mains in charge of it.

A year ago the Highland Park East Park District was organized. The district embraces the second and third wards. The district is governed by five commissioners, W. C. Egan is president of the board. Only such streets and public parks as are turned over to them by the city, pass under their jurisdiction. So far the city has turned over Ravine avenue and the small public park at the foot of Ravine ave. The pavement of that street will be done by the city, whereupon the control of the street will become practically complete in the commissioners. Ravine avenue when paved and made into a boulevard will be one of the most beautiful and picturesque streets in our city.

Before concluding let me call your attention to one or two reforms that come to mind and which I hope will receive your consideration during the coming year.

Much of the beauty of our city parkways is disfigured by unsightly poles. These poles are an eyesore to our people and a detriment to our city. Let us adopt some means of banishing them from our community.

Let us not overlook the promise that has been made by the officials of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co., to construct a new and wider subway at Laurel avenue sufficient to handle the traffic at that point.

We should also appeal to the company to consider the condition surrounding their freight depot and see if we can not pursuade the company to remedy that situation.

And finally let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and work together in unison and harmony for all that goes to make Highland Park a place of rest and refinement and of quiet, contented homes.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Highland Park NEWS

J. I. Moore is conducting a refreshment stand at Highwood Electric depot.

Edmonds Des Jardines and family have returned to the Park after living in Chicago.

Mrs. Palmer has opened Hotel Hawthorne on St. John's avenue for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Carry will open their Laurel avenue residence about the first of June.

For the very freshest of Meats and Vegetables call on Mr. P. Geaser.

Jaines Duffy will move into the store with H. Frieble.

Mr. and Mrs. Walthers of South Green Bay road, are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy.

For Stationery call on Mr. Albert Larson. And rest assured what you call for in his line he will have.

Geminer and Gipp grocery dealers, West Central avenue carry a large and fresh stock both of groceries and vegetable, which they sell on a small margin Give them a trial order by calling up 172.

Miss Anna Ogard, sister of Mrs. J. F. Scott of Highland Park, was married at Revelstoke, British Columbia, to Mr. Percy P. McKenna. April 18 1910 Mr. and Mrs. McKenna are living in Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Knapp of Ravine avenue, entertained at dinner Thursday evening. Covers were laid for nine.

Miss A. L. Kuist, graduate nurse, who has been seriously ill for the past two months, is slowly recovering.

Fritsch Bro's dealers in Groceries, Dry Goods, Notions, Hardware, Flour, Hay and Feed, have their place of business on Highwood avenue and to test their goods Telephone 2362

Mr. Springer of California, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ingalls of Glencoe Place.

The many friends of Frank Shelton of Moraine Road, will be glad to hear of his promotion as traveling sales-man for the General Electric company of Chicago. This is a just reward for his meritorous services for the past several years.

Mr and Mrs. L. C. Whitman, of Ravinia, have taken a house on Ash street, Winnetka, for the summer.

Mrs. Gardener of Central avenue, was hostess at a dinner party Wednesday evening. Covers were laid for twelve. The decorations were sweet peas.

A memmorial service was held in Masonic Hall, Highland Park, last Sunday evening under the auspices of the Sheridan Lodge No. 662, I. O. O. F. The Rev. Columbus Polk Goodson, pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian church, delivered an address.

A very pleasant surprise was given Mrs. O. B. Brand last Monday evening. About forty of her friends and fellow church workers met at the home of Mrs. A. L. Renning and from thence proceeded in a body to the home of Mrs. Brand. Many surprise parties are spoiled due to the victim being tipped off in advance but this was not so on this occasion. A very enjoyable evening was spent, a number of interesting games were played and after lunch the party was treated to a stereoptican lecture by Mr. O. B. Brand. Mrs. Brand was presented with a a beautiful cut glass water pitcher. The presentation speech was made by Mr. George L. Vetter to which Mrs Brand responded in a happy manner. The evening had one feature to marr its complete success in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Renning due to the unexpected death of Mrs. Renning's father in Boston, Mass., the day before.

## FAIRVIEW PAVING BEGINS.

The work of paving Fairview avenue in Highland Park was started Wednesday. The street between Green Bay road and McHenry's avenue, more than a mile, will be paved with tarvia and macadam. Schmidt & Co. of Chicago were awarded the contract.

## WOMEN GO TO CINCINNATI

### Club Members Left Monday

There will be a large number of women at the convention of the Central Federation of Woman's Clubs which convened at Cincinnate last Monday. The Highland Park Women's Club sent as representatives Mrs. Geo. Campbell, President; Mrs. Amos B. Holabird, Mrs. Ira J. Geer. A number of members of the Ossoli Club were in attendance.

## HIGHLAND PARK 'PRIMPS'

### Fountain Painted; Trees Planted and Streets Sprinkled.

The fountain in Central avenue, near Sheridan road, has been painted at the expense of the newly organized Highland Park Improvement Association. Three coats of green paint were applied to the fountain, and as a result, what was once an "eyesore" has been turned into a mark of beauty. The association recently closed a contract for sprinkling the principal streets of the town for six months, beginning this month. Two men are employed by the association to keep the streets and vacant lots free of rubbish and paper, and more than 150 trees and shrubs have been planted. The association includes in its membership some of the most prominent society women. It was formed to improve sanitary and physical conditions in the city. Mrs Franklin Hussey is president.

## LEGAL

## REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.
May 2nd, 1910

TO THE HON. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.

GENTLEMEN:—

The annual report of the Commissioner of public works for the year ending April 30th, 1910 is herewith respectfully submitted.

Owing to starting in the middle of the fiscal year it is impossible to make as detailed a report as I would have liked to on account of lack of data. and on account of the work having been started partially completed on plans already laid out.

WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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| No. of feet of water mains installed in Highland Park, Ills., previous to May 1st, 1909 | 121 947 |
| Constructed during the fiscal year'09. | 8 824 |
| Under contract present time.. | 6 776 |
| For which plans and specifications are ready | 9 515 |
| Present intake 16 inch diameter | 2 080 |
| New intake 20 inch diameter | 2 500 |

Setting well is 16 ft. in diameter, depth 20ft.

Stand pipe 16 feet in diameter height 100 feet, making the elevation of the top of the stand pipe 221 feet above the level of the Lake

2 Tubular boilers 16 ft long 60 inches in diameter

2 Dean Compound pumping engines, size 14x20x12x8

1 Burnham condenser, size 10x14x14

1 Burnham boiler feed pump size 6 1-8x4x6.

1 single Dean pump size 5x3½x5

The distribution of the water mains in the system is as follows:

Built previous to May 1st, 1909,

| Size, | No. of ft. |
|---|---|
| 12 in. | 2 450 |
| 10 in. | 6 060 |
| 8 in. | 9 610 |
| 6 in. | 64 490 |
| 4 in. | 39 377 |

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| Constructed during 1909 4 inch | 8 824 |
| Under contract present time 8 inch | 6 036 |
| 4 inch | 7 40 |
| Contemplated during 1910 10in | 7 550 |
| 4in | 1 765 |
| Watermain valves constructed previous to may 1, 1909 16 in | 2 |
| 12 in | 6 |
| 10 in | 7 |
| 8 in | 11 |
| 6 in | 46 |
| 4 in | 252 |
| Watermain valves completed during 1909, 4 in | 10 |
| Watermain under contract 20 in | 2 |
| 16 in | 1 |
| 8 in | 5 |
| 4 in | 1 |
| Completed 10in | 7 |
| 4 in | 4 |
| Number of Fire Hydrants Installed previous to May 1st, 1909 | 207 |
| Constructed during 1909 | 12 |
| Under contract present time | 7 |
| Contemplated | 11 |
| Total number of water takers in Highland Park system | 922 |
| Total number metered takers | 685 |
| Total number unmetered | 237 |

Amount of coal burned from May 1st. 1909 to May 1st, 1910 1 213 520 lbs.

Amount of coal on hand May 1st. 1909 41 390 lbs.

Amount of coal on hand May 1st. 1910, 141 414 lbs.

Amount of coal delivered during 1910, 1 313 620 lbs.

Average number of lbs coal used per day 1909, 3 323 lbs.

Average number of gallons water pumped per day 1909, 685 912

Average number gallons water pumped 208 ft high per lb. coal burned 206

Total pumpage from May 1, 1909 to May 1st. 1910, 250 031 430

The City Council authorized the construction of a new intake pipe at the Water Works, the contract for which was let to Joseph G. Falcon of Evanston, Ill., for the laying of 2500 ft. of pipe for the sum of $12 500, including 44 ball joints. The expenses as they occurred are as follows.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For iron pipe | $ 5 095 49 | |
| For Lead | 634 12 | |
| For Valves | 132 25 | |
| For Strainer | 260 00 | |
| For Hauling pipe | 97 50 | |
| For labor and Superintendence hauling pipe | 78 15 | |
| For Est to J Falcon for ball joints | | $ 3 960 00 |
| Balance due Mr. Falcon as per contract | | $ 540 00 |
| Total | | $18 797 51 |

There will be some more material to purchase for the setting of the strainer, such as piling, yokes, straps and some extra ball joints, on account of having to start closer to the shore than was at first anticipated, so that the new intake will stand the city complete, close to $20,000.

SEWER SYSTEM.

Number of feet of sewer mains previous to May 1st, 1909.

12 inch 1.25 miles or 6 597 feet.
10 inch 1.88 miles or 9 975 feet
9 inch 2.92 miles or 15 430 feet
8 inch 12.02 miles or 64 503 feet
6 in 5.24 miles or 27 693 feet.

Manholes 460
Flush tanks 375
Flushing connections 9
Constructed during 1909 sewer 1285 ft.
Manholes, 4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Under contract at present | 18 in. | 280 ft |
| | 15 in. | 180 ft |
| | 12 in. | 4050 ft |
| | 10 in. | 10010ft |
| | 8 in. | 11200ft |
| | 6 in. | 12170ft |
| Manholes | | 160 |
| Contemplated during 1910 | 10 in. | 1700ft |
| | 8 in. | 2545ft |
| | 6 in. | 5340 ft |
| Manholes | | 32 |

Constructed previous to May 1, 1909.
Flush tanks 4.
Under contract. 1
Contemplated, 1.

PAVING.

Roads completed previous to May 1st, 1909. 23.4 miles or 123 569 ft.

Roads completed during 1909. 3.66 miles or 19 325 ft

Roads under contract at present, 1.27 miles or 6 693 ft

Road plans and specifications prepared 2.6 miles or 13 684 ft

Roads tarviaed at present 5.6 miles or 295 680 ft

Roads paved, brick 785 lin. ft.

Summary of the work as estimated by the Board of Local Improvements since May 1st, 1909.

| | |
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| Completed pavements | $ 62 624 00 |
| Completed water mains | 5 572 00 |
| Completed Sewers | 1 229 00 |
| Completed Sidewalks | 1 013 00 |
| Total | $70 438 00 |

Work under contract and in course of construction.

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|---|---|
| Paving | $30 313 00 |
| Water mains | 7 881 00 |
| Sewers | 45 590 00 |
| Intake | 18 797 00 |
| Total | $102 574 00 |

Work for which plans and specifications have been prepared.

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|---|---|
| Pavements | $77 612 50 |
| Water mains | 15 792 00 |
| Sewers | 7 297 00 |
| Sidewalks | 8 005 00 |
| Total | $108 686 50 |

Owing to the large amount of snow during the winter, the snow plow work cost the city a great deal more than any previous winter for some time, amounting to $226 20.

Since the 9th day of March there has been cleaned by the Street Department 34 300 lineal feet street paving, or 6½ miles at an expense including scraping, hauling, and superintending of $372 85.

It is demonstrated very conclusively that the streets that have tarvia finish, with either a curbing or a gutter, are a great deal less expensive to maintain than those that have not; for instance, Prospect avenue and Sheridan Road North of Central avenue, cost less than one-half the amount expended to clean Second street, Green Bay Road, or other streets without curb or gutter and that are not tarred, whereas it costs now all the way from $2 32 per thousand square yards to $6 08 per thousand square yards. By having all the streets [illegible] avia finished and a sweep[illegible]er system, [illegible]uch as Lake Forest and [illegible] other citi[illegible], I believe the expense could be c[illegible] down to not over $1.00 per thous[illegible]d square yds, for each cleaning.

There [illegible] been some criticism as to the advisi[illegible]ity of the plan of having a Departm[illegible]t of Public Works as compared with [illegible]he old form of administering the [illegible]fairs of the city.

As a man[illegible] family increases so must his expense [illegible] increase, and if the city makes ten [illegible]imes the improvements in one year th[illegible] it did in the previous year, ther[illegible] must be some added expense for [illegible]e labor and superintendence.

During [illegible]e fiscal year of 1908 the city put in [illegible]16 806 worth of Improvements by s[illegible]ecial assessment and spent for enginee[illegible]ng services $1740, not including ins[illegible]ection, most of which was paid out o[illegible]he water fund.

During t[illegible] year 1909 there was constructed $[illegible]138 worth of improvements and there [illegible]re $102 574 worth under contract a[illegible]he present time, with plans and [illegible]pecifications prepared for 1108 686 m[illegible]e.

Compari[illegible] the work done we find that in 19[illegible] there were many times the amount [illegible]one that was done in 1908 out the cos[illegible] of engineering is proportionately les[illegible] than one-half, or, take it on a perc[illegible]tage basis, the same as Glencoe an[illegible] Winnetka and a number of other to[illegible]ns have it and it is found to be less [illegible]an one-half as expensive.

As the ti[illegible]e of the Commissioner of Public Wo[illegible]s is over half occupied with other [illegible]work than special ass[illegible]ssments, it [illegible]ould be well to consider how he ca[illegible]pe of service to the city in a general [illegible]ay, for instance, when the Superinten[illegible]ent of Water Works asked for bids fo[illegible] the hauling of the water pipe the lo[illegible]est bidder was $2 50 per ton. The [illegible]ty hauled it down by the day for 65c [illegible]er ton, as actual expense for labor a[illegible] team work, which made a saving o[illegible] $500 in eight days' work. Then aga[illegible] the bridge proposition that the c[illegible] is up against now, built on the old [illegible]orm bridges cost $10.00 per lineal foot [illegible]nore, taken on the basis of the contra[illegible]s it previously awarded, than the g[illegible]der type of bridge—which means a sa[illegible]ing of $1500 on every 150 feet bridg[illegible] and the city should build five or six [illegible]ridges this year.

It has b[illegible]n asserted that there has been mor[illegible] money drawn out of the treasury si[illegible]ce October 1st, 1909 than at any pre[illegible]ous time, especially out of the Street [illegible]nd Alley, Bridge, and Spec[illegible] ial General Fund, which is true, but those draft[illegible] were made to meet bills incurred and [illegible]contracted previous to the organizatio[illegible] of the Department of Public Works [illegible] In other words, of the $16-605 spent [illegible]ring the year out of the Street and [illegible]lley and Bridge Fund, $13,-000 was eit[illegible]r spent, ordered, or contracted for [illegible]efore October 1st. 1909, over which of[illegible]course, this Department had no jurisdict[illegible]n.

In the sa[illegible]e manner, the $7,629 spent out of the [illegible] Special General Expense Fund, less [illegible]an $2000 is chargable to the Departmen[illegible] of Public Works.

These f[illegible]ures are not taken from hearsay, b[illegible] are compiled from an itemised copy o[illegible] every warrant that was audited and pa[illegible] by the City Council during the past tw[illegible] years.

In closi[illegible] this report I have to say that the he[illegible]s of the different departments hav[illegible] done everything in their power to he[illegible] make the work a success, and I think [illegible]hat the City may well be proud of [illegible]e showing that has been made throu[illegible]h their cooperation during the past ye[illegible]

Re[illegible]ctfully submitted,

H. L. BOWEN,

Co[illegible]missioner of Public Works.

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