a thorough test, to stand the wear and tear much better than any other used for this purpose. Nearly fifty per cent. of the work done has been the crossings or intersections of streets rendered necessary in most instances by the extension of sewerage. The principal streets paved during the past year have been First, Third, and Hawthorne, and Bush and Geary.

PLANKING.—Although in all cases where the work is practicable, solid and substantial pavements have taken the place of planked streets, yet of necessity a considerable amount of work has been done in this department during the past year, most of which has been upon the following streets: Clay, between Powell and Mason; Sacramento, between Drumm and East; Stewart, between Howard and Mission; and Harrison, between Fourth and Sixth.

RECAPITULATION.—It will be seen from the following summing up of the street improvements we have named, which we copy from the report of George T. Bohen, Esq., the efficient Superintendent of Public Streets, for the year ending July 1st, 1863, that the amount of labor done is largely increased over that of any previous year.

Class of Work Done.	Measurement.	Cost.
Grading Planking Paving Macadamizing Sidewalks Brick Sewers, etc Redwood Sewers. Crosswalks, Curbs, etc	1,836,484 feet. 170,874 square feet. 397,582 square feet. 25,312 lineal feet. 13,344 lineal feet. 5,889 lineal feet.	\$141,758 61,359 42,089 43,188 30,801 116,709 21,640 18,217 12,133

BUILDINGS.—" From the center all round to the sea," San Francisco is expanding. The number of buildings erected during the past year is estimated at 1,250.

Number of buildings in the City and County of San Francisco, including those in the course of erection August 20th, 1861:

One storywood.	. 4.033		Four stories	3	47
Two stories	5,090		One story	21	
Four stories	- 5	9.308	Two stories	3	
One story	979	-,	Four stories	i	26
Two stories	. 1.126		One story	1	~0
Four stories	. 59		Two stories.	3	
		1,898	Three stories	1	
One story	. 8				
Two stories. Three stories.	. 30		Total	• • • • •	11,285

Buildings erected from August 20th, 1861, to August 20th, 1862, 1,228, viz.: Brick, 372; wood, 856. Old buildings destroyed, 210. Net increase, 1,018. Total number of buildings in the city, August, 1862, 12,303; of which 2,270 are of brick.

Buildings erected from August, 1862, to August, 1863, 1,250, viz.: Brick, 360; wood, 890. Old buildings destroyed, 160. Net increase, 1,090. Total number of buildings, August, 1863, 13,393, of which 2,630 are of brick.