

WELL-PAVED STREETS.

Steadily and Rapidly the Work of Improvement Progresses.

When it is remembered how largely smooth pavements have supplanted the wretched cedar blocks of the very recent past, when the whole city is seen in a state of upheaval, with armies of men engaged in the work of rehabilitation, when the thousands of dollars that have been spent are considered, when all these multiplied manifestations of progress and improvement are also considered, some idea can be formed of what revolution Kansas City is passing through.

In the past year \$799,121.57 has been expended in the construction of public improvements in Kansas City, and this is one reason why the city has grown so in population and wealth in recent years. People do not go away from paved streets, water and gas, proper drainage and all the conveniences of city homes, even for the pure air and other attractions of the country. Municipal improvements in the way of properly paved streets are paying investments. A well-paved street attracts the real estate investor first and then the home seeker.

There are conservative public men in Kansas City, as well as in all other cities, who oppose every move made in the direction of better streets and new sewers, but the city has pushed ahead notwithstanding the croakers until it has a system of paved streets second to none in the country.

The following table, furnished by City Engineer Donnelly, shows the total amount of public work constructed in the city during the past year:

Nature of Work.	No.	Miles	Cost.
Street paving.....	64	10.85	\$332,057.91
Alley paving.....	11	.52	8,234.76
Curbing.....	27	14.81	40,608.10
First-class sidewalks.....	11	.....	27,137.11
Repairs—First-class sidewalks and curbing.....	.....	.....	1,150.59
Plank sidewalks.....	30	5.81	8,091.86
Repairs—Plank sidewalks.....	.....	.....	9,888.29
Street grading.....	28	5.61	88,281.18
Alley grading.....	13	1.00	5,101.48
District sewers.....	6	2.93	29,447.40
Streets sprinkled.....	32	18.85	11,150.68
Streets cleaned.....	12	5.20	4,315.66
Streets cleaned and sprinkled.....	19	6.50	9,098.81
O. K. creek public sewer.....	.....	.82	51,281.51
Missouri river bank sewer.....	.....	.....	7,771.10
Bluff street bridge.....	.....	.....	15,300.00
Sundry public work paid for by voucher.....	.....	.....	802.51
Sundry public work construct- ed under ordinance.....	.....	.....	1,055.13
Total cost.....			\$799,121.57