

proof-reading, and indexing, incidental to the preparation and publication of the present volume. Of the manner in which these duties have been performed, the work now submitted to the Council and the public will be itself the best criterion.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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Chairman of the Consolidation Committee of 1876.

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NOTE.—As the final sheets of this volume are passing through the press, a By-law (No. 793) has been adopted by the City Council which materially affects the provisions of By-law 504, post p. 281. Instead of the ten Standing Committees mentioned in section 60 of that By-law, there are to be hereafter only five Standing Committees, viz.:

1. The Finance or Executive Committee :—which, in addition to the powers heretofore exercised by the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, is to "supervise all contracts, engagements, reports, recommendations, nominations, and proceedings involving the expenditure of money," of all the other Committees, and no account or claim for money is to be paid until first reported on by this Committee.
2. The Committee on Works :—which corresponds to the present Board of Works.
3. The Committee on Fire, Water and Gas :—corresponding to the present Committee of the same name.
4. The Committee on Property :—with the powers and duties of the present Committee on Wharves and Harbours, Walks and Gardens, and Public Buildings.
5. The Committee on Markets and Health :—with the powers and duties of the present Committees on Public Markets, on Licenses, the Board of Gas Inspectors, and the Board of Health.

The first three Committees are to consist of not more than one member from each Ward, the Committees on Property and on Markets and Health of not more than five members each. A majority of the Committee is to form a quorum, except in the Executive Committee, when any three members, of whom the Mayor or Chairman must be one, are to be a quorum.

In cases of urgency, an expenditure of \$200 may be made by any Committee upon the written report of the head of the Department, endorsed by the Chairman of the Committee, but in all other cases no expenditure is authorized, and no contract, etc., is to have any legal effect until reported on by the Executive Committee and adopted by the Council, a two-thirds majority of which is necessary to reverse the decision of the Executive Committee. A monthly report is to be furnished by the latter Committee to the Council, giving full details of all contracts, etc., approved, with the amounts paid and still due in respect thereof, etc., etc.