

THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The City Council met as a Board of Equalization September 3d, to take action on the 600 protests filed by the taxpayers against Assessor Clute's valuations, and the requests of residents for remission of taxes. Mayor Scott presided.

In the case of Mrs. Josephine M. Spear, who objected to Clute's valuation of \$21,000 on her property, the assessment was confirmed.

The valuation of Mary M. Kimball's property was reduced \$3000, and the valuation of H. J. Kimball's was reduced \$2500, their property being damaged by the canal.

The valuation of Thomas Cooper's lot in the Seventh Ward was reduced from \$2700 to \$2000.

The valuation of W. D. Brown's property in the Eighteenth Ward was reduced from \$9000 to \$6500.

A reduction of \$2,000 was made in the valuation of \$9,250 on J. H. Parry's property in the Eighteenth Ward.

A similar reduction was made upon the valuation of \$10,600 on John Lawson's property on Second West Street.

The valuation on Edward Home's property in the Nineteenth Ward was reduced \$2,100.

The improvements valued at \$500 assessed against E. A. Woolley were taken off and a reduction of \$1,000 was made in the valuation of real estate.

The valuation of Walter Squires' property on Canyon Road was reduced \$1,000.

In the case of Nathan Pratt, whose property in the Fifteenth Ward was valued at \$11,950, Clute said Mr. Pratt was willing to sell out for \$8,700, and he admitted that his assessment was too high. The valuation was reduced to \$8,500.

The valuation on T. A. Collister's lot on Plum Street was reduced from \$3,500 to \$2,750.

A reduction of \$700 was made on the valuation of \$7700 on D. A. Swan's property in the Eighteenth Ward.

The valuation on the property of Annie Moulton was reduced from \$9700 to \$8700.

A reduction of \$5000 was made on the general valuation of the Salt Lake City Brewing Company on account of the loss sustained by them through fire.

The valuation on B. W. Driggs' property in the Nineteenth Ward was reduced from \$1600 to \$750.

The valuation of \$8800 on the property of Margaret Bruce in the Sixteenth Ward was reduced to \$7000.

A reduction in the valuation of the property of Ellen Hanrahan, of the Eleventh Ward, was made.

The valuation of \$21,000 on the property of Elizabeth L. Webb et al. was reduced to \$16,000.

The valuation of \$7500 on the property of A. J. Swann, in the Seventeenth Ward, was reduced to \$5000.

The valuation of \$2275 on George Burton's lot on Third West Street was reduced to \$1800.

The assessments in the following cases were confirmed:

Julia Sandberg, Fifteenth Ward, \$1560.

Mary Swain, Eleventh Ward, \$2560.

Mrs. Ann Loveay, Ninth Ward, \$1960.

Mary A. Phillips, Ninth Ward, \$1980.

Mary McGuffie, Twelfth Ward.

Samuel Rance, Tenth Ward, valuation \$3450.

M. L. Woolley et al., Ninth Ward.

Samuel Wilkle, Fourth Ward, \$7700.

Mrs. M. C. Kimball, Fifteenth Ward, \$7900.

Jennie E. Thompson, Eighteenth Ward, \$2560; F. Kesler, Jr., Sixteenth Ward, \$7800.

Mrs. C. L. Stevens, Nineteenth Ward, \$1450.

Eliza Gainsford, Sixteenth Ward.

John Connelly, Eighth Ward, \$2150.

Charlotte Baddley, Tenth Ward, \$2500.

Estate of Thomas Latimer, Eighteenth Ward, \$11,800.

H. Hollander, Eighteenth Ward, \$1700.

F. H. Hyde, Seventeenth Ward, \$27,000.

Mary Hempstead, \$50,800.

Elizabeth Webb et al., \$21,500.

Amelia D. Cook, \$2950.

The following requests for remission of taxes, on the ground of poverty, etc., were granted, the valuations first being reduced so that the tax was \$5, and that amount then being remitted:

Sarah Mantrepp, Eleventh ward, \$9.60.

Jane E. James, Eighth ward.

M. C. Stiuer, Eleventh ward, \$8.40.

Estate of Amelia Barnum,

Twenty-first ward, \$8.00

Maria Newell, State street, \$9.60.

James Albion, Sixteenth ward.

John Holder, Third ward, \$5.60.

Charles Donkin, Eleventh ward.

Annie Evans, Eleventh ward,

\$12.40.

Thomas Cracroft, \$7.40.

John Henderson, Third ward.

John Evans, \$5.40.

Robert Irving, Third ward, \$9.60.

Esther McKeiver, Third ward.

Two dollars was remitted of the

taxes assessed against the following

persons:

Margaret Bowman, Eleventh

Ward, \$30.60.

C. N. Robinson, Seventeenth

Ward, \$17.

Susan Moris, Eleventh Ward,

\$12.20.

Mrs. O. Johnson, Tenth Ward,

\$6.

Mrs. F. Bergman, Eighth Ward,

\$18.40.

J. H. Higbee, Third Ward, \$4.80.

K. O. Peterson, Eleventh Ward,

\$10.40.

Mrs. A. M. Chadd, Fifteenth

Ward, \$16.

An adjournment was then taken

until Sept. 4th, at 7:30.

September 4, the Board of Equalization assembled at 8 o'clock, Mayor Scott presiding. Various reductions were made, as will be seen from the following list:

Hannah Anderson, Seventeenth Ward, owns a piece of property on Main, between First North and North Temple, which was valued at \$29,800. She asked a reduction.

Mr. Clute stated that it was a clerical error, and should be reduced to \$19,800. This was done.

Julia Ann Brixen, on a piece of property in the Eighteenth Ward, asked a reduction on a \$4000 piece of property. The assessment was confirmed. Another piece in the Eighth Ward, assessed at \$9200, was also confirmed. The piece of land mentioned is opposite Washington Square. Considerable debate ensued upon this piece, members holding that to reduce one would entitle the entire block to reduction.

Mary A. Nixon, widow, Twelfth Ward, asked a reduction because she was too poor. She is assessed at \$3400. Her tax of \$13 was reduced \$5.

Warsel Dean, Eighth Ward, also asked a reduction on the ground of poverty. His valuation was \$2900. This was reduced to \$1200 and \$5 tax remitted.

Mrs. Anna Counors, Twelfth Ward, on a \$5100 assessment on Third South between Fifth and Sixth East, wanted a reduction but failed to get it.

Thos. B. Jones, First West and Seventh South, asked that his assessment of \$2600 be reduced. Refused.

Edward B. Wicks, the owner of block 22, plat C, asked that the alleged excessive valuation of \$17,500 be cut down. The land is between Fifth and Sixth South, and Seventh and Eighth East. The assessment was reduced to \$14,000.

Ada J. Evans, Sixth Ward, asked a reduction on the ground of being a widow and unable to sell on account of heirs not being of age. The assessment was confirmed.

The tax of S. H. Mitchell of the Twelfth Ward was reduced \$5.

Josephine Kimball, Seventeenth Ward, assessed at \$6900, asked a reduction on the ground that she had to support two minor children. The amount of her tax is \$27. The assessment was reduced to \$5600 and \$5 tax remitted.

C. A. Helstrom, of the Eleventh Ward, asked for a reduction. Her assessment of \$19,000 was confirmed.

Claudius V. Spencer applied for a reduction in money tax of \$19,000, claiming that he had disposed of \$9000 to the Deseret National Bank. The matter was continued.

William Thompson, at 529 Fifth West, asked for a reduction because of excessive valuation. The property was valued at \$3200. The assessment was confirmed.

George Dunford, Eleventh Ward, claimed excessive valuation on a corner at Sixth East and Brigham. The assessment is \$16,500 for the land. The assessment was confirmed. Not only that, his improvement tax was made \$4500, it having been shown that a clerical error had been made whereby he was only assessed \$450.

Judge Gilchrist stated that Mrs. M. A. Robbins had deposited with M. R. Parsons a notice to file with the Council, which the latter failed to do. He wanted to know whether giving this note to Parsons constituted filing a notice. Parsons sent it back after the board had completed its sitting as a board of arbiters.