

It was ordered that the permission asked for be granted, with the understanding that Captain Thomas B. Mc. Gee, South-western District, shall personally see that none of the ballot boxes containing ballots in the custody of the Board and stored at said Station are molested, or that anything in the said room is disturbed but the ballots to be taken therefrom for destruction. (See File "Supervisors of Election").

Cable, --Purchase of .

In respect to the cable delivered by the Safety Insulated Wire and Cable Company, as referred to in the morning session of the proceedings of this date, a report, as follows, was received:

June 12th, 1912.

To The Honorable,
The Board of Police Commissioners.
Gentlemen:-

Referring to the cable delivered by the Safety Insulated Wire and Cable Company recently, which, according to the reports of the City Engineer, is short on the quantity of tin in the sheath, I beg to say that tin is combined with lead in the armor, not because the covering will wear better, but to stiffen it to enable its introduction into the underground conduits without stretching. The specifications we use are those of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telegraph Company calling for 3 per cent. tin, whereas the specifications of the Fire Department call for two per cent. tin. As the sections in the work upon which we are now engaged are short, this lot of cable, containing nearly 2 per cent. tin, can be installed satisfactorily and will wear as long as if it had 3 per cent. I have tried to ascertain from those considered expert in this line if the use of tin in the manufacture of the sheath added materially to the cost thereof, if at all, but could get no satisfactory information on the subject.

The cable heretofore furnished by the Safety Insulated Wire and Cable Company, under similar specifications, has met the requirements of the service.

Very respectfully,
Samuel R. Boone,
Lieut. and Superintendent.

Further consideration of the matter was deferred awaiting the reply of the Safety Insulated Wire and Cable Company to the communication addressed to it by the Board this day.

See Exhibit. No. 3868.

Dong Tong, - Complaint from.

A letter was received from Dong Tong, 640 N. Framont street, complaining of annoyance suffered by him from young men throwing