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authority to act during the interim between the meetings of the Board, but as such committees must derive their powers to act from the Board, they have no authority not conferred by the resolution appointing them.

As to the expenditure of the sum of \$141,500 appropriated in the Ordinance of Estimates for the year 1921, in list one under the heading "Inspector of Buildings", Section 89 of the Charter provides with reference to the Inspector of Buildings, as follows, -

> "The duties he shall perform in this department and sub-department shall be the superintendence of the construction and repairing of all buildings built by the City unless otherwise provided by ordinances."

As there is no ordinance of the City providing specifically as to the repairs at Bay View Asylum, the above quoted provision of the Charter controls, and all contracts for said repairs will be let by the Inspector and the work done under his supervision. ever, the usual administrative practise is for the Inspector of Buildings to consult the Department using the building which is about to be repaired by the Inspector of Buildings, and this will doubtless be done by Mr. Crowther with reference to Bay View Asylum.

> Very truly yours, Roland R. Marchant, (Signed) City Solicitor: