

ministration may have the opportunity of becoming acquainted and familiar with the condition of the city finances. Also have the annual reports from schools and all other important interests made and published at that time, and for the same purpose. This will enable your presiding officer in his inaugural address to present such recommendations and suggestions as may seem to him necessary and important, for your action.

Reports similar to the one relating to our schools lately published in the HIGHLAND PARK NEWS, are valuable and interesting, (thanks to the timely issue of that valuable little paper, I suppose). The suggestions and recommendations therein set forth will no doubt have your early and prompt attention. Your School Committee will be found equal to the occasion, and will recommend and propose such measures as will place our schools in the first rank—and, if found necessary, have the buildings sufficiently enlarged or increased to accommodate our present and fast increasing population. This school interest is of the highest importance to the community and one that should, and no doubt will, command your best attention and service. Many minor matters will present themselves to you from time to time, but let us always attend firstly and chiefly to the important ones. It is unwise to engage with mosquitoes when lions and tigers are around.

Our sad experience the past year in taxation, unjust and burdensome in the extreme to many, I trust will not be suffered to occur again. But in this, and all matters pertaining to our city affairs, we will unitedly exert ourselves to retain them and legislate upon them at home, being confident we can do so much more satisfactorily than our neighbors have done for us in the past. At the earliest possible moment it will become us to secure voting places within the city limits, and form a separate and distinct town from the one now ruling, inconveniencing and opposing us. "Can two work together except they be agreed?" Let us separate in peace whenever we can legally do so.

I have, during the past year, consulted with several of our citizens and of Lake Forest, (among the latter Mr. Lind, their Mayor-elect for '74-5) as to the desirableness and feasibility of the two corporations uniting in procuring a tract of land located midway between the two places, to be laid out, improved, beautified and used in common for Cemetery purposes, and so far have found every one consulted in favor of the project. I would therefore recommend this subject to your early attention and action, and if upon close and mature consideration it is found desirable, take proper steps to consummate it; if otherwise, reject it. I make mention of this subject now, that our people generally may have it under consideration, and the Council be enabled to ascertain their views, favorable or otherwise. I will simply add that I think the undertaking, if carried out, will not involve the corporations in any permanent outlay; they will be fully reimbursed, ultimately, and perhaps profited, from sale of lots to individual purchasers.

I will take this occasion, gentlemen,—in which you will unite, no doubt,—to express my admiration of, and obligation to, the gentlemen of the "Highland Park Building Company," for their enterprise, zeal, and liberality towards everything pertaining to our comfort and interests. Streets, bridges, buildings, sidewalks, clearings, and any and everything needed or called for by any one, they cheerfully and promptly respond to, if in their power. It behooves the City Council and citizens generally not only to acknowledge and appreciate their action, but co-operate with them in all necessary and important improvements, and not only by our legislative action, but with our material aid, to the extent of our ability. We are fast becoming a marvel of enterprise and developed beauty to our visitors, and passing friends and neighbors; let us go forward until we are an established and acknowledged success.

Permit me also at this time, and in conclusion, to congratulate my worthy predecessors and the good citizens generally, upon the quiet and good order that has heretofore reigned supreme in our beautiful and happy home. It can hardly be improved or be made better in this regard. May we not hope and strive that it may be con-

tinued in the future and always, so that peace and good will, happiness and prosperity shall ever be characteristic of the city of Highland Park.

THOS. H. BEEBE.

LIST OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY HIS HONOR MAYOR BEEBE.

1. Finance—Messrs. Platt, Preston, Alford.
2. Auditing—Messrs. Carter, Brand, Gray.
3. Fire and Water—Messrs. Mowers, Carter, Alford.
4. Police—Messrs. Alford, Brand, Platt.
5. Schools—Messrs. Preston, Carter, Burdick.
6. Judiciary—Messrs. Platt, Burdick, Gray.
7. Printing—Messrs. Brand, Carter, Burdick.
8. Licenses—Messrs. Gray, Alford, Mowers.
9. Streets and Alleys—Messrs. Preston, Platt, Brand.
10. Assessments—Messrs. Burdick, Mowers, Gray.

Our new City Officers are all duly qualified, and the machinery fairly started for another year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

List of Sales of Real Estate in Highland Park Since January 1st 1874.

- Highland Park Building Co. to Chas. H. Thomson, blocks 77, 78, 79, 80, and 81, also block 87 and that part of Sec. 25 N. E. of R. R. Consideration \$85,000.
- W. W. Everts and wife to Chas. E. Pope, lot 19, South Highland Addition to Highland Park. \$582.
- Highland Park Building Co. to Elizabeth T. Cottrell, lot 9, block 36. \$550.
- Geo. L. Wrenn and wife to Nicholas Clappett, part of lot 7 block 15. \$625.
- Elizabeth Happ and husband to Fowler and McDaniel N. 1/2 lot 22 and S. 1/2 lot 23 block 2, \$2,000.
- Highland Park Building Co. to Geo. M. C. Brackett, lots 8 and 9, block 66 and lots 7 and 8 block 70. \$5,000.
- Highland Park Building Co. to Geo. M. C. Brackett, lot 7, block 61 and lots 13 and 14 block 66. \$10,000.
- Highland Park Building Co. to Jesse O. Norton, lots 1 and 2 block 14 lot 5 block 15 and lots 20 and 21 block 16. \$5,450.
- Owen Monahan and wife to Simon J. Happ, lot 6 block 11 first addition to Port Clinton. \$300.
- Simon J. Happ to E. J. Landstrom, same lot last mentioned. \$200.
- A. McDonald to Henry Wettmack, lot 1 block F. \$386.
- Highland Park Building Co. to James Garrity, N. 50 feet of W. 100 feet of lot 11 block 1. \$300.
- Highland Park Building Co. to Jesse O. Norton, lot 2 Block 29. \$1,275.
- A. Orville Fay to Emma F. Savage, S. 1/2 of lot 9 block 18. \$1,000.
- W. W. Everts to F. Strom, lot 1 block 43. \$1,000.
- Highland Park Building Co. to W. W. Boyington, land lying East of lot 1 block 33. \$2,178.
- S. J. Happ and wife to A. Hanson, N. 1/2 of lot 18 block 1. \$250.
- Geo. L. Wrenn to Olivia Bryant, part of lot 9 block 43. \$450.
- Geo. L. Wrenn to W. S. Downs and B. E. Sias part lot 16 block 42. \$500.
- Jacob Kline to Schuyler M. Coe, N. 1/2 S. 1/2 N. E. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 Sec. 26, all that part of N. 1/2 N. E. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 said Sec. west of R. R. \$5,600.
- Elizabeth Dean et al to Bridget Ryan, lot 21, block 12 and 7 and 8, block—Boilvin's Addition. \$9,036.
- B. F. Jacobs to T. B. Van Wyck, lots 70 and 72 in South Highland Addition to Highland Park. \$1,974.
- C. Granville Hammond to Frederick C. Smith, lot 4 block 16. \$5,500.
- Geo. L. Wrenn to Bernardino Elerbrock, S. 50 feet of lot 7 block 35. \$500.
- Henry Mowers to Wm. Osterman, part W. 1/2 N. W. 1/4 Sec. 23. \$1,100.
- B. F. Jacobs to Marcus A. Farwell, lots 29 and 90 South Highland Addition to Highland Park. \$1,954.
- Highland Park Building Co. to James Steers, lots 4, 5 and 6 block 20. \$4,000.

- E. H. Plummer et al to Elisha Gray, lots 9 and 10, block 27. \$2,500.
- F. F. French to C. C. Abell, lot 15 block 50. \$3,000.
- Highland Park Building Co. to David E. Fiske, lot 10 block 67. \$3,000.
- C. R. Field to Mary E. Hammond, lot 7 block 6. \$100.
- F. F. French to Franklin F. Flint, all N. 1/2 N. W. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 Sec. 26 which lies west of Highway. \$3,000.
- R. E. Goodell to Highland Park Building Co., lot 6 block 20 and lot 8 block 32. \$1.
- B. F. Jacobs to Albert H. Walker, lots 86, 88, 89, 96 and 97 South Highland Addition to Highland Park. \$2,400.
- Highland Park Building Co. to Elizabeth Hall, lot 20 block 24. \$5,900.
- Highland Park Building Co. to S. S. Streeter, lot 2, block 35 lots 7 and 8 block 36 and lots 6 and 7 block 41. \$2,775.
- Highland Park Building Co. to W. A. James, lot 2 block 15 lot 4, block 58 lot 3 block 72 and lot 6 block 11. \$4,500.
- Charles H. Thomson to S and E. A. Mears, lots 16 17 and 18, block 76. \$2,000.
- Highland Park Building Co. to C. H. Thomson, lots 7 and 8 block 81. \$1,000.
- Highland Park Building Co. to John Brooks, lot 5 block 11. \$500.
- Wm. A. James to Highland Park Building Co., lots 2 and 3 block 17. \$6,500.
- Highland Park Building Co. to Abram O. Banks, lots 2 and 3 block 17. \$6,000.
- Geo. L. Wrenn to Victor and Ann E. Vieron lot 8 block 53. \$1,000.
- W. W. Everts to J. S. Prall, part of lot 6 block 40. \$560.
- C. F. Wiard to S. S. Streeter, Tract in Boilvin's Addition. \$200.
- Highland Park Building Co. to Frederick Fisher, lot 2 and E. 50 feet lot 3 Sub. division of lot 12 block 29. \$16,000.
- Anna M. Allen to John Middleton, lot 6 block 21. \$5,700.
- H. B. Hurd to Gustavus W. Schroeder, lots 3 and 4 block 27. \$2,250.
- S. S. Streeter to S. B. Hastings, lot 4 block 10. \$500.
- Highland Park Building Co. to Ellen Gallagher, lot 28 block 5. \$200.
- John Churchill to E. A. Mears, part of lots 1 and 3 block 39 1/2. \$2,000.
- B. F. Jacobs to Edward G. Mansfield, lots 49 and 50 South Highland Addition. \$400.
- F. F. Field and wife to C. B. Field, lot 12 block 16. \$3,150.
- Mary F. Rambo et al to Anna M. Allen, lot 16 block 23. \$4,300.
- W. A. James to D. L. Harris, lots 2 and 3 block 23. \$5,000.
- Mary A. Clappitt et al to Eunice B. Sawyer, lots 8 9 and 10 block 41. \$3,300.
- B. F. Jacobs to D. W. Baker, lot 115 South Highland Addition to Highland Park. \$2,000.

RAVINES AGAIN.

If it be true that our ravines possess a wonderful aesthetic beauty, and are capable of the highest adornment in the way of scenic art, it is no less true that they have a priceless value also, in a practical sense. First, they afford an easy system of drainage, for nearly all the lots in the city, and thereby give excellent facilities for first-class cellars. Secondly, penetrating the town, as they do, in every direction, and that in no niggardly manner, no swamps or stagnant pools can possibly exist. Therefore we can have no miasma and none of the natural causes which breed fevers, agues, and general febrile diseases so freely in some suburbs. We have thus, by our ravines, taken a bond from Nature, guaranteeing the highest probability of general health. It may be that the actual space in Nature occupied by a ravine is simply "a hole in the ground," but we would not exchange that space of intangibility for twenty times its area in a flat, mucky, river-side or prairie town.