

\$53,000, against \$45,000 for the preceding year. Even with the prevailing dullness, it seems that a greater number of licenses are taken out than ever before. The increase, however, is unquestionably the result of a more efficient service. Formerly the duties of License Collector were performed in the City Marshal's office, where the great variety of duties required to be performed by an inadequate force necessarily led to the omission of some collections. Under a new ordinance the office of License Collector is made a separate one, and on April 1st of the present year Mr. J. A. Booth entered upon its supervision. The first quarter of his administration will end on the 30th of June. For the first quarter of the present year 1,348 licenses were issued; during the second quarter, to the 18th of June, 1,242 had been issued and the sum of \$12,086.50 collected, being a very considerable increase. During the latter half of 1879, 2,881 licenses were issued. Up to June 15, 1880, and since July 1, 1879, there had gone out of business 66 dealers in general merchandise, 35 dealers in liquors, and 162 produce peddlers, a large share of the latter class being Chinese. During the present quarter, and well illustrating the vitality of trade in Oakland, 70 new business places have opened—31 for general merchandise, 6 bars, and 33 miscellaneous—and 56 places doing business without license have been discovered and now conform to the law. This very important branch of the city's revenues is now efficiently managed, and all persons compelled to share equally in maintaining the burdens of the city government.

Street Improvements.

The past year has been one of much activity throughout Oakland in the matter of street work. The city has now a large extent of beautiful streets, forming many fine drives, and attracting the universal admiration of strangers. During the current year, ending April 1, 1880, work was done as follows: Number of linear feet of streets macadamized, 42,643 (something over eight miles); cost of same, \$117,957.80. Linear feet graded and curbed, 14,855; cost of same, \$5,772.30. Feet of sidewalks laid, 2,294; cost, \$895.09. Feet of sewers constructed, 17,773; cost, \$16,857.62. Total cost of improvements on streets for the year, \$141,482.81. Under the operation of the new organic law little work is in progress, although there remains a vast amount to be accomplished before the streets of the city can be considered in a finished condition.

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