

PRELIMINARY REPORTS.

NEW BUILDINGS, STREETS, &c.

The number of new buildings, of all descriptions, erected within the city limits, during the past nine years, is 5,033. The numbers in each year were:—

In 1856.....543	In 1859.....343	In 1862.....533
In 1857.....376	In 1860.....598	In 1863.....736
In 1858.....292	In 1861.....518	In 1864.....1,019

These figures, however, enable the reader to form but a partial estimate of the value and extent of the public improvements which are in progress. For example, the City Surveyor showed, in his Report for year ending 31st January, 1864, that,—besides new streets made and others extended or widened, at great expense to the City Corporation,—3,368 linear yards of brick-sewers, and 3,927 yards of wooden box sewers (both kinds of 24 inches inside diameter), had been laid. There were 4,378 linear yards of brick sewer laid in the succeeding year. The nature of the improvements commenced in the year ending 31st January, 1865, will be exemplified by the fact, that the work of widening Notre Dame Street has been rapidly progressing; the expense to the City Corporation of this very much-needed improvement, as determined by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, being \$287,734,—besides considerable sums paid on previous occasions.

The city was incorporated in 1840. The amount of money expended by the Road Department, since that time, is shown to be as follows:—

In 1841-'42 \$205,690	In 1848.... \$26,950	In 1855.... \$20,464	In 1860.... \$121,603
In 1843.... 58,904	In 1849.... 14,054	In 1856.... 32,279	In 1861.... 136,034
In 1844.... 61,616	In 1850.... 10,631	In 1857.... 36,632	In 1862.... 168,650
In 1845.... 59,727	In 1851.... 12,238	In 1858.... 39,616	In 1863.... 164,165
In 1846.... 24,097	In 1852.... 20,235	In 1859.... 31,422	In 1864.... 222,624
In 1847.... 41,925	In 1853.... 19,456	In 1860.... 40,119	TOTAL... \$1,734,593

VALUE OF REAL ESTATE,—(CITY REVENUE.

The aggregate values of Real Estate within the city limits, as per assessment rolls of past six years, were:—

	Assessed Value.	Gross Revenue of the City.
1859.....	\$26,812,290	\$244,252
1860.....	27,649,550	246,323
1861.....	28,976,270	266,389
1862.....	29,857,480	261,364
1863.....	34,832,930	298,333
1864.....	36,573,028	308,455

The revenue figures for 1859 to 1863 inclusive, were taken from a statement made by the Mayor in Spring of last year. The gross revenue set down for 1864, includes,—Assessments, \$230,431.70c.; Duty on Business, \$95,187.83c.; Water Rents, \$210,820.72c.

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* In a number of cases, the property is situated in the city limits, but the owner resides elsewhere.

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This sum, deducted of all other property, preceding four.