

II. INTAKE OR CONDUIT REPAIRS UNDER MR. LESSLIE.

(1) MR. LESSLIE ON THE INTAKE OR CONDUIT REPAIRS.

Mr. Lesslie was continued in the City's service to lift the pipe, in connection with the Intake, broken in February, 1911. On the 28th February, 1911, he made the following entry in his log:

"I delivered Ida E. over and paid Capt. Horn to date in full . . . End of Intake extension for present. All expenses chargeable to conduit repairs (meaning all future expenses would be against conduit repairs)."

Mr. Fellowes in his evidence states that Mr. Lesslie's work on the extension stopped on the 7th February and he came over from that date to help with the lifting of the pipes.

"Q. Was he kept actively at work on the Intake just the same as on the other work? A. Just exactly the same.

"Q. Was there any necessity for a \$500 a month man on that? A. Well, we were instructed by the Board to spare no expense, put on all the divers we could get whether we required them or not, so that they would be there to hustle the thing along, and my instructions from Mr. Rust were to spare no expense. I said we did not use these men. He says 'It does not make any difference, have them there . . . Mr. Lesslie was looking after the work outside where they were trying to raise the pipe. We had pumps and men in the pipe getting the sand out between a point about 400 feet south of the shore, back to the shore crib at a distance about 900 feet; we were working the men there day and night.

"Q. You think that work was proper? A. I think that work was well done."

(2) WAGES CERTIFIED BY MR. LESSLIE FOR PAYMENT.

(a) *Wages of Mr. Thomas Parks, the Cook.*

Mr. Parks stated that he was employed by Mr. Lesslie as cook on the scow at the foot of John Street on the 20th April, 1911, and left on the 25th May, that he was hired by the month, at \$50 a month, but was paid weekly; in the second week he was there he was paid three days' wages and he tried to figure it out at the rate of \$50 a month and he could not get either hours or days; eventually on his discharge ticket he found he was paid so much per hour, but how they made the time up he could not tell. After his third day he stated that he asked Mr. Lesslie what was meant by his being paid weekly on a monthly engagement. Mr. Lesslie asked him if he was satisfied to which Parks replied, "I am more than satisfied, but that is not it." Mr. Lesslie answered, "What have you to kick about"? Parks said: "There is a kick coming somewhere, if everybody on this job and other jobs through the Water Works Department are being paid the same as I am being paid there must be some irregularities going on." To which Mr. Lesslie replied: