, the gross annual rental would amount to £2,620, which, after deducting for all leakages, such as rates, water, collection, repairs and empties, leaves a net return of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the estimated cost of the work.

In judging the financial aspect of this scheme, it must be borne in mind that my object has not been to cover the site to its full capacity with dwellings, but to lay it out to the best advantage, at the same time providing a large breathing area in the centre of a dense population.

If the estimated cost of this scheme (£46,000) was obtained on loan for a period of 50 years at the current rate of interest ($2\frac{7}{8}$ per cent.) charged by the London County Council, the repayments of principal and interest upon the annuity system would amount to £1,730 per annum, which, if deducted from the gross estimated rental (£2,620 per annum), leaves £890 per annum for leakages, rates, etc., but in my calculations giving a net return of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. I have assumed that they will amount to £1,000 per annum; therefore, still adhering to the latter figures, the scheme shows, that to pay all current charges and repay the loan by in-

stalments, the proposed rents will not equal the expenditure by £110 per annum; but it must not be forgotten that you are for that amount gradually redeeming the principal of the loan or mortgage, and that at the end of 50 years, by a contribution of £110 per annum, or a total of £5,500, the whole of the freehold of land and buildings, without encumbrance, has been secured.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the plan prepared by the Surveyor for covering the area when cleared be approved and adopted, and a copy of such plan forwarded to the London County Council for their approval, and that consideration of the question as to who shall carry the Scheme into execution be deferred until a plan shall have been agreed upon by the London County Council.

The before-mentioned plan having failed to satisfy the requirements of the London County Council, a second one was prepared, and

On 17th January, 1899, the Sanitary Committee reported the Surveyor had failed to satisfy the views of the Medical Officer of Health and Architect of the London County Council by his second plan of proposed buildings to be erected upon the Fulford Street and Braddon Street area when the existing houses should be demolished, and he had ascertained from the Local Government Board that it was useless to approach them until the Vestry and the Council were in agreement in the matter.

RESOLVED [Rev. Canon Beck : Mr. Brown]—That it be an instruction to the Surveyor to submit to the Sanitary Committee at the earliest possible moment a further plan calculated to satisfy the requirements of the Council.

On 7th March, 1899, the Sanitary Committee reported with reference to the following report of the Surveyor:—

I am pleased to be able to report that I have at last succeeded in preparing a plan for the laying out of the insanitary area which has been approved by the London County Council, the open quadrangle to be retained, the buildings to consist of 11 blocks, 5 stories in height, consisting of 110 3-roomed tenements, 30 2-roomed tenements, and 55 1-roomed tenements, with accommodation for 890 persons, being 340 persons more than at present upon the area

receipt of the following letter from the Council in connection with the matter:—

Spring Gardens, S.W.,
23rd February, 1899.

Sir,

Referring to the plans prepared by the Vestry of dwellings proposed to be erected on the Fulford Street and Braddon Street area, Rotherhithe, I am directed to inform you that the Housing of the Working Classes Committee of the Council at their meeting yesterday approved the plans. I am, however, to suggest that in executing the working drawings the Vestry might be able to improve the shape of the bedrooms, and to state that the approval of the Committee is subject to the Council being in no way responsible for any profit or loss that may result from the erection of the buildings in the event of their being erected by the Vestry.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. J. STEWART,
Clerk of the Council.

and Recommended that the Clerk forward a copy of the plan to the Local Government Board, and take all other necessary steps for obtaining an order sanctioning the scheme prepared by the Vestry for dealing with the Fulford Street and Braddon Street Insanitary Area.

Mr. Vezey drew attention to the following resolution adopted by the Council on 29th November, 1898:—

That all clearances under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, which involve rehousing, be done at the sole cost of the Council.

and suggested that before carrying out the recommendation of the Committee application should be made to the Council to bear the whole of the cost of clearing the area in question, in accordance with such resolution. After debate,

RESOLVED [Mr. Vezey : Mr. Mortimer]—That application be made to the Council to bear the whole cost of clearing the Fulford Street and Braddon Street Insanitary Area in accordance with the Council's resolution of 29th November, 1898.

RESOLVED [Mr. Stuart : Mr. Vezey]—That the Housing of the Working Classes Committee of the Council be asked to receive a deputation of 7 members in support of such application, and that the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary memorial in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council.

RESOLVED—That the deputation do consist of the undermentioned gentlemen:—

Mr. F. J. Bisley, J.P., Chairman,
 Mr. Henry Vezey, Vice-Chairman,
 Rev. Canon Beck, M.A.,
 Mr. W. Beasley,
 Mr. J. C. Higgs,
 Mr. J. C. Mortimer, and
 Mr. R. L. Stuart.

RESOLVED—That the recommendation of the Committee be approved, subject, however, to the action to be taken by the London County Council in respect to the before-mentioned application.

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

Improvements.

Rotherhithe Street.

On 7th February, 1899, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported, with reference to the suggested improvement, Rotherhithe Street, opposite St. Joseph's Training Home, No. 654, that the Surveyor reported as under:—

I have received a letter and sketch on behalf of the owners of St. Joseph's Training Home, "St. Pelagius," Rotherhithe Street, stating that they contemplate doing up and repairing the front of the Home, and suggesting that this would be a favourable opportunity for the Vestry to widen the footpath in front of the premises, which is now only 2 feet 6 inches in width. The

owners are willing to give up a strip of land, about 3 feet 6 inches in width, 68 feet long, 238 square feet in area, if the Vestry will alter the existing steps to the home and erect a new fence wall, with gateway entrance, along a portion of the frontage, 41 feet long and 7 feet in height. I submit the matter for your consideration, and suggest that it be referred to a Committee to view and report:

and, having inspected the premises, it was

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the Vestry offer the owners a sum of £40 for the land in lieu of carrying out the work suggested, and that, if accepted, the land be conveyed at the Vestry's expense.

On 21st February, 1899, the Committee reported receipt of the following report of the Surveyor:—

I communicated the offer of the Vestry of £40 for the 26½ yards of land to effect an improvement at St. Pelagius' Home, 654 Rotherhithe Street, to the representative of the owners, who has been to see me in reference to the matter and states that they have had an estimate for carrying out the alterations which amounts to £60. Whilst admitting that the improvement will to some extent also benefit the property, the owners are not prepared to pay the difference of £20, but if the Vestry would increase their offer to £50 it would be accepted. He also desired me to mention that the work carried on at the Home is entirely one of charity, so that any money taken from the funds would be to the detriment of the work undertaken.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the Vestry's offer be increased to £50.

Lighting.

Hickling Street.

On 6th September, 1898, the Vestry resolved to fix an additional lamp in line with Matson Street and to alter the position of existing lamp to opposite No. 5.

Rotherhithe Street.

On 19th April, 1898, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the General Purposes and Works Committee—That the existing bracket lamp on the fence between Nos. 252

and 254 be moved and re-fixed on the wall of No. 254, and an additional bracket lamp provided and fixed half-way between the bracket lamp before-mentioned and the next lamp to the west of the street.

Silverlock Street and Westlake Road.

On 19th April, 1898, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the General Purposes and Works Committee—That two additional lamps be provided and fixed in Silverlock Street and one in Westlake Road, and the existing lamps in such roads rearranged, if necessary, at the discretion of the Surveyor.

Local Government Act, 1894.

Vice-Chairman.

On 5th April, 1898, the Vestry RESOLVED—That the Clerk be instructed to make application to the Local Government Board for an Order sanctioning the appointment of a Vice-chairman by the Vestry under Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1894.

On 21st June, 1898, a letter was submitted from the Assistant Secretary, Local Government Board, transmitting copies of an Order issued by the Board conferring on the Vestry the power of a Parish Council to appoint a Vice-chairman.

The following is a copy of the Order:—

To the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Administrative County of London:—

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 as-

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 by sub-section (10) of Section 3 of the Act it is enacted that with respect to meetings of Parish Councils the provisions in the First Schedule to the Act shall have effect ;

And whereas by Rule (11) of Part Two of the First Schedule to the Act it is provided as follows :—

11. The parish council may, if they think fit, appoint one of their number to be vice-chairman, and the vice-chairman shall, in the absence or during the inability of the chairman, have the powers and authority of the chairman.

And whereas we, the Local Government Board, have received an application from the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, being a Sanitary Authority in the Administrative County of London, for the issue of an Order conferring on the Vestry the power of a Parish Council to appoint a Vice-Chairman ;

Now therefore, in pursuance of the powers given to us by the Statutes in that behalf, we Order as follows :

ARTICLE I.—We hereby confer on the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe the power of a Parish Council to appoint a Vice-Chairman.

ARTICLE II.—Rule (11) of Part Two of the First Schedule to the Act shall apply to the said Parish as if the said Vestry were a Parish Council.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board this Sixth day of June in the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

HENRY CHAPLIN,

S. B. Provis,

President.

Assistant Secretary.

Election of Vestrymen and Auditors.

The Election for Vestrymen and Auditors took place on Thursday, the 12th May, 1898, with the following result:—

Vestrymen.

Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded.	Names of Candidates Elected.
Surnames.	Other Names.			
ANGUS	William ...	104, Lower Road ...	771	ANGUS, William
ARCHER	William Bettley	"Redriff," 68, Erlanger Road, New Cross Gate	278	
BEASLEY	Walter ...	187, Lower Road ...	1007	BEASLEY, Walter
BISLEY	Francis John...	68, Union Road ...	767	BISLEY, Francis John
BROWN	Joseph ...	151, Rotherhithe New Road	763	BROWN, Joseph
BROWNFIELD ...	Sidney ...	Surrey Lock, Surrey Com- mercial Docks	812	BROWNFIELD, Sidney
BULMER	John Henry ...	"Nayland," 8, Erlanger Road, New Cross Gate, S.E.	625	
COLLINS	Edward ...	100, Union Road ...	734	
DAY	Jesse ...	12, Princes Street ...	638	
HICKMAN	Benjamin ...	170, Rotherhithe New Road	273	
MANNING	Thomas ...	16, Hadland Street ...	340	
PASCOE	Charles ...	185, Lower Road ...	785	PASCOE, Charles
PRYOR	Sydney Louis	16, Scawen Road, Lower Road, S.E.	782	PRYOR, Sydney Louis
PURSER	Alfred ...	680, Rotherhithe Street ...	642	
ROONEY	Frederick Jas.	262, Rotherhithe Street ...	647	
STEVENS	William John	17, Neptune Street ...	558	
STONEHAM	George ...	238, Rotherhithe Street ...	235	
STUART	Robt. Leishman	226, Lower Road	1050	STUART, Robert Leishman
TALBOT	Edward James	72, Union Road ...	753	
TALBOT	Francis Thomas	34, Lower Road ...	720	
WALKER	Ralph Westall	14, Rebecca Terrace, Gomm Road	628	
YOUNG	Hugh ...	220, Brockley Road	790	YOUNG, Hugh

Auditors.

Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded.	Names of Candidates Elected.
Surnames.	Other Names.			
BARTHOLOMEW	Frederic James	60, Union Road	620	BARTHOLOMEW, Frederic James
BELLCHAMBERS	William Charles	297, Rotherhithe New Road	485	
BRETT	William James	9, Old Road	762	BRETT, William James
CAPEWELL ...	William ...	194, Rotherhithe New Road	467	
GUERIN	Dennis ...	18, Hawkstone Road ...	545	
HOOD	George Robert	57, Derrick Street ...	553	
LEIGH	Edward ...	5, Plough Road	497	HOOD, George Robert
MOORE	Harry ...	12, Lower Road	564	
ROYAL	William ...	26, Lower Road	513	MOORE, Harry
TAYLOR	William ...	25, Culling Road	657	
				TAYLOR, William

Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Appointment of

At the first meeting of the new Vestry, held on the 17th May, 1898, it was

RESOLVED—That Mr. Francis John Bisley be appointed Chairman of the Vestry of Rotherhithe for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED—That Mr. Henry Vezey be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Vestry of Rotherhithe for the ensuing year.

Cheques.

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

Mr. Chairman Bisley, J.P.,
Mr. Vice-Chairman Vezey,
Mr. W. Angus,
Mr. W. Beasley,
Mr. W. G. Streeton,
Mr. R. L. Stuart, and
Mr. H. Young.

Committees.

RESOLVED—(a) That the following Committees, each to consist of the whole of the members of the Vestry, be appointed for the ensuing year:—

General Purposes and Works,
Sanitary,
Finance,
Town Hall Building, and
Town Hall Management.

(b) 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 in their behalf, and otherwise to execute the said Act.

Fine Payable on Resignation.

RESOLVED [Mr. Mortimer : Mr Brown]—That the amount of fine payable by any person elected to the office of Vestryman upon non-acceptance of office or resignation be one shilling.

Overseers, Appointment of

On 21st March, 1899, the Vestry appointed the undermentioned gentlemen to act as Overseers during the ensuing year:—

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

Returning Officer's Expenses.

RESOLVED—That an Order be and is hereby made upon the Overseers of the Poor for payment of the Returning Officer's expenses, amounting to £131 1s., out of the Poor Rate, in accordance with the General Order of the Local Government Board, and that the Common Seal of the Vestry be affixed to such Order.

Valuer and Assistant Valuers.

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

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

RESOLVED—That the sum of £30 be granted by the Vestry for the expenses of the Valuation Committee for the ensuing year.

Transfer of Powers, etc.

On 19th July, 1898, Mr. Stuart gave the following notice of motion:—

I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of the Vestry, move that application be made under Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1894, to the Local Government Board for the transfer to this Vestry of the powers, duties, and liabilities of the Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses, and the powers, duties, and liabilities of the Commissioners for Public Libraries and Museums.

On 4th October, 1898, Mr. Stuart moved in accordance with the before-mentioned notice, and it was

RESOLVED unanimously accordingly.

The Order was subsequently received and took effect on 25th March, 1899.

The following is a copy:—

To the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Administrative County of London:—

To the Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses in the said Parish;

To the Commissioners for Public Libraries and Museums for the said Parish;

To the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish;

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, 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 it is provided by sub-section (5) of Section 7 of the said Act that where the area under any existing Authority acting within a Rural Parish in the execution of any of the adoptive Acts as defined by sub-section (1) of the said Section is co-extensive with the Parish, all powers, duties, and liabilities of that Authority shall, on the Parish Council coming into office, be transferred to that Council;

And whereas it is provided by sub-section (6) of the said Section 7 that the said Act shall not alter the incidence of charge of any rate levied to defray expenses incurred under any of the adoptive Acts, and any such rate shall be made and charged as heretofore, and any property applicable to the payment of such expenses shall continue to be so applicable;

And whereas the Baths and Wash-houses Acts, 1846 to 1882, and the Public Libraries Act, 1892, are defined as adoptive Acts by sub-section (1) of the said Section 7, and have been duly adopted within the said Parish of Rotherhithe for the whole of the area of the Parish;

And whereas we, the Local Government Board, have received an application from the Vestry of the said Parish for the issue of an Order conferring on the Vestry the authority for the execution of the adoptive Acts which have been adopted as aforesaid within the said Parish:

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

ARTICLE I.—We hereby Order and Direct that, from and after the Twenty-fifth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, the above-cited sub-sections (5) and (6) of Section 7 of the Local Government Act, 1894, shall be in force within the said Parish of Rotherhithe as if the said Parish were a Rural Parish and the Vestry of the said Parish were a Parish Council within the meaning of the first-mentioned sub-section; but so far only as may be necessary in order that the powers, duties, and liabilities of the several authorities for the execution within the said Parish of the Baths and Wash-houses Acts and the

Public Libraries Act may, from and after the said day, be transferred to the said Vestry ; and not so as to make the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894, as to borrowing by Parish Councils applicable to the said Vestry.

ARTICLE II.—The following provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894, shall, for the purposes of Article I. hereof, apply to the said Parish :—

Section 67 ;

Sub-sections (1), (4), and (7) of Section 81, subject to the modifications that in sub-sections (1) and (7) the Vestry of the Parish shall be deemed to be referred to instead of any parish council or district council ; that the words in sub-section (1) " and for the purposes of this section the body appointing a surveyor of highways shall be deemed to be a highway authority and any paid surveyor to be an officer of that body," shall be omitted therefrom ; and that the words " officer, vestry clerk, and assistant overseer " in sub-section (4) shall be deemed to refer to the officers of any of the Authorities referred to in Article I. hereof ;

Sub-sections (2) and (3) of Section 85, subject to the substitution of the date above-mentioned for " the appointed day " ;

Sub-section (1) of Section 86 ; and

Sections 87 and 88.

ARTICLE III.—The provisions of the Baths and Wash-houses Acts and the Public Libraries Act with respect to the Audit of the Accounts of the Authorities under the said Acts and of the Accounts of the Officers of such Authorities shall not apply to the said Parish, but the Accounts of the Vestry of the said Parish, acting as the Authority for the execution of such Acts, and of the Officers of such Vestry acting as such Authority, shall be audited in like manner and subject to the like incidents and consequences as the other Accounts of the said Vestry and of their Officers.

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

HENRY CHAPLIN,

President.

H. C. Monro,

Assistant Secretary.

London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894.

Amounts received during the year:—

Half-year ending 30th September, 1898	£1,418	1	11
Half-year ending 31st March, 1899	1,405	14	8
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Meetings.

During the past year 21 General and Special Meetings and 92 Committee and other meetings have been held.

Obituary.

On 7th June, 1898, the Vestry RESOLVED—That a vote of sympathy and condolence be forwarded from this Vestry to Mrs. Gladstone on the irreparable loss she and the family have sustained on the death of her husband, the late Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone.

Parliamentary.

Cheap Trains.

On 20th December, 1898, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to a letter from the Hon. Secretary, National Association for the extension of Workmen's Trains, stating that at a recent conference of delegates representing the working classes of London a resolution was unanimously passed instructing him to forward to the Vestry the enclosed copy of a Bill to amend the law relating to workmen's trains, which had been introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Saml. Woods, M.P., and asking the Vestry to assist same by passing a resolution in favour of the said Bill; to forward copies of any resolution passed to the Members of the Government and to the local Member of Parliament, and also to oppose any measure to confer new powers on any railway company running through this district unless proper provision is made for workmen's trains.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that this Vestry support the provisions of the Bill, and that the members of the Government and the Member of Parliament for the Division be notified accordingly.

The second reading was dropped.

County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company's Bill.

On 21st February, 1899, Mr. Mortimer reported having attended, together with Mr. Brown and the Assistant Vestry Clerk, the Conference convened by the Battersea Vestry on Thursday, 16th February, in reference to the Bill promoted by the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company applying for powers *inter alia* to connect their areas of supply and to break up the streets in the intervening districts, when the following resolutions were passed:—

(a) That in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable in the interests of the authorities whose areas are affected by the Bill, that the Bill should be strenuously opposed, and that this Conference do present a petition against the Bill.

(b) That the London County Council, as the Central Authority, be asked to appear by counsel in opposition to the Bill.

(c) That the several authorities whose areas are affected by the Bill be requested to urge the local Members of Parliament to oppose the Bill and to urge their representatives on the London County Council to support the views of the Conference; also to present petitions against the Bill (if they have not already done so), and, if possible, to appear by counsel in support of the petitions.

RESOLVED [Mr. Brown : Mr. Mortimer]—That a petition under the Common Seal of the Vestry be prepared against the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company's Bill in Parliament, and that Mr. Cumming Macdonald, M.P., be asked to present such petition and to do all in his power in opposition to the passing of the measure.

The Clerk reported that he had already prepared the petition in anticipation of the Vestry's wishes in the matter, as the last day for petitioning was 24th February.

RESOLVED—That the petition be approved and adopted, and the Common Seal of the Vestry affixed thereto.

RESOLVED—[Mr. Brown : Mr. Mortimer]—That the local representatives on the London County Council be requested to use their efforts in opposition to the scheme when under the consideration of the Council.

The following is a copy of the Vestry's Petition:—

In Parliament,
House of Commons,
Session 1899.

COUNTY OF LONDON AND BRUSH PROVINCIAL
ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Petition against.

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 Rotterhithe in the Administrative County of London, under their Common Seal.

SHEWETH:

1. A Bill has been introduced and is now pending in your Honourable House, intituled "A Bill to authorise the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, to purchase lands and construct generating stations, and for other purposes."

2. The Preamble of the Bill recites *inter alia* as follows:—

Whereas the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, are, by the Orders mentioned in the Second Schedule to the Bill, authorised to supply electricity in various districts and parishes within the Administrative County of London, and under the provisions of such Orders are now supplying electricity, and the Company have made applications to the Board of Trade for Provisional Orders extending their area of supply.

And whereas the demand for electricity within the said Districts and Parishes has largely increased and is increasing, and it is expedient that the Company be authorised to erect and work Stations for generating electricity upon the lands described in the First Schedule to the Bill, and to acquire such lands or rights and interests therein.

And whereas districts, or property over which the Company have no powers, in some cases intervene between different portions of the areas supplied and proposed to be supplied by the Company, and that it is expedient that the Company be empowered to lay down and maintain electric lines for the purpose of transmitting energy from any such generating Station as aforesaid, to any portion of their area of supply as for the time being existing.

3. The Second Schedule referred to in the Preamble is as follows:—

The Southwark Electric Lighting Order, 1892, the County of London (North Electric Lighting Order, 1892, the Wandsworth Electric Lighting Order, 1892, the St. Olave Electric Lighting Order, 1895, scheduled to and confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (Notting Hill, etc.), Act, 1896, the Camberwell Electric Lighting Order, 1896, the St. Saviour's District Electric Lighting Order, 1896, the County of London (East) Electric Lighting Order, 1897, the County of London (Northern Extensions) Electric Lighting Order, 1897, and the Holborn and St. Giles Electric Lighting Order, 1898 (No. 1).

4. By Clause 11 of the Bill the Company is empowered, for the purpose of connecting portions of the districts within their area of supply with the generating stations which the Company are by the Bill authorised to erect or one of them lay down, maintain, use, repair, remove, renew, and alter electric lines within their area of supply and within the Parish of Rotherhithe and other parishes, and may utilise such electric lines for the transmission of electric current or energy accordingly, and may, for the purpose of laying down, maintaining, using, repairing, renewing, and altering such electric lines, and of examining, testing, regulating, measuring, and controlling the supply or transmission of electricity through the same, and examining or testing the state thereof, open and break up the soil and pavement in the several streets within such parish, and any mains, pipes, sewers, drains, etc., therein or thereunder, and may remove and use the earth and materials in and under any streets so broken up, and do all such other acts as they shall from time to time deem necessary for such purposes.

5. By Clause 15 of the Bill the Company is empowered to make one annual statement of account only in respect of all the undertakings authorised by any Orders or Acts of Parliament relating to Districts within the Administrative County of London and conferring powers upon the Company for the supply of electricity therein, instead of a separate statement of account in respect of each undertaking.

6. Your Petitioners are the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe in the Administrative County of London, incorporated under the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, with a population and rateable value of over 40,000 people and 216,000 pounds respectively, and possess jurisdiction for the purposes of that and numerous other Acts within the said parish.

7. Your Petitioners allege that it is unnecessary and inexpedient that the provisions of the Bill should pass into law and they strongly object thereto for the reasons hereafter appearing:—

8. The County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, are at present empowered to supply thirteen Metropolitan parishes or districts, and are applying to the Board of Trade for the grant of Provisional Orders under the Electric Lighting Acts in respect to thirteen other parishes or districts, including the Parish of Rotherhithe, and by the provisions of the Bill are endeavouring to convert their present separate undertakings and any undertakings which they may acquire in future, into one gigantic concern, thus practically rendering futile Section 2 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, which provides for the purchase of Companies' undertakings by Local Authorities and the special purchase clauses which have been inserted from time to time in the various Provisional Orders granted to the Company.

9. The provision in the Bill enabling the Company to render one statement of account only in respect of all their undertakings, instead of a separate one for each, as provided for by Section 9 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1892, is, in the opinion of your Petitioners, a vicious one, inasmuch as it will be practically impossible to arrive at a basis for purchase in respect to any one parish or district, and, taken with the fact that several areas would be supplied from one large generating station, instead of each area being supplied from its own station, will practically prevent Local Authorities from exercising their rights of purchase.

10. The Parish of Rotherhithe, like other Metropolitan Parishes, is constantly having its roads and footpaths disturbed by Gas and Water Companies and others in the laying of pipes and mains, which is a source of obstruction and danger to traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, the rating of which pipes, mains, etc., in the opinion of your Petitioners, is not a sufficient *quid pro quo* for the advantages obtained, and they feel that the time has now arrived when valuable indiscriminate powers should not be granted to trading Companies and others to pull up and disturb the roads and footpaths of the Metropolis, unless some very good and just reason can be shown for so doing, and not in the latter case unless proper provision is made for equitably compensating the Parish or District affected.

11. The Company have on previous occasions applied for your Petitioners' consent to their application to the Board of Trade for the grant of a Provisional Order in respect to the Parish of Rotherhithe, as required by Section 1 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, which consent your Petitioners have withheld for the reason that one Company, viz., "The London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited," already holds an Order for the Parish, and is laying down mains therein for the supply of electricity, and your Petitioners are considering as to the advisability of applying for an Order themselves in respect to the supply of electricity within the Parish.

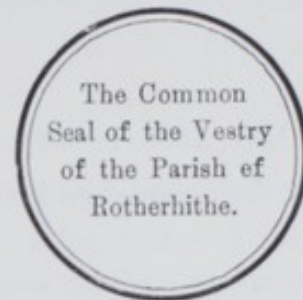
12. The Company, however, has dispensed with the consent of your Petitioners, and at the present time is making a fresh application to the Board of Trade, to which your Petitioners have lodged objections, and they anticipate that their objections will sufficiently weigh with the Board to induce them to refuse the application.

13. For these and many other reasons your Petitioners strongly object to the Bill, and say that it is not in the public interest that the powers sought by the Bill should be conferred upon the Company, but, on the contrary, as the Bill seeks to create a huge monopoly, which your Honourable House have by the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888 sought to destroy any idea of.

14. That the Preamble of the Bill is not true and is incapable of proof so far as the Parish of Rotherhithe is concerned.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law ; but, if the Bill do pass, that a clause or clauses may be inserted therein providing for their protection 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 twenty-first day of February, 1899, in the presence of



E. CARR OLIVIER,
Assistant Clerk to the Vestry.

The Preamble of the Bill was not proved.

London County Council (Westminster Bridge and Victoria Embankment Tramways) Bill.

On 3rd May, 1898, the Vestry passed a resolution approving the Bill, which empowers the Council to extend the tramway system across Westminster Bridge and along the Victoria Embankment.

The second reading, however, was put off for six months.

Shops Bill.

On 3rd May, 1898, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported, with reference to a letter from the Vestry Clerk of Limehouse, stating that that Vestry had had under consideration a Bill introduced into Parliament this Session to amend the law relating to shops, and, being of opinion that the proposed Bill would be most injurious to the interests of the ratepayers engaged in retail trades had passed a resolution requesting that the Parliamentary representative of that district be urged to oppose the said Bill in Parliament, and that

a copy of such resolution be forwarded to the Home Secretary pointing out the great inconvenience it will cause to the public and the serious loss to the shopkeepers if the Bill becomes law. That the Bill provides *inter alia* for the compulsory closing of shops.

The Vestry RESOLVED to support the action taken by the Vestry of Limehouse in the matter.

On 17th May, 1898, in accordance with notice given at the previous meeting, Mr. Stuart moved that the before-mentioned resolution be rescinded.

The motion having been seconded by the Rev. Canon Beck, was put to the meeting, when the same was carried by the requisite majority of two-thirds the members present, and resolved accordingly.

On 7th June, 1898, the Vestry passed a resolution in favour of the Bill.

The second reading of the Bill was dropped.

Metropolis Water.

On 1st November, 1898, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to the above Bill, prepared by Mr. Harry S. Samuel, M.P., to amend the Metropolis Water Act, 1871, that it is a Bill providing *inter alia* for the compulsory connection of the mains and pipes of any one or more of the Metropolitan Water Companies to the mains and pipes of any one or more of the said Companies as may seem necessary to the Local Government Board, under a penalty for default of £200, and to a further penalty of £100 weekly during the continuance of such default.

The Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, to approve of the provisions of the Bill.

The second reading, however, was dropped.

South Eastern Railway Company's Bill.

On 17th January, 1899, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to the map and notice of the intention of the South-Eastern Railway Company to apply to Parliament in the ensuing Session for leave to bring in a Bill for *inter alia* the following purposes:—

Railway (No. 1), commencing in the Parish of St. Paul, Deptford, by a junction with the Company's main line at a point 150 yards or thereabouts from the centre of the bridge which carries the said railway over Edward Street, measured in a north-westerly direction along the said line, and terminating in the Parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, by a junction with the Company's main line at a point 113 yards or thereabouts from the centre of the signal-box known as Corbett's Lane signal-box, measured in a north-westerly direction along the said railway.

Railway (No. 2), commencing in the Parish of St. Paul, Deptford, by a junction with the London and Greenwich Railway at a point 45 yards or thereabouts from the north-western corner of the Company's engine shed at their Deptford Station, measured in a north-westerly direction along the said railway, and terminating in the Parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, by a junction with the Company's railway at a point 113 yards or thereabouts from Corbett's Lane signal-box, near Corbett's Lane, measured in a north-westerly direction along the said railway.

And to authorise the Company to purchase, or take by compulsion or agreement, lands and houses in the Parish, being Nos. 292, 294, 296, 298, and 300 Southwark Park Road, and yard and premises at rear thereof, and lands and houses, Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 Raymouth Road, Nos. 203, 205, 207, and 209 Rotherhithe New Road, Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16, and Nos. 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28 Debnam's Road, and the street forming the approach to such houses from Debnam's Road, and lands and houses, Nos. 15, 16, 17, and 18 Corbett's Lane, and No. 117 Silwood Street, and lands and factory at the east end of Debnam's Road, in the occupation of Messrs. W. S. Shuttleworth and Co.,

and letter from the Chief Engineer, London County Council, asking to be informed of the nature of any objections the Vestry may have to the above scheme—

that it affects property in the Parish to the extent of £759 rateable value, but does not otherwise very materially affect the Parish.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee:—

1. That, subject to the Company agreeing to the insertion of the following clauses in the Bill for the protection of the Vestry and entering into an undertaking for that purpose no further action be taken in the matter.
2. That the Chief Engineer of the London County Council be informed of the action proposed to be taken in the matter.

Proposed clauses.

(a) The Company shall not, under the powers of this Act or under the powers of any former Act extended by this Act, purchase or acquire in the Parish of Rotherhithe any two or more houses which on the 15th day of December next before the passing of this Act or of the respective former Act by which such purchase or acquisition was originally authorised, as the case may be, were or have been since that day, or shall hereafter be occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class, or by other persons as tenants or lodgers unless and until the Company shall have obtained the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to a scheme for providing new dwellings for such number of persons as were residing in such houses on the respective 15th day of December aforesaid, and shall have given security to the satisfaction of the said Secretary of State for the carrying out of the scheme.

(b) The Company, when submitting to the Secretary of State for the Home Department any scheme or schemes under this Act for providing accommodation for the labouring classes or other persons displaced in the Parish of Rotherhithe shall, at the same time forward to the Vestry a copy of such scheme.

(c) The Company shall not commence any of the works authorised by this Act over, through, affecting or disturbing any of the public streets or places in the said Parish until they shall have given 21 clear 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 Vestry and left for him at his office plans, elevations, sections, and other necessary particulars for the construction of such works.

(d) If any dispute or difference of opinion shall arise between the Company and the Vestry touching the reasonableness of any of the requirements of the Surveyor acting for the 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, and for the purposes of any such arbitration the Vestry shall be deemed to be a railway company.

(e) The Company shall, on demand, pay to the Vestry all the costs, charges, and expenses which they may reasonably incur by reason of the Company's works, including the cost of the inspection of plans and superintendence of any works affecting any public road or sewer within the Parish of Rotherhithe.

(f) The Company shall also repay the Vestry the cost of any extra lamps, including the expense of lighting and maintaining the same, which may, in the opinion of the Vestry, be reasonably necessary for lighting any road, street, or place crossed by the Railways Nos. 1 and 3 by this Act authorised after the completion thereof.

(g) The Company shall upon acquiring any property liable to be assessed to the Sewers and Paving and General Purposes Rates in the Parish of Rotherhithe under the powers of this Act or under the powers of any former Act until the work shall be completed and assessed to such rates, make good to the Vestry of Rotherhithe the deficiency in the several assessments for Sewers and Paving and General Purposes Rates by reason of such property having been taken or used for the purpose of such works in the same way as the Company are liable to make good the deficiency in the several assessments for Land Tax and Poor Rate under the 133rd Section of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845.

(h) The abutments of the bridge over White Post Lane, or any others constructed under the provisions of this Act over public highways within the jurisdiction of the Rotherhithe Vestry, shall have a clear span of not less than 40 feet, and shall be faced on the highway side with glazed bricks of a kind and quality to be approved by the said Surveyor to the Vestry, up to the springing of the arch or the underside of the girders (as the case may be), and the crowns of the arches or the undersides of the girders shall be properly whitened at least once in every six months.

(i) The Company shall provide an ample service of trains for workmen, to run each way between their central and intermediate stations to the outer suburbs of the towns where such stations are situate every morning in the week, Sundays excepted, and agrees as under:—

These trains shall be run at such times as are necessary to meet the requirements of the working classes, and cheap workmen's tickets shall be issued at all central and intermediate stations for all trains leaving such stations up to 8 o'clock a.m. All persons travelling by these trains shall be allowed to return by any train carrying third-class passengers after 12 noon, but should the holders of the cheap tickets be prevented by stress of weather from commencing or continuing their work the tickets shall be available for return by an earlier train.

Daily return tickets shall be issued at fares not exceeding the following rate:—

For any distance not exceeding 12 miles the return fare shall not exceed 2d., over 12 and not exceeding 16 miles the return fare shall not exceed 3d., over 16 and not exceeding 20 miles the return fare shall not exceed 4d.

On 21st February 1899, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to the South-Eastern Railway Company's Bill in Parliament that the Company were practically unwilling to agree to the insertion therein of any of the clauses proposed for the protection of the Vestry.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the Vestry petition against the Bill, and that Messrs. Roberts and Chubb, Parliamentary agents, be instructed accordingly.

The Clerk reported that he had since received a letter from the Secretary of the Company upon the subject of the proposed 40 ft. bridge over White Post Lane.

RESOLVED—That the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Works Committee for consideration and report.

On 7th March, 1899, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported, with reference to the South-Eastern Railway Company's Bill in Parliament, receipt of a letter from the Solicitor to the Bill, forwarding copy letter from the Company's Engineer relative to

the Vestry's requirement that the Bill should provide that the abutments of the bridge over White Post Lane should have a clear span of not less than 40 feet, as under:—

South-Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways
Managing Committee.

London Bridge Station, S.E.,

17th February, 1899.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the request of this Vestry for a bridge forty feet wide over the occupation road and public footpath known as White Post Lane, I beg to say that as the road is close to where the new railway would cross the Bricklayers' Arms Branch it would be an impossibility to give them what they ask for as there would not be sufficient room between the two bridges for the abutments; consequently they would have to be thrown into one, which would entail an enormous expense. A bridge, however, of about 25 feet span would leave room for the necessary supports between the two bridges.

Yours truly,

P. C. TEMPEST,

J. W. Watkin, Esq.

The Committee did not consider that the expense should stand in the way of a 40 feet span, and

Recommended that the Vestry adhere to their previous decision in the matter.

RESOLVED—That the same be approved.

The matter was proceeding at the close of the year.

National Telephone Company's Bills 1 and 2, and Telegraph Act, 1892, Amendment Bill.

On 21st February, 1899, the Vestry had before them a letter, dated 7th February, 1899, from the Vestry Clerk of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, stating that that Vestry had requested the London County Council and the City Corporation to oppose the passing into law of the

National Telephone Company's Bills Nos. 1 and 2, and the Telegraph Act (1892) Amendment Bill, and inquiring whether this Vestry would co-operate with that Vestry in the same course of action and in the like direction: and also a letter dated 8th February, 1899, from the Vestry Clerk of St. Luke, Middlesex, stating that that Vestry had decided that each of the before-mentioned Bills should be stoutly opposed, forwarding copy letter addressed to the Clerk of the London County Council, and asking to be informed whether this Vestry approved of that Vestry's views upon the matter.

RESOLVED [Dr. Hall : Mr. Beasley]—That this Vestry support the action taken by the Vestries of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Luke, Middlesex, upon the subject.

London Government Bill.

On 7th March, 1899, the Vestry had under consideration the provisions of the above Bill, when the following resolutions were passed:—

RESOLVED—That the Vestry disapproves of the Bill, as it feels that it will be detrimental to the interests of London in general if passed into law.

RESOLVED—That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the member of Parliament for the Division, with a request that he will do all in his power in opposition to the measure.

Paving.

Lower Road.

On 3rd July, 1898, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported, with reference to the question of the paving of Lower Road in front of the Town Hall with wood, receipt of a letter from the Secretary to the London, Deptford, and Greenwich Tramways Company, stating that the Directors regretted they were unable to agree to the Vestry's request that they should pave their portion, viz., inside the rails and three feet on either side, with wood.

RESOLVED—That the Directors be asked to bear the cost of paving inside the rails only, and in that case the Vestry bear the cost of the remainder of the work, without prejudice, however, to the Company's liability in the matter of maintenance both inside and outside the rails.

This the Company agreed to do, and the Surveyor was instructed on 6th September, 1898, to carry out the work.

Precepts.

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

	£	£	£	£
	Sewers.	Lighting.	Paving, &c.	Total.
Half-year to 29th September, 1898	1,275	1,075	13,550	15,900
Half-year to 25th March, 1899	1,400	1,100	13,700	16,200
	2,675	2,175	27,250	32,100

Public Abattoirs.

On 20th December, 1898, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to a letter from the Hon. Secretary, London Butchers' Trade Society, enclosing copy petition of the Committee of the London Central Meat and Poultry Markets Association to the London County Council, praying that the Council will take into consideration the representations contained in such petition, and will refrain from taking any steps to establish public slaughterhouses or to suppress private slaughterhouses; the letter from the Secretary, London Chamber of Commerce, forwarding copy letter addressed by the Meat and Cattle Trade Section of that Chamber to the London County Council in opposition to the abolition of private slaughterhouses; and the letter from the Vestry Clerk of Clerkenwell, stating that that

Vestry had had under consideration the question of the proposal which is before the London County Council to abolish private slaughterhouses and establish public abattoirs under its own control, and had decided to strongly protest against such proposal.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that this Vestry protest against the proposal before the London County Council to abolish private slaughterhouses and establish public abattoirs at the expense of the ratepayers.

Public Health (London) Act, 1891.

15, Cathay Street.

On 3rd May, 1898, the Vestry RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee, to accept the offer of Mr. C. Chandler to purchase 15 Cathay Street for the sum of £100.

The premises, it will be remembered, were purchased for the purpose of utilising them as a temporary shelter, but were subsequently deemed unsatisfactory, and other premises were built at the Vestry's Wharf in Rotherhithe Street.

Sub-section 4 of Section 60 enacts that a Sanitary Authority shall provide, free of charge, temporary shelter or house accommodation, with any necessary attendants, for the members of any family in which any dangerous infectious disease has appeared who have been compelled to leave their dwellings for the purpose of enabling such dwellings to be disinfected by the Sanitary Authority.

The temporary shelter erected by the Vestry has not yet been occupied for the purpose for which it was built.

Renaming and Renumbering of Streets, etc.

During the year the following streets, etc., were renamed or renumbered, or both, under orders of the London County Council:—

Name of Street.			New Name (if any).	Old No.	New No.
Lower Road	...	...	—	95	91
Do.	...	..	—	79	91A
Do.	...	...	—	83B	91B
Do.	...	...	—	83A	93
Do.	...	...	—	85A	93A
Do.	...	...	—	87A	93B
Do.	...	...	—	89A	95
Do.	...	...	—	91	95A
Do.	...	...	—	93	95B
Do.	...	...	—	95A	95C
Little Croft Street	...		Croft Street ...	1	67
Do.	...	...	Do. ...	2	65

Rights of Way.**Adjoining Trinity Wharf.**

Complaint having been received of the erection by a Mr. Hollway of a campshed in front of the above Right-of-Way, the following correspondence has taken place with the Thames Conservancy and the Board of Trade:—

Town Hall, Lower Road, S.E.,

3rd February, 1898.

Sir,

It has been reported to the Vestry that Mr. John Hollway, of Trinity Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, has constructed a raised Campshedding upon the foreshore of the river in front of the right-of-way between his premises and Messrs. Burt, Boulton and Haywood's premises, and is using the frontage for the repairing of barges; and I am directed to draw the attention of the Board to the matter.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

James H. Gough, Esq., Secretary,
Thames Conservancy,

Thames Conservancy,

Victoria Embankment, E.C.

1st March, 1898.

Sir,

I have laid before the Conservators of the River Thames your letter of the 3rd ultimo, stating that Mr. Hollway has placed a Campshedding on the foreshore in front of a right-of-way between Trinity Wharf, Rotherhithe, and the premises of Messrs. Burt, Boulton, and Haywood, and is repairing barges there.

In reply I am directed to state that the Conservators have granted permission for the Campshed, but there is no desire on their part to interfere with the right-of-way to the river. Indeed, they understand that what Mr. Hollway has done is rather an improvement, and that by removing an accumulation of mud there and filling in the berth with hard core, landing and embarking at the place will be rendered more easy. With the object, however, of

ensuring that there shall be no obstruction the Conservators have informed Mr. Hollway that any barges repaired at the spot must be so placed that there shall be no interference with the right-of-way. Instructions to this effect have also been given to the Harbour Master.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

The Clerk,

Rotherhithe Vestry.

JAMES H. GOUGH.

Town Hall, Lower Road, S.E.,

17th March, 1898.

Sir,

I submitted your letter of the 1st inst., stating (in reply to my letter of 3rd February) that the Conservators have granted permission to Mr. Hollway for the erection of the Campshed in front of the right-of-way to the river between Trinity Wharf and the premises of Messrs. Burt, Boulton and Haywood and that they understand what has been done will render landing and embarking more easy, but have given instructions that there shall be no interference with such right-of-way, to the Vestry at their last meeting, when I was directed to state that, in the opinion of the Vestry, the erection of a Campshed immediately in front of a public right-of-way is an interference, and may be a source of danger to barges through the possibility of their getting half on and half off the Campshed; and that therefore the Vestry can take no responsibility in the matter, but will look to the Conservators to do so.

I am also directed to enquire the authority that enables the Conservators to grant privileges that interfere to a certain extent with a public right-of-way, without first communicating with the Local Authority upon the subject.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

The Secretary,

Thames Conservancy.

Thames Conservancy;

Victoria Embankment, E.C.

28th March, 1898.

Sir,

I have laid before the Conservators of the River Thames your letter of the 17th inst., stating that the Rotherhithe Vestry consider the Campshed placed by Mr. Hollway across the dock adjoining his premises, Trinity Wharf, Rotherhithe, in front of the public right-of-way may be a source of danger to barges, and that the Vestry can take no responsibility in the matter.

In reply, I am desired to point out that the Campshed is 97 feet out from the public way, and any barge lying in front of it could easily be moved away when required, should occasion arise.

The Harbour Master states that as a matter of fact barges could not approach the right-of-way until there is ample depth of water over the Campshed, but, by way of precaution, Mr. Hollway has been requested to place a notice-board to indicate the position of the Campshed.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES H. GOUGH.

The Clerk to the Vestry of Rotherhithe,
Lower Road, S.E.

Town Hall, Rotherhithe, S.E.,

7th April, 1898.

Sir,

Referring to the previous correspondence, and to your letter of 28th March, relative to the Campshed placed by Mr. Hollway in front of a public right-of-way in this parish, I am directed by the Vestry to protest against Mr. Hollway being enabled to practically block a public right-of-way without any application having been made to the Vestry in the matter, and to again respectfully enquire the authority that enables the Conservators to grant privileges that interfere to a certain extent with a public right-of-way without first communicating with the Local Authority upon the subject, which question you apparently overlooked in your letter of 28th March, 1898.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES.

The Secretary ;
Thames Conservancy.

Clerk to the Vestry.

Thames Conservancy ; Solicitor's Department,

Victoria Embankment,

22nd April, 1898.

Sir,

The Conservators of the River Thames have desired me to reply to your letter of the 7th inst. with reference to the permission recently granted by them to Mr. J. Hollway to campshed and level the foreshore at the entrance to the barge dock adjoining his premises, Trinity

Wharf, Rotherhithe. In reply to your enquiry as to the Conservators' powers in the matter, I would point out that the bed, soil and shores of the river up to ordinary high-water mark are vested in the Conservators, and they are empowered by the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vic., cap. clxxxvii.) to grant permission for works to be constructed therein and thereon. In this case the Conservators are advised that the work they have sanctioned is an improvement to that particular part of the river, and is in no way an interference with the public right-of-way referred to in your communications, as claimed by the Vestry.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES HUGHES.

J. J. Stokes, Esq.,
Clerk to the Rotherhithe Vestry,
Town Hall, Lower Road, S.E.

Town Hall, Rotherhithe, S.E.,
4th May, 1898.

Sir,

Referring to the correspondence that has taken place with the Secretary to the Board, and to your letter of 22nd April last, upon the above subject, I have to inform you that from a perusal of the Act referred to by you, and also of the Act of 1857, I do not find that the Conservators are empowered to grant permission to an owner of land fronting the river to erect works in front of the land of an adjoining owner; and I am directed to state that the Vestry are not at all satisfied that the Conservators have the powers claimed by you, viz., granting permission to an adjoining owner to erect works in front of a public right-of-way, and that they must adhere to their previous opinion that the erection of the Campshed in question is an interference with the rights of the Vestry as custodians of such right-of-way, and unless the Conservators see their way to acknowledge the rights of the Vestry in the matter, or provide another landing place in lieu of the one obstructed, they propose to ask for an expression of opinion from the Board of Trade.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant

JAMES J. STOKES,
Clerk to the Vestry.

James Hughes, Esq.,
Solicitor,
Thames Conservancy,

Town Hall, Rotherhithe, S.E.,

16th May, 1898.

Sir,

Referring to my letter to you of the 4th inst. relative to the above subject, I enclose you herewith copy of a letter received from a Mr. R. W. Thorndyke, Lighterman, of 37 Culling Road, Rotherhithe, for the information of the Conservators.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

James Hughes, Esq.,

Solicitor,

Thames Conservancy.

Copy of letter enclosed:—

37 Culling Road, Rotherhithe, S.E.,

May 10th, 1898.

Gentlemen,

I beg to call your attention to the right-of-way alongside Messrs. Burt, Boulton's Wharf, Rotherhithe, as Messrs. Hollway and Co.'s foreman barge builder keeps a barge locked in there, and will not shift the barge without Mr. Hollway's orders to do so.

Your attention to the same will oblige,

Yours truly,

R. W. THORNDYKE.

To the Rotherhithe Vestry.

Thames Conservancy

Solicitor's Department,

Victoria Embankment,

26th May, 1898.

Sir,

The Conservators of the River Thames have had under consideration your letters of the 4th and 16th inst. The Conservators cannot admit that the Campshed interferes with the approach to the right-of-way, of which the Vestry claim to be custodians, but, on the contrary, they are advised that the work sanctioned is an improvement, and does not obstruct in any way landing at the place in question.

The Conservators must leave the Vestry to take whatever steps in the matter they may think proper, but with regard to the statement in your letter—that the Vestry propose to ask for an expression of opinion from the Board of Trade, I am desired to inform the Vestry that the plans of the Campshed were approved by the Board of Trade before sanction was given by the Conservators for the work.

With reference to your letter of the 16th inst., enclosing copy of a communication received by the Vestry from Mr. Thorndyke, complaining that access to the right-of-way was blocked by a barge belonging to Mr. Hollway, I have to inform you that the Harbour Master has been directed to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent barges being so placed in front of the right-of-way as to interfere with it, and this will be done.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES HUGHES.

James J. Stokes, Esq.

Town Hall, Rotherhithe, S.E.,

10th June, 1898.

Sir,

By direction of the Vestry of this Parish, I beg to enclose you herewith copy correspondence which has taken place between the Thames Conservancy, Mr. John Hollway, of Trinity Wharf, Rotherhithe, and the Vestry, relative to the construction of a Campshed immediately in front of the public right-of-way adjoining the Wharf, and to respectfully request the Board to favour the Vestry with an expression of opinion as to the powers of the Thames Conservancy to grant permission to an owner of premises abutting upon the River Thames to erect works in front of the premises of an adjoining owner without obtaining his permission.

Awaiting the favour of your reply,

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

Sir Courtenay Boyle, K.C.B.,

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

7 Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.,

27th June, 1898.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 10th inst., in which you transmit copy of correspondence which has passed between the Vestry of Rotherhithe and the Conservators of the River Thames upon the subject of a Campshed which has been constructed by Mr. John Hollway in front of a public right-of-way adjoining Trinity Wharf, Rotherhithe, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state for the information of the Vestry that plans of the work in question were submitted by the Conservators for the approval of this department in accordance with the provisions of the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894, and received the approval of the Board of Trade on the 11th October last.

I am at the same time to inform you that the Board of Trade are not prepared to express any opinion as to the powers of the Conservators in approving works such as the one now in question, and I am to add that with their present information the Board are not disposed to consider the Campshed as otherwise than a local improvement.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. H. W. PELHAM.

The Clerk to the Vestry of Rotherhithe,
Lower Road, S.E.

Town Hall, Rotherhithe, S.E.,

7th July, 1898.

Sir,

I submitted your favour of 27th June, 1898, in this matter to the Vestry at their last meeting, when I was directed to express the Vestry's extreme regret that the Board of Trade are not prepared to give any opinion as to the powers of the Conservators, inasmuch as the Vestry feel they have a grievance which, in the absence of the intervention of the Board, it is impossible to have righted without recourse to the law, and to enquire whether the Board, when approving the plans for the Campshed, were aware that the Vestry's sanction thereto had not been given, and that they were, in fact, ignorant of the whole matter until the Campshed had been completed, and whether the Board would sanction the construction of works in front of the land abutting the river against the wishes of the owner of such land.

I am also to say, in answer to your statement that the Board look upon the Campshed as a local improvement, that, in the opinion of the Vestry, the same is a source of great danger to barges coming alongside, and that they are already in receipt of complaints that the

right-of-way is being obstructed by Mr. Hollway, to whom the Thames Conservancy have granted these extraordinary privileges in defiance and without the sanction of the Vestry, and to express the hope that the Board may see its way to give an opinion in the matter of the rights of the Thames Conservancy to sanction the construction of works by an adjoining owner in front of land abutting upon the river in defiance and without the sanction of the owner thereof.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry.

The Assistant Secretary.,

(Harbour Department) Board of Trade.

Board of Trade

(Fisheries and Harbour Department),

7 Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.,

6th August, 1898.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 7th ult., upon the subject of a Campshed which has been constructed upon certain foreshore of the River Thames at Trinity Wharf, Rotherhithe, by Mr. John Hollway, and which extends in front of a public right-of-way to the river, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state for the information of the Vestry of Rotherhithe that applications for permission to erect works upon the bed or shores of the river do not come before the Board until the consent of the Conservators has been obtained, and that as the bed and shores are not under the charge of this Department the Board consider that their jurisdiction under the Act is practically limited to the possible effect of such works upon the general navigation of the river.

In any case, it does not devolve upon the Board to go into the effect of the works upon the property of adjoining owners, unless their attention has been particularly called to the matter.

I am further to observe that in the letter addressed to you on 26th May last by the Solicitor to the Conservators it is stated that the Harbour Master has been directed to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent barges being placed in front of the right-of-way so as to interfere with its use by the public.

Taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, the Board do not consider that the complaint of the Vestry is a matter in which they have any grounds for interference.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

The Clerk,

COSMO MONKHOUSE.

Vestry of Rotherhithe,

Town Hall, Lower Road, S.E.

Town Hall, Lower Road, S.E.,

9th August, 1898.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant, I am not quite clear as to the meaning of the following paragraph contained therein:—

“In any case it does not devolve upon the Board to go into the effect of the works upon the property of adjoining owners unless their attention is particularly called to the matter.”

The Vestry, as adjoining owners, have particularly called the attention of the Board to the matter of the erection of the Campshed, and therefore I shall be glad to be informed of the exact meaning of the paragraph before referred to.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

The Assistant Secretary.,

Clerk to the Vestry.

(Fisheries and Harbour Department) Board of Trade.

Board of Trade

(Fisheries and Harbour Department),

7 Whitehall Gardens, S.W.,

24th August, 1898.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 9th instant, relative to the Campshed which has been constructed by Mr. John Hollway at Trinity Wharf, Rotherhithe, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state for the information of the Vestry of Rotherhithe that the paragraph you quote from the Board's letter of the 6th inst. (F. and H. 7896) refers to the time when plans of works on the foreshores of the River Thames are submitted to the Board for their statutory approval.

In the case of Trinity Wharf the Board received no communication from the Vestry until some months after the approval had been given.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS J. S. HOPWOOD.

The Clerk to the Vestry of Rotherhithe,
Lower Road, S.E.

Town Hall, Rotherhithe, S.E.,

25th August, 1898.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of 24th inst., in reply to mine of the 9th inst., stating that the paragraph quoted from the Board's letter of the 6th inst. refers to the time when plans of works on the foreshore of the River Thames are submitted to the Board for their statutory approval, and that in the above matter the Board received no communication from the Vestry until some months after the approval had been given.

This is perfectly true, and the reason is that the Vestry were not aware that works were being erected in front of their property until the works had been completed, when they immediately protested to the Conservators against the apparently high-handed way in which they were being treated in the matter, but without result. They then applied, as you know, to the Board, but again apparently without result.

The Vestry are of opinion that they are not being properly treated in this matter, inasmuch as they had no opportunity given them in any shape or form of opposing the application when the plans of the works were submitted to the Board for their statutory approval, as they knew nothing about it, no notice having been given them of the proposed application, and I am to enquire whether the omission of the service of a notice upon the Vestry was an oversight on some one's part, or whether it is customary for the Board to deal with applications for the construction of works on the foreshore of the river in front of property abutting thereon without the sanction or cognisance of the owner thereof.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. STOKES,

Clerk to the Vestry,

The Assistant Secretary.,

(Fisheries and Harbour Department) Board of Trade.

Board of Trade
(Fisheries and Harbour Department),
7 Whitehall Gardens, S.W.,
26th September, 1898.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, upon the subject of the Campshed which has been constructed by Mr. John Holloway at Trinity Wharf, Rotherhithe, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that, as their functions in regard to works on the bed or shores of the River Thames under Section 182 of the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894, only have reference to the possible effect of new works upon the general navigation of the river, the Board do not feel that they can usefully add anything to the previous correspondence.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

The Clerk; Vestry of Rotherhithe. ,

T. H. W. PELHAM.

On 4th October, 1898, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported that they did not feel that the matter was one that the Vestry should incur any expense about by obtaining Counsel's opinion or otherwise.

The Vestry therefore resolved that no further action be taken in the matter, but that Mr. Holloway be required to place a notice board indicating the position of the campshed.

The notice board has been erected.

Grice's Wharf.

On 21st March, 1899, the General Purposes and Werks Committee reported with reference to the following report of the Surveyor:—

Receiving a complaint that the right of way adjoining Grice's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, was in a dirty condition by reason of persons using it as a urinal, I have had the same thoroughly cleansed, but the owners of the wharf now ask "to prevent it being used as a public urinal, etc., at night, would the Vestry erect a high gate at the street entrance, and they would undertake to look after the same and keep it locked at night." There are no public stairs at this right of way, and a gate exists at present at the river end, the key for which is in possession of the owners of Grice's Wharf.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee—That a gate be erected at the street entrance as suggested, and a key left at Grice's Wharf.

Staff.**Clerk's Department.**

On 3rd May, 1898, Mr. H. J. Smith, of 198 Rotherhithe Street, was appointed Messenger, and to make himself generally useful in the Clerk's Department, at a weekly wage of 10s.

On 21st June, 1898, the Vestry authorised the payment to the Hallkeeper of an extra 2s. 6d. per week, to enable him to engage the services of a woman one day weekly to assist in the cleansing of the various rooms of the building.

On 6th September, 1898, the Vestry, upon the application of the Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses, approved of the proposal to pay a wage of 38s. weekly, with house, coals, and gas, to the newly-appointed Engineer, William Anderson.

On 20th September, 1898, the Vestry resolved to increase the salary of the Assistant Vestry Clerk (Mr. E. C. Olivier) to £280 per annum.

On 20th September, 1898, the Vestry resolved to increase the wages of the Assistant Hallkeeper to 30s. per week.

On 20th December, 1898, upon the application of the Commissioners for Public Baths and Wash-houses, the Vestry approved of the proposal to increase the salary of the Superintendent by £20 per annum.

On 21st June, 1898, the Vestry resolved to sanction the proposal of the Baths Commissioners to grant a superannuation allowance amounting to 21s. per week to Thomas Austin, the Engineer.

Surveyor's Department.

On 17th May, 1898, the Clerk submitted a report by the Surveyor that J. Hall, one of the Vestry's Road Sweepers, who had for some time been absent upon sick pay, had died since the last meeting of the Vestry, leaving a family.

RESOLVED—That a cheque for the sum of £10 be drawn in favour of the widow as a gratuity towards the funeral expenses.

On 21st June, 1898, the wages of the Drainage Inspector (P. Walsh) were increased by 5s. per week.

On 6th September, 1898, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported the resignation of Mr. A. Maclean, the Time and Store-keeper at the Wharf, and the Vestry resolved to issue advertisements inviting applications for the post.

On 1st November, 1898, Mr. Charles Leather, of 17 Brading Road, Brixton Hill, S.W., was appointed Time and Store-keeper at the Vestry's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, at a wage of 30s. per week, with house, gas and coals, subject to his residing in the house provided, to his devoting the whole of his time to the duties of the office, and to a month's notice being given on either side.

On 6th December, 1898, the wages of the Sweepers were increased from 25s. to 27s. per week, the wages of the Gangers with Sweepers from 27s. to 29s. per week, and the wages of the Steam Roller Driver from 35s. to 38s. per week.

Sanitary Department.

On 19th April, 1898, a gratuity of £20 was granted to Mr. Corkburn, Sanitary Inspector, Southern District.

On 7th February, 1899, the salary of Mr. Sanderson, Sanitary Clerk, was increased to £85 a year.

Surrey Commercial Docks Extension.

Steps, Yeoman Street.

On 7th February, 1899, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to a memorial praying for the erection of a flight of steps leading from Plough Bridge to the vacant piece of land adjacent thereto, opposite the junction of Chilton Street and Yeoman Street, having had submitted to them the following report of the Surveyor:—

As instructed, I have been in communication with the Secretary and Engineer of the Surrey Commercial Dock Company in reference to the erection of a flight of steps from Yeoman Street to New Road No. 2, and to the Engineer I sent a plan defining the proposal, suggesting a site immediately opposite the footway upon the north side of Chilton Street, or, as an alternative, a site adjoining the present houses at the south end of the piece of land. He informs me that he has placed the matter before his Directors, who suggest, in order to avoid cutting up their property, that they occupy the apex of the triangle at the north end of the ground. If the Vestry considers this a satisfactory position, I have reason to believe it will have the favourable consideration of the Company, but the saving in distance, instead of going round, will only amount to 103 yards, 23 yards less than if placed in the centre and 55 yards less than the site at the south end.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the Surveyor be instructed to negotiate with the Company for the site adjoining the present houses at the south end of the piece of land.

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

Widening of Commercial Dock Road.

On 7th June, 1898, the Vestry resolved that the Clerk submit the matter of the proposed widening of a portion of Commercial Dock Road to the Council, with a copy of the correspondence between the Dock Company and the Vestry, and copy plan and estimated cost of widening, including purchase of land, etc., with the view of the improvement being

carried out as a Metropolitan one, and the Council making a contribution towards the cost.

On 7th February, 1899, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to the letter from the Clerk, London County Council, stating, in reply to the Vestry's letter of 14th July, 1898, asking for a contribution towards the cost of widening Commercial Dock Road between Lady Dock Bridge and the new swing bridge over the entrance to Russia Dock, that it appeared to the Council that the widening of the road in the manner proposed would form an incomplete improvement unless arrangements were made for the widening of Lady Dock Bridge, that the Council had resolved, subject to the Vestry arranging for the reconstruction of the bridge, to contribute one-half of the net cost of the widening of the road as shown upon the plan, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £750, and enclosing copy of conditions upon which the contribution was made.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the Clerk write and inform the Council that the Vestry is quite aware that the improvement will be to a certain extent incomplete unless Lady Dock Bridge is widened, and intends, when the said bridge requires renewing, to negotiate for the widening thereof, but at the present moment it is only dealing with the portion of Commercial Dock Road which, under the Company's Act of 1894, is to be raised 10 feet, and that unless arrangements are made to widen the road before the work of raising is commenced, the opportunity to effect a most important improvement will be lost to the parish for ever; and urging the Council to withdraw the condition for the reconstruction of the bridge attached to the contribution.

On 21st March, 1899, the Vestry had before them a letter from the Clerk, London County Council, relative to the proposed widening of Commercial Dock Road, stating that the Council, having regard to all the facts, and particularly in view of the Vestry having expressed their intention of re-opening negotiations with the Surrey Commercial Dock Company, agreed to vary its resolution of 20th December, 1898, by the withdrawal of the condition relating to the reconstruction of Lady Dock Bridge, subject to the Vestry doing all within their power to secure the early reconstruction of the said bridge.

RESOLVED—That negotiations be again opened up with the Surrey Commercial Dock Company with reference to the widening of Commercial Dock Road between the bridge to cross the Russia and Greenland Docks communication passage and Lady Dock Bridge.

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

Standing Resolutions.

Surveyor's Department.

RESOLVED (6th September, 1898)—That the ratepayers be not now required to place their dust pails outside their houses, as at present obtained, and that the Surveyor take the necessary steps to have the pails fetched from inside the houses by the dustmen, emptied, scraped out, and re-deposited therein by them for the future.

Sanitary Department.

On 7th February, 1899, the Sanitary Committee reported, with reference to the reports of the Sanitary Inspectors, that in their opinion the practice of all reports being submitted to the Committee through the heads of departments, obtaining in the Clerk's and Surveyor's departments, should also be adopted with regard to the Sanitary department.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that in future the Medical Officer of Health report upon the work done, etc., by each Inspector, and that each Inspector be required to be in attendance in case his presence is required in the Committee Room.

Thames Communication.

On 7th June, 1898, the undermentioned gentlemen were appointed a deputation to wait upon the Bridges Committee of the London County Council upon the above subject:—

Mr. Vice-Chairman Vezey,
Mr. J. Brown,
Mr. J. C. Mortimer,
Mr. R. W. Moss,
Mr. R. L. Stuart, and
Mr. H. Young.

On 19th July, 1898, the deputation reported having prepared the requisite Memorial and been favourably received by the Committee on Wednesday, 13th July, 1898, when it was intimated that some means of communication would be provided, which would probably take the form of a tunnel.

The delegates further reported having invited the following authorities to take similar action:—

Greenwich District Board,	
Limehouse	„
St. Olave's	„
Poplar	„
Whitechapel	„ and
St. George-in-the-East Vestry.	

On 25th April, 1899, the London County Council passed the following resolutions:—

(a) That a tunnel be constructed to connect the districts of Rotherhithe and Shadwell at approximate cost of £2,198,250.

(b) That application be made in the next Session of Parliament to carry out the work, and that the Parliamentary Committee be instructed to take the necessary steps for that purpose.

Tradesmen.

The following were the Tradesmen appointed during the year:—

For the half-year ending 25th December, 1898.—

G. Carr, Smith.
 E. Walling, Oilman.
 J. Tolman, Carpenter,
 A. G. O. Higgins, Ironmonger.
 Mrs. Walling, Plumber.
 G. Lawrence, Wheelwright.
 J. Daly, Supply of Bedding.

For the half-year ending 24th June, 1889:—

H. E. Tudor, Smith.

R. Thornton, Oilman.

F. J. Rooney, Carpenter.

W. M. and A. Quiney, Ironmongers

W. Durrant and Son., Plumbers.

G. Lawrence, Wheelwright.

C. Keane, Supply of Bedding.

Water Supply.

On 20th September, 1898, the Town Hall Management Committee reported with reference to the following report of the Clerk:—

I have been for some time past in communication with the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company upon the question of the basis of the charge for the supply of water to the Town Hall with the view of obtaining a supply by meter, but up to the present without result. The charge made by the Company is over £40 per annum, which is out of all proportion to the amount consumed. I have found upon enquiry that the company have already granted a supply by meter in respect to the Bermondsey Town Hall, and I think if you will authorise me to continue to press this matter upon the company a like result may be obtained.

The Vestry Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the action of the Clerk be approved, and that he be instructed to press the granting of a supply of water by meter to the Town Hall upon the Company.

On 18th October, 1898, the Committee reported with reference to the following further report of the Clerk:—

Since your last meeting I have been in further correspondence with the Secretary of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company, upon the question of the basis of the charge for the water supplied to the Town Hall, and am pleased to say I am in receipt of a letter stating that, in deference to the wishes of the Vestry, the Directors are willing to grant a meter

supply on the Parliamentary scale, with a minimum rental of £3 15s.,—100,000 gallons at 9d., the matter to be reconsidered at the end of twelve months. These are the same terms as granted to Bermondsey, but I do not think the Company will re-open the question. The Vestry will, of course, have to pay for a domestic supply in respect to the Caretaker's apartments, which will have to be assessed for the purpose. I have already asked the Overseers to do this. The charge for the latter supply will not exceed £1, and therefore the granting of a meter supply to the other parts of the building means a saving to the Vestry of about £30 per annum.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the terms of the Company be accepted with thanks, and that the action taken by the Clerk in the matter be approved.

On 15th November, 1898, the Committee reported with reference to the following further report of the Clerk:—

Referring to the Town Hall water agreed to be supplied by meter, I have received, through the Surveyor, two agreements to be signed in respect thereto—one in respect to a meter in Neptune Street, which supplies the front part of the buildings, including stage, and the other in respect to a meter in Moodkee Street, which supplies the remainder, from which it appears that the Company, in consequence of the supply coming through two meters, looked upon it as two separate supplies, whereby a minimum charge of £7 10s. was proposed to be made, instead of £3 15s. I therefore wrote to the Secretary of the Company, drawing his attention to the fact that the Company had agreed to give a supply of water by meter for a minimum charge of £3 15s., and that now he proposed to charge double, to which he replied that the Company were quite prepared to adhere to their agreement in the matter and give a supply through one meter, but it appeared that the supply coming through two meters was to suit the convenience of the Vestry, and should be paid for accordingly. To enable the supply to come through one meter the Surveyor informed me would necessitate pulling up the yard. I therefore had an interview with the Company's Secretary, who, after some demur, agreed to look upon the supply as one although coming through two meters, and upon that understanding I have signed an agreement for twelve months on behalf of the Vestry.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the action of the Clerk be approved.

Water Troughs.

On 21st February, 1899, the General Purposes and Works Committee reported with reference to the letter from the Secretary, Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association, asking, on behalf of the Committee of the Association, that the Vestry would kindly take over and maintain the trough situate in the parish.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Committee, that the Vestry, in order to meet them, undertake the cleansing and repair of the trough in question during pleasure.

ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.

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

1899-1900.

Vestrymen.

Chairman—

Mr. ROBERT LEISHMAN STUART, J.P.,
226 Lower Road.

Vice-Chairman—

Mr. WALTER BEASLEY,
1D Ilderton Road.

Rector and Churchwardens (ex-officio)—

Rev. CANON BECK, M.A., Rector,
The Rectory, St. Marychurch Street.

Mr. JAMES COLLETT HIGGS,
28 Plough Road.

Mr. SIDNEY BROWNFIELD,
Surrey Lock, Surrey Commercial Docks.

} Churchwardens.

To go out of Office, 1900—

- Mr. HENRY ALDRIDGE, 34 and 36 Albion Street.
 Mr. JOSEPH BROWN, 151 Rotherhithe New Road.
 Mr. WILLIAM LOUIS MATTHES, 16 Plough Road.
 Mr. GEORGE WOOD, 270 Rotherhithe Street.
 Mr. HENRY VEZEY, 682 Rotherhithe Street.
 Mr. JOHN DAVID HAWKINS, 70 Lower Road.
 Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM DEAVIN, 129 Rotherhithe New Road.
 Mr. SAMUEL CLARE WALKER, 58 Culling Road.

To go out of Office, 1901—

- Mr. ROBERT LEISHMAN STUART, J.P., 226 Lower Road.
 Mr. WALTER BEASLEY, 1D Ilderton Road.
 Mr. SIDNEY BROWNFIELD, Surrey Lock, Surrey Commercial Docks.
 Mr. HUGH YOUNG, 220 Brockley Road, S.E.
 Mr. CHARLES PASCOE, 146 Lower Road.
 Mr. SYDNEY LOUIS PRYOR, 16 Scawen Road, Deptford, S.E.
 Mr. WILLIAM ANGUS, 104 Lower Road.
 Mr. FRANCIS JOHN BISLEY, 68 Union Road.

To go out of Office, 1902—

- Mr. WILLIAM MATTHES, 173 Rotherhithe New Road.
 Mr. HENRY BELLISHAM, 6 Arbuthnot Road, New Cross, S.E.
 Mr. WILLIAM ROBERT OAKLEY, 17 Union Road.
 Mr. EDWARD COLLINS, 100 Union Road.
 Mr. FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT, 20 St. James', New Cross, S.E.
 Mr. FREDERIC JAMES BARTHOLOMEW, A.C.P., 60 Union Road.
 Mr. JAMES WILSON, 5 Dalmore Road, West Dulwich, S.E.
 Mr. ALFRED PURSER, 680 Rotherhithe Street.

Committees.

General Purposes and Works Committee—

Day of Meeting: The Friday preceding each Vestry Meeting (6.30 p.m.)

Chairman—Mr. HENRY ALDRIDGE *Vice-Chairman*—Mr. HENRY BELLSHAM.

Mr. WILLIAM ANGUS.

Mr. WILLIAM LOUIS MATTHES.

Mr. EDWARD COLLINS.

Mr. WILLIAM ROBERT OAKLEY.

Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM DEAVIN. Mr. CHARLES PASCOE.

Mr. WILLIAM MATTHES.

Mr. JAMES WILSON.

Mr. HUGH YOUNG.

Ex-Officio—The CHAIRMAN and VICE-CHAIRMAN of the Vestry.

Sanitary Committee—

Day of Meeting: The Friday preceding each Vestry Meeting (8 p.m.)

Chairman—Mr. JOSEPH BROWN.

Vice-Chairman—Mr. WILLIAM LOUIS MATTHES.

Mr. EDWARD COLLINS.

Mr. WILLIAM MATTHES.

Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM DEAVIN. Mr. SYDNEY LOUIS PRYOR.

Mr. ALFRED PURSER.

Ex-Officio—The CHAIRMAN and VICE-CHAIRMAN of the Vestry.

Finance Committee—

Day of Meeting: The Friday following the first Tuesday in each month (7 p.m.)

Chairman—Mr. WILLIAM ROBERT OAKLEY.

Vice-Chairman—Mr. FREDERIC JAS. BARTHOLOMEW, A.C.P.

Mr. FRANCIS JOHN BISLEY.

Mr. WILLIAM MATTHES

Mr. SIDNEY BROWNFIELD.

Mr. HENRY VEZEY.

Mr. EDWARD COLLINS.

Mr. JAMES WILSON.

Mr. HUGH YOUNG.

Ex-Officio—The CHAIRMAN and VICE-CHAIRMAN of the Vestry.

Public Baths and Wash-houses Committee—

Day of Meeting: Fourth Tuesday in each month (7 p.m.)

Chairman—Mr. JAMES COLLETT HIGGS.

Vice-Chairman—Mr. WILLIAM ANGUS.

Mr. HENRY ALDRIDGE.

Mr. WILLIAM LOUIS MATTHES.

Mr. FREDERIC JAS. BARTHOLOMEW, A.C.P.

Mr. CHARLES PASCOE.

Mr. JOSEPH BROWN.

Mr. SYDNEY LOUIS PRYOR.

Mr. SIDNEY BROWNFIELD.

Mr. HENRY VEZEY.

Mr. JOHN DAVID HAWKINS.

Mr. JAMES WILSON.

Mr. HUGH YOUNG.

Ex-Officio--The CHAIRMAN and VICE-CHAIRMAN of the Vestry.

Public Libraries Committee—

Day of Meeting: Fourth Tuesday in each month (8 p.m.)

Chairman—Mr. ROBERT LEISHMAN STUART, J.P.

Vice-Chairman—Mr. ALFRED PURSER.

Mr. FREDERIC JAS. BARTHOLOMEW, Mr. WILLIAM ROBERT OAKLEY.
A.C.P.

Rev. Canon BECK, M.A.

Mr. CHARLES PASCOE.

Mr. FRANCIS JOHN BISLEY

Mr. SYDNEY LOUIS PRYOR.

Mr. JOSEPH BROWN.

Mr. FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT.

Mr. EDWARD COLLINS.

Mr. GEORGE WOOD.

Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM DEAVIN. Mr. HUGH YOUNG.

Ex-Officio—The CHAIRMAN and VICE-CHAIRMAN of the Vestry.

Law and Parliamentary Committee—

Clerk to call Meetings as occasion may arise.

Chairman—Mr. ROBERT LEISHMAN STUART, J.P.

Vice-Chairman—Mr. WALTER BEASLEY.

Mr. HENRY ALDRIDGE (Chairman of the General Purposes and Works Committee). Mr. JAMES COLLETT HIGGS (Chairman of the Public Baths and Wash-houses Committee).

Mr. FREDERIC JAS. BARTHOLOMEW, A.C.P. Mr. WILLIAM ROBERT OAKLEY (Chairman of the Finance Committee).

Mr. FRANCIS JOHN BISLEY.

Mr. JOSEPH BROWN (Chairman of the Sanitary Committee). Mr. ALFRED PURSER.

Mr. FRANCIS THOMAS TALBOT.

Mr. EDWARD COLLINS.

Mr. HENRY VEZEY.

Mr. JOHN DAVID HAWKINS.

Mr. HUGH YOUNG.

Auditors of Accounts.

- Mr. CHARLES WILLIAM COBON, 86 Union Road.
 Mr. HARRY MOORE, 12 Lower Road.
 Mr. CHARLES WILLIAM ROONEY, 262 Rotherhithe Street.
 Mr. WILLIAM ROYAL, 26 Lower Road.
 Mr. WILLIAM TAYLOR, 25 Culling Road.

Officers of the Vestry.

Clerk's Department, Town Hall.

- JAMES JOHN STOKES, Clerk, Vestry Offices, Town Hall, Lower Road.
 ERNEST CARR GLIVIER, Assistant Clerk, 12 Plough Road.
 JAMES DAY, Second Assistant Clerk, 10 Rebecca Terrace, Gomm Road.
 REUBEN JOHN WALKER, Junior Assistant Clerk, 44 Hawkstone Road.
 HENRY JAMES SMITH, Messenger, 198 Rotherhithe Street.
 JOHN FORD, Hall Keeper, Town Hall.
 ELLEN FORD, House Keeper, Town Hall.
 SAMUEL J. SHARP, Assistant Hall Keeper, 46 St. Mary Church Street.

Public Baths and Wash-houses.

Superintendent :

THOMAS HENRY WRIGHT FEY.

Matron :

LUCY ANNE FEY.

Engineer :

WILLIAM ANDERSON.

Stokers :

WILLIAM PARKER.
GEORGE BLOOMFIELD.

Money Takers:

DONALD FRASER.
SARAH W. WRENCH.

Attendants, etc.:

JAMES JOHN COEN.
JOHN W. TURNER.
THOMAS ANDREWS.
ELIZABETH CHUDLEY.
MARY A. PRITCHARD.
AMELIA MELTON.

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HERBERT ARCHER SHUTTLEWORTH.

Assistant Librarian:

LEONARD HOBBS, 15 Henwood Road.

Junior Assistant Librarian:

ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN, 17 Rebecca Terrace.

Attendant:

CHARLES YOUNG, 236 Lower Road.

Surveyor's Department.

GEORGE W. THOMPSON, A.M.I.C.E., F.S.I., Surveyor, Town Hall, Lower Road.

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

THOMAS BARON, Foreman, 9 Hawkstone Road.

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

CHARLES LEATHER, Time and Store Keeper, Bull Head Wharf, Rotherhithe Street.

Sanitary Department.

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

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

HENRY MACE COCKBURN, Sanitary Inspector and Inspector under the "Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875," 49 Shardeloes Road, New Cross, S.E.

EDWIN SANDERSON, Sanitary Clerk, 157 Lower Road.

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

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

Collector of Sewers, Lighting and Paving Rates.

JOSEPH DAY, 48 Union Road.

Overseers of the Poor, 1899-1900.

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Mr. HENRY VEZEY, 682 Rotherhithe Street.

Mr. JAMES COLLETT HIGGS, 28 Plough Road.

Mr. FREDERICK JAMES ROONEY, 262 Rotherhithe Street.

Mr. CHARLES KIMBER, 83 Albion Street.

Mr. HENRY LOVELL BARTLETT, 30 Lower Road.

Valuer.

Mr. WALTER BEASLEY, 1D Hilderton Road.

Assistant Valuers.*To go out of Office, 1900.*

Mr. GEORGE MABBS, 74 Lower Road.

Mr. ROBERT WALLACE MOSS, 34 Plough Road.

To go out of Office, 1901.

Mr. HENRY ALDRIDGE, 34-38 Albion Street.

Mr. HENRY BELLISHAM, 6 Arbuthnot Road, New Cross, S.E.

Representatives at the London County Council.

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

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Dr. James T. Macnamara, 50 Union Road. Mr. Michael Burke, 20 Clark's Orchard.

Mr. William James Brett, 9 Old Road Mr. William Robert Oakley, 17 Union Road.

Miss Mary Simmons, 103 Jamaica Road, Rev. Edwin Maywood O'Hara Lee, 92 Eugenia
S.E. Road,

Member of Parliament for the Division.

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Southwark Division.***

Rev. J. SCOTT LIDGETT, M.A., Bermondsey Settlement, S.E.

Rev. W. COPELAND BOWIE, Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.

Rev. WM. F. BROWN, 173 Upper Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, S.E.

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Engineer and Surveyor's Annual Report,

1898-99.

To the Chairman and Members of the Vestry.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report upon the work of my department for the year ending 25th March, 1899.

Licenses.

Sixty-six licenses were granted to erect scaffolds and hoardings in the public footpaths and carriageways for new buildings, alterations, additions or repairs; being an increase of nineteen upon the number granted last year.

Road and Footways.

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

RED LION CORNER.—For a number of years past the condition of the footway at the “Red Lion” Corner, Lower Road, had been a source of danger to pedestrians owing to the excessive crossfall; the rebuilding of the premises, the erection of new shops at the corner of Bush Road and the giving up of the forecourt of the “Red Lion” and the projecting piece of ground in front of the shops, enabled the work of relaying the whole of the footway to be undertaken and the levels to be improved. The difference in level of the floors (about 15 ins.) of the “Red Lion” P.H. and the first shop made this a matter of great difficulty,

owing to the owners of the P.H. naturally objecting to a second step or kerb in front of their premises. To obviate this it became necessary to also relay a considerable area of the sett roadway at the corner, towards the cost of which the owners contributed a sum of £25. New kerb was laid around the whole of the premises, the existing flagging utilised as far as possible, new flags laid to the extent of 1,241 square feet, which area includes a sample truck of artificial flags called "Non-slip York," made from ground Yorkshire stone and Portland cement, thoroughly well mixed and compressed into slabs of uniform size and thickness by hydraulic pressure. As far as can be judged up to the present time these flags have advantages over other artificial ones made from crushed granite and Portland cement.

ADAMS GARDENS.—The unpaved footpath at the side of 45 Adams Gardens and in front of the houses at right angles thereto has been paved in tar paving, with blue brick channels on either side; the cost of this work was apportioned amongst the owners previous to the execution of the work.

LOWER ROAD, by TOWN HALL.—The roadway in front of the Town Hall has been paved with Jarrahdale Jarrah hard wood blocks upon a concrete foundation. Previous to the execution of the work the Tramway Company inserted new heavy flanged rails, and, by arrangement, the Vestry paved up to the rails without cost to the Company, the Company agreeing to afterwards maintain and renew, when required, the statutory widths of 3 ft. on either side of the rails. This work consists of an area of 350 yards, 22,188 blocks were used, and the cost, without deducting the value of the old setts, amounted to 15s. 5d. per square yard.

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

STREET.	Relay Kerb.	New Kerb.	Relay Flags.	New Flags.	Relay Pitching on Concrete. yds.	Repair Macadam. yds.	Broken Granite.		Relay Bricks. sq. yds.	Repair Gravel Foot- way. sq. yds.	Lay Tar- Pav- ing. sq. yds.	New Pitch ing. sq. yds.	New Wood Pav- ing. sq. yds.	Relay Channel and Tram. ft. lin.
	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.			tons.	cwt.						
Brunel Road ...	85	—	1703	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rotherhithe Street...	263	13	998	155	198	36	2	18	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rotherhithe New Road ...	354	—	3001	31	—	2271	100	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Delafor Road ...	451	—	2701	9	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—
Tissington Road ...	153	—	1850	8	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Warndon Street ...	44	—	254	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ilderton Road ...	873	—	6075	64	—	2541	229	4	16	—	—	—	—	—
Bramcote Road ...	47	—	462	—	—	649	34	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Slippers Place ...	4	—	329	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stalham Street ...	312	—	1701	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hickling Street ...	—	—	1362	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glebe Road ...	14	—	173	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gataker Street ...	3	—	348	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cornick Street ..	155	—	1288	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clarence Street ...	—	—	—	—	—	1703	199	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Raymouth Road ...	—	—	—	—	410	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red Lion Corner ...	38	179	655	1241	475	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60
Moodkee Street ...	—	—	—	—	—	992	17	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hawkstone Road ...	663	—	3443 2295	100	150	3783	498	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plough Road ...	60	—	2292	105	—	—	—	—	—	382	—	—	—	—
Carried forward	3519	192	30930	1742	1242	11975	1081	8	29	382	—	—	—	60

STREET.	Relay Kerb. ft.	New Kerb. ft.	Relay Flags. ft.	New Flags. ft.	Relay Pitching on Concrete. yds.	Repair Macadam. yds.	Broken Granite.		Relay Bricks. sq. yds.	Repair Gravel Foot- way. sq. yds.	Lay Tar- Pav- ing. sq. yds.	New Pitch- ing. sq. yds.	New Wood Pav- ing. sq. yds.	Relay Channel and Tram. ft. lin.
							tons.	cwt.						
Brought forward	3519	192	30930	1742	1242	11975	1081	8	29	382	—	—	—	60
Adams Gardens ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	—	—	100
Union Road ...	—	—	625	15	266	—	—	—	—	—	—	83	—	—
Abbeyfield Road ...	78	—	459	—	—	2560	211	6	—	—	—	—	—	2
Lower Road (by Town Hall) ...	95	—	540	48	238	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	523	—
Paradise Street ...	88	—	1104	—	97	1391	89	18	—	—	—	—	—	92
Pedworth Road ...	—	—	—	—	—	1125	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Silwood Road ...	199	—	1122	55	—	1244	92	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manor Lane ...	—	—	748	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Neptune Street ...	—	—	—	—	—	530	42	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aspenden Road ...	—	—	—	—	—	516	43	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
Silver Street ...	—	—	—	404	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Osprey Street ...	177	—	973	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Old Road ...	33	—	205	22	—	772	87	13	11	—	—	—	—	—
Cope Street ...	—	—	—	—	—	1074	88	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lower Road (by Park)	250	—	3200	103	334	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cathay Street ...	—	—	—	—	117	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	4439	192	39906	2423	2294	21187	1737	13	40	382	45	130	523	256

In the various works throughout the parish the following materials have been used:—

Broken Granite	-	-	-	-	-	2013 tons.
Thames Ballast	-	-	-	-	-	889 cubic yds.
Sand	-	-	-	-	-	276 cubic yds.
Hoggin	-	-	-	-	-	460 cubic yds.
Rough Gravel	-	-	-	-	-	109 cubic yds.
Fine Gravel	-	-	-	-	-	258 $\frac{2}{3}$ cubic yds.
Granite Dust	-	-	-	-	-	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons.
Portland Cement	-	-	-	-	-	203 tons.
Stone Lime	-	-	-	-	-	36 cubic yds.
3-in York Paving	-	-	-	-	-	5502 ft. super.
Old York Paving	-	-	-	-	-	50 ft. super.
Victoria Stone	-	-	-	-	-	1982 ft. super.
Special Stone	-	-	-	-	-	53 ft. super.
3-in York Edging	-	-	-	-	-	7 ft. super.
3-in. by 7-in. Guernsey Granite Setts	-	-	-	-	-	60 tons.
4-in. by 7-in. Guernsey Granite Setts	-	-	-	-	-	10 tons.
6-in. by 12-in. Guernsey Granite Kerb	-	-	-	-	-	197 ft. lineal.
6-in. by 12-in. Guernsey Granite Circular Kerb	-	-	-	-	-	14 ft. lineal.
Stock Bricks	-	-	-	-	-	17606.
Blue Panel Bricks	-	-	-	-	-	713.
Blue Bull-nosed Bricks	-	-	-	-	-	194.
Ridge Tiles	-	-	-	-	-	150.
Tar Paving	-	-	-	-	-	50 square yds.
Wood Blocks	-	-	-	-	-	22200.
Patent "Non-slip" Hard York Stone	-	-	-	-	-	537 ft. super.
Coal Pitch	-	-	-	-	-	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons.
Creosote Oil	-	-	-	-	-	65 gallons.
Tar	-	-	-	-	-	30 gallons.

Removal of Slop.

The collection and disposal of the street sweepings has been very satisfactorily performed by the Contractors for horse hire and disposal during the past year, the quantity removed being 2955 $\frac{3}{4}$ loads, which, if taken at an average of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards per load, equals 7389 $\frac{3}{8}$ cubic yards, a decrease upon the year of 645 $\frac{3}{8}$ cubic yards compared with the figures of last year, although for the quarter ending March last there is an increase of over 400 cubic yards upon the corresponding quarter.

Table showing the amount collected per quarter for the past three years; but it must be borne in mind that no snowstorms occurred during the winters 1897-8, 1898-9:—

Quarter ending	1896-7 c. yds.	1897-8 c. yds.	1898-9 c. yds.
June - - -	1516 $\frac{3}{4}$	1917	1825
September - -	1822 $\frac{1}{2}$	2185 $\frac{3}{4}$	1510 $\frac{5}{8}$
December - - -	2725 $\frac{1}{4}$	2259 $\frac{1}{2}$	1965
March - - -	3454	1672 $\frac{1}{2}$	2088 $\frac{3}{4}$
Totals - - -	<u>9518$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	<u>8034$\frac{3}{4}$</u>	<u>7389$\frac{3}{8}$</u>

The cost of the work has amounted to as follows:—

Half-year ending 29th September, 1898:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Collection - - - -	289	16	8			
Disposal - - - -	133	8	3			
				423	4	11

Half-year ending 25th March, 1899:—

Collection - - - -	391	14	11			
Disposal - - - -	270	5	0			
				661	19	11
				<u>£1085</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>

Total cost last year - - -				<u>£1177</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>
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This amount shows a decrease of £257 0s. 7d. for the half-year ending 29th September, 1898, when compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, an increase of £164 15s. 1d. for the half-year ending 25th March, 1899, or a net decrease of cost on the year of £92 5s. 6d., the increase of cost for the half-year ending March being due to the increased quantity removed, and to the advance from the 29th September, 1898, in the contract prices for horse hire and disposal, amounting in the former case to 8.50 per cent., and in the latter to 66.66 per cent.

The machine broom was at work 313 days during the year at a cost of £127 15s. 11d. for horse hire and £23 16s. for re-fills.

The following table gives the particulars of slop, silt from sewers and gullies, dust removed, and horses and drivers employed in the various works for the year ending Lady-day, 1899:—

WEEK ENDING 1898.	SLOP.		SILT FROM GULLIES and SEWERS.		DUST.				Street Water used, Hoses, and Drivers Hired.	FLUSHING SEWERS and GULLIES.		FLUSHING FORESHORE of DOCK.		MATERIAL CARTAGE. HORSE HIRE.			EXTRA CART.	
	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Van Loads.	Weight.		Horses and Drivers Hired.		Water used, Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Water Used, Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Machine Broom.	Roads.	SEWERS.	Roads.	Sewers.
						Tons.	Cwts.											
April 1st...	91½	40	10	5	74	138	11	24	3¼	21	1¾	—	—	5	12¾	¾	—	—
„ 8th...	36½	21	8	4½	61	113	5	21	15¾	58	5	—	—	5	13¼	2	—	—
„ 15th...	51	30¾	3	2	61	111	19	21	8¼	27	2½	38	2	5	19	—	3	—
„ 22nd...	32½	20¾	¾	1	72	124	11	24½	31½	55	4¾	20	1¼	6	32½	1	6	—
„ 29th...	80½	36	5¾	6	68	118	3	24½	24	74	6	—	—	6	31¾	2½	3	¼
May 6th...	62½	35¾	9¼	6½	67	112	19	24¼	7¾	109	8½	2	¼	6½	32	—	2	¼
„ 13th...	37¾	25¼	3½	3	66	112	6	24	10½	58	4½	35	2½	6	33¼	2	3¼	½
„ 20th...	55½	29½	—	—	65	106	6	24	6¾	70	6	—	—	7	34	9¾	1	2½
„ 27th...	57	32	11½	7	68	116	7	24	16½	77	5¾	—	—	3	30	10¼	—	—
June 3rd...	47¾	28½	8¾	5	54	98	19	20¾	4	45	3¾	18	1¼	5	24¼	7	—	—
„ 10th...	47	26	10¾	6	66	114	9	25	22	54	4½	23	2	6	21½	5¾	—	—
„ 17th...	39¾	25¼	5¼	6	64	103	16	24	34¾	73	6	—	—	5½	½	15	—	2
„ 24th...	47	25¼	3½	4	60	99	1	24	42¾	81	6¼	—	—	6	2¾	8	—	2¼
July 1st...	50	33	—	—	58	99	6	24½	16½	38	3¾	26	2¼	5½	7	14	—	1
„ 8th...	44¼	25	½	¼	61	100	14	24	35¾	53	4¾	20	1½	5½	16	6½	—	—
„ 15th...	44	22½	1	1	62	100	12	24	43¼	62	4¾	10	1	6	16½	2	1	—
„ 22nd...	45¾	25¼	10¾	6	63	99	—	24	32¾	67	5½	6	½	6	18½	1½	1	—
„ 29th...	44½	26½	10¾	6	63	99	16	24	21¾	65	6¾	5	½	5	35¼	—	10	—
August 5th...	37½	21½	8	5	57	84	11	21	36¼	43	3½	19	1¼	5	13¾	½	—	—
„ 12th...	59¼	31	11	6	62	101	13	24½	23	55	5	25	2	6	27	1	5	—

WEEK ENDING 1898.	SLOP.		SILT FROM GULLIES and SEWERS.		DUST.				Street Water ing. Horses, and Drivers Hired.	FLUSHING SEWERS and GULLIES.		FLUSHING FORESHORE of DOCK.		MATERIAL CARTAGE.			EXTRA CART	
	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Van Loads.	Weight.		Horses and Drivers Hired.		Water used. Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Water Used. Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Machine Broom.	Roads.	Sewers.	Roads.	Sewers.
						Tons.	Cwts.											
August 19th...	40½	23½	4½	6	60	91	—	24	32¾	20	2	—	—	6	10½	7¾	—	—
„ 26th...	45¾	23	10¾	6	58	88	19	24	47¾	155	9¼	21	1¾	6	7½	8	—	—
Sept. 2nd...	40½	25½	11	6	58	89	4	24	40	175	10¾	10	1	7½	7¼	9	—	—
„ 9th...	50	27	9¾	5¾	57	90	15	24	41¾	136	9¼	29	2½	7¼	7¾	8¾	—	—
„ 16th...	39¼	23	11¾	8	58	91	1	24½	39	161	10	12	1	6	17	6	1	1
„ 23rd...	50¾	29¾	13¾	9	57	91	18	24	29	119	7¾	30	2¼	7¼	16¾	1½	—	—
„ 30th...	56¼	27½	10¾	6	60	97	1	24	17½	114	8	14	¾	6	25¼	2½	—	—
Oct. 7th...	45¾	25	10¾	6	63	102	1	24	4¼	169	8¼	7	1	6	19	1½	—	—
„ 14th...	54¼	28½	6¾	4	64	105	3	24	4½	41	3¾	24	2¼	7	23¾	4½	—	—
„ 21st...	124¼	51¼	—	—	63	119	3	24	—	42	3	28	2¾	5½	20	—	—	—
„ 28th...	41¾	31¼	10	5	65	T.R. 16 111	4 6	24	1¾	55	4¾	17	1¾	5¾	32	¾	7	—
Nov. 4th...	64	36	8¾	5¼	62	114	2	24	—	45	3¾	20	2¼	6	31¼	2½	2	—
„ 11th...	37	24½	9¾	6¼	66	116	2	24¼	—	49	4¼	26	1¾	6	46½	4	—	—
„ 18th...	64¼	37¾	6½	4	65	110	11	24	4¾	45	4	25	2	7¼	33¼	4½	—	—
„ 25th...	109½	52¼	1¾	1½	64	116	7	24	—	55	4¾	10	1	6¾	31	3	1	—
Dec. 2nd...	93¼	52¼	—	—	68	131	10	24¼	—	49	4¼	14	1	6	28¾	2	—	—
„ 9th...	56½	38	1½	1	67	127	5	24¼	—	32	3¾	6	1	2½	17¼	—	—	—
„ 16th...	38	27½	10½	6¼	72	125	6	24¼	—	41	2¾	14	1¼	6	16¾	—	—	—
„ 23rd...	53½	35¾	8½	4½	73	126	8	24	7½	31	2¾	22	2	9	35	¾	2	—

WEEK ENDING 1899.	SLOP.		SILT FROM GULLIES and SEWERS.		DUST.				Street Water- ing, Horses, and Drivers Hired.	FLUSHING SEWERS and GULLIES.		FLUSHING FORESHORE of DOCK.		MATERIAL CARTAGE.			EXTRA CART.	
	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Van Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Van Loads.	Weight.		Horses and Drivers Hired.		Water used, Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Water Used, Loads.	Horses and Drivers Hired.	Machine Broom.	Roads.	Sewers.	Roads.	Sewers.
						Tons.	Cwts.											
Dec. 30th... 1899	70	35 $\frac{3}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	69	118	12	26 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	19	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	4	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	—
Jan. 6th...	92	54 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	74	145	13	24 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	46	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
„ 13th...	88 $\frac{1}{4}$	50 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	71	124	17	24	—	56	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	8	$\frac{3}{4}$	7	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	—
„ 20th...	85	45 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	69	128	3	24 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	46	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
„ 27th...	48	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	69	128	15	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	47	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	10	—	—
Feb. 3rd...	60	34 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—	71	121	2	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	32	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	32	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	6	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—
„ 10th...	108 $\frac{1}{4}$	51 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—	72	130	3	24	—	58	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	6	$\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—
„ 17th..	61 $\frac{1}{4}$	37 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—	70	125	3	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	66	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	4	$\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—
„ 24th...	32 $\frac{1}{4}$	24	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	4	73	122	8	24	—	70	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	—	4	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—
March 3rd...	46 $\frac{3}{4}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	74	120	2	24	—	54	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	6	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
„ 10th...	43 $\frac{1}{4}$	29	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	76	124	1	24	—	32	3	21	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	4	10	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	—
„ 17th...	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	4	72	121	8	24	—	33	3	20	1	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	34 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
„ 24th and „ 25th	51 9	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$	7	78	113 16	19 8	28	—	48	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	13	1	7	32 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	—
TOTALS ...	2955 $\frac{3}{4}$	1661 $\frac{3}{4}$	327 $\frac{1}{4}$	208 $\frac{1}{4}$	3410	5858	4	1248 $\frac{1}{2}$	707 $\frac{1}{2}$	3326	263 $\frac{3}{4}$	711	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	313	1146	248 $\frac{3}{4}$	72 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$

Steam Roller.

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

	£	s.	d.
Driving, 155 days - - - - -	41	1	1
Cleaning, Oil, Packing, Coke, Repairs, etc. - - - - -	47	12	10
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10 per cent. depreciation - - - - -		39	0 0
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The total working days were 155, a decrease of 16 upon last year. The cost per day equals 16s. 6d., against 15s. 1½d. last year, and 14s. 11d. for 1896-7, but this is accounted for by reason of the extensive repairs which have been carried out to maintain the roller in a high state of efficiency, and which included the entire re-tubing of the boiler. The saving upon the year's work by having our own roller amounts to £135 16s. 1d., or a total since its delivery in May, 1895, of £586 5s. 4d., this amount being £178 5s. 4d. in excess of the purchase price of the roller which has been at work a total of 644 days.

Sewers.

No additional sewers have been constructed during the year, but the following lengths of existing sewers have been relaid, laid on and surrounded with 6 in. of cement concrete, the pipes jointed in cement, laid in straight lines between the points of inspection and provided with manholes and flushing hafts:—

Arica Place - - - - -	9 in. pipe	-	120 feet
Aspinden Road - - - - -	15 in. „	-	465 „
Chilton Street (north side) between Nos. 1 to 49	9 in. „	-	485 „
Old Road - - - - -	12 in. „	-	100 „
Manor Lane { - - - - -	12 in. „	-	325 „
{ - - - - -	9 in. „	-	85 „

Penstocks so as to enable the sewers to be thoroughly and efficiently flushed have been fixed as follows:—

Aspinden Road	-	-	-	1
Chilton Street	-	-	-	2
Manor Lane	-	-	-	1

The quantity of silt removed from the sewers owing to the constant flushing shews a marked decrease, being only 49 cubic yards against $213\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards last year. The van or cart has been engaged flushing $161\frac{1}{4}$ days, against 137 last year, the whole of the water used being taken from the Company's mains, amounting to 600 loads for the cart and 779 loads for the van, or 530,550 galls.

Gullies.

The gullies now number 844, being an increase of two during the year, fixed in Hadland Street; $278\frac{1}{4}$ cubic yards of silt has been removed from them, a horse and van being engaged flushing them on $122\frac{1}{2}$ days, using 1,978 van loads, or 890,100 galls. of water from the Company's mains.

Four new connections have been made to the sewers for existing gullies by reason of their defective condition or alteration of position:—

Bush Road	-	-	-	1
Lower Road	-	-	-	1
Hickling Street	-	-	-	2

The new gullies fixed in Hadland Street consist of cast iron ones, with removable dirt boxes, which are emptied by the sweepers once every week.

The following defective pits of gullies have been replaced:—

Lower Road (earthenware).	1
Bush Road do.	1
Abbeyfield Road do.	1

Church Passage (cast iron gully).1

Hobman Street do. 1

Rotherhithe Street do. 1

And five cast iron gullies have been fixed at the wharf in connection with the paving works and destructor buildings.

New cast iron gulley grids and frames have been fixed as under:—

Lower Road - - -	2	Rotherhithe Street - - -	3
Bush Road - - -	1	Clarence Street - - -	1
St. Mary Church Street -	1	Union Road - - -	1
Ainsty Street - - -	1		

Fifteen of the existing gullies have had new syphons fixed to them:—

Elephant Lane - - -	1	Gataker Street - - -	1
Aspinden Road - - -	1	Hickling Street - - -	1
Silwood Street - - -	1	Littlington Street - - -	1
Dilston Grove - - -	3	Union Road - - -	1
Slippers Place - - -	2	Manor Place - - -	1
Hawkstone Road - - -	2		

Manholes.

Nine new manholes have been constructed upon the sewers during the past year:—

Prospect Street - - -	1	Old Road - - -	1
Aspinden Road - - -	1	Manor Lane - - -	1
Chilton Street - - -	3	Wharf - - -	2

Nineteen existing manholes have had new covers and frames fixed:—

Hatteraick Street - - -	1	Trinity Road - - -	1
Temeraire Street - - -	1	Wharf - - -	1
St. Mary Church Street -	2	Rotherhithe Street - - -	2
Arica Place - - -	1	Pedworth Road - - -	1
Aspinden Road - - -	1	Manor Lane - - -	4

Chilton Street	-	-	-	3	Hadland Street	-	-	-	1
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Five new frames and covers have been fixed upon the lamphole and flushing shafts:—

Arica Place	-	-	-	1	Hadland Street	-	-	-	1
Manor Lane	-	-	-	1	Rotherhithe Street	-	-	-	1
Paradise Street	-	-	-	1					

Drainage Works.

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

Existing houses redrained	-	-	-	123
New houses built or rebuilt and redrained	-	-	-	29
Other buildings	do.	do.	-	19
New W.C. conveniences built and drained	-	-	-	28
Alterations and additions to houses, etc.	-	-	-	15
House drains cleansed by deposit	-	-	-	9
Do.	sanitary requisition	-	-	4
Do.	agreement	-	-	5
			—	18
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In connection with the above 27 new connections have been inserted in the sewers, of this number six were made to the County Council's sewers. The cost charged to the owners for the connections and for the necessary interceptor and inspection chamber under the footway where no forecourt existed amounted to £206 9s. 2d. This total includes the insertion of five inspection chambers upon existing connections.

Street Watering.

The number of standposts remain the same as last year, but the position of the one at the corner of Bush Road has been altered slightly to suit the new kerb line.

The total cost of street watering amounted to £471 7s. 7d., and is divided as follows:—

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Standposts.	Tradesmen's Accounts	-	-	2	3	9			
	Altering position Bush Road	-	-	10	14	0			
	Vestry Employees	-	-	4	4	10			
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Pumps.	Tradesmen's Accounts	-	-	1	18	6			
	Vestry Employees	-	-	0	11	8			
				<hr/>			2	10	2
	Horse Hire and Drivers	-	-				277	17	2
	Labour	-	-				14	3	4
	Water from Posts and Rents (proportion)	-					119	14	4
	Kent Company (proportion)	-	-				40	0	0
				<hr/>			£471	7	7

707½ horses and drivers were hired for the watering; the quantity of water used for this purpose I estimate at 3,232,000 gallons. Previous to the commencement of the season the vans were overhauled and repaired at a cost of £27 7s. 6d., and sundry repairs were executed during the season amounting to £11 4s.

Urinals.

No additional urinal has been erected during the year, but the one at the junction of Southwark Park Road and Union Road, hitherto in conjunction with the one at the junction of Southwark Park Road and Galleywall Road, jointly maintained by the Vestries of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe, has been maintained by us, making the number 12, with accommodation for 48 persons at one time.

The total cost of maintenance of the 12 for the year being as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wages, urinal man, 52 weeks-	71	6	6			
Sundays and Bank Holidays	7	2	6			
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Water supply and Meter Rents:—						
1 Urinal Rotherhithe New Road and Bush Road	7	16	3			
2 „ Lower and Hawkstone Roads	7	18	5			
3 „ “Halfway House” P.H. Rotherhithe New Road	5	1	6			
4 „ Union and Lower Roads	9	16	0			
5 „ Railway Avenue	4	17	9			
6 „ Neptune Street	4	11	0			
7 „ Rotherhithe Street near Swan Lane	5	16	3			
8 „ c/o Southwark Park Road and Union Road	9	6	3			
9 „ Rotherhithe Street by Vestry’s Wharf	4	0	0			
10 „ Derrick Street	4	16	8			
11 „ Globe Street	4	14	2			
12 „ Lavender Bridge	4	0	0			
	<hr/>			72	14	3
Repairs to urinals	10	17	10			
Urinal brooms and tools	0	16	6			
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				£162 17 7		

Average per urinal per annum, £13 11s. 6d.

Average cost per unit of accommodation per annum, £3 7s. 10d.

Total water used as registered by the meters, 1,357,000 gallons.

It will thus be seen when compared with last year's report that a saving of £30 13s. 6d. has been effected, although one additional urinal has been maintained, increased to £75

5s. 4d. if the amount paid to Bermondsey last year is included, of which sum £23 10s. is accounted for in the item "Cleaning and repairing urinals," which is only done every alternate year.

The saving per annum in terminating the joint maintenance of the two before-mentioned urinals amounts to £24 4s. 10d., as against £15 estimated by me.

Lighting.

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

Ordinary Street Lamps	-	-	-	-	502	
Sugg's Patent	-	-	-	-	6	
10 ft. and 7 ft. per hour	-	-	-	-	3	
Large Lanterns	-	-	-	-	11	
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Seven new lamps have been erected and two discontinued, as under:—

NEW LAMPS.

Opposite 1, Silverlock Street	-	-	-	-	1	
„ 16, Silverlock Street	-	-	-	-	1	
„ 7, Westlake Road	-	-	-	-	1	
„ Bull Head Wharf	-	-	-	-	1	
„ Hickling Street	-	-	-	-	1	
„ St. Mary Church Street	-	-	-	-	1	
„ Paradise Street	-	-	-	-	1	
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LAMPS DISCONTINUED.

Corbett's Lane	-	-	-	-	-	2	
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							5
							<hr/>
Total	-						527
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LAMPS ALTERED.

Silverlock Street	-	-	-	-	2	
Westlake Road	-	-	-	-	1	
Rotherhithe Street	-	-	-	-	1	column to bracket.
Hickling Street	-	-	-	-	1	
Paradise Street	-	-	-	-	1	
Bush Road	-	-	-	-	1	
Commercial Dock Passage	-	-	-	-	3	column to bracket.
Swing Bridge Road	-	-	-	-	1	do.
Total					<u>11</u>	

The gas consumed in the clock towers of Christ Church and St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe, has been as follows:—

		Christ Church 1000 c. ft.	St. Mary's 1000 c. ft.
Quarter ending Midsummer, 1898	...	57·5	79·5
„ Michaelmas, 1898	...	46·2	72·3
„ Christmas, 1898	...	63·3	77·4
„ Lady-day, 1899	...	88·4	97·6
		<u>255·4</u>	<u>326·8</u>
Year ending Lady-day, 1898	...	269·6	333·7
„ 1897	...	276·8	274·5

Repairs to Trenches.

The accounts charged to the various Companies for the repair of trenches during the year amounts to £1072 4s. 10d., or an increase of £460 15s. 5d. upon the amount charged last year, the greatest increase being in the account rendered to the London Electric Supply Corporation, which is £280 in advance of last year owing to the laying of mains in Lower Road and Union Road.

The scale of charges remain the same as last year, with the addition of 15s. per square yard for relaying wood paving.

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

Company.	Relay Flags.	New Flags.	Relay Pitching on Concrete.	Repair Wood Paving.	Repair Macadam and Gravel.	Kerb Reset	Holes Cut.	Repair Tar Paving.	Repair Cement Paving.	Relay Pitching.	Relay Brick Crossing.	
	ft. super.	ft. super.	sq. yds.	sq. yds.	sq. yds.	ft. lin.		sq. yds.	sq. yds.	sq. yds.	sq. yds.	£ s. d.
South Metropolitan Gas	20748	937	462	1	1595	287	7	5	1	1	2	508 5 4
Southwark & Vauxhall Water	1682	266	208	—	238	22	19	3	6	—	—	105 8 5
Kent Water	4012	324	34	—	171	—	4	—	—	1	3	83 12 0
London Electric Supply	19309	1900	180	7½	5	86	7	—	—	—	8½	370 18 7
London Hydraulic ...	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 8 0
Post Office Telegraphs ...	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0 12 6
Totals ...	45811	3427	896	8½	2009	395	37	8	7	2	13½	1072 4 10

Barging.

Upon pages 153-5 will be found full particulars of the work executed under this contract, which was relet to Mr. A. H. Keep; as and from the 29th September, for a period of 18 months, at the following prices and the comparison prices for the previous year:—

	Year ending 29th September, 1898.		18 months to March, 1900.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Dust, ashes, clinkers, rubbish, garbage, house, garden, trade and every other description of refuse, at per ton	-	-	1	10
Road slop, snow, ice, sweepings and scrapings from the whole of the roads and streets, at per van load (2 cubic yards)	-	2	0	3
Refuse from gullies and sewers, at per van load (2 cubic yards)	-	2	0	3
Surplus excavation, earth, clay, soft core or the like, at per one-horse full material cart load	-	-	1	10

Dusting.

During the past year the days of collection for the respective districts have been altered so as to admit of the men finishing work as near as possible to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The district hitherto collected on Wednesday and Saturday which was farthest from the wharf has been altered to Monday and Thursday. The Monday and Thursday collection, which was Albion Street and nearest the wharf, is now Wednesday and Saturday. The change has worked admirably, without inconvenience to the public, and given satisfaction to the men. The quantity collected during the year has amounted to 3,410 loads, with a total weight of 5,858 tons 4 cwts., an increase of 168 loads and 107 tons 3 cwts. when compared with last year's collection. The quarterly collection has been as follows:—

	Loads.	Tons.	Cwt.
Quarter ending Midsummer, 1898	846	1470	12
„ Michaelmas, 1898	834	1325	10
„ Christmas, 1898	861	1540	0
„ Lady-day, 1899	869	1522	2
	<u>3410</u>	<u>5858</u>	<u>4</u>

Included in the total weight is 91 tons 10 cwts. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. of trade refuse, paid for at the rates mentioned in last year's report by the persons requiring removal of the same.

Thirty-three pails have been repaired during the year at a cost of £1 4s. 9d., and 500 new ones supplied in May by Mr. Phillip Round, of Lye, near Stourbridge, at a cost of £54 3s. 4d.

Bull Head Wharf and Dock.

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

The chimney shaft was completed upon the 1st July, 1898; the work cost £2556 15s. 7d., this being an increase of £128 12s. 7d., entirely due to the extra depth of the foundations mentioned in last year's report.

The contract for the Destructor Buildings, after advertisements had been issued, was let to Messrs. Henry Knight and Co., of Tottenham, who commenced operations on the 1st July, 1898, the amount of the contract being £3,933 10s. 6d., and the works are now practically completed.

They consist of Destructor House and Tipping Shed, 63 ft. 10 in. long by 29 ft. 10½ in. wide, built in stock brickwork. The principals of the roof consist entirely of wrought iron, covered with tongued and grooved boarding and slating.

At the river end is placed the Tipping Shed, 20 ft. 4 in. wide, approached by an inclined roadway with a gradient of 1ft. in 20ft., and varying in width from 12 ft. 6 in. to 10 ft. This roadway is constructed of steel joists fixed about 7 ft. apart, the intervening spaces being covered with steel arched plates rivetted to the joists, filled in with concrete and paved with granite setts.

Beneath the Tipping Shed is placed the Engine House and Mortar Mill, entirely separated by a division wall. The former is approached from a door in the passageway

leading to the wharf and the cells; the latter from the inclined roadway down to the clinkering floor, which is 9 ft. 6 in. below the level of the tipping floor.

The Destructor Building upon the dock face is carried for a height of 12 ft. 3 in. by steel joists, supported upon blue brick piers built in cement, 2 ft. 3 in. wide by 1 ft. 6 in. in depth, the clear span between each being 12 ft.

Carried out from the before-mentioned joists and supported by corbels from the piers is a lean-to roof to screen the men from the weather when clinkering the furnaces upon that face.

At the south end of the building is placed the Disinfector House, divided into two portions by a wall extending from the floor to the roof. The side of the room for "infected" goods is 18 ft. by 15 ft., that for the "disinfected" goods 12 ft. by 15 ft. Within this building has been placed one of Washington Lyon's most improved full size steam disinfectors, erected by Messrs. Manlove, Alliot and Co., Ltd., of Nottingham, at a cost of £317 10s. This building also has a wrought iron roof covered with the same materials as the Destructor Building.

Every possible consideration has been given to the question of ventilation, windows being fixed upon every side, as large as possible, with semi-circular heads, which have been made to open. In addition to this, skylights to open have also been placed in the roofs.

Beneath the inclined roadway space has been left for a very large store.

The contract for the cells, boilers and machinery has been let to the Beaman and Deas Syndicate, but, except as regards the boilers, which have been made by Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, of Renfrew, Glasgow, and tested by me at their works, very little progress at present has been made with this contract, it being impossible to do much until the contractors for the buildings were out of the way.

The Furnaces will comprise one Patent Double Cell Destructor, consisting of two cells, two drying hearths and one combustion chamber, arranged so that each cell acts literally as a cremator to the other. They will be capable of destroying 30 tons of house refuse per day of 24 hours by burning under forced draught to a hard clinker.

They will be built upon a foundation of cement concrete, faced with red pressed Tunbridge Wells bricks; the whole of the internal parts exposed to a direct or radiated action of flame being lined with special fire bricks laid on and jointed in pure fire clay.

The engine will be of the horizontal type, capable of indicating 20 h.p., fixed upon a strong cast iron bed plate.

The cylinder, cast with valve chest, in one piece. The piston will have spring rings and steel piston rod.

The whole of the bearings will be of gun metal.

The fan will be of the high pressure type, fitted with steel shaft and disc of wrought iron.

There will be two boilers of the water tube type, each with 735 square feet of heating surface. The working pressure will be 120 lbs. to the square inch. The tubes will be lap-welded of the best wrought iron, having hand-holes for cleaning opposite each end, and the steam and water drums will be of best mild steel plate. They will be supported on wrought iron columns by expansion bars to overhead wrought iron girders. The fronts will be ornamental above the combustion chamber of the furnace, with a large door giving access to the tubes for cleaning. The tube sections and mud drums have been tested by me at the makers' works by hydraulic pressure of 300 lbs. to the square inch, and the steam and water drums by the same pressure to 200 lbs. per square inch.

The completed boilers, when fixed, will be further tested to the same pressure.

Two feed tanks and one direct acting feed pump will be fixed to supply the boilers with water. They will also be fitted with hand firing doors at the side for use if at any time they are to be worked when refuse is not available.

The boiler fittings will be supplied by Messrs. J. Hopkinson and Co., of Huddersfield.

The flue, which is 5 ft. high and 3 ft. wide, between the south end of the boilers and the shaft was a portion of the contract for the buildings, and has been built entirely be-

neath the surface, and passes under the Destructor House. The connection to this will consist of a cross main flue, to be built at the back of the furnaces and connected with both boilers. There will also be a bye-pass flue built between the two boilers, which latter will connect at the end by a down-take, with a transverse flue joining to the before-mentioned underground flue just outside the main building.

The whole of these flues have or will be lined entirely upon the inner face with fire bricks.

Each boiler and the bye-pass will be provided with a damper, allowing either boiler to be worked by itself or the gases to pass direct to the chimney.

The contract for the work undertaken by the Beaman and Deas Syndicate amounts to £2,200, and the whole has to be maintained for a period of six months after completion.

Town Hall.

During the past year extensive alterations and additions have been effected at the Town Hall. Following the report of the Medical Officer and myself, and upon the recommendation of a Special Committee, the Vestry agreed to remedy the defective ventilation of the Council Chamber in accordance with the report. All the ceiling openings have been connected up to the central main shaft, and an electrically direct driven exhaust fan has been fixed therein of a size capable of changing the whole of the air in the room every fifteen minutes. The inlet openings have been considerably increased, and an arrangement of copper cones fixed all round the room, so that the air is completely diffused and no inconvenience felt. The contract for this work was executed by Messrs. J. H. Pickup and Co., Bury, the price being £79 17s. 6d.

The electric light has been installed in the whole of the building, but owing to the defective condition and undersizing of the wires when the building was erected some difficulty was experienced with the Insurance Co. and with the London County Council,

the wiring of the Public Hall not being in accordance with their regulations, necessitating practically rewiring and a separation of circuits, switch and fuse boards and transformers. The tender was let to Messrs. Pickup at £128.

A new open balustraded oak gallery front has been fixed to the public gallery of the Council Chamber in lieu of the original panelled front, and the seating has been rearranged. This work was executed by Mr. William Harbrow, South Bermondsey Works, the contract amount being £59 10s.

It having been found that no accommodation had been provided for the serving of refreshments in connection with the letting of the Public Hall, in accordance with instructions plans were prepared for covering over a portion of the yard. These plans, after slight amendments and additions, received the approval of the London County Council. The building was constructed by Mr. William Nash, of New Cross, and the roof work, which is practically all of wrought iron, with "Mellowes's" patent bars glazed with $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. rough plate, was constructed by Messrs. Mellowes and Co., the cost of the whole of the work amounting to just over £250.

The London County Council having raised objections to the use of combination fittings when the installation of the electric light was completed in the Public Hall, as a necessary precaution in case of failure of the light a sun burner of 600 c.p. has been fixed in the centre of the ceiling, with a galvanized iron exhaust shaft carried up through the roof. This work was executed by Messrs. William Sugg and Co., Ltd., of Westminster, at a cost of £74.

Inventory of Plant, Tools and Materials.

In hand March 25th, 1899.

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	Plant.		PLANT.—<i>con.</i>		PLANT.—<i>con.</i>
8	Mortar Boards	89	Brooms (new)	2	Hack Hammers
3	Searchers	36	Do. (in use)	2	Ash do. Handles
2	Ballast Screens (old)	80	Do. Handles	2	Mortar Rakes
11	Sieves (in use)	36	Broom Handles (old)	3 pairs	Goggles
4	Sieves (old)	3 sets	Machine Brooms	6 sets	Boning Rods
2	Concrete Boxes $\frac{1}{2}$ -yd.	1 set	Machine Broom stocks empty.	1 pair	Gas Tongs
2	Concrete Boxes $\frac{1}{8}$ -yd.	2	Heading Picks	2	Large Squares
7	Stand Horses	42	Picks	1 set	Sighting Rods
10	Mops	39	Do. Shafts	8	Straight Edges
6	Dust Shovels (new)	14	Granite Picks	8	Steel Wedges
4	Do. do. (in use)	3	Tooth-rakes	3	Twibills
48	Shovels No. 2 (new)	17	Rakes	12	Rammers (in use)
22	Do. do. (in use)	5	Long Ash Handles	8	Beadles
13	Do. do. (old)	18	Stonebreaking Hammers	13	Pails
12	Snow Shovels	24	Ditto Handles	1	Do. (small)
8	Grafting Tools (new)	6	Dressing Hammers	22	Dust Pails (new)
1	Do. do. (old)	5	Bedding do.	1	Level
11	Scoops (in use)	18	Do. do. Handles	29	Iron Pins
6	Do. (old)	1	Sledge do.	4	Steel do.
4	Do. Handles	1	Hand do.	7	Bars

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		PLANT.— <i>con.</i>
10	Standpost Keys	3	Davy Lamps	2	Mauls
1	Turncock Rake	22	Van and Cart Lamps	2	Hand Pumps
1	Do. Key	2	Hand do.	2	Slides to do.
2	Swan Neck Key	2	Naphtha do.	23	Standirons
5	Manhole Key	6	Kettle do.	2	Handsaws
2	Side Entrance Key	2	Storm do.	2	Cross-cut Saws
1	Gully Lift	2	Roller do.	1	Steel Chisel
2	Do. Hooks	12	Candle Lanterns	1	Carpenter's Chisel
2	Sling Chains	17	Oil do. (new)	1	Draw-knife
1	Chain Rope	12	Oil and Candle Lanterns (old)	1	Spoke-shave
4	Blocks and Chains (old)	3	Tide Boards	1	Short Ladder (new)
4	Chain Slings for Shoots	1	Stand Post	2	Do. (in use)
6	Rope Slings	1	Snatchblock	2	Long Ladder
3 Sets	Gully Tools	4 sets	Blocks and Chains (old)	1	Small Office on Wheels
7	Hoes	3 sets	Weston's Blocks and Chains (new)	4	Watch-boxes
4	Do. (Wood)	2	Balance Weights for Shoots	6	Forks (new)
4	Dutch Hoes	8	Branding Irons	4	Do. (in use)
7	Drain Worms	3	Gully Wires	1	Water Tank
106	Do. Rods	2	Do. Stools	5	Water Tubs
1	Do. Punch	6	Punners	150 ft.	Leather Hose
14	Canes for Drain Rods	9 pairs	Sewer Boots	60 ft.	Armoured do.
3	Drain Wheels	4 „	Do. (useless)	15 ft.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. Rubber Hose

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		PLANT.— <i>con.</i>
4 ft.	2-in. Rubber Hose	2	Gas Brackets	1	Jack Roll
3	Augers	1	Jointing Tool	1	Foot Bridge
4	Files	4	Tar Pots	2	Lamp Boxes
2	Cold (sets)	1	Tar Ladle	6	Dust Vans
1	Vice	6	Barrow Wheels	14	Slop do.
1	Roller Sheet	1	Lead Ladle	6	Material Carts
1	Sheet for Gully Van	5	Brass Couplings	1	Stone do.
5	Truck Sheets	1	Rod to clean Gully Grates	2	Water do.
2	Axes	2	Floating Trowels	8	Do. Vans
1	Key Drift	2	Wooden do.	2	Flushing Tank
1 pair	Shears	1	Spiral Spring	1	Do. Vans
2	Fire Devils	4	Caps for Stand Posts	2	Horse Brooms
1	Kerb Line	1	Wrench for do.	1	Street Orderly
30 ft.	Manilla Rope (new)	2	Distemper Brushes	3	Water Shoots (old)
400 ft.	Do. (in use)	2	Tar Brushes (new)	7	Material Trucks
8	Builders' Baskets	2	Soft Brooms	1	Sewer Trolley
3	Wire Ropes	1	Hand do.	1	Box Barrow
7	Dust Bells	2	Blacklead Brushes	2	Navy Barrows
3	Water Cans with Roses	1 bdle.	Hoop Iron	21	Do. do. (old)
19	White Lamp Glasses	3	Wood Block Gauges	14	Handles for Slop Vans
29	Ruby do.	10	Lanterns for Street Lamps	6	Do. Dust Vans
5	Gas Plugs	2	Lamp Columns	8	Hooks do.

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		PLANT.— <i>con.</i>		IRONWORK.— <i>con.</i>
47	Spanners for Caps	2	Iron Barriers	5	Manhole Tops and Covers
4	Squeegees	6	Gully Pails	1	Do. (galvanised)
18 ft.	Brass Wire	1 set	Rope Blocks	5	Lamphole Tops and Covers
60	Brasses for Sewer Rods	2	Reversing Lever Springs	18	Gully Tops and Grates (old)
2	Brass Cocks	1	Caulking Tool	6	Do. (new)
1	Soldering Iron	3	Tube Ferules	5	Cast Iron Patent Gullies
1	Screw Spanner	1	Tool Box	6	4-in. Cast Iron Bends
5	Notice Boards for Roller	200	Cement Sacks	1	4-in. do. Pipe
1 set	Fire Tools	5	Brackets for Dust Van Covers	2	6-in. do. Syphons
1	Steam Roller	2	Spoke Brushes	1	Rod of Iron
1	Do. Crane	1 pair	Pinchers	30	Split Pins
2	Oil Feeders	2 doz.	Brass Lamp Locks	19	Foot Irons
3	Skips	1	Water Stand-pipe	6 cwt.	Old Iron
2 pair	Skips Chains	2	Jemmies	4	15-in. Penstocks
4	Gauge Glasses	1	Lime Bin	1	9-in. do.
2	Bell-mouthed Funnels	2	Jets	3	6-in. do.
1	Tube Rod	34	Suits Oilskins and Sou' Westers	5	Cast Iron Gully Baskets
1	Steam Pressure Gauge	2	2-gal. Oil Cans	1	Side Entrance Top and Cover
2	Wire Tube Brushes			3	Manhole Plates (old)
1	Jack		Ironwork.	1 set	Fire Bars for Crane
2	Sawing Horses	13 lbs.	Nails	28 lbs.	Rivets for Dust Pails
6	Pail Scrapers	2	Iron Girders	20	1½-in. Rivets for Dust Van Covers

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	IRONWORK.—con.		MATERIALS.—con.		MATERIALS.—con.
24	Pulleys	22 gals.	Colza Oil	3 cwt.	Coke
8	Catches for Slop Vans	9 gals.	Machine Oil	28 ft. 6 in.	Sup. Rubbed York
8	Collars do.	10 gals.	Cylinder Oil	598 ft. 6 in.	Sup. Tooled do.
12	Pins do.	4 gals.	Axle Oil	722 ft.	Sup. Victoria Paving
2	Shackles	4 gals.	Leather Sell	3 ft.	Run York Edging
11	Tug Hooks	2 lbs.	Cart Grease	364 tons	Broken Granite
4	S do.	5 lbs.	Tallow	461 ft.	Run New Granite
1 set	Old Fire Bars	1 cwt.	Waste	53 ft.	Run New Granite Kerb
6	Spindles for Stop Cocks	56 lbs.	Boiler Composition	67 ft. 6 in.	Run Redressed Circular Kerb
12	14 in. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bolts and Nuts	6 lbs.	Tar Band	30 ft.	Run Redressed Circular Kerb
13	3½ in. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. do.	10 lbs.	Spun Yarn	17 ft. 6 in.	Run Old Kerb
15	4 in. by $\frac{5}{8}$ in. do.	2 lbs.	Worsted	7 ft. 4 in.	Run Old Circular Kerb
12	3 in. by $\frac{5}{8}$ in. do.	26 lbs.	Asbestos Packing	588 ft.	Run Old Granite Tram
6	1 in. by $\frac{1}{4}$ in. do.	1 sheet	Do.	30 tons	7 ft. by 3 in. New Pitching
12	6 in. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. do.	13	Manhole Rings	10 tons	7 ft. by 4 in. do.
2 ft. 6 in.	7 in. Cast Iron Pipe	20	Mudhole do.	144 tons	Redressed Pitching
	Materials.	10 gals.	Stockholm Tar	20 tons	Old do.
		1 cwt.	Pitch	5 tons	Crushed Granite
1 lb.	Red Lead	42½ pkts.	Candles	26 yds.	Ballast
2 lbs.	White Lead	40 gals.	Soluble Acid	65 yds.	Sand
1 qt.	Brunswick Black	16 cwt.	Sanitas Powder	1½ yds.	Lime
2 casks	Paraffin	½ lb.	Lamp Black	70 yds.	Hoggin

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	MATERIALS.—con.		MATERIALS.—con.		Pipes, etc.
5 tons	Cement	8 lbs.	Hemp Packing	1	9 in. Backwater Flap
342	Blue Paving Bricks	2 lbs.	Pig Lead	1	12 in. do. (old)
560	Stock Bricks	6	Leather Standpost Washers	1	3 in. Pipe
23 ft.	Sup. Mosaic Paving	1 sheet	Rubber	53	4 in. do.
140 yds.	P. Gravel	2	$\frac{3}{8}$ in. brass Set Screws	96	6 in. do.
7 yds.	Hardcore	2 cwt.	Old Lead	9	9 in. do.
1 yd.	Tarpaving (Rough)			116	12 in. do.
360	Old Slates		Timber.	3	15 in. do.
6	Blue Bull Nose Bricks	44 ft.	Run 9 in. by 3 in. Planks	5	18 in. do.
8	Dble. do.	738 ft.	Run 11 in. by 3 in. Planks	76	4 in. Bends
6 Bags	Salt	854 ft.	Run 7 in. by 2 in. Runners	1	3 in. do.
55 gals.	Cresote Oil	40 ft.	Run 3 in. by 2 in. Runners	137	6 in. do.
33 sheets	Emery Cloth	132 ft.	Run 3 in. by 1 in. Spruce	12	9 in. do.
48 tins	Metal Polish	100 ft.	Run 2½ in. by ¾ in. Spruce	4	12 in. do.
2 pieces	Lamp Cotton	1½	Fathoms Polling Boards	8	4 in. by 4 in. Junctions
14 lbs.	Soda	3	Sleepers	4	6 in. by 4 in. do.
25 tons	Ganite Spalls	419 ft.	Run Dice Square	11	6 in. by 6 in. do.
22	Blue Channel Bricks	49	Scaffold Poles	38	9 in. by 4 in. do.
65	Red Coping Tiles	23	Ventilator Blocks	24	9 in. by 6 in. do.
6	Red Ridge do.	55	Do. (large) (small)	9	15 in. by 6 in. do.
2	Spur Stones	2,450	Wood Paving Blocks	1	18 in. by 6 in. do.
3 rolls	Bunting		9 in. by 3 in. by 5 in.	1	9 in. by 9 in. do.

No.	Description.	No.	Description.	No.	Description.
	PIPES, etc.— <i>con.</i>		PIPES, etc.— <i>con.</i>		PIPES, etc.— <i>con.</i>
15	6 in. to 4 in. Taper Pipes	3 ft. 6 in.	6 in. Channel Pipe	1	6 in. Earthenware Penstock
10	9 in. to 6 in. do.	3 ft. 9 in.	9 in. do.	1	4 in. P. Gully
6	6 in. Sykes Interceptors	2 ft. 6 in.	9 in. Channel Junction	1	4 in. S. do.
6	6 in. Block Syphons	42	6 in. Saddles		
6	6 in. Gully do.	6	6 in. Sluish Traps		

Workmen and Wages.

Summary of Wages paid through the Surveyor's Department for the year ended 25th March, 1899:—

Scavenging—

						£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Street Sweeping	-	-	-	-	-	1920	12	5				
Street Watering	-	-	-	-	-	22	13	10				
										1943	6	3

Footways and Roadways—

Footways	-	-	-	-	-	573	7	8
Roadways	-	-	-	-	-	681	12	4
Macadam Roads	-	-	-	-	-	678	9	9
Trenching	-	-	-	-	-	438	14	5
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Sewers—

Flushing Urinals	-	-	-	-	-	164	6	4
Cleansing Manholes and Sewers	-	-	-	-	-	79	9	3
Cleansing Gullies	-	-	-	-	-	98	2	11
Repairs to Sewers	-	-	-	-	-	51	12	2
New Drainage Works	-	-	-	-	-	684	10	7
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						1078	1	3
House Refuse	-	-	-	-	-	180	13	4
Bull Head Wharf a/c	-	-	-	-	-	231	11	6
Lighting	-	-	-	-	-	0	14	0
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	61	14	5
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						£5868	4	11

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

NORMAN SCORGIE, Assoc. M. Inst. C.E.

Engineer and Surveyor.

Gentlemen,

Since writing the above, having been appointed Chief Surveyor to the Vestry of Hackney, and my resignation having been accepted of the appointment I have had the honour of holding from you for the past five and a half years, I cannot sever my official connection without desiring to thank every member of the Vestry for the kindness, consideration and support I have always received during the whole period, and to assure you that my services will always be available to my successor should he desire any assistance which it is in my power to give.

Yours obediently,

NORMAN SCORGIE.

Town Hall, 24th June, 1899.

THE
ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
From January 1st to December 31st, 1898.

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, giving the corrected population as 40,400 for the year. Owing to the demolition of houses in Osprey Street and Yeoman Street on account of the Dock Extension; and Silwood Street, Debnam's Row, New Road, and Raymouth Road, owing to S.E.R. Co. requiring these properties, and the consequent exodus of population from the parish, I have allowed the number of inhabitants to remain the same as last year.

Number of Births registered :—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	...	156	159	315
In the second quarter	...	...	192	146	338
In the third quarter	...	...	168	155	323
In the fourth quarter	...	...	164	158	322
Totals for the year	...	...	680	618	1298

Number of Deaths (Parishioners only) registered :—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	...	...	94	80	174
In the second quarter	106	103	209
In the third quarter	108	85	193
In the fourth quarter	102	78	180
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Totals for the year	410	346	756

Increase :—

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
In the first quarter	62	79	141
In the second quarter	...	...	86	43	129
In the third quarter	...	...	60	70	130
In the fourth quarter	...	...	62	80	142
			—	—	—
Totals for the year	...	...	270	272	542

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

Births :—				Males.	Females.	Totals.
1893	...	...	...	712	693	1405
1894	...	...	...	711	662	1373
1895	...	...	...	649	648	1297
1896	...	...	...	700	646	1346
1897	...	...	...	630	628	1258
1898	...	...	...	680	618	1298

Deaths :—				Males.	Females.	Totals.
1893	...	...	...	520	453	973
1894	...	...	...	387	380	767
1895	...	...	...	373	417	790
1896	...	...	...	442	387	829
1897	...	...	...	426	335	761
1898	...	...	...	410	346	756

Increases :—				Males.	Females.	Totals.
1893	...	...	...	167	205	372
1894	...	...	..	324	282	606
1895	...	...	...	276	231	407
1896	...	...	...	258	259	517
1897	...	...	...	204	293	497
1898	...	...	...	270	272	542

Deaths of Parishioners in Outlying Institutions.

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

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Guy's Hospital	14	9	23
South-Eastern Fever Hospital ...	2	1	3
Evelina Hospital... ..	1	0	1
Cancer Hospital, Chelsea ..	1	0	1
Brook Fever Hospital	5	3	8
Park Fever Hospital	1	2	3
King's College Hospital	2	1	3
Middlesex Hospital	0	2	2
Children's Hospital, Shadwell ...	7	4	11
London Hospital	0	1	1
Royal Chest Hospital, City Road ...	1	1	2
St. Thomas's Hospital	1	2	3
Infirmery, Bermondsey	0	4	4
Infirmery, Parish Street	10	3	13
Westminster Workhouse ..	1	0	1
Cane Hill Asylum	2	0	2
Banstead Asylum	3	0	3
Camberwell House Asylum ...	0	1	1
St. Peter's House, Kennington ...	2	0	2

			Males.	Females.	Totals.
Brought forward	...	...	53	34	87
Brompton Hospital	...	...	2	1	3
Children's Hospital, Great Ormonde Street			0	1	1
Miller Hospital, Greenwich	...	...	1	0	1
Caterham Asylum	...	...	0	2	2
Hanwell Asylum...	...	...	1	0	1
Maternity House, Hackney	...	...	0	1	1
Cheyne House	...	...	0	1	1
Broadway, Blackfriars Road	...	...	0	1	1
Ilford Asylum	...	...	2	1	3
Spa Road Station	...	...	1	0	1
Limehouse Cut	...	...	1	0	1
River Thames	...	...	3	0	3
			—	—	—
		Total	64	42	106

Deaths in the Parish of Non-Parishioners.

Males.	Females.	Totals.
148	98	246

Of these, 212 were from Bermondsey; 15 from St. Olave's; 25 from St. John's; 1 from St. Thomas; 3 from Deptford; 2 from Walworth; 2 Unknown; 1 from each of the following places:—Southwark Bridge Road, Whitechapel, Clerkenwell, Blackheath, Stepney, Mile End, Blackwall, Borough, Peckham, Austria, Camberwell.

Birth Rate.

The Birth Rate per thousand per annum is 32.4.

Death Rate.

The Death Rate per thousand per annum is 18.7.

Uncertified Deaths—with Age of Patient and supposed Cause of Death.

Eleven deaths were uncertified. Six were of adults, and five of infants. On all these cases the Coroner stated that, in his opinion, an inquest was not necessary. In 1891 fifteen deaths were not certified. In 1892 nineteen. In 1893 seventeen. In 1894 twelve. In 1895 eighteen. In 1896 thirteen. In 1897 twenty.

- (i.) Labourer, aged 67, Heart Disease; (ii.) Male, 63 years, Heart Disease; (iii.) Female, aged 74, Senile Decay; (iv.) Male, 79 years, Senile Decay; (v.) Wife of lighterman, aged 54, Phthisis; (vi.) Infant, aged 6 months, Convulsions; (vii.) Waterman, aged 49, Intestinal Intussusception; (viii.) Infant, aged 4 months, Diarrhœa; (ix.) Infant, aged 11 months, Diarrhœa; (x.) Infant, aged 8 months, Convulsions; (xi.) Infant, aged 1 day, Convulsions.

Inquests and Verdicts.

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

Seventy-nine Inquests have been held. The Verdicts were:—

During the month of January—Five. Shock; Convulsions; Drowned in Thames
Drowned in the Docks; Found dead in the Docks.

During the month of February—Four. Syncope following Acute Pneumonia; Asphyxia following Acute Pneumonia; Suicide by drowning; Meningitis caused by accidental fall down stairs whilst intoxicated.

During the month of March—Four. Convulsions (2); Found dead in Thames;
Drowned in the Surrey Commercial Docks.

During the month of April—Three. Drowned in Surrey Commercial Docks; Drowned at Chelsea; Run over by Omnibus.

During the month of May—Five. Drowned at Limehouse; Drowned at Shadwell; Accidental burns; Drowned in Thames; Run over by Van.

During the month of June—Eight. Cellulitis of face; Drowned in Thames; Syncope from Tuberculosis; Accidentally suffocated in bed (3); Accidental fall from a train in motion; Accidental death from cart upsetting and falling upon him.

During the month of July—Seven. Drowned in Docks, (3); Run over by Cab; Asphyxia from Congestion of Lungs; Found dead in Thames, 2.

During the month of August—Four. Drowned in Thames; Septic Broncho-Pneumonia; Inflammation of Brain from accidental fall down stairs; Fracture of base of skull by accidental fall whilst driving a van.

During the month of September—Eleven. Suicide by taking poison; Apoplexy (2); Convulsions; Drowned in Thames; Coma from accidental injury to head; Injuries whilst diving into the Swimming Bath; Meningitis from excessive heat: Fractured Ribs from falling off the steps at the pier; Scalds; Throwing himself from a wall at the Workhouse when in a state of temporary insanity.

During the month of October—Five. Suffocated in bed; Apoplexy; Heart Disease; Acute Congestion of Brain by accidental fall of a shed; Septic Peritonitis.

During the month of November—Eight. Burns by accidental breaking of a paraffin lamp; Found Drowned in River Thames; Drowned at Belvedere; Pericarditis; Drowned in the Surrey Commercial Docks during a dense fog; Accidentally Suffocated whilst in bed with its parents; Suffocation following Convulsions; Accidental Burns.

During the month of December—Fifteen. Drowned in Thames, (2); Drowned in Surrey Commercial Docks, (3); Syncope from long immersion in the sea; Meningitis caused by a large piece of coal falling on the top of his head;

Consumption; Burns by explosion of a paraffin lamp; Syncope following Tubercular Pericarditis; Injuries sustained accidentally by falling whilst getting over garden fence; Syncope following Congestion of Brain; Strangulated Hernia.

Zymotic Diseases.

The number of deaths in the parish and the Asylums Board and other Hospitals is 86. In 1893 the number was 142. In 1894 the number was 126. In 1895 the number was 102. In 1896 the number was 154. In 1897 the number was 131.

All the cases of Measles were complicated with Bronchitis, Pneumonia, or Broncho-Pneumonia. In my opinion these various forms of lung disease were the true causes of death.

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

Smallpox, none; Scarlet Fever, ten; Enteric Fever, one; Typhus Fever, none; Puerperal Fever, two; Continued Fever, none; Relapsing Fever, none; Diphtheria, eight; Diarrhœa, twenty-two; Measles, twenty-four; Whooping Cough, Fifteen; Erysipelas, one; Membranous Croup, three; English Cholera, none; Influenza, eight.

SMALLPOX. None. None last year.

SCARLET FEVER. Ten. Twenty-two last year.

FEVERS. None. None last year.

ENTERIC FEVER. One. Two last year.

TYPHUS FEVER. None. None last year.

DIPHTHERIA. Eight. Nineteen last year.

ERYSIPELAS. One. One last year.

WHOOPING COUGH. Fifteen. Fourteen last year.

MEASLES. Twenty-four. Nineteen last year.

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

MEMBRANOUS CROUP. Three. None last year.

PUERPERAL FEVER. Two. One last year.

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

ENGLISH CHOLERA. None. None last year.

There is a marked and pleasing decrease in Enteric Fever, Diphtheria, and Scarlet Fever.

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

	1898		1897		1896		1895		1894		1893	
Typhus Fever ...	none		none		none		none		none		none	
Enteric ,, ...	1	·025	2	·05	11	·26	9	·21	2	·05	7	·17
Scarlet ,, ...	10	·26	22	·54	10	·24	8	·2	15	·35	14	·34
Puerperal ,, ...	2	·05	1	·025	3	·07	none		none		3	·07
Fever (not defined)	none		none		none		none		none		none	
Small Pox... ..	none		none		none		1	·025	none		13	·3
Measles	24	·54	19	·47	43	1·07	18	·44	37	·9	8	·179
Diphtheria	8	·18	19	·4	25	·62	29	·7	28	·7	27	·68
Whooping Cough	15	·39	14	·36	32	·8	5	·12	12	·3	31	·79
Diarrhœa	22	·53	49	1·21	27	·67	25	·6	26	·69	31	·79
Erysipelas... ..	1	·025	1	·025	1	·025	3	·08	1	·025	3	·07
Membranous Croup	3	·075	none		1	·025	1	·025	1	·025	4	·1
English Cholera ...	none		none		none		none		none		1	·025

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.
Elgar Street	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Eve's Place	—
Eugenia Road	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	8
Faustin Place	—
Fisher's Court	—
Forsyth Street	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	6
Fulford Street	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	5
Galleywall Road...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Gataker Street	—
Gilham's Court	—
Glebe Road	—
Gomm Hospital	—
Gomm Road	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Gooch Place	—
Goodsn. Rd. Bd. Sc.	—
Hadland Street	—
Hatteraick Street	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hawkstone Road	—
Henwood Road	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hickling Street	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Hobman Street	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hothfield Place	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ilderton Road	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	4
Infiry. (St. Olave's)	—
Irwell Place	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Kenning Street	1	...	1
Kinburn Street	1	...	...	...	...	1
Lagos Place	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lavender Lane	—
Lovett's Place	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lower Road	6	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	10
Luxford Street	—
Litlington Street	—
Manor Lane	—
Mariner's Bldgs....	—
Maynard Road	1	...	...	...	1	...	2
Matson Street	1	...	1
Mistairs Bldgs.	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5
Moodkee Street	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Moreton terrace	—
Mossington Road	1	1
Nelldale Road	—
Neptune Street	1	1	3	1	6

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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	8	16	...	...	...	...	...	24
Scarlet Fever	6	4	...	...	...	...	10
Typhus „	—
Enteric „	1	...	...	1
Relapsing „	—
Remittent „	—
Simple and Undefined Fever	—
Influenza	1	1	1	1	3	1	...	8
Whooping Cough	2	13	...	...	...	...	...	15
Diphtheria	1	4	3	...	...	...	...	8
Cholera (English)	—
Diarrhœa	19	...	1	...	1	1	...	22
Dysentery	—
Hydrophobia	—
Glanders	—
Cowpox and Vaccination	—
Syphilis, Congenital	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Erysipelas	1	...	1
Pyæmia	1	...	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Fever	2	...	...	...	2
Other Zymotic Diseases	—
Malignant Pustule...	—
Malassimilation	—
Alcoholism	1	1	...	...	2
Delirium Tremens	—
Rheumatic Fever	3	3	1	...	...	7
Rheumatism	—
Gout (Rheumatic)	1	1	2
Rickets	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cancer of Throat	1	...	...	1
„ „ Stomach	1	...	1
„ „ Uterus	5	...	...	5
„ „ Rectum	1	...	1	...	2
„ „ Breast	2	1	...	3
„ „ Tongue	1	1
„ „ Liver	2	1	4	4	1	12
„ „ Scrotum and Penis	—
„ „ Intestines	—
„ „ Bladder	1	...	1
„ „ Neck	1	...	...	1
„ „ Pancreas	—
„ „ Kidney	—
„ „ Testicle	—
„ „ Omentum	—
„ „ Lower Jaw	1	...	1
„ „ Pylorus	1	...	...	1
Tabes Mesenterica... ..	20	5	...	...	...	...	...	25
Tubercular Meningitis	1	9	11	...	1	...	...	22

Cause of Death.	Under one year.	One to Five.	Five to Twenty.	Twenty to Forty.	Forty to Sixty.	Sixty to Eighty.	Eighty and Upwards	Total.
Phthisis	1	1	4	33	31	5	...	75
Scrofula ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Other Constitutional Diseases ...	2	...	4	2	4	1	...	13
Premature Birth	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Atelectasis	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Old Age ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	17	18	35
Apoplexy ... ..	...	...	...	1	5	18	4	28
Paralysis ... ..	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	4
Epilepsy ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Convulsions	21	1	...	...	...	...	...	22
Other Diseases of Brain	1	...	2	4	1	10	...	18
Otorrhœa ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Diseases of Circulatory System ...	1	...	9	5	21	21	4	61
Croup and Laryngitis	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bronchitis	20	7	1	5	17	30	2	82
Broncho-Pneumonia	25	19	1	...	2	1	...	48
Pneumonia	4	1	3	7	12	1	...	28
Pleuro-Pneumonia... ..	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
Pleurisy ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs	...	...	1	...	2	3	...	6
Dentition	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	8
Enteritis	33	6	1	...	...	1	...	41
Peritonitis ... ..	...	...	2	3	3	...	...	8
Other Diseases of Digestive Organs	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Parturition ... ..	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Hernia (Strangulated)	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
Plumbism ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Diseases of Urinary System ... ..	...	...	1	4	8	2	...	15
Intestinal Obstruction ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Diseases of Generative System ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Diseases of the Locomotive System	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Accidents—Fractures ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Wounds ... ..	...	1	1	4	...	...	...	6
Burns and Scalds ... ..	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	4
Poisoning ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Drowning ... ..	...	...	1	2	4	2	1	10
Suffocation in bed	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Other Causes	1	1	...	3	2	1	...	8
Suicide—								
Wounds (Cut Throat) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Poison ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Drowning ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Hanging ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Other Causes ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1

Bakehouses

Have been inspected twice. The majority were in good order and clean condition. It was found necessary to serve notices on a few of them. These notices were duly attended to.

Slaughter-houses and Cow-sheds

Have been inspected twice during the year, and were found to comply with the required regulations. No opposition was offered to a renewal of the licenses.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

JOSEPHUS SHAW, Medical Officer of Health.

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



TABLE 1 AS REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

(A) Table of Deaths during the Year 1898, in the Rotherhithe (London, S.E.) Metropolitan District, classified according to Diseases, Ages and Localities.

Table of Deaths during the Year 1895, in the Metropolitan Districts.																																
NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities. (Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.)	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES.							MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																								
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	(1)	1	2	3	4	FEBRILE.					9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
													Small-pox.	Scarletina.	Diphtheria.	Meningitis Group.	Typhus.															Erysipelas.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(z)	(aa)	(ab)	(ac)	(ad)	(ae)	(af)	(ag)
Rotherhithe	724	212	104	35	35	221	117	Under 5 5 upwds	...	7	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	14	20	...	6	85	...	2	8	162	356	
St. Olave's Infirmary (of the District)	99	1	...	4	7	56	31	Under 5 5 upwds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Olave's Infirmary (not of the District)	272	1	9	2	10	180	70	Under 5 5 upwds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gomm Hospital ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Under 5 5 upwds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
River Thames	15	...	...	...	...	14	1	Under 5 5 upwds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surrey Commercial Docks	12	...	...	...	5	6	1	Under 5 5 upwds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	1122	314	113	41	57	477	220	Under 5 5 upwds	...	7	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	17	21	...	9	85	...	12	8	162	...	

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality.

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* The heading of column 19 is left blank for the insertion of Influenza, or any other disease which it may be thought desirable to record.

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.—Area in Acres, 754; Population (last Census) 33,379; Population (estimated to middle of 1898) 40,400. Death Rates: General, 187 (per 1,000 population, estimated to middle of 1898); Infant, under one year of age, 52.9 (per 1,000 births registered).

M 11. Table of POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1898, in the Parish of Rotherhithe; classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.
(B)

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities.	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.		Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY, COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.													NUMBER OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.													
	Last Census.	Estimated to middle of 1898.			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
					Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Dysentery.	Meningitis Group.	FEVERS.					Cholera.	Erysipelas.			Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Dysentery.	Meningitis Group.	FEVERS.					Cholera.	Erysipelas.			
									Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.									Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)																											
Rotherhithe	40,579	40,400 (See the remarks introductory to my Annual Report).	...	Under 5	...	55	19	1	...	1	11	34	14	
				5 upwards.	...	91	21	20	3	...	73	70	10	12	
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TOTALS				Under 5	...	55	19	1	...	1	11	34	14		
				5 upwards.	...	91	21	20	3	...	73	70	10	12		

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District: Yes. Since when? 1890. Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with blank headings the names of any other diseases that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the locality in which such Hospital is situated; or if not within the District, state where it is situated: Old Kent Road and Shooter's Hill.

Appendix A.

Report of Sanitary Inspector for the Northern District.

Report of the Sanitary Work, etc., during the year ending 31st December, 1898.

Houses and premises inspected	—	—	—	—	1064
Re-inspections	—	—	—	—	1956
Infected houses inspected	—	—	—	—	175
Intimation notices served	—	—	—	—	926
Statutory notices served	—	—	—	—	182
Rooms disinfected (after infectious disease)	—	—	—	—	96
Bedding destroyed	—	—	—	—	nil
Bedding purified	—	—	—	—	nil
Defective water fittings and inefficient supplies	—	—	—	—	148
Dirty and dilapidated rooms, passages and wash-houses	—	—	—	—	392
Insanitary and defective w.c. pans and traps	—	—	—	—	96
No through ventilation under floors	—	—	—	—	113
Defective stack pipes, guttering, flooring, window sashes, etc.	—	—	—	—	354
Defective yard and wash-house paving	—	—	—	—	446
Damp and defective house walls	—	—	—	—	88
W.C.'s and urinals without water	—	—	—	—	28
Defective main, wash-house and w.c. roofs	—	—	—	—	136
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	16
Sink waste and stack pipes directly connected with drains	—	—	—	—	43
Stables unpaved	—	—	—	—	1
Smoke nuisances abated	—	—	—	—	32

Insanitary and defective traps	—	—	—	—	111
Drains unstopped and cleansed	—	—	—	—	37
Accumulation of offensive matters	—	—	—	—	5
No receptacles for dung	—	—	—	—	3
Dirty, defective and uncovered cisterns	—	—	—	—	51
Forecourts defective and unpaved	—	—	—	—	23
Defective main and branch drains	—	—	—	—	19
Sanitary conveniences supplied to workshops, wharves, etc.	—	—	—	—	2
Workshops and work-places inspected	—	—	—	—	2
Trade nuisances abated	—	—	—	—	nil
Animals kept as to be a nuisance	—	—	—	—	5
Drinking water cistern directly connected to w.c.	—	—	—	—	37
No receptacles for offal	—	—	—	—	nil
Houses registered under Bye-laws for houses let in lodging	—	—	—	—	5
Bodies removed to mortuary	—	—	—	—	3
Bakehouses and cowhouses	—	—	—	—	13

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.
Brandy — —	1	1	—	—	—
Butter — —	22	21	1	—	—
Cheese — — —	4	4	—	—	—
Cocoa — —	2	2	—	—	—
Coffee — —	4	3	1	—	—
Coffee (mixed) —	1	1	—	—	—
Gin — — —	1	1	—	—	—
Gregory's Powder —	1	—	1	—	—
Margarine —	14	13	1	—	—
Milk — — —	40	35	5	—	—
Mustard — —	3	3	—	—	—
Pepper — — —	2	2	—	—	—
Rum — — —	1	1	—	—	—
Vinegar — —	1	1	—	—	—
Whiskey — —	3	3	—	—	—
	100	91	9	Nil.	Nil.

* Eight of the above samples adulterated, being the first offence, letters of caution were sent by order of the Vestry.

In one case the percentage was too small for prosecution.

On the 28th November, 1898, my attention was called to 47 cases tinned meat lying at Bellamy's Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, which were destroyed by the owners under my supervision.

On the 3rd December, my attention was called to a large quantity of tinned foods of various kind at 28, Paradise Street. On examination I found the same totally unfit for food of man. The same were submitted and condemned by the Magistrate (G. G. Kennedy, Esq.) at Greenwich Police Court ; proceedings were subsequently instituted against the Vendor, who was fined £100. Notice of appeal was given.

THOMAS L. DAVIES.

Appendix B.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Southern District.

House-to-House Inspection.

From January to December, 1898.

Mossington Road
 Faustin Place
 Manor Lane
 Abbeyfield Road
 Bush Road
 Oldfield Road
 Corbetts Lane
 Elgar Street
 Dartmouth Road
 Bracton Road
 Raymouth Road
 Litlington Street
 Clare Hall Place
 St. Helena Road

Cow Lane
 Galley Wall Road
 Canute Street
 Bestwood Street
 Chilton Street
 Eugenia Road
 Silver Street
 Cranswick Road
 Mariners Buildings
 Elgar Street
 Parfitt Road
 Luxford Street
 Sedgers Buildings
 Rotherhithe Street.

Overcrowding.

14, Faustin Place
 4, Faustin Place
 23, Faustin Place
 31, Chilton Street
 20, Osprey Street
 2, Sedgers Buildings

14, Canute Street
 4, Canute Street
 4, Reed Street
 51, Eugenia Road
 63, Silwood Street.

Sale of Food and Drugs' Act.

List of articles submitted to the Public Analyst from January to December, 1898.

Articles.	Number of Samples.	Genuine.	Adulterated.	Amount of Fines.	Costs.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cocoa Mixture —	1	1	—	—	—
Butter — —	16	16	—	—	—
Pepper— — —	5	5	—	—	—
Milk — —	41	39	2	3 0 0	0 4 0
Mustard — —	6	6	—	—	—
Gin — —	5	5	—	—	—
Rum — — —	3	2	1	—	—
Margarine —	9	8	1	1 0 0	0 2 0
Cheese — —	3	3	—	—	—
Coffee — —	6	6	—	—	—
Mixed Coffee —	1	—	1	—	—
Coffee and Chicory	1	—	1	—	—
Chocolate Powder —	2	2	—	—	—
Vinegar — —	2	2	—	—	—
Skim Milk — —	1	1	—	—	—
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Five of the above samples were adulterated, but being the first offence letters of caution were sent by order of the Vestry.

In one case the Vendor refused to serve, but no action was taken.

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

From January to December, 1898.

31, Faustin Place
19, Corbett's Lane
22, Westlake Road

During the month of April the following Houses were Inspected and found in a clean and sanitary condition :—

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

Public Health (London) Act, 1891.

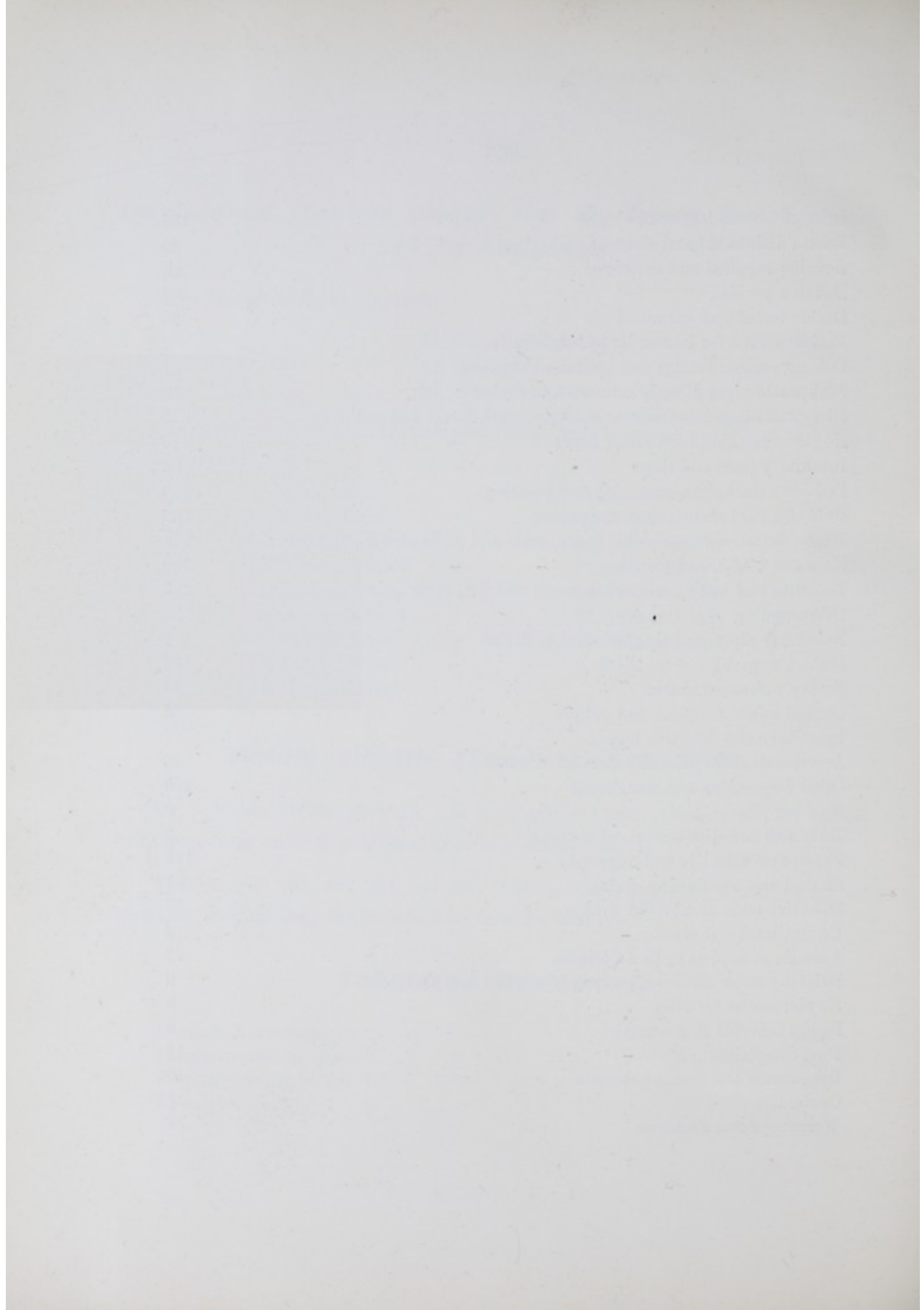
Mr. T. Minett, 81, Plough Road, was fined £10 and two guineas costs, for sending forth dense black smoke in such quantity as to be a nuisance.

The Owner of 107, 109, 111 and 113, Eugenia Road, was fined 4 guineas for not complying with statutory notices served for defective drainage.

Tabulated Statement.

House-to-house inspection	—	—	—	—	1023
Intimation notices served	—	—	—	—	988
Statutory notices served	—	—	—	—	372
Re-inspections	—	—	—	—	2338

Infected houses inspected -	-	-	-	-	130
Rooms disinfected and cleansed	-	-	-	-	83
Bedding supplied and destroyed	-	-	-	-	nil
Bedding purified	-	-	-	-	nil
Drains tested and examined	-	-	-	-	28
Notices served for houses let in lodgings	-	-	-	-	7
Defective water fittings and inefficient supplies	-	-	-	-	27
Sink waste pipes directly connected to drains	-	-	-	-	19
Dirty and dilapidated rooms, passages, wash-house and ceilings	-	-	-	-	327
No through ventilation under floors	-	-	-	-	110
Insanitary pans and traps	-	-	-	-	65
Defective stackpipes, guttering and pointing	-	-	-	-	299
Defective yard and wash-house paving	-	-	-	-	305
Damp, defective house walls, floors, seats and walls of w.c., and urinals	-	-	-	-	235
No water to w.c. and urinals	-	-	-	-	109
Defective and leaky main, wash-house and w.c. roofs	-	-	-	-	203
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	11
Rainwater pipes directly connected to drains	-	-	-	-	7
Stables unpaved	-	-	-	-	12
Smoky nuisances abated	-	-	-	-	13
Choked rainwater pipes and gutters	-	-	-	-	62
Insanitary and defective traps	-	-	-	-	77
Accumulations of offensive matter	-	-	-	-	40
Other inspections and complaints	-	-	-	-	129
No dung pits	-	-	-	-	9
Dirty and defective uncovered cisterns	-	-	-	-	5
Forecourts defective and unpaved	-	-	-	-	116
Choked and overflowing drains	-	-	-	-	21
Defective main and branch drains	-	-	-	-	35
Unventilated soil pipes	-	-	-	-	2
Animals so kept as to be a nuisance	-	-	-	-	27
Drinking water cistern directly connected to w.c.'s	-	-	-	-	9
No receptacles for offal	-	-	-	-	3
Bodies removed to mortuary	-	-	-	-	2
Dust complaints	-	-	-	-	11
Bakehouses and slaughterhouses	-	-	-	-	19
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