

## RECEIPTS.

Wharf Dues.....	\$264,476 53
Commissioners' Order on State Wharf and Dock Fund.....	41,113 11
Commissioners' Order on Harbor Protection Fund.....	247,323 17

Total.....\$552,912 81

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Current Expenses.....	\$105,369 10
San Francisco Harbor Protection Fund, (amount remitted State Treasurer).....	146,343 13
State Wharf and Dock Fund, (amount remitted State Treasurer).....	50,210 78

Total.....\$552,912 81

**BOARD OF TIDE LAND COMMISSIONERS.**—This Board went into operation in June, 1868, by Act of the Legislature; since the commencement of their important duties the Board has had much to contend with in settling the demands of adverse claimants, determining the price to be paid for each block, having surveys made and setting apart reservations for docks and wharves. They have since their organization made two extensive sales of Tide Lands; the first made in June, 1869, comprised that portion of the lands bounded on the north by Twenty-fourth Avenue and the open canal; on the east by the water front; on the west by the shores of the bay, and on the south by the county line, containing two hundred and four blocks or sections of blocks. This sale netted \$328,467.63. The September sale comprised that portion bounded on the north by Islais Creek; on the east by the water front; on the west by the shores of the bay, and on the south by Twenty-fourth Avenue and the open canal, containing one hundred and forty-three blocks. The proceeds of this sale amounted to \$121,001.23. Office southwest corner of Clay and Kearny streets. Members of the Board: B. F. Washington, H. P. Coon, and L. L. Bullock.

**THE SECOND STREET CUT.**—The opening of Second Street, from Folsom to Bryant, has proved a more stupendous undertaking than was anticipated. As the workmen proceeded with the grading, they were seriously and sometimes fatally interrupted by the falling avalanches of earth caused by the excavations. Another obstacle presented itself. The ground on each side of the bank, a few feet from the cut, would sink, and force itself out at the bottom of the bank, thereby endangering the lives of the workmen by the caving in of the superincumbent earth. This was chiefly occasioned by the formation of the soil being composed of alternate layers of rock and deposits of sand, which, being non-cohesive, bulged downward and inward, like the filling in of a swampy piece of land. The opening of the hill, which is in some places seventy-five feet high, commenced in April of this year, and will be completed about the first of November. This work presents another proof of the indomitable perseverance of the citizens of San Francisco. There has been constantly employed since the commencement of the undertaking, two hundred and fifty teams, and five hundred men, including drivers. The excavating and grading is under the supervision of Mr. J. B. Kemp. The bridge which spans the chasm across Harrison Street will be a solid and safe structure. The walls on Second Street are built of large blocks of Folsom granite, which are anchored transversely and laterally, the anchors being carried deep into the bank, thereby precluding any danger from caving. The arch will be spanned by a strong iron-bolted structure of wood, which will defy the attacks of either tempest or earthquake. Mr. George Bordwell is the architect.

**EXTENSIVE GRADING OPERATIONS.**—The steam-paddy has been constantly at work during the past year in loading the dirt-cars on the various temporary railways in the different streets between Sixth Street and the Mission Dolores. Hills have been leveled and valleys filled up, so that the southwestern part of the city has lost its former "lumpy" aspect, and now presents the appearance of a level plain. In the vicinity of the Long Bridge a large number of water lots have been filled in, and extensive improvements thereon are now in process of completion. The appreciation of real estate consequent upon these operations will be immense. Many other improvements of a similar character have been made in the city during the past year, which lack of space precludes us from noticing particularly.

**TELEGRAPH HILL.**—This old landmark, which was so often gazed upon by early pioneers with anxious faces and throbbing hearts, for signals of coming steamers bringing news or friends from home, is fast disappearing before the drill and the pick of the laborer. On the northwest corner of Montgomery and Broadway streets, a mass of seventy-two thousand cubic feet of rock has been removed, and on the line of Sansom Street, intersected by Vallejo Street, the gap from which the rock is being taken extends to Green Street on the north, and is fast approaching Kearny Street on the west. The building of the sea wall here found a ready source of material for filling in the landward portion of this great undertaking. Over two hundred thousand tons have been used for that purpose, as well as for ballast for ships, and the hill will furnish a never-failing supply of material for filling in the water front of the northern part of the city until Sansom Street shall have been graded from Market Street to North Point Dock.