

1870, ch. 100.

200. They shall have power to establish the limits and width of the streets of said town, and to straighten the same, and to remove obstructions therefrom, and may open new streets, lanes and alleys in the town.

Ibid.

201. They shall have power to provide for the payment of damages and expenses of opening, widening, straightening, laying out and grading streets in the town, by levying and assessing the same generally upon the whole of the assessable property of the town, or specially upon the assessable property of persons benefited thereby.

Ibid.

202. If in opening or laying out any new street, lane or alley, the commissioners cannot agree with the owners of any land or property wanted for the purpose, for the purchase, use or occupation of the same, or if the owner thereof be a *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or out of the county, application may be made to any justice of the peace of the county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of the county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of the county, not related to the parties nor in anywise interested, to meet on the land to be valued, on a day to be named in said warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after the issuing of the same.

Ibid.

203. If at the said time and place, any of the jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as shall be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to furnish a panel of twenty jurors, and from them each party, or his agent, or if either party be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff for him, may strike off four jurors, and the remaining twelve shall act as a jury of inquest of damages.

Ibid.

204. Before the jury proceed to act, the sheriff shall administer to each juror an oath that he will justly and impartially