

THE REMOVAL OF GARBAGE.

Figures Which Suggest That Quantity Depends Upon Price.

In Wards Where the Rate Per Load Is Low Collections Are Invariably Small, and Vice Versa—A Large Bill for July.

The board of health will soon find itself wrestling with the prospect of a deficit in the appropriation of money for the payment of the work of removing garbage. The bill of the contractor is running up alarmingly and the amount of garbage removed is growing daily. The bill of the contractor for the first three weeks of this month alone will be \$1,761.02 and for the remaining week will reach a total of at least \$2,200. The amount removed for each ward of the city is as follows:

First ward, twenty-three loads, 1,462 cubic feet, costing \$58.48; Second ward, forty-seven loads, 2,295 cubic feet, costing \$71.72; Third ward, seventy-five loads, 4,405 cubic feet, costing \$154.17; Fourth ward, forty-one loads, 1,848 feet, costing \$73.03; Fifth ward, fifty-nine loads, 2,084 feet, costing \$150.77; Sixth ward, fifty-seven loads, 2,327 feet, costing \$72.52; Seventh ward, sixty-two loads, 4,044 feet, costing \$190.09; Eighth ward, fifty-two loads, 3,982 feet, costing \$174.21; Ninth ward, 110 loads, 6,382 feet, costing \$358.08; Tenth ward, seventy-two loads, 4,534 feet, costing \$294.71; complaint wagon, thirty-one loads, 3,121 feet, costing \$140.44. This is a total of 639 loads, 35,084 feet and costing \$1,761.02.

In the First ward only twenty-three loads were hauled, while in the Ninth ward, for instance, 110 loads were hauled. The contractor gets \$1.60 for every load of forty cubic feet hauled from the First ward, while he gets \$2.25 for every load of forty cubic feet hauled from the Ninth ward. In the Second ward only forty-seven loads were hauled, for which the contractor gets \$1.25 for every forty cubic feet. In the Tenth ward he hauled seventy-two loads, and gets \$2.60 for every forty-cubic feet.

The same discrepancy is shown when the comparison is made as to the number of cubic feet hauled. In the Sixth ward, where the price is \$1.25 per regulation load of forty cubic feet, he hauled 2,327 cubic feet. In the Seventh ward, where he gets \$1.90, he hauled 4,044 cubic feet. In the Fourth ward, where the price is \$1.60 per load, 1,848 feet were hauled, while in the Tenth ward, where the price is \$2.25, 6,382 feet were hauled.

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The garbage contract was let April 20, of this year, and the successful bidder was given the contract at the following prices: First ward, \$1.60 per load of forty cubic feet; Second ward, \$1.25; Third ward, \$1.40; Fourth ward, \$1.60; Fifth ward, \$2.25; Sixth ward, \$1.25; Seventh ward, \$1.90; Eighth ward, \$1.75; Ninth ward, \$2.25; Tenth ward, \$2.60; complaint wagon, which collects from all the wards, the average price of \$1.80 (the latter figure was fixed upon at a subsequent meeting the board).

The difference in the price was established according to the difficulty of collecting the garbage, the distance from the dump and the density of population. In the densely populated wards, where the garbage was easy to collect and was collected in large quantities, the price was fixed at a lower figure than in the distant and thinly settled wards.

For instance, in the Ninth ward, which is bounded by Grand avenue and the eastern city limits and by Thirteenth and Twentieth streets, the price was fixed at \$2.25 by reason of the great distance to be traveled. But from this ward the greatest amount of garbage was collected, while in the First ward, which is the nearest to Armourdale, where the greater portion of the garbage is delivered, only \$1.60 was fixed upon. But from this ward only 1,462 cubic feet were collected, while from the ramifying and latitudinous Ninth, where the price is half as much again, the amount is over four times as great, 6,382 feet being collected.

The board of health will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon and will probably look into this matter.