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Ice in a Water Pipe.—One of the strongest evidences of cold weather during the past winter, was discovered in a water pipe on Girard avenue, near Sixteenth street, a few days ago. The pipe was four inches in diameter, and buried four feet three inches below the grade of the street, in a gravel soil. When dug up the bore was filled with solid ice. We are informed that such a thing has never been known to occur in this city during any previous winter. 70-5

EXPENDITURES.

	1855.	1856.
Department of Highways,	\$732,720 00	\$689,000 00
Supplying Water,	236,185 00	179,777 68
Market Houses,	13,416 63	13,657 20
Wharves and Land's,	4,950 00	10,885 17
City Property,	78,181 31	68,415 67
Surveys,	14,454 97	33,000 00
Receiver of Taxes,	20,563 46	25,040 00
City Treasurer,	18,050 00	13,000 00
City Controller,	15,360 00	13,650 00
City Com'rs,	179,210 55	170,000 00
Police,	507,610 00	409,055 27
Law,	17,420 00	21,820 00
Fire,	28,193 25	27,175 00
Lighting the City,	255,438 55	245,000 00
Trustees of the Ice Boat,	12,727 73	8,000 00
Vaccine Physicians,	2,200 00	1,250 00
Clerks of Councils,	31,775 00	35,000 00
Guardians of the Poor,	305,465 00	263,865 25
Controllers Public Schools,	456,663 00	616,609 00
Inspectors of Prison,	76,871 00	78,355 00
Board of Health,	35,620 00	45,300 00
	3,043,305 80	2,944,178 24

Eastern Penitentiary,	\$5,623 22	\$6,000 00
Lunatic Asylum,	1,169 84	1,500 00
House of Refuge,	30,000 00	13,000 00
Northern Home,	2,000 00	2,000 00
Foster Association,	1,500 00	1,500 00
Home,	1,000 00	1,000 00
Agricultural Society,	600 00	600 00
House of Correction,	662 55	
	3,085,861 41	2,969,775 24

MISCELLANEOUS.

Brown's property, Ninth and Locust,	\$79,500 00
Claims against old Corporations,	10,000 00
Loans due prior to July 1, 1854,	36,635 00
Loans due prior to Jan. 1, 1856,	23,708 00
Am't to be applied to Sinking Funds,	123,469 00
	200,518 75
Principal of debt due in 1856,	951,191 14
Interest on Funded debt 1856,	
	\$4,394,900 13

RECEIPTS.

	1856.
Department of Highways	\$33,000 00
supplying water	400,250 00
Market Houses	72,000 00
Wharves and Landings	52,863 00
City Property	28,640 00
Law Department	60,000 00
Guardians of the Poor	27,250 00
Controllers of Public Schools	30,700 00
Inspectors of Prison	20,488 76
Board of Health	6,400 00
Trustees of Ice Boat	614,712 00
Interest on Stock, &c.	4,000 00
Fines and Penalties	200,000 00
Taxes of 1855	25,000 00
Taxes of 1854	10,000 00
Taxes of 1853 and previous years	20,000 00
Outstanding Corporation taxes and debts	
	\$1,631,303 76
Amount appropriated for 1855	\$5,159,142 20
required for 1856	4,394,900 13
Less receipts from Department and other sources	1,635,303 07

Making am't of tax required for 1856 \$2,759,496 37

A resolution was passed, directing the laying of water pipe in Vienna and Lemon streets.

Mr. Beideman, from the Committee on the State of the Expenditures and Finances of the city, appointed in May last, made a very long report, comprehending a vast amount of information and data connected with the financial operations of the city since its organization.

Mr. Cornman opposed the printing of it in pamphlet form, for the expense would not be less than five hundred dollars. He

CONTROLLER'S STATEMENT—Continued.

UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Fairmount Water Works—Which supply the old City and the late Districts of Southwark and Moyamensing, now comprised in the first ten Wards of the Consolidated City.

Schuylkill Water Works—Which supply the late Districts of Spring Garden, Northern Liberties and Penn., now the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th and part of the 16th Ward, situated on the east side of the Schuylkill river, about three-fourths of a mile above Fairmount, have now three low pressure condensing engines and a Cornish engine.

Delaware Water Works—Which supply the late Districts of Kensington and Richmond, now on the 17th, 18th, 19th and a part of the 16th Wards, situated on the Delaware river, at the foot of Wood street, late District of Kensington.

Twenty-fourth ward Water Works—Intended to supply the late District of West Philadelphia, now the Twenty-fourth Ward, situated on the west side of the Schuylkill river, a short distance above Fairmount dam.

Reservoirs and Lot of Ground—Upon which the same are erected, situated between Twenty-second and Cornithian Avenue and Poplar and Park streets.

Reservoirs and Lot of Ground—Upon which the same is erected, situated at the corner of Sixth street and Lehigh avenue.

Reservoirs and Lot of Ground—Situated in Brown street back of the Eastern Penitentiary.

A Workshop—Situated in Cherry street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, and one situated in Buttonwood street, between Thirteenth and Broad streets.

UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

January 1, 1887,		256,409-84
July 1, 1887,	70-2	
January 1, 1888,		225,000-00
July 1, 1888,		
January 1, 1889,		764,200-00
July 1, 1889,		250,000-00
		1,014,200-00
January 1, 1890,		500,000-00
July 1, 1890,		250,000-00
		750,000-00
January 1, 1891,		
July 1, 1891,		
		250,000-00
January 1, 1892,		
July 1, 1892,		925,000-00
January 1, 1893,		179,000-00
July 1, 1893,		21,072-61
		200,072-61
January 1, 1891,		7,500-00
January 1, 1901,		45,202-23
		1,697,455-73

The City Controller, John N. Henderson, Esq., submitted his annual report of a detailed estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the ensuing fiscal year in anticipation of the usual time, with the view of enabling City Councils to fix the rate of taxation, and provide for the payments of the tax assessed for the ensuing year, by tax-payers, at the commencement of the new year.

With regard to that department of Highways, the Controller says that the amount appropriated in 1855, has been expended exclusively for the purchase of materials for bridges, curb stone, pebble stone, damages for opening streets, and labor employed upon the public work, cleansing the city, and salaries of Officers of the Department.

At the organization of the new City Government, certain contracts were entered upon by the city, entered into by the authorities of former Districts, for building bridges, common sewers, &c., for which provision has been made for their payment by Certificates of City Debt, viz.: Bridges, Richmond \$31,000; Culverts, Richmond, \$7,100; Paving, Richmond, \$5,800; Paving, Southwark, \$2,500; Culverts, Penn District, \$20,600; Culverts, Kensington, \$26,500; Grading, Belmont, \$3,700, making an aggregate of \$86,900.

Amount required for this Department for 1856, \$689,000

In which amount the Commissioner estimates for Chesnut street Bridge, \$100,000

New Culverts, 50,000

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\$150,000

which cannot be estimated in his expenditures, for the said work has not been authorized by Councils, and thereby reducing the appropriation required to \$539,000.

Receipts, including new permits, 33,000

The Water Department, he says, for all purposes, will require \$179,777 68, which sum includes balances due on contract, and for bills due, on account of the Twenty-fourth Ward Works, of \$31,977 68. The estimated receipts from this department are as follows, viz:

From Fairmount Works \$197,000

Delaware 45,000

Schuylkill 112,000

Twenty-fourth Ward 1,250

For Iron Pipes 25,000

Fractional Rents on new Permits 20,000

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\$400,250

This department will, therefore, produce a revenue, over all expenses, of two hundred and twenty thousand four hundred and seventy-two dollars and thirty-two cents (\$220,472 32).

The Department of Markets will require \$13,637 20, while the receipts are estimated at \$72,000, producing a revenue of \$58,362 80 over the expenses.

The Department of Wharves and Landings will require \$10,825 17; receipts estimated at \$52,863; producing a revenue of \$41,977 83 over expenses.

The Department of City Property will require \$66,415 67; receipts, \$28,940 00, leaving the sum of \$37,475 67 chargeable to the city.

The Department of Surveys will require \$38,000, to be expended surveying the Delaware front, the District of the Northern Liberties, West Philadelphia, Blockley, Passyunk, salaries, &c. There is no revenue from this department to the city.

The Department of Receiver of Taxes will require \$25,040 for salaries, &c.

The City Treasury Department, \$12,000, for salaries and incidental expenses.

The Department of City Controller will require \$13,650, for salaries and publishing.

Of the Department of City Commissioners, the Controller says that, "after repeated solicitations, they have failed to report their expenditures for 1856. In the absence of their estimates, I feel warranted in assuming the amount \$170,000 for salaries and all expenses that will be incurred by them by virtue of their office."

The Department of Police requires \$403,058 27.

Law Department.—Estimate for this department \$21,920. Receipts will not exceed \$60,000

The Fire Department will require \$27,175—in which department there are 57 companies, 33 of which receive \$400 per annum, 17 receive \$200 and 2 hook and ladder companies each \$300.

Lighting the City.—The Controller states that in Nov. 1855, the Gas Committee made report in reference to lighting the city, and submitted an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to contract with the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works for the term of three years from the 1st of January, 1856, for the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning and doing the necessary repairs for the public lamps, and submitted that an appropriation of \$225,000 be appropriated. This ordinance has not been passed by both branches of Councils, and the Controller, therefore, estimates the amount required at the sum specified.

The report gives further in detail the appropriations required for Ice Boat, Vaccine Physicians, Clerks of Councils, Guardians of the Poor, Inspectors of Prisons and the Board of Health—all of which are exhibited in the table of the estimated expenditures and receipts of the various departments of the city government.

An Important Official Document—The Indebtedness of the City.

The following official statement, as prepared by the City Treasurer, in conformity with the resolution of Councils, possesses more than ordinary interest and importance. It exhibits the entire indebtedness of the Consolidated City of Philadelphia, specifies the various loans, and designates the dates at which they are redeemable. 70-1

Memorandum of the different Loans of the Consolidated City of Philadelphia, (as far as they can be ascertained,) showing the period of their becoming due, and their respective amounts, viz:—

Mayor, Aldermen, and District of Belmont.

citizens of Philada. Borough of Germantown.

County of Philadelphia. Guardians of the Poor.

District of Southwark. West Philadelphia.

Spring Garden. District of Penn.

Moyamensing. Bridesburg.

N. Liberties. Frankford.

Kensington. Richmond.

LOANS REDEEMABLE.

January 1, 1855,	152,550-00	
July 1, 1855,	107,678-00	260,228-00
January 1, 1856,	159,150-00	
July 1, 1856,	41,368-75	200,518-75
January 1, 1857,	101,557-30	
July 1, 1857,	52,100-00	153,657-30
January 1, 1858,	114,950-00	
July 1, 1858,	56,078-26	171,028-26
January 1, 1859,	95,894-20	
July 1, 1859,	19,320-80	115,215-00
January 1, 1860,	1,063,430-65	
July 1, 1860,	164,293-55	1,227,724-20
January 1, 1861,	255,673-16	
July 1, 1861,	16,700-00	272,373-16
January 1, 1862,	100,800-00	
July 1, 1862,	55,796-49	156,596-49
January 1, 1863,	173,943-00	
July 1, 1863,	103,815-00	277,758-00
January 1, 1864,	104,320-00	
July 1, 1864,	83,140-00	187,460-00
January 1, 1865,	109,140-00	
July 1, 1865,	392,337-47	501,477-47
January 1, 1866,	14,500-00	
July 1, 1866,	94,870-32	109,370-32
January 1, 1867,	199,506-23	
July 1, 1867,	50,920-75	250,427-03
January 1, 1868,	135,454-04	
July 1, 1868,	105,327-39	240,781-43
January 1, 1869,	117,146-15	
July 1, 1869,	1,880-20	119,026-35
January 1, 1870,	254,391-25	
July 1, 1870,	25,128-35	279,519-60
January 1, 1871,	305,094-06	
July 1, 1871,	28,750-00	333,844-06
January 1, 1872,	244,732-33	
July 1, 1872,	14,300-00	259,032-33
January 1, 1873,	611,399-53	
July 1, 1873,	31,400-00	642,799-53
January 1, 1874,	198,961-70	
July 1, 1874,	100-00	199,061-70
January 1, 1875,	133,000-00	
July 1, 1875,	8,500-00	141,500-00
January 1, 1876,	167,903-76	
July 1, 1876,	288,754-50	456,658-26
January 1, 1877,	54,376-00	
July 1, 1877,	253,500-00	307,876-00
January 1, 1878,	108,031-45	
July 1, 1878,	221,800-00	329,831-45
January 1, 1879,	47,700-00	
July 1, 1879,	250,000-00	297,700-00
January 1, 1880,	608,292-29	
July 1, 1880,	227,400-00	835,692-29
January 1, 1881,	663,120-64	
July 1, 1881,	340,000-00	1,003,120-64
January 1, 1882,	46,400-00	
July 1, 1882,	528,652-33	575,052-33
January 1, 1883,	22,501-10	
July 1, 1883,	252,000-00	274,501-10
January 1, 1884,	1,012,600 00	
July 1, 1884,	348,800-00	1,361,400-00
January 1, 1885,	83,850-00	
July 1, 1885,	158,000-00	241-850
January 1, 1886,		
July 1, 1886,		250,000 00