

THE CITY INDEBTEDNESS.—Sometime since, a resolution was passed by the City Councils, calling upon the City Treasurer to make out a statement of the entire liabilities of the Consolidated City of Philadelphia. That officer immediately undertook the task, and promptly furnished the required information. The total indebtedness, as we understand, amounts to \$15,697,455. A loan for a small amount, viz: \$152,550, will expire on the first of January, 1855. The longest loan is not redeemable until January 1, 1904. The indebtedness includes, not only the liabilities of the old city, but of Southwark, Spring Garden, Moyamensing, the Northern Liberties, Kensington, Belmont, West Philadelphia, District of Penn, Bridesburg, Frankford, Richmond, and the Guardians of the Poor. In the aggregate, moreover, is included the subscriptions to various railroads, to the extent of something like eight millions. The general indebtedness, therefore, cannot be regarded as very large, the immense resources of the city considered. And now that a response has been made to the call of the Councils, it is to be hoped that those bodies will proceed to the establishment of a Sinking Fund. Any further delay upon a subject of such importance would be highly culpable. Something should be done at once to resuscitate the city credit, and to inspire confidence, not only among the bondholders, but all others who have an interest in the financial affairs of Philadelphia.

An Important Official Document—The Indebtedness of the City. 1854.

The following official statement, as prepared by the City Treasurer, in conformity with the resolution of Councils, possesses more than ordinary interest and importance. It exhibits the entire indebtedness of the Consolidated City of Philadelphia, specifies the various loans, and designates the dates at which they are redeemable.

Memorandum of the different Loans of the Consolidated City of Philadelphia, (as far as they can be ascertained,) showing the period of their becoming due, and their respective amounts, viz:—
Mayor, Aldermen, and District of Belmont.
citizens of Philada. Borough of Germantown.
County of Philadelphia. Guardians of the Poor.
District of Southwark. West Philadelphia.
" Spring Garden. District of Penn.
" Moyamensing. Bridesburg.
" N. Liberties. Frankford.
" Kensington. Richmond.

LOANS REDEEMABLE.		
January 1, 1855,	152,550-00	
July 1, 1855,	107,678-00	260,228-00
January 1, 1856,	159,150-00	
July 1, 1856,	41,368-75	200,518-75
January 1, 1857,	101,557-30	
July 1, 1857,	52,100-00	153,657-30
January 1, 1858,	114,950-00	
July 1, 1858,	56,078-26	171,028-26
January 1, 1859,	95,894-20	
July 1, 1859,	19,320-80	115,215-00
January 1, 1860,	1,063,430-65	
July 1, 1860,	164,293-55	1,227,724-20
January 1, 1861,	255,673-16	
July 1, 1861,	16,700-00	272,373-16
January 1, 1862,	100,800-00	
July 1, 1862,	55,796-49	156,596-49
January 1, 1863,	173,943-00	
July 1, 1863,	103,815-00	277,758-00
January 1, 1864,	104,320-00	
July 1, 1864,	83,140-00	187,460-00
January 1, 1865,	109,140-00	
July 1, 1865,	392,337-47	501,477-47
January 1, 1866,	14,500-00	
July 1, 1866,	94,870-32	109,370-32

January 1, 1867,	199,506-28	
July 1, 1867,	50,920-75	250,427-03
January 1, 1868,	135,454-04	
July 1, 1868,	105,327-39	240,781-43
January 1, 1869,	117,146-15	
July 1, 1869,	1,880-20	110,026-35
January 1, 1870,	254,391-25	
July 1, 1870,	25,128-35	279,519-60
January 1, 1871,	305,094-06	
July 1, 1871,	28,750-00	333,844-06
January 1, 1872,	244,732-33	
July 1, 1872,	14,300-00	259,032-33
January 1, 1873,	611,389-53	
July 1, 1873,	31,400-00	642,879-53
January 1, 1874,	198,961-70	
July 1, 1874,	100-00	199,061-70
January 1, 1875,	133,000-00	
July 1, 1875,	8,508-00	141,500-00
January 1, 1876,	167,903-76	
July 1, 1876,	288,754-50	456,658-26
January 1, 1877,	54,376-00	
July 1, 1877,	253,500-00	307,876-00
January 1, 1878,	108,031-45	
July 1, 1878,	221,800-00	329,831-45
January 1, 1879,	47,700-00	
July 1, 1879,	250,000-00	297,700-00
January 1, 1880,	608,292-29	
July 1, 1880,	227,400-00	835,192-29
January 1, 1881,	663,120-64	
July 1, 1881,	340,000-00	1,003,120-64
January 1, 1882,	46,400-00	
July 1, 1882,	528,652-33	575,052-33
January 1, 1883,	22,501-10	
July 1, 1883,	252,000-00	274,501-10
January 1, 1884,	1,012,600-00	
July 1, 1884,	348,800-00	1,361,400-00
January 1, 1885,	83,850-00	
July 1, 1885,	158,000-00	241,850
January 1, 1886,	—	250,000 00
July 1, 1886,	—	—
January 1, 1887,	—	256,409-84
July 1, 1887,	—	—
January 1, 1888,	—	225,000-00
July 1, 1888,	—	—
January 1, 1889,	764,200-00	
July 1, 1889,	250,000-00	1,014,200-00
January 1, 1890,	500,000-00	
July 1, 1890,	250,000-00	750,000-00
January 1, 1891,	—	250,000-00
July 1, 1891,	—	—
January 1, 1892,	—	925,000-00
July 1, 1892,	—	—
January 1, 1893,	179,000-00	
July 1, 1893,	21,072-61	200,072-61
January 1, 1894,	—	7,500-00
July 1, 1894,	—	45,202-23
January 1, 1904,	—	15,697,455-73

AN IRON PAVEMENT.—We perceive that Mr. Frederick Brown is having iron pavements laid in front of his new and spacious iron building at the north east corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets. The iron is cast in large plates with the surface grooved to prevent their being slippery. These plates form the roof of the vaults below, and they must necessarily be of great strength to support the weight that they will have to sustain. The plates are strengthened with iron girders placed under them. Iron pavements, although rare in this city, are quite usual in Boston, the carriage ways being covered with corrugated iron slabs in several streets in the city of Notions. Philadelphia has hitherto used Yankee granite quite freely for side walks, while the capital of Yankeeedom applies Pennsylvania iron to the same purpose.

ITS EXTENT.—The extent of the space ravaged by the conflagration at Fifth and Chestnut streets, may be fairly appreciated now that the ruins have been in a great measure cleared away preparatory to re-building. When the great value of the buildings and moveables literally heaped upon this ground is taken into consideration, an idea of the serious loss sustained may be formed. The scorched condition of many of the surrounding buildings, make it a matter for wonder that the fire was not still more destructive. The work of rebuilding will be commenced as soon as the spring opens.



PHILADELPHIA IN THE OLDEN TIME.

Taxables. Dwellings. Population.		
1683	80	
1700	700	
1708	1200	
1720	1195	
1740	4850	
1741	5043	
From the following details of the enumeration of of taxables in 1741, it will be observed that, at that early date, all the townships now in the county but one (North Penn) are in the list:		
Northern Liberties	151	Germantown - 168
Oxford	78	Roxborough - 38
Lower Dublin	125	Blockley - 72
Byberry	52	Kingessing - 59
Moreland	125	Passyunk and } - 78
Bristol	64	Moyamensing }
		Dwellings. Inhabit's.
{ City,	1864	7391
1749 { Southwark,	150	595
{ Northern Liberties,	62	244
	2076	8230
1753 Philadelphia,	2300	14,563
1760 " "	2960	18,756
1769 { City of Philadelphia,	3310	
{ Southwark,	603	
{ Northern Liberties,	553	
	4474	28,042

DWELLINGS IN PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK.

From the returns of the United States census of 1850, it is ascertained that the number of dwellings in Philadelphia exceed the number of dwellings in New York twenty-three thousand four hundred and seventy-two! Philadelphia, therefore, covers a much larger surface of ground than New York, while the latter city contains the larger and denser population. In Philadelphia, the average number of persons to each dwelling is 6 68-100ths. In New York, the average number of persons to each dwelling is 13 66-100ths. What a contrast in the relative domestic comforts, and consequent domestic happiness of the two places; and how vividly, too, does this single fact portray the cause of the comparative health of Philadelphia and mortality of New York?

Sale of Real Estate.—James A. Freeman, auctioneer, sold last evening, at the Exchange, the following real estate: 724-15-1866.
A lot of ground Southwest side of Anthracite street, north of Almon street, 20 feet front and 70 feet deep, sold for \$350.
Frame house and lot, Monmouth street, north of Almon street, 20 feet front and 105 feet deep, sold for \$300.
Germantown property, mansion and 6 1/2 acres of land, sold for \$7000.