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CITY OF PITTSBURG ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE OF COUNCILS, FOR THE YEAR 1856, WITH THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE *To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburg:*

The Committee appointed to audit and adjust the accounts of the City officers, for the year ending December 31st, 1856—Respectfully report: That they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers, of the Mayor, and of the City Treasurer, and find the same to be correct.

The warrant books of the Mayor are neatly and accurately kept, in the usual forms established by his predecessors. These forms, the Committee find to be inconvenient; and they have devised other forms for the year 1857, which will greatly lessen the labors of future auditing Committees.

The Committee find much diversity in the forms of accounts and vouchers, used by different standing committees, who control disbursements, which occasion much inconvenience. They therefore recommend that the Mayor and Treasurer, for the year 1857, be authorised to devise a suitable form of pay rolls, to be used by all committees in stating and certifying accounts for services rendered by persons employed in the service of the city.

The balance of cash in the Treasury as reported, $8.31, was examined, and found to be correct.

The Committee have much satisfaction in repeating the commendations of the auditing committee of last year, respecting the manner in which the Treasurer's books are kept.

The accounts and statements of the various city officers, for the year 1856, are herewith submitted.

From the statement of the Treasurer of the Diamond Market House Association, which your Committee have compared with his books and vouchers, and found to be correct, it appears that the gross revenue derived from the Diamond Market Houses for the year 1856 amounts to the sum of $17,609.61, while the total expenses of operating them, amount to only $2,804.21. Of course the items of the building account, interest account, rent to the city, and the salary of the Treasurer of the Association, cannot properly be included in the regular current expenses. This leaves a net revenue or profit of $14,709.40.

The whole amount due to the stockholders of the Association is $15,330, against which there is $6,723.77 cash in the hands of the Treasurer, which leaves a balance of $8,606.23 with interest from July 1st 1856 on the total amount due the stockholders, yet to be paid off before the buildings revert to the city. From this exhibit, it is apparent that the Market Houses will come into the possession of the city sometime during the present year; and your committee recommend to the early attention of the incoming councils, the preparation of a complete system of rules and regulations, for the government of the markets, to take effect from the time when the property shall be surrendered by the Association, into the control of the city.

The Committee have appended to the account of the Monongahela wharf, a statistical statement, which exhibits the nature and extent of the business of navigation, of the port, for each of the different classes of boats, and for each month of the year, separately; which they suppose to be a matter of general public interest. This statement has been compiled from the books of the Monongahela wharfmaster, which have been kept very neatly and accurately.

The Committee have appended to the statement of Rail Road Stocks owned by the City a general Rail Road account, which shows the profits and the losses of the City, on the shares which it owns in the several Rail Road Companies.

Your Committee will add that they find in the Treasurer's office regular certificates of stock issued by the Pittsburg & Steubenville; Allegheny Valley; Pittsburg & Connellsville, and Pennsylvania & Ohio Rail Road Companies. From the Chartiers Valley Company, they find acknowledgements of the subscription of the city, to the stock; and receipts for the bonds issued in payment thereof; but they find no regular certificate of stock. Your Committee recommend to the next councils to authorize a committee to procure a certificate of the stock owned by the City in the Chartiers Valley Company; and also to exchange the certificates of the Ohio & Pennsylvania Company, for the amount to which the city is entitled in the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Company, with which the former has been consolidated. Until this is done, the city cannot vote at any meeting of the stockholders of the consolidated company.

The Committee further recommend that the Finance Committee of the next Councils examine the Aqueduct and Sinking Fund accounts, for the purpose of devising suitable means for relieving those accounts from an embarrassing accumulation of warrants.

The accounts of the Board of Guardians of the Poor have not been examined, the indisposition of their clerk, we are informed, prevented the preparation of the accounts in due season. The Committee propose to examine these accounts, and to report thereon at a future meeting of Councils.

In closing this Report, the committee beg leave to state that they have endeavored fully to perform all the duties enjoined on them by Councils. They have held thirteen sessions, many of them extending into midnight, and have left nothing unattended to, which it was material to investigate.

Respectfully submitted,
W. WADE,
M. HODKINSON,
W. A. LARA,
Auditing Committee.

A TABULAR STATEMENT showing the amounts drawn upon the several appropriations; the amounts overdrawn; the amounts paid, and the amounts outstanding for the year A. D. 1856.

Nature of Appropriation						
Interest and tax on City Loans and Bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interest on Bonds to P. & S. Rail Road	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Salaries of City Officers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Public Printing	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fire Engines and Hose	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
City Watchmen and Police Department	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
City Water Works	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cleaning streets, First District	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cleaning streets, Second District	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Public lamps and gas lighting	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cleaning Second and Fifth Ward Markets	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monongahela Wharf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allegheny Wharf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Board of Health	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Contingent Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Outstanding Warrants	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Loans falling due	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
City Gas Works, balance	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steam Fire Engine	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

JOHN C. DAVITT, City Treasurer, in account with the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Pittsburg, A. D. 1856. DR.

To balance in Treasury on settlement this day, Jan. 1, 1856		$15 77
TO CASH RECEIVED FROM		
Water rents for 1855	$ 9,158 01	
City taxes	14,303 23	
Improvement taxes for 1855	8,636 06—$ 11,249 30	
City taxes for 1854	46 00	
Improvement taxes for 1854	18 43—	64 51
Water rents for 1856	49,218 64	
City taxes	30,016 41	
Improvement taxes for 1856	6,526 55—	85,773 61
Wm. Forsyth, Mong'a wharfage	10,298 61	
Same, Wharfage from railroad cars	737 93—	11,036 54
Wm. Scott, Allegheny wharfage		1,773 65
Diamond M. H. Association		4,530 00
Wm. Bingham, Mayor, fines and forfeitures	1,443 84	
Same, dramatic licenses	435 00	
Same, railroad switches	930 00—	2,773 84
Guardians of Poor, interest	546 00	
Same, nine bonds	9,100 00—	9,646 00
John Taggart, 2d Ward Market	25 00	
Same, 5th	144 00	
Same, measuring wood, bark, &c	34 37—	203 37
J. D. Verner, City Gauger, 1855	24 63	
James Littell, " " 1856	1,340 38—	1,375 01
David Drennan, Hay Scales, 1855	72 18	
Same, " 1856	209 00—	281 18
T. Grimes, Salt Inspector		130 14
Kramer & Rahm, temporary loan		30,000 00
Proc'ds of 64 city b'ds, each $1000, issued per order, 17th April, 1856		43,450 00
Fees from board measurers		219 70
Pittsb'g Gas Co. being dividend		19,920 00
J. Nelson, ferrules and drilling		285 00
E. S. Wright, new building tax for 1855 and 1856	1,030 00	
Same, ground rent of basin	85 95	
Same, house	54 00—	1,159 95
Licenses of drays, carriages, &c		3,464 95
D. D. Bruce, on account judgment against Hagerty & Duncan		450 10
C. H. Paulson, interest		211 63
J. Donaldson, Alderman, fines and forfeitures	10 75	
L. S. Johns, Alderman, fines and forfeitures	20 78—	47 53
Rent of Wilkins Hall		138 50
		$253,003 05

CR.

By payment on sundry appropriations, viz:		
1. Interest on city loans and state tax on bonds	$67,839 55	
Interest on bonds to P. and S. R. R. Company	49,877 93—$117,766 48	
2. Salaries of city officers		2,845 34
3. Public printing		721 13
4. Fire engines and hose		2,793 71
5. City watchmen and police department		2,877 33
6. City water works		11,850 29
7. Cleaning streets, 1st district		1,306 59
8. Cleaning streets, 2d		714 19
9. Public lamps and gas lighting		9,597 41
10. Cleaning 2d and 5th ward markets		66 00
11. Monongahela wharf		635 64
12. Allegheny		459 82
13. Board of Health		791 29
14. Contingent fund		4,077 13
15. Outstanding warrants for 1855	31,553 56	
16. Outstanding war'ts for years prior to 1855	1,373 29—	57,931 73
Loans falling due this year		48,300 00
17. City gas works, for balance due Jan. 1, 1856		
18. Steam engine, under ordinance December, 1855		1,425 67
Improve't warrants outstanding for 1856	9,315 69 / 6,896 76—	15,212 45
Balance		1 31
		$253,003 05

SINKING FUND.

Invested in city bonds and otherwise.......$37,156 37

RAILROAD STOCKS—Owned by the City of Pittsburg:

Names of Railroads.	No. of sh's	Amount.
Ohio and Pennsylvania	4,000	$200,000
Pittsburg and Steubenville	11,000	55,000
Allegheny Valley	8,000	400,000
Pittsburg and Connellsville	10,000	500,000
Chartiers Valley	3,000	150,000
Total cost in Bonds		$1,600,000

GENERAL RAILROAD ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
Dec. 29, 1855.—Loan to pay int. on bonds of P. & S. RR. Co., Jan. 1st, 1856		$10,877 93
July 1, 1856.—Cash for int. on bonds of same Co. due this day		16,500 00
Jan. 1, 1857.—Cash for int. on bonds of same Co. due this day		16,500 00
		$43,877 93
Mar 17, '54—Cash div O & P RR Co.	$3,000	
Aug 29, '54— " "	1,000	
Aug 30, '54— " "	1,000	
Jan. 1, '55—80 shs stock, (nom with)	4,000	
July 1, '55—40 " "	2,000	
	$11,000	
June 30, '54—Cash from Pa. RR. Co. for use of Bell's alley	3,000—$14,000 00	
Balance against Railroad Companies		$33,877 93

TAX COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

Caleb Russell, First ward.

To duplicate of city tax	$ 8,283 73	
do water rents	7,300 66	
do improvement tax	3,548 53	
do business tax	2,018 69—$21,145 33	
Cash and warrants p'd Treasurer	12,418 90	
Commissions	372 51	
Balance uncollected	8,355 97—	21,145 33

Thos. B. Davitt, Second ward.

To duplicate of city tax	$ 8,303 73	
do water rents	6,869 25	
do improvement tax	3,549 33	
do business tax	1,766 14—$20,553 05	
Cash and warrants p'd Treasurer	19,200 89	
Commissions	536 77	
Exonerations and reductions	815 44—	$20,553 05

Chas. W. Lewis, Third ward.

To duplicate of city tax	$ 8,755 83	
do water rents	10,216 00	
do improvement tax	3,501 09	
do business tax	1,411 84—$23,884 81	
Cash and warrants p'd Treasurer	11,829 90	
Commissions	354 89	
Balance uncollected	11,699 96—	$23,884 81

Richard Hope, Fourth ward.

To duplicate of city tax	$ 7,553 57	
do water rents	6,316 54	
do improvement tax	3,117 00	
do business tax	1,174 73—$18,160 84	
Cash and warrants p'd Treasurer	11,798 72	
Commissions	353 96	
Balance uncollected	6,017 20—	$18,160 84

John Lowry, Fifth ward.

To duplicate of city tax	$ 5,509 81	
do water rents	9,589 51	
do improvement tax	2,249 00	
do business tax	283 80—$17,689 11	
Cash and warrants p'd Treasurer	14,237 83	
Commissions	427 13	
Balance uncollected	3,024 15—	$17,689 11

John Phillips, Sixth ward.

To duplicate of city tax	$ 4,216 51	
do water rents	6,089 00	
do improvement tax	1,636 76	
do business tax	46 56—$12,012 91	
Cash and warrants p'd Treasurer	7,896 26	
Commissions	242 29	
Exonerations and reductions	61 00	
Balance uncollected	3,834 37—	$12,012 91

Mr. Phillips has paid in full during the session of the Committee.

Henry Lytle, Seventh ward.

To duplicate of city tax	$ 1,962 44	
do water rents	1,803 00	
do improvement tax	744 67	
do business tax	10 62—$ 4,520 73	
Cash and warrants p'd Treasurer	2,865 25	
Commissions	87 52	
Exonerations and reductions	50 50	
Balance uncollected	1,547 52—	$ 4,520 73

Thomas Neely, Eighth ward.

To duplicate of city tax	$ 2,833 71	
do water rents	3,836 00	
do improvement tax	1,133 25	
do business tax	41 52—$ 7,843 43	
Cash and warrants p'd Treasurer	4,072 51	
Commissions	122 18	
Balance uncollected	3,648 73—	$ 7,843 43

Hugh Hammond, Ninth ward.

To duplicate of city tax	$ 2,897 80	
do water rents	3,077 50	
do improvement tax	1,043 06	
do business tax	40 20—$ 7,308 56	
Cash and warrants p'd Treasurer	3,000 63	
Commissions	90 20	
Balance uncollected	4,271 73—	$ 7,308 56

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

Hon. Wm. Bingham, Mayor.		
Fines and Forfeitures	$1,443 84	
Dramatic Licenses	435 00	
Railroad switches	930 00—$ 2,774 84	
Cash paid Treasurer		2,773 84
D. Drennan, Weighmaster at Hay Scales.		
Balance uncollected, 1855	$ 72 18	
Am't of fees for the year 1856	214 76—	286 94
Cash paid Treasurer	281 18	
Balance due the city	5 76—	286 94
James Littell, City Guager.		
Amount received for gauging. Barrels whisky, 42,731; " molasses, 12,497; " oil, &c. 3,495		
Barrels, 58,723—		2,030 75
Fees retained for self	$1,340 37	
Cash paid Treasurer	1,340 37—	2,030 75
James D. Verner, City Gauger.		
Balance of gauging, 1855		49 26
Fees retained	24 63	
Cash paid Treasurer	24 63—	49 26
Thomas Grimes, Salt Inspector.		
Fees for inspecting 14,637 bbls salt	251 44	
Fees for inspecting 2,153 bags salt	42 66	
	$294 10	
Less amount uncollected	33 81	
One half which is due the city	260 29—	130 14
By cash paid Treasurer		130 14
To amount of fees uncollected as above, one half of which is due the city		33 81
E. S. Wright, Collector of Water Rents on new buildings.		
Cash for account of 1855	$339 87	
Cash for account of 1856	701 13	
Cash ground rent (basin)	85 95	
Cash House Rent (at basin)	54 00	
	1,159 95—	1,159 95
By cash paid Treasurer		1,159 95
Guardians of the Poor. Bonds for purchase of farm and interest on same from Sept 9th, 1840, to Sept 9th, 1856		14,550 61
Cash at sundry times	$11,567 00	
Balance due the city	3,013 61—	14,550 61

J. MAGOFFIN, Treasurer, in account with Diamond Market House Association. DR

	To Jan. 1856.	For the yr 1856.	Totals.
Rents Butcher's stalls	$4,735 19	$13,216 74	$17,931 93
Daily coll's veg. stalls	3,470 02	2,804 15	6,274 17
Yearly rents veg. stalls	3,153 03	2,872 75	6,025 78
Rent of City Hall	1,350 00	1,527 00	2,880 00
Prem. on butchers stalls	993 00		993 00
Rent of Flour scales	100 00	69 45	169 45
From H. D. King's assets		1,187 52	1,187 52
Total	$18,013 24	$17,603 61	$35,616 85

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By Building account	$8,896 84	$2,224 44	$11,121 28
" Expense	777 69	1,534 21	2,071 70
" Labor	296 55	115 00	511 55
" Constable's salary	218 91	200 00	418 91
" Superintent't	600 00	775 00	1,375 00
" Treasurer's	150 00	150 00	300 00
" Clerk's	200 00	510 00	710 00
" Rent to the city	4,500 00	4,500 00	9,000 00
" Interest account		3,306 63	3,306 63
Cash, J. Magoffin, Tr.	2,273 45	4,443 31	6,723 77
Total	$18,013 24	$17,603 61	$35,616 85

Amount due by H. D. King		4,171 65
Amount of stock paid in full by shareholders	$15,350 00	
Do do do in part	980 00—$16,330 00	
Less am't rec'd from H. D. King's assign'es		1,000 00
Whole amount due stockholders, with interest from July 1st, 1856		$15,330 00

JOHN TAGGART, Clerk of the Markets—

To amount collected for daily stands in Diamond market	$2,804 15	
Yearly stands	2,914 00	
Fifth ward	143 40	
Second ward	25 00	
Measuring 729 cords of wood and bark at 6¼ cents	45 56—$6,041 71	
By amt pd J. C. Davitt, Treas'r	214 37	
" J. Magoffin, "	$5,779 90	
Balance due the city	9 19	
" " M. H. Association	38 25—$6,041 71	
To nominal pounds of butter taken		312½ pounds
By am't delivered to the Guardians of the Poor	312¼	"

*Paid during the session of the Auditing Committee.

BOARD MEASURERS' REPORTS.

William Dickson, for 1855, Sixth ward. Measured 579,541 feet—fees $57 95.
Paid Treasurer 15 per cent on same.......$ 8 69
William McClure, for 1855, Eighth ward. Measured 231,030 feet—fees $23 31.
Paid Treasurer 15 per cent.......4 27—$12 94
Same, No report for 1856.
James McMaster for 1856, Sixth ward. Measured 4,694,000 feet—fees $469 40.
Paid Treasurer 15 per cent.......70 41
John Craighton, for 1855, Third ward. Measured 869,181 feet—fees $86 91.
Paid Treasurer 15 per cent.......13 03
Rowen McClure, for 1856, Fourth ward. Measured 8,000,000 feet—fees $800.
Paid Treasurer 15 per cent.......120 00
Alex. Wilson, for 1856, Second ward. Measured 221,275 feet—fees $22 12.
Paid Treasurer 15 per cent.......3 32—$206 76
First Ward—Fleming Morrow—No report.
Fifth Ward—G. McKee—No report.
Seventh Ward—James Little—No report.
Ninth Ward—J. Paisley—No report.

MONONGAHELA WHARF.

William Forsyth, Wharfmaster.		Dr.
To balance of (1855) uncollected wharfage		$ 137 46
To amount of wharfage, 1856		10,161 15
		$10,298 61
Cr. By cash paid Treasurer in full		10,298 61
Dr. To amount of Railroad wharfage		737 93
Cr. By cash paid Treasurer in full		737 93

MONONGAHELA WHARF. STATISTICS FOR 1856.

Months.	Flat Boats: No. Arrivals	Wharfage	Keels and Canal Boats: No. Arrivals	Wharfage	Short trip Steamers: No. Arrivals	Tonnage	Wharfage	Steamers at full prices: No. Arrivals	Tonnage	Wharfage
January	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
February	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
March	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
April	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
June	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
August	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
September	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
October	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
November	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
December	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RECAPITULATION—Sources of Revenue of the Wharf.

Full priced steamers, wharfage	$ 4,733 31
Short trip steamers "	1,779 43
Keel and Canal boats "	632 00
Flats and Flat boats "	110 50
Extra wharfage, on boats at wharf longer than usual time	2,202 07
Railroad wharfage, gross amount, $1,137 93, less cost of construction, 400 00	737 93
Jones' Ferry	375 00
Coal, sand, and brick flats	372 25
Birmingham Ferry	300 00
Conner's Ferry	91 00
Try street wharf	30 00
West Newton wharf boat	45 00
Lumber	20 00
Uncollected wharfage, 1855	137 46
Error in report of 1855, full priced steamer, February	16 90
Total Revenue	$11,036 54
Cash paid Treasurer in full	$11,036 54

During the year, the total amount drawn from the City Treasury for repairs, cleaning the wharf, and contingent expenses of every kind, has been.......$605 64

ALLEGHENY WHARF.

William Scott, Wharfmaster.		DR.
To balance 1855, (in suit,)	$ 42 46	
To amount of wharfage 1856	1,829 95—$1,871 41	
		CR.
By cash paid Treasurer	$1,773 65	
By balances (in suit)	57 71	
Balance uncollected	40 05—$1,871 41	

Recapitulation of sources whence the above revenue arises:

Sundries.	Number	Quantity.	Amount.
Steamboats	11		$300 00
Flatboats	259		275 00
Keelboats	110		225 00
Common flats	91		39 75
Barges	13		55 00
Pig metal, tons		5,420½	291 97
Hoop-poles, number		16,000	8 00
Shingles, "		1,089,000	13 61
Logs, lineal feet		72,000	30 00
Wharf rent			90 00
Staves, number		81,700	4 09
Lumber, feet		8,904,940	445 24
Total			$1773 65

RECAPITULATION of outstanding debts, wharfage, &c.

Bernard Hubley, 1st ward	1841		$544 11
David Kincaid, 2d "	1844		430 17
R. J. Hagerty, 3d "	1847		242 15
W. S. Thompson, 6th "	1850		345 47
A. M. Hartupee, weighmaster at market	1851		31 20
W. S. Thompson, 6th "	1852		985 03
John M'Kee, 9d "	1852		202 17
Henry Earle, Wharfage	1849	$217 00	
" "	1850	261 00	
" "	1851	156 18	
" "	1852	117 46	
" "	1853	109 10	
" "	1854	116 78—1,018 44	
J. W. Lightner, "	1851		400 00
Philip Chroniger, Imp. tax 6th ward	1853		34 29

UNCOLLECTED TAXES FOR 1856.

1st Ward, Caleb Russell	$8,355 97	
3d " Chas. W. Lewis	11,699 96	
4th " Richard Hope	6,017 20	
5th " John Lowry	3,024 15	
6th " John Phillips	3,834 37*	
7th " Henry Lytle	1,547 52	
8th " Thomas Neely	3,648 73	
9th " H. Hammond	4,271 73—$42,399 69	

*Mr. Phillips has paid in full during the session of the Committee.

IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Total amount of duplicates for 1856	$20,206 83	
Less commission and loss	1,259 83—$18,947 00	
By amount cash and warrants paid Treasurer	$ 6,538 56	
Amount uncollected	12,408 44—$18,947 00	

THE AQUEDUCT over the Allegheny River at Pittsburg, for repairs, re-building, &c., in account with the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Pittsburg

Dec. 31, 1855. To balance as per account this date		$36,300 38
Dec. 31, 1856. Amount paid collectors of tolls, watchmen and other necessary expenses till date	1,789 08	
Interest till date	1,995 30	
		$40,084 76
Dec. 31, 1856. Cash received for tolls from Dec. 31, 1855, till date		7,879 70
Balance due		$32,205 06

CITY WEIGH SCALES ACCOUNT.

John Mckee, 1st ward paid	$152 19	
John Simmons, 2d " "	514 34	
Jas. M. Hunter, 7th " "	121 92	
Sam'l C. Lewis, 9th " "	133 97	
David Drennan, 4th " "	120 00	
H. M'Cormick, 5th " "	45 82—$1,099 24	
Amount paid on construction, paving, &c	$442 81	
Amount paid on Hussy & Wells' account of scales	200 00	
Balance on hand	456 43—$1,099 24	

MONONGAHELA WHARF PAVING FUND.

By an ordinance of Councils, passed Jan. 4th, 1856, the whole amount of revenue derived from wharfage, on property landed from cars upon the Monongahela wharf, is appropriated to the completion of the grading and paving of said wharf.

Under this ordinance there is now in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the order of the committee on Monongahela wharf, the sum of $737.93, which, as required by the ordinance which creates this revenue, the Treasurer has kept in a separate fund, for the purpose specified.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMITTEE.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburg:

The Water Committee in presenting their annual report respectfully refer to the accompanying documents, prepared by the Superintendent and Assessor, for a synopsis of the operations of the works during the year.

The severity of last winter told heavily upon every part of the Water Works, nearly $10,000 have been paid during the year for renewal of bursted pipes and increased running expenses arising from that cause. Every precaution was taken to keep the establishment in satisfactory working order, and to the unflinching energy displayed by all the men employed by the department is attributed its efficiency during so disastrous a season.

The gross revenue from the works this year, including water rents, new building tax, ferrules, house and ground rents, amounts to $57,850.67. The expenditures are $29,491.28, leaving a balance in favor of the city of $29,359.39, making altogether the most favorable report ever made of the finances of the works, if due allowance be made for the extraordinary expenses incurred last winter.

The average amount of water supplied by the works to each consumer is greater than any other city, with whom we exchange reports; the maintainance of an abundant supply of water has ever been considered an important sanitary agent in preserving the health and prosperity of the city.

Your Committee again unite with the Superintendent in recommending the renewal of the lines of pipe, in various streets in the business portion of the city. And also urge upon Councils the necessity of continuing the same course of liberal policy, under which the works so creditably sustain the expectations of the citizens. The soundest economy it is believed is that of maintaining the entire establishment in the most efficient manner; to enable the city to do this the revenue should be sufficient to meet the annual expenses, and interest on the cost of construction. It is also suggested that a separate fund should be made of the water revenue, so that the warrants issued by the Water Committee could be promptly paid in cash. If this could be done the city would save from five to eight per cent of the annual expenses of the works.

The Committee in closing this brief report wish to testify in a public manner their approbation of the conduct of the different officers connected with the works during the past year. In particular do we desire to bear testimony to the very efficient and gentlemanly manner in which the duties of the Superintendent were performed, which has proven him to be a master workman, and fully worthy of the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. They also refer with pleasure to the ability of the Clerk and Assessor. His duties were performed with accuracy and to the satisfaction of the Committee. We trust they may ever be discharged with equal fidelity and ability.

JAMES T. KINCAID, WM. B. KELLY,
ANDREW SCOTT, H. A. WEAVER,
JAMES HERDMAN, S. D. HILL,
W. B. BROWN.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS.

Amount of water rents assessed in 1856		$55,780 25
Appropriations made by Councils	28,000 00	
Contingent fund from last year	15 76	
Cash received for old pipe, &c.	645 47	
		$29,661 23

Expenditures for current expenses of lower works, viz:—

Coal	9,372 48	Hauling	52 46
Labor	4,242 35	Hardware	17 07
Oil	246 25	Stationery	24 84
Smith work and castings	292 57	Tallow, &c.	25 31
		Leather	14 21
Brass work & castings	129 30	Shovels	3 62
Repairing boilers	145 06	Wheelbarrows, &c.	25 57
Repairing roof of engine house	30 00	White lead, oil and turpentine	21 43
Repairing furnaces, brick work	76 15	Plumbing, copper work, tools, hose, glazing, buckets, and brooms	91 65
Steam gauge	40 00		
Yarn and rope	131 85		
Total			$15,449 42

Expenditures for current expenses of upper works, viz:—

Coal	$2,500 64	Tallow, &c.	29 83
Labor	1,904 34	Hauling	29 62
Oil	202 10	Hardware	12 40
Smith work & castings	87 62	Hose	13 76
Brass work & castings	47 00	Plumbing	15 25
New heater	140 25	Leather	5 35
Yarn and rope	78 35	Shovels	3 50
Repairing roof of engine house	25 00	White lead, turpentine, varnish, brooms, gum packing, &c.	30 65
Lumber and repairs of engine house	25 15	Total	$5,173 02

Expenditures for street repairs, during frost, and extensions:

Labor	$2,808 93	Lumber	120 91
Pipe to re-place those burst by frost	2,105 10	Posts	20 00
		Leather	10 10
Pipe extensions	906 22	Platform scale	30 00
Lead	477 97	Shovels and picks	25 34
Smith work & castings	434 90	Storm boiler for st. use	118 86
Brass work & castings	211 62	Street furnaces	27 37
Hauling	211 24	Gravel	12 25
Hemp	57 70	Plumbing	54 57
Hardware	18 60	Rock powder, fuse, gum packing, copper work, pine plugs, tools, &c.	79 33
Iron and nails	63 00		
Total			$7,877 64

Payments have been made as follows, viz:— By warrants drawn on the treasury, by order of water committee	$28,000 00	
By cash paid from contingent fund	431 28	
		28,431 28
Balance in hands of Superintendent		159 95
Total		$29,661 23

The following extensions of four inch pipe have been made:—

Spring alley	121 feet.	Pride street	112 feet.
Watson street	252 "	Vickroy "	243 "
Forbes "	232 "	Carroll "	215 "
Chesnut "	166 "	Clift "	54 "
Miller "	314 "		
Smithfield "	63 "		1,827 "
To this add former amount			149,041 "
Total over 28¼ miles			140,868 "

Pipe relaid on Colwell street 150 feet.

Flood gates put in of four inch	6
" destroyed by frost and replaced with new	2
New fire plugs put in extensions	3
Plugs discarded and replaced with new ones	4
Number of fire plugs made at the works	6
" " on hand	4
Number of flood gates made at the works	13
" " on hand	13
Whole number of fire plugs in the city	322
" flood gates "	302
Number of plugs repaired and reset	42
" removed to other situations	3
" boxes renewed	15
" flood gates repaired	8
" boxes renewed	14
" leaks stopped	112

Number of ferrules taken out of the office:

Number of half inch	110
" five-eighths inch	30
" three-quarter inch	4
" one inch	5—139 at $2 each—$278
For drilling extra holes	7
Amount paid to city treasurer	$285

The pipes destroyed by the severity of last winter were on Fourth st. between Wood and Liberty and Fourth between Grant and Ross streets, Diamond st. from Ross street to Pennsylvania Avenue, and on Pennsylvania Avenue to Tunnel st.; on all this route scarcely a sound pipe was left. Pennsylvania Avenue from Tunnel to Dinwiddie, Smithfield, Roberts, Seventh, Baldwin, Wylie, Arthurs, Gum, Webster, Carroll, Wilkins, Penn, Pitt, Carson and Quarry streets, Diamond, Exchange and Church alleys, were all badly damaged. The difficulties encountered during the cold season were without a parallel in the history of the water works, the depth of the frozen earth preventing the leaks from making their appearance as ordinarily, thus the developement of a leak was no evidence of the precise locality of the fracture. The men employed by the works deserve commendation for the faithful and unflinching discharge of their duties in such a season.

A burst occurred recently in the twenty-four inch ascending main on O'Hara street, requiring the removal of the entire pipe and substitution of a new one with a larger sleeve. A fracture in the twenty inch line on Bedford street was secured by a belt.

During the year the boilers in the Lower house have been thoroughly overhauled and repaired. And the large heater in the Upper house having given way along its entire length from the action of rust, it was taken out and a new one substituted.

The engineers at the Lower house in making the annual winter repairs found the hinges of some of the valves and seats in the large pumps so much worn by thirteen years service as to render it prudent to renew part of them. The old ones are made of brass, but the new will be of the best quality of cast iron, which will undoubtedly answer quite as well and be an economical change.

The composition packing in the large steam cylinders has been in successful operation over five years, a fact alike creditable to the manufacturer of it and the parties in charge.

It is gratifying to state that the Street Committee and City Regulator have extended the State sewer by making a curve of sixty feet radius, carrying it down past the river supply pipes as far as the Aqueduct, a much desired and important improvement.

The necessity for renewal with pipes of a larger diameter of the lines on First, Second, Fourth, Smithfield and Wood streets, is again urged upon your consideration.

In reply to a resolution of Councils enquiring into the expediency and cost of extending the supply pipes two or three miles further up the river, for the purpose of procuring better water, it may be remarked that two miles of such lines would cost at least $160,000, and when completed would be of little avail, as the sand would soon close them up, and certainly so, when the river would be filled with heavy running ice, which while floating down grinds along the bottom and banks of the river, carrying all loose material and drift with it. A difficulty of this nature exists to some extent, with the present river supply pipe, and in proof of the action of the ice, three times the usual amount of sand was found deposited in the old Reservoirs when they were cleaned last summer.

The present establishment has been in operation over thirteen years; both the preceding ones which were in Cecil's Alley only served fourteen or fifteen years, or from 1828 to 1843. From the running time reported by the engineers, it is evident that an important point in the operations of the present works is not many years distant; to explain this, suppose it required the constant action of one pump day and night, and six hours daily of the other pump; if then it should be decided to increase the pumping capacity, by putting in a new pump, engine and boilers; it is evident that during the time occupied putting in the new machinery, the city would fail to receive one-fifth the supply required. In view of the annual increase in the consumption of water, it might be well not to lose sight of this suggestion.

To the promptness, industry and skill of the persons in charge of the several divisions, is ascribed the efficiency of the works during the year, and the present good condition of the entire department.

The running time as per reports of engineers, at the lower works, is an average of 11½ hours per day for each engine, or 23½ hours out of the 24 for one engine.

Average daily consumption of fuel 290¾ bushels for one engine, or 581½ bushels for both engines.

Average daily supply of water 599,420 cubic feet.

The running time, as per reports of engineer at the upper works, is 10½ hours per day.

Average daily consumption of fuel 144¾ bushels.

Average daily supply of water 102,375 cubic feet.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES NELSON, Superintendent.
January 8, 1857.

REPORT OF ASSESSOR OF WATER RENTS ON NEW BUILDINGS.

The Assessor of water rents on new buildings respectfully reports to the Water Committee, that he has collected and paid to the City Treasurer, the sum of $1,000. Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD S. WRIGHT, Assessor.
January 8, 1757.

REPORT of the Assessor and Register of Water Rents for the year 1856.

The water rents assessed on the various establishments using the hydrant water, amount to fifty-five thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars and twenty-five cents, as follows:

2 Railroad Companies	$ 1,205 00
1 Court House and Jail	400 00
1 Custom house and post office	60 00
1 Gas works	375 00
4 Iron mills	1,612 50
48 Engine shops, forges, foundries and boiler yards	1,494 50
9 Steel, shovel, spike and rivet factories	688 50
7 Planing and saw mills	400 00
1 Flour mill	120 00
8 Glass factories	228 00
8 Cabinet and chair factories	311 50
5 Chandleries	150 00
8 Brick yards	109 50
3 Tanneries	120 19
17 Breweries, &c.	794 00
31 Rectifying Distilleries	546 50
1 Laboratory	300 00
11 Livery stables	584 50
27 Printing offices and binderies	254 50
3 Public baths	80 00
25 Miscellaneous manufactories	600 00
942 Warehouses, stores, offices and work shops	4,823 50
391 Hotels, taverns, and boarding houses	5,212 75
458 Stores with dwellings attached	3,236 00
7592 Dwellings	32,064 00
9567 Assessments	$55,780 25

107 steam engines supplied.
EDWARD S. WRIGHT, Assessor and Register.
January 8, 1857

ANNUAL REPORT of the Committee on Streets, Grading and Paving, for the year 1856:

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburg:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Streets, Grading and Paving, beg leave respectfully to submit the following statement of work done and money expended under their supervision during the year 1856:

The whole amount of warrants drawn upon the City Treasurer and chargeable to the Improvement Fund during the past year is $10,926 75, and has been expended for the following purposes, viz:

For repairs on streets done under supervision of the Street Commissioner of the First District		$1,890 04
Do. Second "		1,492 23
Wm. Finch & Son, in full of their contracts for paving and grading, entered into in July, 1855, and Locust street and part of Caldwell street, not in said contract, and repaving Seventh street, contracted for in the year 1856, as follows:		
Town'd st. grad'g and pav'g	$ 535 69	
Caldwell " "	1,250 41	
Pride " "	499 32	
Roberts " "	790 09	
Fulton " "	417 89	
Water " "	729 56	
Duquesne way, paving	370 66	
Locust street, "	250 02	
Seventh " repaving	683 16	
Sundries in con'n with above	132 91—$5,665 70	
Edward Allen, O'Hara street sewer		908 50
B. M'Grady, for work done on Penn st, Locust st, Exchange alley, and Hancock st. inlet		160 00
P. M'Coy, work done on Reed st		168 30
Thos. Mackerel, work done on Smallman and Baldwin sts		77 00
James Little, grading on Smallman st		50 00
P. Donnelly, grading on Duquesne way, and work at O'Hara st. sewer		35 75
Pennock & Hart, castings, &c.		47 66
John M'Kelvy, grading on Bluff st		98 07
W. W. Wallace, stone work		93 60
John Scott, "		40 05
James Duncan, "		34 73
Sundry bills approved by committee		100 78
		$10,926 75

The amount drawn upon the appropriations for cleaning streets has been as follows, viz:

Cleaning streets in First District	$2,657 72
" " Second "	1,549 61
Total amount for cleaning streets	$4,206 33

This, together with the amount of the improvement fund which has been expended, makes the total amount expended upon the streets, for all purposes, $15,133 08, which is $3,100 40 less than was expended upon the streets for the year 1855.

Owing to the short time which has elapsed since the passage of the ordinance appropriating the Improvement Fund for 1856, your committee have not been able to make the contracts for the work authorized by that ordinance. This will remain for the Street Committee of the next Councils.

The work contracted for in the year 1855 has all been finished, and there is now no work under contract.

For the convenience of future reference, your committee have procured from the City Treasurer a carefully prepared statement of the condition of the Improvement Fund, which is appended hereto. Your committee would recommend to the early attention of Councils the taking of some measures to call in the warrants referred to by the Treasurer as having been issued in 1850, and bearing interest, which are supposed to amount to a considerable sum.

Your committee would also recommend that the next Councils, at an early date, pass an ordinance providing that the repairs on streets be let to the lowest and best bidder, by which a large amount will be saved to the city, and the work will be better and more promptly done than under the present system. All of which is respectfully submitted

R. F. SMYTH, W. ALEXANDER,
SAMUEL M'KELVY, W. F. MURDOCH,
STEWART DALZELL, R. GALWAY.

IMPROVEMENT FUND ACCOUNT.

	Warrants drawn.	Paid by Treas'r	Imp't Tax less com'ns, &c.
1850	$29,414 77	$12,161 13	$21,184 49
1851	10,312 35	20,842 28	20,312 94
1852	25,474 31	20,153 38	26,083 41
1853	21,435 51	22,233 82	18,877 95
1854	10,964 00	13,135 93	20,089 45
1855	13,896 05	20,273 10	18,775 02
1856	10,325 95	15,212 45 sup amt	18,947 00
	$122,033 46	$124,141 38	$144,344 77
			132,030 05
			$12,314 72

RICHARD F. SMYTH, ESQ., Chairman Street Committee—*Dear Sir*:—The above is a correct statement of the condition of the Improvement Fund, as I find by the books in the Treasurer's office. There are, however, a large amount of warrants outstanding, issued by the Street Committee in 1850, on which, by resolution of Councils of Dec. 30th, 1850, interest is accruing. The amount of these warrants cannot be ascertained by any entry on the books in the Treasurer's office, nor can I get any information in relation to the number or amount issued. I have one of these warrants in my possession, No. 226, which leaves no doubt but that there are at least 226 of this description of warrants outstanding. Very truly,
JNO. C. DAVITT, City Treasurer.
TREASURER'S OFFICE, Pittsburg, Dec. 31, 1856.

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