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## COMMERCIAL BANK OF NEW ORLEANS.

### DIRECTORS.

WM. ALLING, PRESIDENT, | ALEXANDER GRAILHE,  
P. N. WOOD, | C. T. STEWART,  
M. W. HOFFMAN, | SAMUEL SMITH.

*Representing the City Corporation:*

J. E. CALDWELL, | WM. C. TOMPKINS.

Mr. S. SMITH was elected on the 6th November, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of H. R. Denis, Esq.

The next election of Directors will be held on the 1st Monday of March next, as provided for by the Charter.

*To the Stockholders:*

The following Report exhibiting the transactions of the Fiscal Year 1850, it is hoped will prove acceptable.

WM. ALLING, Pres't.

# STATEMENT

*Of the Disbursements and Receipts of the Water Works, for the year ending 31st December, 1850.*

## DISBURSEMENTS.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT:		
Expended on new Engine and Engine House.....	\$ 2639 36	
" on Chimney No. 3 and Boilers.....	7177 95	
Cost of main pipes and laying of same, \$49,142 37		
Less, received for broken pipes,.....	172 36	-48,970 01
Cost of re-paving streets,.....	4751 18	
		\$ 63,538 50
DIVIDEND No. 1, of \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$ share, am't paid to date,....		50,509 00
SLAVES—Paid for clothing, sustenance, &c,.....		953 44
FIRE HYDRANTS—Paid 4 men for attending to shut- ting off, &c.....		2,100 00
RESERVOIRS—Paid for repairs, cleansing, &c.....		279 17
SALARIES—Paid officers, including Collectors, Inspec- tors and Engineer,.....	\$13,688 80	
Bank of America, N. Y. Agency, 2 years salary,.....	500 00	
		\$14,188 80
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES:		
For Coal, Stationery, Insurance, &c.....		\$ 7,926 08
TAXES—Paid State Tax of 1849, ( <i>under protest</i> ),.....		436 90
CASH—Balance on hand 31st Dec'r, 1850,...		1,528 68
		\$141,460 57

## RECEIPTS.

To Cash balance, 1st January, 1850,.....	\$19,213 22
Water Rents—Total Receipts, 1850,.....	89,819 83
Fixtures Account, for Profits realized,.....	796 41
Interest " this amount rec'd upon deposits,...	2,435 74
Banking Department received from that source,.....	29,195 37
	\$141,460 57

The revenue of the present year exceeds the last in the sum of \$19,256 99-100—this increase is chiefly to be attribu-

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ted to the increased number of Hydrants. The number of Hydrants existing on the 31st December, 1849, was - 4,365  
The number placed from 1st January to 31st

December, 1850, inclusive, - - - - 800

Making the Total No. of Hydrants, - - 5,165

Of this number 177 were closed in untenanted houses.

"	546	"	"	tenanted	"
"	38	"	"	destroyed by fire,	- - - - 761

Leaving as the No. from which revenue was derived, - 4,404

It will be perceived in the foregoing table of Disbursements, that the large sum of \$63,538 50, has been expended in the extension of the works and in such a manner as will, it is believed, materially increase the revenue.

The Municipal Tax of 1849, amounting to \$4,080, remains unpaid. The State Taxes have been paid under protest, and a suit is now pending in the Supreme Court to test the legality of these taxes.—Sec. 37 of the Charter of the Company exempts it from taxes so long as it shall continue, in consideration of the advantages accruing to the public.

The following Table shows the extent and size of Main Pipes laid during the year, towit:

3 inch extensions,	182 feet
4 " " "	8,597 "
6 " " "	5,670 "
8 " " "	8,140 "
10 " " "	923 "
16 " " "	1,537 "
22 " " "	90 "
30 " " "	700 " — 25,839 feet.

Branching to Fire Hydrants, - 1,800 "

TOTAL. 27,639 feet,

Equal to 5 miles and 413 yards, which, with the quantity previously laid, makes the total extent of Main Pipes 42 miles and 413 yards.

The Superintendent reports the advantage gained by the new connection with the Engine from the River and Mound, as being equal to 100 per cent. The Engine is capable of pumping double the amount of water that was raised through the former connections in the same time, without an increased consumption of fuel and with less wear and tear (the friction being greatly reduced) than before.

The Engineer reports that the old Engine, which is occasionally used, might be rendered much more useful, if furnished with a new set of Double Acting Pumps, and estimates the cost at \$2,500. By this improvement a saving in fuel will be effected and in case of accident to the new Engine, it will be competent to raise the necessary supply of water.

During the past summer, the complaints of an insufficiency of Water in portions of the City, were very general. Measures have been proposed and the work will soon be commenced with a view of increasing the supply. The work to be undertaken consists in making an Outlet or Effluent, feeding a 24 inch Main, to be extended from the Reservoirs along Market Street and Felicity Road to the head of Magazine Street, where it will unite with the Principal Feeder by which the City is supplied. It is expected that when this work is completed, all portions of the City having the benefit of the Pipes, will be favored with a generous supply. The cost of this work is estimated at \$20,000. The Pipes are being landed and the work will be commenced without delay.—This work is rendered absolutely necessary by the large amount of Water required for public purposes.

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The Superintendant asks for an appropriation of \$3,000 to construct a Culvert for the conveyance of the Sediment to the River, in place of the Company's lot as at present. The lodgment of soil in the Streets in the vicinity of the Basins, is justly regarded a nuisance.

The stock of Main Pipes, branches, &c. on hand and ordered, will extend about 3 miles, and it is the intention of the Company to lay them during the ensuing year.

The assets of the Banking Department considered good is about \$70,000, and although the remainder appear desperate it is not improbable but more may in progress of time be realized,

### Outstanding Liabilities of Water Works Department.

For Pipes, Branches, Stop Cocks, Fire Plugs, &c., including invoices not yet received,.....	\$16,891 00
Stock ordered for private service, .....	942 00
Balance uncalled for of the Dividend declared this year.....	6,368 00
Sundry bills for Coal, &c. &c.....	1,658 04
	<u>\$25,859 04</u>

### Comparative Table of Water Rents to 31st Dec. 1850

For 1837,.....	\$ 8,816 46
1838,.....	17,027 29
1839,.....	27,938 89
1840,.....	34,622 88
1841,.....	44,927 01
1842,.....	49,944 08
1843,.....	49,796 07
1844,.....	56,687 18
1845,.....	58,263 11
1846,.....	62,866 38
1847,.....	70,685 94
1848,.....	70,342 05
1849,.....	70,562 84
1850,.....	89,819 83

GRAND TOTAL,.....\$712,300 01

### Means and Estimates for 1851.

Cash on hand 1st January, 1851,.....	\$ 1,528 68
Revenue from Water Rents for 1851, estimated at.....	100,000 00
Expected from the Banking Department,.....	30,000 00
Fixture Bills due and unpaid, and stock on hand,.....	9,498 75
	<u>\$141,027 43</u>
LESS—Expenses: for Salaries, Coals and Incidentals, {	\$23,000 00
support of Slaves, &c.,.....	
Outstanding liabilities, as above,.....	25,859 04—48,859 04
Leaving the sum of.....	<u>\$92,168 39</u>
to be applied, 1st to a Dividend—18,877 shares, {	... \$66,069 50
@ THREE DOLLARS AND A HALF $\frac{3}{4}$ SHARE, {	
Balance for Improvements, &c.....	26,098 89
	<u>\$92,168 39</u>

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