The high Constables report will prove the efficiency of his department The Police of our corporation has occupied much of my thoughts and led me to investigate the systems of our principal cities and I have come to the conclusion that our plan works as well as that of any other city We can make great improvements in our arrangements, and should make them as early as practicable We need more men for the day service and I would suggest that provision be made whereby the force could be increased to one hundred I would also suggest that the whole department be placed under the supervision of the chief of Police the Night Watch be designated Night Police and the Police Officers day Police the Captains and Lieutenants of the watch will be Captains and Lieutenants of Night Police but subject to supervission of Chief of Police to mature the plan thoroughly I would recommend that the city be divided into five stations or ~~Districts~~ 4 Wards to comprise a district The districts at present are entirely too large The Lieutenants are required to hurry too much to make the round in half the night This difficulty can only be obviated by circumscribing the districts and increasing their number Our city is increasing in area so rapidly that it has become necessary to increase both the day & night police force, to do this will increase expenses somewhat I believe our citizens are willing to bear an extra tax to secure protection of life & property our tax payers will never complain of reasonable expenditures for reasonable purposes I have during the past year had many bills presented to me for hauling paupers and others to and from the different station houses these appear to be necessary expenses but are not estimated in the appropriation bills there should be some arrangements made for the payment of such bills and I would recommend an appropriation for these purposes. It is my conviction that a

fund should be set a part every year to be used at the discretion of the Mayor there are many little and some material disasters occuring during the year which in making up the annual estimates the heads of departments can not consider such as the accidental destruction of a bridge a sewer or street &c &c There is no appropriation made for work of this kind and yet it is absolutely necessary that it should be done without delay, I herewith lay before your honourable body the reports of the Inspectors of weights & measures which will shew you what has been done during the year by those officers they have laboured under some difficulty from a defect in the law regulating their duties it makes it obligatory on them to condemn all weights & measures they find incorrect and mark them as condemned with the letter C. and fine those who use unlawfull measures & weights but this does not remedy the evil as they are not allowed to confiscate them I would therefore suggest that a supplementary ordinance be at once passed authorizing the additional penalty of confiscation and destruction of all weights & measures that are found false Another cause of complaint is the mode of measuring potatoes &c at our wharves it has been the custom to use a flour barrell for this purpose but great fraud is practised by this mode and as the law does not recognize any measure of larger capacity than a bushel I would suggest that a measure of 2½ Bushels be legalized this would prevent imposition or make it obligatory that potatoes grain &c should be sold by weight The reports of the cos composing the Fire Dept during the past year has been to a remarkable degree exempt from conflagration the Companys as far as I am informed are at peace with each other, Much has been said in regard to our fire department and the necessity for various reasons of some change in it reference has been made to the plans adopted by different cities, There are those —