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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

MINUTES, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1903.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—Seth Low, Mayor; Edward M. Grout, Comptroller; Charles V. Fornes, President, Board of Aldermen; Jacob A. Cantor, President, Borough of Manhattan; J. Edward Swanstrom, President, Borough of Brooklyn; Louis F. Haffen, President, Borough of The Bronx; Joseph Cassidy, President, Borough of Queens; George Cromwell, President, Borough of Richmond.

Hon. Seth Low, Mayor, presiding.

The minutes of meetings held October 12, 14, 15, 19 and 22, 1903, were approved as printed, and the reading of the minutes of meetings held October 31, November 13 and 20, December 1, 4, 11 and 18, 1903, was dispensed with.

The Mayor presented the following communication from Messrs. Carrere & Hastings, requesting the Board to reconsider its action taken on the 18th instant in rejecting all bids for the book stacks for the New York Public Library:

CARRERE & HASTINGS, ARCHITECTS,
No. 28 EAST FORTY-FIRST STREET,
NEW YORK, December 21, 1903.

Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City Hall, New York:

GENTLEMEN—Having had time to fully consider the situation which has developed with regard to the award of the contract for the book stacks at the New York Public Library, and which was fully discussed at your last meeting, we write to request that your Board reconsider its action and approve the specifications and contract as suggested by the opinion of the Corporation Counsel and award the contract to Messrs. Snead & Co.

On the very complete report which was presented for the consideration of your Board, and after a very full hearing on the matter, the contract was awarded by resolution to Messrs. Snead & Co., and this action was only reversed because of a technicality which had not been complied with. Our reason for asking that you will reconsider the matter and award the contract, as you seemed willing to do, to Messrs. Snead & Co., is owing to the fact that the technicality is of such a nature as to in no way impair or affect the fairness and completeness of the competition, of the character of the bids, of the models or of any feature connected with this entire matter. The specifications and contract have been passed upon by every official, expert or other person to whom they would have been otherwise submitted, including the Engineer of the Finance Department, and the only irregularity is in the manner of their transmission—in that they were not submitted to your Board and subjected to the formality of an approval which would not have carried with it any other examination or study of the problem than it has already received.

The question of fairness to Messrs. Snead & Co., and incidentally to the library, in rejecting these bids, was fully discussed, and yet the decision which the Board has taken on this technicality, because protests had been entered, have accomplished no purpose other than to give the disappointed bidders another chance to estimate.

As we believe that it will be very much to the advantage of the City to award the contract on the present bidding, and, as has been unanimously recommended, to Messrs. Snead & Co. on the merit of their proposal, we respectfully request that the matter be reconsidered, that the formality of an approval of the specifications be complied with by your Board, and that the contract be awarded to Messrs. Snead & Co.

Yours very truly,
CARRERE & HASTINGS.

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved that the Board reconsider the vote by which the resolution rejecting all bids was adopted on the 18th inst.

The Comptroller moved that such motion lie on the table until the next meeting of the Board, and that the parties in interest be notified of the pendency of the motion.

The Comptroller's motion was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx and Richmond—15.

President Borough of Queens not voting.

The President of the Borough of Manhattan presented a resolution providing for an issue of Corporate Stock to the amount of \$800,000 to provide means for the construction of a new Court-house and Prison for the Third District Magistrates' Court.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented the following report of the Engineer of the Department of Finance relative to the terms and conditions of the proposed contract for the final disposition of rubbish and light refuse in the Borough of The Bronx, for a period of five years:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 9, 1903.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—The Hon. John McGaw Woodbury, Commissioner of Department of Street Cleaning, addresses the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, December 8, 1903, in which he says:

"I transmit herewith for approval by your Board of the terms and conditions thereof a proposed contract, in triplicate, approved as to form by the Corporation Counsel, under section 544 of the Greater New York Charter, for the final disposition of rubbish in the Borough of The Bronx for the period of five (5) years.

"The work proposed to be done under this contract is for the economical and sanitary disposition of all that light rubbish and refuse, other than ashes, street sweepings and garbage collected by this Department or those having permission from this Department, and delivered at the plant of the contractor, and the form and manner of the work provided for therein and the conditions of the same are such as have resulted from a thorough study of the situation in that borough and its requirements. I also enclose a copy of the same form for the files of your Board."

The form of contract is drawn with care and has received the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

By the advertisement the contract is to be for five (5) years.

The amount of security required is \$5,000.

The contractor shall have the right to appropriate the valuable portions of the rubbish.

Each bid must state the price to be paid by the bidder to the City per annum during the period of the contract.

Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent. of the amount to be paid in any one year.

The Commissioner reserves the right to select from the bids the one which in his judgment will best secure the efficient performance of the work.

The contract provides for the final disposition by the contractor of the light refuse and rubbish, other than ashes, street sweepings and garbage collected in the Borough of The Bronx by carts of the Department of Street Cleaning, or by private carts authorized by the Department.

The work under the contract limited to built-up parts of the borough and increased from time to time whenever such built-up portions or their output of rubbish is increased, but within the limitation at all times of the appropriation for horses, carts and stables made therefor by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The Department to deliver to the contractor at places named all the rubbish so collected, which will be received and finally disposed according to law and the specifications.

The period of the contract to be five (5) years from the execution and delivery thereof, work to be begun on or before the expiration of four calendar months from said date.

The contractor to pay the City in twelve equal monthly payments in advance. The contractor not to assign the work without previous written consent of the Commissioner.

By the specifications the term "rubbish" to be taken to mean and intend all the light refuse and rubbish, other than ashes, street sweepings and garbage collected and delivered, as before stated.

The contractor to obtain from the United States Supervisor of the Harbor the necessary permission before any boat or vessel used in the work is removed from any dumping place; he is not to use any slip adjacent to said dumping place for business; the rubbish to be disposed of in a manner not prejudicial to public health; no place other than aforesaid to be used for discharge or unloading of rubbish, except by permission of the Commissioner; all scows, carts, etc., used to be constructed so as to prevent any part from falling into or defiling streets, etc., of the City; the rubbish, if taken in scows or other receptacles, to be removed within twenty-four hours, unless the Commissioner shall amend in writing the time for such removal; all labor to be furnished by the contractor; the contractor to repair any damage done to any dock used for dumpage at his own expense; contractor to receive and dispose of such rubbish as may be delivered to him by the Department of Docks; to install and maintain telephone system; the contractor to put and keep in operation and working order plant of capacity to dispose of 15,000 cart loads per annum; the contractor may remove the rubbish herein provided for to places outside the Borough of The Bronx, or outside the City of New York.

The contractor shall not assort, pick over or remove or appropriate any bones, fats or other refuse of organic nature, as these materials are already disposed of by an existing contract. But said organic matter, so called, shall not include paper, rags, rope, wood or other fibrous substances and metals.

The contract is full, and in my opinion may be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as to its terms and conditions, as required by section 544 of the Charter.

Respectfully,
EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 544 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the terms and conditions contained in the form of contract submitted in triplicate by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, under date of December 8, 1903, for the final disposition of light refuse and rubbish in the Borough of The Bronx for the period of five (5) years.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond—12.

The Secretary presented the following resolution of the Board of Aldermen relative to the closing of the offices of the several departments of the City Government on December 26, 1903, and January 2, 1904:

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Whereas, Saturday, December 26, 1903, is a half-holiday immediately following Friday, December 25, 1903 (Christmas Day), and

Whereas, Saturday, January 2, 1904, is also a half-holiday immediately following Friday, January 1, 1904 (New Year's Day), and

Whereas, Many people are desirous of leaving town and do leave on the Thursday evening preceding the dates above given and remain away until the Monday morning following; therefore be it

Resolved, That the heads of the several departments of the government of The City of New York be and they are hereby requested to close their offices on Saturday, December 26, 1903, and Saturday, January 2, 1904, and all other offices not by law required to be kept open for public business to be kept closed on the said days.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen December 1, 1903, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Approved by the Mayor December 9, 1903.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of and concurs in the resolution of the Board of Aldermen adopted December 1, 1903, and approved by the Mayor December 9, 1903, relative to the closing of the offices of the several departments of the government of The City of New York on Saturday, December 26, 1903, and Saturday, January 2, 1904, and all other offices not by law required to be kept open.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of the Tenement House Department relative to the transfer of \$8,215.47 to "Police Fund":

TENEMENT HOUSE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 61 IRVING PLACE, SOUTHWEST CORNER EIGHTEENTH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY, December 18, 1903.

Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway, City:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to submit herewith a proposed resolution transferring from the appropriations made to the Tenement House Department for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries," the sum of \$8,215.47, to the appropriations made to the Department of Police for 1903, entitled "Police Fund," for the amounts of the payrolls of the salaries of members of the Police Force of The City of New York detailed to do duty in the Tenement House Department, for the months of January to November, inclusive, 1903 (in accordance with the provisions of section 1344N, chapter 19a, revised Charter City of New York, Laws of 1901).

Yours respectfully,

ROBERT W. DE FOREST, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand two hundred and fifteen and forty-seven one-hundredths dollars (\$8,215.47) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Tenement House Department for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1903, entitled "Police Fund," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Law Department, requesting the transfer of \$166.66 to "Contingent Counsel Fees, Including Deficiencies":

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, December 19, 1903.

Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIRS—In my letter to you dated the 16th instant I asked that the sum of \$421.52 be transferred from the appropriation of this Department for salaries of assistants, clerks, etc., to the appropriation for "Contingent Counsel Fees, Including Deficiencies." Since that letter was written a bill has been presented amounting to \$166.66, which I have certified, and I therefore request that an additional sum of \$166.66 be transferred from the appropriation for salaries to that for contingent counsel fees.

Respectfully yours,

G. L. RIVES, Corporation Counsel.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and sixty-six and sixty-six one-hundredth dollars (\$166.66) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Law Department for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries of Assistants, Clerks and Employees in all offices and bureaus of the Department, except the Bureau of Street Openings, and including the Tenement House Branch," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1903, entitled "Contingent Counsel Fees, Including Deficiencies," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Bridges, requesting the transfer of \$1,000 to the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity for the purpose of lighting the Williamsburg Bridge:

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES—CITY OF NEW YORK,
December 21, 1903.

Hon. Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby respectfully request that the sum of \$1,000 be transferred from the account "Salaries—General Administration, 1903," to the use of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, for the purpose of lighting the Williamsburg Bridge to December 31, 1903.

Respectfully,

G. LINDENTHAL, Commissioner of Bridges.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Bridges for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriations made to the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity for the same year, as follows:

"Borough of Brooklyn—Lamps and Lighting".....	\$500 00
"Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx—Lamps and Lighting".....	500 00
Total.....	\$1,000 00

—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Board of Education, relative to the transfer of \$556.50 to appropriations within said Department:

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Supplies has requested that the necessary steps be taken to procure certain transfers. In compliance with said request the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby respectfully requested to make the following transfers:

From the Special School Fund for 1902 and from the item contained therein entitled, "Transportation," Borough of Queens, which item is in excess of its requirements, to the item also contained within the Special School Fund for the same year entitled, "Water," Borough of Queens, which item is insufficient for its purposes, \$56.50.

From the Special School Fund for the current year and from the item contained therein entitled, "Supplies," Borough of Brooklyn, which item is in excess of its requirements, to the item also contained within the Special School Fund for the current year, entitled "Supplies," Borough of Richmond, which item is insufficient for its purposes, \$500.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Education for the year 1903, entitled "Special School Fund—Borough of Brooklyn—Supplies," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1903, entitled "Special School Fund—Borough of Richmond—Supplies," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty-six and fifty one-hundredths dollars (\$56.50) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Education for the year 1902, entitled "Special School Fund—Borough of Queens—Transportation," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1902, entitled "Special School Fund—Borough of Queens—Water," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication relative to an appropriation of \$295 to pay the bills of Francis W. Ford for surveys, etc.:

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Sites has approved of a bill of Francis W. Ford, amounting to \$295, for surveys, etc., of sites heretofore selected for school purposes, and recommended its payment. In compliance with said recommendation the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of two hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$295) be and the same is hereby appropriated from premiums derived from the sale of Corporate Stock heretofore issued by the Comptroller, pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter; said sum to be applied in payment of the following bill:

Francis W. Ford, surveys, etc.—

No. 25 East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, Manhattan.....	\$80 00
Nos. 219 and 221 East Twenty-first street, Manhattan.....	35 00
Hester and Norfolk streets, Manhattan	95 00
Nos. 193-203 Elizabeth street and Nos. 216-220 Mott street, Manhattan	85 00
Total.....	\$295 00

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the requisition of the Board of Education by resolution adopted December 16, 1903, for an appropriation of two hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$295) from premiums derived from the proceeds of Corporate Stock, issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 47 and 169 of the Greater New York Charter; said sum to be applied in payment of the following bill:

Francis W. Ford, surveys, etc.—

No. 25 East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, Manhattan.....	\$80 00
Nos. 219 and 221 East Twenty-first street, Manhattan.....	35 00
Hester and Norfolk streets, Manhattan	95 00
Nos. 193-203 Elizabeth street and Nos. 216-220 Mott street, Manhattan	85 00
Total.....	\$295 00

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communications from the Department of Education, relative to the transfer of \$12,187.50 within said Department:

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Supplies has requested that the sum of \$5,000 be transferred from the Special School Fund for the current year, and from the item contained therein entitled "Supplies—Borough of Brooklyn," which item is in excess of its requirements, to the item also contained within the Special School Fund for the same year entitled "Supplies—Borough of Manhattan," which item is insufficient for its purposes.

In compliance with said request the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Special School Fund for the current year and from the item contained therein entitled "Supplies—Borough of Brooklyn," which item is in excess of its requirements, to the item also contained within the Special School Fund for the same year entitled "Supplies—Borough of Manhattan," which item is insufficient for its purposes.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Lectures and Libraries has, in writing, requested that the sum of \$3,000 be transferred from the Special School Fund for the current year, and from the item contained therein entitled "Lectures—Board of Education," which item is in excess of its requirements, to the item also contained within the Special School Fund for the current year entitled "Incidental Expenses—Board of Education," which item is insufficient for its purposes; said sum to be used solely for the purpose of providing bookcases for class libraries in all boroughs.

In compliance with said request the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) from the Special School Fund for the current year and from the item contained therein entitled "Lectures—Board of Education," which item is in excess of its requirements, to the item also contained within the Special School Fund for the current year entitled "Incidental Expenses—Board of Education," which item is insufficient for its purposes; said sum to be used solely for the purpose of providing bookcases for class libraries in all boroughs.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that an additional sum of \$187.50 will be required to meet certain payments applicable to the specific rent account for the Borough of Richmond for the current year, as follows:

Final payment on lease of villa, Prohibition Park.....	\$62.50
Final payment on lease of Washington avenue.....	25.00
Final payment on lease of Richmond avenue and Bennett street.....	100.00

Total.....	\$187.50
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In order to permit of the payment of these liabilities it is recommended that transfer be made from the appropriation of the same name applicable to the Board of Education. The following resolution is therefore submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$187.50) be and the same is hereby transferred from the Special School Fund for the current year, and from the item contained therein, entitled "Rents—Board of Education," which item is in excess of its requirements, to the item also contained within the Special School Fund for the current year, entitled "Rents—Borough of Richmond," which item is insufficient for its purposes.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Buildings has requested that the sum of \$4,000 be transferred from the Special School Fund for the current year and from the item contained therein, entitled "General Repairs—Borough of Brooklyn," which item is in excess of its requirements, to the item also contained within the Special School Fund for the current year, entitled "General Repairs—Borough of Manhattan," which item is insufficient for its purposes. In compliance with said request the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) from the Special School Fund for the current year, and from the item contained therein entitled "General Repairs—Borough of Brooklyn," which item is in excess of its requirements, to the item also contained within the Special School Fund for the current year, entitled "General Repairs—Borough of Manhattan," which item is insufficient for its purposes.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of twelve thousand one hundred and eighty-seven and fifty one-hundredths dollars (\$12,187.50) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriations made to the Department of Education for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Special School Fund, Borough of Brooklyn—"Supplies".....	\$5,000.00
Special School Fund, Board of Education—"Lectures".....	3,000.00
Special School Fund, Board of Education—"Rents".....	187.50
Special School Fund, Borough of Brooklyn—"General repairs".....	4,000.00

Total.....	\$12,187.50
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—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriations made to said Department for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Special School Fund, Borough of Manhattan—"Supplies" (including cost of exhibit at St. Louis Exhibition).....	\$5,000.00
Special School Fund, Board of Education—"Incidental Expenses".....	3,000.00
Special School Fund, Borough of Richmond—"Rents".....	187.50
Special School Fund, Borough of Manhattan—"General Repairs".....	4,000.00

Total.....	\$12,187.50
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—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communications from the Department of Education relative to appropriation of \$4,102.39 to pay bills of Edwin F. White and awards, etc., in the proceedings for the acquisition of a school site on Kouwenhoven street, between Broadway and Jamaica avenue, in the Borough of Queens:

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the following communication has been received from the Corporation Counsel:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, November 30, 1903.

Hon. HENRY A. ROGERS, President of the Board of Education:

Sir—I enclose herewith bills of Edwin F. White, as taxed by a Justice of the Supreme Court, for services rendered by him as an expert on behalf of the City in the two following school site condemnation proceedings:

1. Kouwenhoven street (Borough of Queens).....	\$75.00
2. Lockwood and Academy streets (Borough of Queens).....	125.00
Total.....	\$200.00

Respectfully yours,
G. L. RIVES, Corporation Counsel.

In compliance with said letter, the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock to be issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the Revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the following bills: Edwin F. White, services as an expert, in condemnation proceedings to acquire four lots on Kouwenhoven street, Borough of Queens..... \$75.00 Edwin F. White, services as an expert, in condemnation proceedings to acquire property Academy street and Lockwood street, Borough of Queens..... 125.00

Total.....	\$200.00
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—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance to which was referred the following communication:
LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, December 10, 1903.

Hon. HENRY A. ROGERS, President of the Board of Education:

SIR—I inclose herewith a duplicate report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Appraisal, in the matter of acquiring title by The City of New York to certain lands on the easterly side of Kouwenhoven street, in the Borough of Queens, as a site for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court, confirming the same, dated the 8th day of December, 1903, and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, on the 9th day of December, 1903.

In connection with this proceeding, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on the 19th day of June, 1903 adopted a resolution directing that the title to said site should vest in the City ten days after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners, which oaths were filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, on the 20th day of August, 1903.

Therefore the awards, which aggregate the sum of three thousand four hundred and ninety-two dollars (\$3,492), will bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the 31st day of August, 1903, the date of the vesting of title in the City, to the time of payment.

The costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding were taxed by a Justice of the Supreme Court, at the sum of three hundred and twenty-seven and seventeen one-hundredths dollars (\$327.17), and the various items which aggregate that sum are set forth in the aforesaid order of confirmation.

Respectfully yours,
G. L. RIVES, Corporation Counsel.

—respectfully reports that it appears from the report and order made in said proceeding that the amount of the awards, costs, charges and expenses, as confirmed by the Court, is as follows:

Lands on the Easterly Side of Kouwenhoven Street, in the Borough of Queens.	
Awards	\$3,492.00
Interest from August 3, 1903, to January 23, 1903.....	83.22
Costs, charges and expenses.....	327.17
Total	\$3,902.39

The following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of three thousand nine hundred and two dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$3,902.39), be and the same is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock, to be issued by the Comptroller, pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the Revised Charter, application for issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the awards (with interest thereon), costs, charges and expenses, as confirmed by the Court, in the proceeding for the acquisition for the lands on the easterly side of Kouwenhoven street, between Broadway and Jamaica avenue, in the Borough of Queens, as a school site; requisition for said sum of three thousand nine hundred and two dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$3,902.39), being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the requisition of the Board of Education by resolutions adopted December 16, 1903, for an appropriation of four thousand one hundred and two and thirty-nine one-hundredth dollars (\$4,102.39) from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 47 and 169 of the Greater New York Charter, said sum to be applied as follows:

Edwin F. White, services as an expert in condemnation proceedings to acquire four lots on Kouwenhoven street, Borough of Queens..... \$75.00

Edwin F. White, services as an expert in condemnation proceedings to acquire property on Academy street and Lockwood street, Borough of Queens..... 125.00

Awards (with interest thereon), costs, charges and expenses, as confirmed by the court, in the proceeding for the acquisition of the lands on the easterly side of Kouwenhoven street, between Broadway and Jamaica avenue, in the Borough of Queens, as a school site

3,902.39

Total.....	\$4,102.39
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Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx requesting the transfer of \$600 to appropriations within his Department:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CROTONE PARK,
December 21, 1903.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—Request is hereby respectfully made for the transfer of the sum of \$600 from the appropriations made to the President of the Borough of The Bronx, for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Bureau of Public Baths—"Salaries and Supplies".....	\$100 00
Bureau of Public Buildings and Offices—"Salaries and Wages".....	175 00
General Administration—"Salaries of Commissioner of Public Works, Clerks, Assistants, Engineers and Employees".....	75 00
Bureau of Buildings—"Salaries".....	250 00
Total.	\$600 00

—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriations made to said President of the Borough of The Bronx, for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Bureau of Public Buildings and Offices—"Supplies and Repairs".....	\$275 00
Bureau of Highways—"Labor, Maintenance and Supplies".....	325 00

Total.	\$600 00
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—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Respectfully,
LOUIS F. HAFFEN,
President of the Borough of The Bronx.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriations made to the President of the Borough of The Bronx for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Bureau of Public Baths—"Salaries and Supplies".....	\$100 00
Bureau of Public Buildings and Offices—"Salaries and Wages".....	175 00
General Administration—"Salaries of Commissioner of Public Works, Clerks, Assistants, Engineers and Employees".....	75 00
Bureau of Buildings—"Salaries".....	250 00
Total.	\$600 00

—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriations made to said President of the Borough of The Bronx for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Bureau of Public Buildings and Offices—"Supplies and Repairs".....	\$275 00
Bureau of Highways—"Labor, Maintenance and Supplies".....	325 00

Total.	\$600 00
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—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Chief Bookkeeper of the Department of Finance, relative to the transfer of \$65,200 to "General Fund for the Reduction of Taxation":

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,
December 22, 1903.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—I hereby certify that the balance to the credit of the account known as "Theatrical and Concert Licenses" available for transfer to the General Fund at the close of business, December 21, 1903, was sixty-five thousand two hundred dollars (\$65,200).

Further sums may be received from the Police Department before the close of the year, which should also be transferred to the General Fund.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH HAAG, Chief Bookkeeper.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty-five thousand two hundred dollars (\$65,200), the balance to the credit of the account "Theatrical and Concert Licenses," at the close of business December 21, 1903, and such further sums as may be received from the Police Department and deposited to the credit of said account, to the close of business on December 31, 1903, be transferred to the "General Fund for the Reduction of Taxation."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Secretary presented the following communications from the Department of Education, relative to an appropriation of \$224,555.86 for various school purposes throughout City:

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Buildings respectfully reports that, in response to a duly authorized advertisement, the following bids were received by the Superintendent of School Buildings:

For the general construction (Contract No. 1) and plumbing and drainage (Contract No. 1) of new Public School 24, on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, 60 feet west of Madison avenue, Borough of Manhattan:

	Item 1.	Item 2.
Patrick Sullivan	\$172,000 00	
P. J. Brennan	151,000 00	
Thomas Cockerill & Son	154,900 00	
Charles H. Peckworth	158,640 00	
Patrick K. Gray	158,000 00	
Braeunig & Ohlhausen	153,900 00	
William Werner	147,100 00	
Thomas J. Waters	154,750 00	
James Fay		\$834 00
William C. Ormond		1,103 00
John Spence Company		1,866 00
Huston & Corbett Company		1,552 00

The Committee on Buildings has accepted the bid of the lowest bidder for Item 1 and rejected all bids for Item 2, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract for Item 1 of the above-mentioned work be and it is hereby awarded to the lowest bidder, as follows:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

For the general construction (Contract No. 1) and plumbing and drainage (Contract No. 1) of new Public School 24:

Item 1—William Werner	\$147,100 00
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Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Buildings in rejecting all bids received on November 30, 1903, for plumbing and drainage (Contract No. 1) of new Public School 24, Borough of Manhattan, for the reason that the lowest bidder withdrew his bid prior to the acceptance of the same, be and it is hereby approved and ratified.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Board has the financial ability to enter into the contract awarded in the foregoing report of the Committee on Buildings, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of one hundred and forty-seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$147,100) be and the same hereby is appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to be issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made, said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractor for the purpose mentioned and in the sum specified:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

The general construction (Contract No. 1) and plumbing (Contract No. 1) of new Public School 24:

Item 1—William Werner	\$147,100 00
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Item 2—Rejected.

requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Committee on Buildings shall have filed the contract to be entered into by it, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the contractor named; said contract to be in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller; the rules of this Board in regard thereto, and as to the payments to be made on account thereof, to be complied with.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.
December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Buildings has requested, in writing, that the sum of \$137.30 be set aside from the proceeds of Corporate Stock, to be applied in payment of bills to be incurred by the Committee on Buildings, with the Superintendent of State Prisons, for desks and seats for the Wadleigh High School Annex (Public School 186), Borough of Manhattan. In compliance with said request the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of one hundred and thirty seven dollars and thirty cents (\$137.30) be and the same is hereby appropriated from premiums derived from the sale of Corporate Stock heretofore issued by the Comptroller, pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter; said sum to be applied in payment of bills to be incurred by the Committee on Buildings for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the Superintendent of State Prisons, for desks and seats, as per our specifications and at prices fixed by the State Board of Classification for the Wadleigh High School Annex (Public School 186), Borough of Manhattan, as follows: 38 pieces adjustable school desks and seats \$137.30
—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.
December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Buildings respectfully reports that, in response to a duly authorized advertisement, the following bids were received by the Superintendent of School Buildings:

For furniture of new Public School 34 (176), on Amethyst avenue and Victor street, Van Nest Park, Borough of The Bronx:

	Item 1.	Item 2.
The Manhattan Supply Company.....	\$1,052 00	
C. H. Browne.....	944 00	
L. E. Atherton.....		\$999 00
Louis Gluck.....		1,049 00
Henry Lang.....		1,199 00

The Committee on Buildings has accepted the bid of the lowest bidder in each instance, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contracts for the above-mentioned work be and they are hereby awarded to the lowest bidder in each instance, as follows:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

For furniture of new Public School 34:

Item 1—C. H. Browne.....	\$944 00
Item 2—L. E. Atherton.....	999 00

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Board has the financial ability to enter into the contracts mentioned in the foregoing report of the Committee on Buildings, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of nineteen hundred and forty-three dollars (\$1,943) be and the same hereby is appropriated from premiums derived from the sale of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, heretofore issued by the Comptroller, pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter; said sum to be applied in payment of the contracts to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractors for the purposes mentioned and in the sums specified:

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

Furniture for new Public School 34:

Item 1—C. H. Browne.....	\$944 00
Item 2—L. E. Atherton.....	999 00

Total..... \$1,943 00

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Committee on Buildings shall have filed the contracts to be entered into by it, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the contractors named; said contracts to be in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller; the rules of this Board in regard thereto, and as to the payments to be made on account thereof, to be complied with.

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For sanitary work at new Public School 145, on the southeast corner of Central avenue and Noll street, Borough of Brooklyn:	
James Harley	\$11,600 00
William C. Ormond	10,546 00
James Fay	10,984 00

The Committee on Buildings has accepted the bid of the lowest bidder, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract for the above-mentioned work be, and it is hereby awarded to the lowest bidder, as follows:

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

For sanitary work at new Public School 145:

William C. Ormond	\$10,546 00
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A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Board has the financial ability to enter into the contract mentioned in the foregoing report of the Committee on Buildings, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of ten thousand five hundred and forty-six dollars (\$10,546) be and the same hereby is appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to be issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractor for the purpose mentioned and in the sum specified:

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Sanitary work at new Public School 145:

William C. Ormond	\$10,546 00
—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.	

But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Committee on Buildings shall have filed the contract to be entered into by it, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the contractor named; said contract to be in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller; the rules of this Board in regard thereto, and as to the payments to be made on account thereof, to be complied with.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Buildings has requested, in writing, that the sum of \$3,384.10 be set aside from the proceeds of Corporate Stock, to be applied in payment of bills to be incurred by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the Superintendent of State Prisons, for desks, seats and chairs, for Public School 91, Borough of Brooklyn. In compliance with said request, the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of thirty-three hundred and eighty-four dollars and ten cents (\$3,384.10) be and the same is hereby appropriated from premiums derived from the sale of Corporate Stock, heretofore issued by the Comptroller, pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, said sum to be applied in payment of bills to be incurred by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the Superintendent of State Prisons, for desks, seats and chairs, as per our specifications, and at prices fixed by the State Board of Classification, for Public School 91, Borough of Brooklyn, as follows:

Item 5.

885 pieces New York adjustable school desks and seats.....	\$2,985 60
2 roll-top desks	46 00
1 General Assistant's desk	17 50
16 Teachers' desks	192 00
16 Style "B" chairs	44 00
4 dozen Style "A" chairs	84 00
3 Style "D" chairs	15 00
 Total.....	 \$3,384 10

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Buildings respectfully reports that, in response to a duly authorized advertisement, the following bids were received by the Superintendent of School Buildings:

For installing heating and ventilating apparatus in new Public School 84, on the northerly side of Albert street, between Ditmars and Potter avenues, Steinway, Long Island City, Borough of Queens:

Howe & Bassett	\$20,825 00
E. Rutzler	21,590 00
Williams & Gerstle	20,800 00
Evans, Almirall & Co.	23,117 00
United Heating Company	22,700 00
Frank Dobson	21,940 00
Walker & Chambers	20,689 00
William N. Tobin	21,600 00

The Committee on Buildings has accepted the bid of the lowest bidders, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract for the above-mentioned work be and it is hereby awarded to the lowest bidders, as follows:

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

For installing, heating and ventilating apparatus in new Public School 84:

Walker & Chambers	\$20,689 00
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A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Board has the financial ability to enter into the contract mentioned in the foregoing report of the Committee on Buildings, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of twenty thousand six hundred and eighty-nine dollars (\$20,689) be and the same hereby is appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to be issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractors for the purpose mentioned and in the sum specified:

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

Installing heating and ventilating apparatus in new Public School 84: Walker & Chambers..... \$20,689 00
—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Committee on Buildings shall have filed the contract to be entered into by it, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the contractors named; said contract to be in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller; the rules of this Board in regard thereto, and as to the payments to be made on account thereof, to be complied with.

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A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Buildings respectfully reports that, in response to a duly authorized advertisement, the following bids were received by the Superintendent of School Buildings:

Commercial Construction Company.....	\$8,338 00
Frederick Pearce	9,020 00
T. Frederick Jackson	8,095 00
William M. Sheehan & Co.....	7,924 00

The Committee on Buildings has accepted the bid of the lowest bidders, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract for the above-mentioned work be and it is hereby awarded to the lowest bidders, as follows:

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

For installing electric light wiring, fixtures and electric bell system in new Public School 84: William M. Sheehan & Co..... \$7,924 00

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A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Board has the financial ability to enter into the contract mentioned in the foregoing report of the Committee on Buildings, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of seventy-nine hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$7,924) be and the same hereby is appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to be issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractors for the purpose mentioned and in the sum specified:

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

Installing electric light wiring, fixtures and electric bell system in new Public School 84: William M. Sheehan & Co..... \$7,924 00

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Committee on Buildings shall have filed the contract to be entered into by it, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the contractors named; said contract to be in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller; the rules of this Board in regard thereto, and as to the payments to be made on account thereof, to be complied with.

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A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Buildings respectfully reports that, in response to a duly authorized advertisement, the following bids were received by the Superintendent of School Buildings:

George Hildebrand	\$13,750 00
Charles Wille	16,800 00
William Werner	15,266 00
James MacArthur	14,203 00

The Committee on Buildings has accepted the bid of the lowest bidder and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved. That the contract for the above-mentioned work be and it is hereby awarded to the lowest bidder, as follows:

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

For the general construction of addition to and alterations in Public School 28, on the west side of Sixth street, between First and Second avenues, College Point, Borough of Queens: George Hildebrand

\$13,750 00

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A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Board has the financial ability to enter into the contract mentioned in the foregoing report of the Committee on Buildings, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved. That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$13,750) be and the same hereby is appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to be issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractor for the purpose mentioned and in the sum specified:

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

General construction of addition to and alterations in Public School 28: George Hildebrand..... \$13,750 00

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Committee on Buildings shall have filed the contract to be entered into by it, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the contractor named; said contract to be in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller; the rules of this Board in regard thereto, and as to the payments to be made on account thereof, to be complied with.</p

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A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Buildings respectfully reports that, in response to a duly authorized advertisement, the following bids were received by the Superintendent of School Buildings:

For improvements on and about the site of Richmond Borough High School No. 1, on St. Mark's place and Hamilton avenue, New Brighton, Borough of Richmond: Joseph Johnson's Sons \$14,470 00
Hugh Conley 18,950 00
William Werner 18,000 00

The Committee on Buildings has accepted the bid of the lowest bidders and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved. That the contract for the above-mentioned work be and it is hereby awarded to the lowest bidders, as follows:

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

For improvements on and about the site of Richmond Borough High School No. 1: Joseph Johnson's Sons \$14,470 00

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Board has the financial ability to enter into the contract mentioned in the foregoing report of the Committee on Buildings, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved. That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred and seventy dollars (\$14,470) be and the same hereby is appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to be issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made, said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractors for the purpose mentioned and in the sum specified:

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

Improvements on and about the site of Richmond Borough High School No. 1: Joseph Johnson's Sons \$14,470 00
—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Committee on Buildings shall have filed the contract to be entered into by it for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the contractors named, said contract to be in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller: the rules of this Board in regard thereto, and as to the payments to be made on account thereof, to be complied with.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 22, 1903.

To the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Buildings has requested, in writing, that the sums of \$4,517.70 and \$94.76 be set aside from the proceeds of Corporate Stock for the purchase of furniture for Public School 110, Brooklyn, and Public School 34, Richmond.

The following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved. That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of forty-six hundred and twelve dollars and forty-six cents (\$4,612.46) be and the same is hereby appropriated from premiums derived from the sale of Corporate Stock, heretofore issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, said sum to be applied in payment of the following-named bills to be incurred by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the Superintendent of State Prisons, for furniture and grates, as per our specifications, and at prices fixed by the State Board of Classification:

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Public School 110.

2 roll top desks	\$46 00
24 teachers' desks	288 00
5 dozen style "A" chairs	105 00
24 style "B" chairs	66 00
2 style "D" chairs	10 00
1,178 pieces New York adjustable desks and seats	4,002 70

\$4,517.70

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

Public School 34.

Boiler No. 1, 3 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 4½ inches—11.81 square feet at \$4	\$47 24
Boiler No. 2, 3 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 4¾ inches—11.88 square feet at \$4	47 52

94.76

Total \$4,612.46

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education on December 16, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 22, 1903.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved. That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the requisitions of the Executive Committee of the Board of Education by resolutions adopted December 16, 1903, for an appropriation of two hundred and twenty-four thousand five hundred and fifty-five dollars and eighty-six cents (\$224,555.86) from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 47 and 169 of the Greater New York Charter, said sum to be applied in payment of the contracts to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractors and as follows:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

Public School 24, general construction, Contract No. 1, Wm. Werner	\$147,100 00
Wadleigh High, Annex (Public School 186), furniture, Superintendent of State Prisons	137 30

\$147,237.30

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

Public School 34 (176), furniture, Item 1, C. H. Browne..	\$944 00
Item 2, L. E. Atherton	999 00

1,943 00

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Public School 145, sanitary, William C. Ormond	\$10,546 00
Public School 91, furniture, Item 5, Superintendent of State Prisons	3,384 10
Prisons	4,517 70

18,447 80

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

Public School 84, heat and ventilation, Walker & Chambers	\$20,689 00
Public School 84, electric wiring, etc., Wm. N. Sheehan & Co.	7,924 00
Public School 28, Addition, general construction, George Hildebrand	13,750 00

42,363 00

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

High School 1, improvements on site, Jos. Johnson's Sons.	\$14,470 00
Public School 34, boilers, Superintendent of State Prisons..	94 76

14,564 76

Total \$224,555 86

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond—13.

The Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 29, 1903, at 10:30 a. m.

J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

MINUTES, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1903.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—Seth Low, Mayor; Edward M. Grout, Comptroller; Charles V. Forney, President, Board of Aldermen; Jacob A. Cantor, President, Borough of Manhattan; J. Edward Swanstrom, President, Borough of Brooklyn; Joseph Cassidy, President, Borough of Queens; George Cromwell, President, Borough of Richmond.

Hon. Seth Low, Mayor, presiding.

The minutes of meetings held October 31, November 13, 20, December 1, 4 and 11, 1903, were approved as printed, and the reading of the minutes of meetings held December 18 and 22, 1903, was dispensed with.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Department of Street Cleaning requesting a bond issue for the purchase of new stock or plant, and also an additional appropriation over that allowed in the Budget for the year 1904.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Secretary presented the following report of the Engineer of the Department of Finance relative to the contract for the removal of snow and ice in the Borough of The Bronx:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTRROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 28, 1903.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—The Hon. John McGaw Woodbury, Commissioner, Department of Street Cleaning, in communication to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment December 22, 1903, says:

"As advertised, according to law, bids were opened in this office on the 22d inst. for a contract for the removal of snow and ice in the Borough of The Bronx, as follows:

"William Bradley, 16 cents per cubic yard.

"Rawling & Farley, 19 cents per cubic yard.

"Thomas Crimmins, 20 cents per cubic yard.

"Holland Brothers, 21 cents per cubic yard.

"I have determined to award the said contract to the lowest bidder, William Bradley, subject, however, to the approval by your Board, as a part of the terms and conditions of the said contract, and I transmit the said bid herewith."

The awarding of the contract to William Bradley, the lowest bidder, may be properly approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in compliance with the requirements of section 544 of the Charter, as to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Respectfully,
EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the award by the Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning of the contract for the removal of snow and ice in the Borough of The Bronx to William Bradley at his bid of sixteen cents (16 cents) per cubic yard.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following report of the Engineer of the Department of Finance, relative to the extension of time for the commencement of the contract with the American Railway Traffic Company of Brooklyn, for the final disposition of ashes, street sweepings and rubbish in the Borough of Brooklyn:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTRROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 29, 1903.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—In regard to the attached communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, dated December 24, 1903, requesting an extension of the time of the commencement of the contract with the American Railway Traffic Company of Brooklyn, for the final disposition of ashes, street sweepings and rubbish, I would report:

From an examination made by one of my assistants, it would appear that seven of the stations would be ready for operation by February 1, 1904, and that if work was pushed on the remaining six they could be completed by April 1.

There has been much delay in the past, but the work at present on six of the stations (besides the one already completed) is being pushed, and I believe it to be in the interest of the City that the contract be extended, as requested by the Commissioner, it being understood that each station as soon as completed shall be put in immediate operation.

Respectfully,
EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
NEW YORK, December 24, 1903.

Hon. SETH LOW, Mayor, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I have the honor to herewith transmit copy of a request from the American Railway Traffic Company of Brooklyn, New York, for an extension of time for the completion of their contract until April 1, 1904. As will be seen from their re-

quest, they have shown bona fides in the construction of their receiving stations, one of which has been in satisfactory operation since the 1st of December, and three more of which are almost ready for operation.

Therefore, I cordially endorse and heartily approve this request for extension, on condition that at least seven of the stations shall be completed and in operation on or before February 1, 1904, and the remaining stations, six in number, shall be completed on or before April 1, 1904.

Respectfully,

JOHN McG. WOODBURY, Commissioner.

AMERICAN RAILWAY TRAFFIC COMPANY, BROOKLYN, N. Y.,
December 23, 1903.

Mr. J. McGAW WOODBURY, Commissioner Street Cleaning, New York:

DEAR SIR—We have progressed the work undertaken by this company in connection with carrying out the contract made between H. Milton Kennedy and the Department of Street Cleaning, as follows:

Receiving Stations.

Of the thirteen (13) sites, twelve (12) have been secured and approved by you. The remaining site is at Greenpoint, where we have submitted three (3) locations, none of which was accepted, and now we expect within the present week to secure a site on Manhattan avenue, near Driggs avenue, which you have indicated as being acceptable. We have met with considerable unforeseen trouble in securing suitable real estate at several points.

On the station buildings we have to report as follows:

Station No. 1—Thirty-eighth street and Fourth avenue, has been in satisfactory operation since December 1.

Station No. 2—Hopkins avenue, between Marcy and Nostrand avenues, nearly completed; will be completed January 10.

Station No. 3—No. 224 Adams street, nearly completed; will be completed January 10.

Station No. 4—Third street and Third avenue, nearly completed; will be completed January 15.

Station No. 5—Herkimer street and Kingston avenue, foundation under way; will be completed February 1.

Station No. 6—Twenty-second and Vernon avenues, foundation under way; will be completed February 1.

Station No. 7—Ralph and Atlantic avenues, excavating; will be completed February 1.

Station No. 8—East New York, excavating; will be completed February 15.

Station No. 9—Nos. 1457-1459 Gates avenue, construction will begin as soon as you approve plans already submitted; will be completed February 15.

Station No. 10—Johnson street and Bogart avenue, construction will begin as soon as you approve plans already submitted; will be completed February 15.

Station No. 11—Greenpoint, location undetermined, standard building to be used which can be erected in sixty days; will be completed March 15.

Station No. 12—Huntington and Hamilton avenues, construction will begin as soon as you approve plans submitted; will be completed April 1.

Station No. 13—Bergen street, near Vanderbilt avenue, construction will begin as soon as you approve plans submitted; will be completed April 1.

The last two stations must be of brick, which requires a longer time for building.

All mechanical and other factors are in advance of these dates, as follows:

Cars.

Twenty-six (26) cars are now ready to be put in service and the balance of cars necessary will be ready by March 1.

Steel Ash Bins.

One hundred and eighty (180) are to be delivered between now and December 31, and the balance to be delivered on or before January 15.

Electric Traveling Cranes for Stations.

Of the total of twelve (12) cranes, six (6) have already been shipped and the balance are due prior to January 15.

Traveling derrick and cableway is to be ready for operation February 18.

Traveling derrick car will be ready for operation January 7.

We therefore respectfully request time extensions for opening of ash stations, as shown above in detail. It is probable that we can begin taking ashes at each station a few days before it is fully completed.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. R. VAN ETEN, Superintendent.

The following was offered:

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment by resolution adopted July 29, 1903, approved of an extension of five months' time from July 29, 1903, to H. Milton Kennedy on his contract for the final disposition of ashes, street sweepings and rubbish in the Borough of Brooklyn; and

Whereas, Of thirteen disposal stations to be constructed by the American Railway Traffic Company, assignee of H. Milton Kennedy, under its contract for the final disposition of ashes, street sweepings and rubbish, but one has been completed and put in operation, to wit, that at Thirty-eighth street and Fourth avenue;

Resolved, That the contract for the following stations, six in number, be extended to February 1, 1904:

Hopkins avenue, between Marcy and Nostrand avenues; No. 224 Adams street; Third street and Third avenue; Herkimer street and Kingston avenue; Twenty-second and Vernon avenues; Ralph and Atlantic avenues; and that the contract for the following stations, six in number, be extended to April 1, 1904:

East New York; Nos. 1457-1459 Gates avenue; Johnson street and Bogart avenue; Greenpoint, location undetermined; Huntington and Hamilton avenues; Bergen street, near Vanderbilt avenue.

Resolved, That each station, when completed, shall begin operation immediately, whether the time for the completion of such station has expired or not.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, requesting the transfer of \$32,000 to the account entitled "Sweeping and Carting," Borough of Brooklyn:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
NEW YORK, December 28, 1903.

Hon. SETH LOW, Mayor, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I have to request that the sum of nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) be transferred from the account of Final Disposition, appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning, Borough of Brooklyn, for the year 1903, to the appropriation account of Sweeping and Carting, Borough of Brooklyn, for 1903.

Also that the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) be transferred from the account of Sweeping and Carting, appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning, boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for the year 1903, to the appropriation account of Sweeping and Carting, Borough of Brooklyn, for 1903.

The reason for the above-named transfers is that the balance remaining in the account of Sweeping and Carting, Borough of Brooklyn, is insufficient to meet the expenses of the year.

Respectfully,

JOHN McG. WOODBURY, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) be and the

same is hereby transferred from appropriations made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

"Borough of Brooklyn—Final Disposition of Material, Including Cremation or Utilization".....	\$19,000 00
"Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx—Sweeping and Carting".....	13,000 00
Total.....	\$32,000 00

—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for the year 1903, entitled "Borough of Brooklyn—Sweeping and Carting," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The President of the Borough of Manhattan moved to take from the table the motion of the President of the Board of Aldermen (made at the meeting held December 22) to reconsider the vote by which all bids for the stack work in the New York Public Library were rejected at the meeting held on December 18, 1903.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following communications, relative to said stack work:

THE VAN DORN IRON WORKS COMPANY,
No. 1793 EAST MADISON AVENUE,
CLEVELAND, O., December 26, 1903.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller, New York City, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—We have your communication of the 23d, and have given the same careful consideration. We cannot understand how it is possible for your Honorable Board to reverse your decision under the conditions. By adopting a specific specification and offering it for competition you will surely save from one hundred to two thousand dollars, and obtain what you want as well. Inasmuch as your Honorable Board refused to approve the specifications for Contract No. 4 on account of their not being explicit or fully understood by the bidders, we cannot possibly think that you will reconsider and readopt said specifications.

We would further state that upon a conference of this matter with our attorney, he states that if the favorable action of your Board is necessary, first in the adoption of the plans, second, in the adoption of the bids, and third, in the apportionment and providing of money, that an unfavorable action on either of these points breaks the contract rights between the bidders and The City of New York, which cannot legally be renewed under the same advertisement.

In view of all of these facts we feel that there is little necessity of our being personally present. If, however, it is possible for our Mr. Rock to be there, he will do so. If not, we will be present either by letter or by a representative who will present our remonstrances in person to the full Board.

Respectfully yours,

THE VAN DORN IRON WORKS COMPANY.
J. H. VAN DORN, President.

December 29, 1903.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 18, 1903, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That, in view of the failure to submit the specifications (for public library stack construction) to this Board before the advertisement, the bids be rejected and new competition called for."

We believe this the wording of the resolution, although the draft minutes contain a somewhat different verbiage.

Messrs. Carrere & Hastings, architects, have requested the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to reconsider its said action, and to award, or attempt to award, the contract for said work to Messrs. Snead & Co.

The undersigned hereby protest against any such action by said Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the following reasons, among others, namely:

First—That the Board has no legal power to make such reconsideration and award, the Board having voted not to approve the specifications, the bids having been rejected, the sureties released, and title to the deposits having passed out of the City.

Second—That the whole bidding is illegal and irregular, in that the statutory procedure was not observed and that the specifications were not approved prior to the advertisement for bids; that therefore there are no legal specifications and no legal bids in existence, and that a resolution now passed approving the specifications could not even reinstate and validate the specifications. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment having no greater statutory power to validate bids made upon illegal and invalid specifications, a new bidding is necessary after approving proper specifications. The proceeding, in other words, must be taken *de novo*.

Third—That the specifications have been so drawn and have been so construed that no competitive bids have been secured as required by law; the entire construction work of the stack room has been absolutely withdrawn from competition and an attempt made to award it without competition as to price to the person submitting the most desirable form of bookcases or shelving as a prize for his design; that a competition between designs of book shelving only, with an \$800,000 contract as a prize, is not such a competition as the statutes regulating the awarding of this contract require; yet no other competition has in fact taken place.

First.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, having acted once in this matter in a quasi-judicial capacity, has no power now to act again.

It has, under the statute, the power of approving or not approving the specifications and of award or rejection of bids, and having disapproved the specifications and rejected the bids it has no further power. It has clearly no power of reconsideration, or of reinstating rejected specifications or bids, or of reconsideration of the question of award. (Laws of 1897, chapter 556, section 2.)

No Board which has voted to disapprove specifications and to reject and readvertise has any further power in the premises. Boards cannot change their decisions at will. This has been held frequently by the courts of this State.

"Now then, the Dock Department having determined as to the way in which this work should be done, there is no power of alteration; they must go on and finish it, they having exhausted the powers which the law gave them."

Bigler vs. Mayor, 5 Abb. N. C., 66.

See also the case of People vs. Board of Supervisors, 35 Barb. 415, etc.

"I have been forced to come to the conclusion, upon authority, that when this Board (of Supervisors), by a legal quorum of their members, had voted upon a resolution 'concerning the raising of money' under the statute authority to apportion the tax to be raised among the several towns and wards of the County * * * * and when this vote had been entered by their Clerk in the book of records so required to be kept by them, they had then exhausted their discretion over that subject; that they had then executed a judicial act; that such act was in effect a judgment final and conclusive as to any power they could exercise over it by way of review or reversal."

At page 416:

"The Commissioners having once passed upon the question, their powers were at an end."

See also People ex rel. Hotchkiss vs. Supervisors, 65 N. Y., at page 227.

"The cases are very numerous and the principle perfectly well settled that where power to do a certain act is conferred upon a certain officer or board of officers, and when action has once been had under the power, it is final and may not be repeated, reversed or annulled by the same officer or body, however erroneous or unjust."

A case just decided in the Appellate Division, November term, reaffirms the doctrine that a board acting under statutory power, having acted, cannot reopen its action.

"Our conclusion, therefore, in the case at bar, is that the Commissioners, having entered their order and made their decision dismissing the relators' claims are as to them *functus officio*, and thereafter could not reopen the matter with respect to which they had thus already exercised their authority to consider and determine. Whether that determination was made erroneously and in conflict with the proof before the Commissioners, or whether it was made by mistake or inadvertence, the power of the Commissioners having been once exercised, was gone forever."

* * * "It is immaterial whether or not the Commissioners in filing an order, or in otherwise recording their determination in the Comptroller's office, did so pursuant to or in the absence of a statute making provision for such filing, because it appears that they did make a determination of the relators' claim, deciding that it should be dismissed; and having so determined, their power and authority over the claim was exhausted. The question of whether such determination was filed is immaterial."

People ex rel. Belmont vs. Leonard, 87 App. Div. 273.

The rejection of the bids released the deposits and released the sureties, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment cannot award a contract upon a bid upon which the sureties have been released and the title to the deposits has revested in the bidder.

See case of Brush Electric Light Company vs. City of Cincinnati, Weekly Law Bulletin, vol. 28, page 30.

"No contract is complete without the mutual assent of the parties, and it is elementary that a refusal to accept, or an acceptance upon terms varying from those offered, is a rejection of the offer, and puts an end to the negotiations unless the party who made the original offer renews it, or assents to the modification suggested. In the case of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway Company vs. Columbus Rolling Mill, 119 U. S., 148, the court lays down the rule that when the other party has once rejected the offer it can not afterwards be revived by the mere tender of an acceptance of it. The same principle is also decided in Eliason et al. vs. Henshaw, 4 Wheat. 225."

"It is true that the certificate of deposit runs in the name of the City, yet it is manifestly the money of the plaintiff just as much as though it were in the form of a certified check, unless there be a default on the part of the plaintiff."

Second.

The act, Laws of 1897, ch. 556, sec. 2, provides:

"When such contract and specifications and the form of bonds shall have been approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the Commissioner of Public Parks shall advertise for sealed bids for doing the work, etc."

It is too much to suppose that if the specifications had been submitted in accordance with the law they would have been amended so as to provide for competitive bids on all the structural work as to which all bidders could compete on equal terms and amended so as to provide for a separate competition as to designs for book shelving, or book cases, instead of withdrawing \$500,000 of structural work from competition and leaving it open for award to the designer of the best bookcase at his own figures without any competition as to price being involved?

But the plans and specifications were not submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment prior to the receipt of bids; therefore the Park Commissioner had no jurisdiction or power to advertise for bids.

There are, therefore, no legal bids which can be received or acted upon, for they were null and void when made.

Only bids called for and made pursuant to the statutory procedure are legally made, and, if the bids are void at the time of making, viz., void at their inception, there is no power in this Board to subsequently validate the bids, whatever effect later action might have upon the plans and specifications.

The authority of the Board to award this contract depends entirely upon compliance with the provisions of the statute.

Subsequent authorizations or approvals by bodies whose authority should have been obtained prior to the advertisement have, except in the case of certain parties acting without notice of the irregularity, uniformly been held of no effect.

"These provisions (of the statute) relate only to contracts which had been previously authorized by the Common Council, not to contracts made without any ordinance therefor."

People vs. Van Nort, 65 Barb., at p. 334.

The Corporation Counsel concludes his opinion as to the irregularities of the Public Library bidding with the following words:

"A departure from the precise order of the various steps may be a mere irregularity which may be cured by subsequent action by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment."

He is very careful not to say that this departure is a mere irregularity, or that it will be cured, only that it may be a mere irregularity which may be cured.

An examination of the cases cited by the Corporation Counsel where trifling irregularities were not allowed to interfere with a payment to a municipal contractor shows that they are cases where the contractor proceeded in good faith without knowledge of any irregularities, and not, as in the present instance, where the irregularities were called to the attention of the contractor and he proceeded at his peril with full notice of the defective nature of his contract.

The Corporation Counsel's statement only applies to cases where innocent parties, ignorant of the irregularities in question, have done work which has been accepted by the City.

As to the fact that Snead & Co., after notice of the irregularity, could not recover on this irregular contract, no matter what ratification was attempted by this Board, the following case should be considered:

"A subsequent ratification cannot make valid an unlawful act without the scope of corporate authority. An absolute excess of authority by the officers of a corporation in violation of law cannot be upheld, and where the officers of such a body fail to pursue the strict requirements of statutory enactment under which they are acting the corporation is not bound. In such cases the statute must be strictly followed, and the person who deals with a municipal body is obliged to see that its charter has been fully complied with. When this is not done, no subsequent act can make the contract effective."

Smith vs. City of Newburg, 77 N. Y., at p. 136.

Third.

The subject matter bid upon must be distinctly specified before the bidding or the bidding is void.

This library bidding involved no competitive bidding on construction costs, only a competition of designs, and is therefore void.

There was no opportunity given for competitive bidding or competitive prices on marble and steel structural work aggregating over \$500,000 in cost. This was withdrawn from competitive bidding and subject to the results of a competition of designs of book shelving.

Competitions that do not compete have always been set aside, whether for indefiniteness of specifications or amounts.

Bigler vs. Mayor, 5 Abb. N. C., at pp. 69 and 70.

"If the contract system is to prevail (and it has been the theory of both the municipal and State governments that it should prevail), it is necessary that the contract should be in such form that there shall be what is called competitive bidding. Without intending to insinuate that anything of the kind has occurred in this case, I will call your attention to the classes of frauds which might incidentally and very easily creep into a contract system of this kind * * *. There cannot be any competitive bidding in a contract of that description. It is for that reason that in laws regulating contracts there has always been a determination on the part of the Legislature at least to see that the contract should be specific in regard to quantities, and unless it is specific in regard to quantities there cannot be any comparison of bids."

"The statute and ordinance passed in pursuance of the same were intended to establish a system by which work done for and supplies furnished to the City should be the subject of competition and allotted to the lowest bidder for the same, and a substantial compliance with these requirements is essential to carry into effect the object of these regulations."

Petition of Merriam, 84 N. Y., at p. 601.

The subject matter of the competition must be accurately designated.

"This competition is obtained by requiring all bidders to name the price for which the specific article designated will be furnished.

"It is then easy to determine the lowest and best bid for furnishing the same material."

Lake Shore Foundry vs. City of Cleveland, 8 Ohio Cir. Ct. Rep. 573.

Can any one pretend that the requirements of law protecting the public treasury against possible frauds have been adequately complied with in the present instance?

On the contrary, does not the procedure suggest that the whole matter will bear further scrutiny and greater care to protect the City from possible excessive cost upon readvertisement of the bids?

The result of awarding this contract to Snead & Co. might be a terrible misfortune to Snead & Co., for any taxpayer could enjoin all payments to Snead & Co. at any time during the progress of the work, on any or all of the grounds of illegality which have been presented to this Board.

In view of the full notice and the protest made, Snead & Co. would have no standing before the court, except that of a contractor who assumed the work at his peril under a contract, of the illegality and irregularity of which he had full notice prior to entering into it.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HENRY MOSLE, A Taxpayer,
Library Bureau, Maker of one of the Bids.
By F. KINGSBURY CURTIS, Attorney.

JOHN G. CARLISLE, of Counsel.

The Mayor ordered a roll call on the question as to whether or not the Board would reconsider its action taken at the meeting of December 18, 1903, in rejecting all bids for the book stacks for the New York Public Library, which resulted as follows:

Negative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Mayor then announced that the action taken at the meeting of the 18th of December in rejecting all bids for stack work and calling for new competition would remain unchanged.

The Secretary presented the following report of the Engineer of the Department of Finance relative to the use of certain patented articles in the construction of the proposed new station house, prison and stable for the Seventy-second Precinct, Borough of Brooklyn:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 7, 1903.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—Hon. F. V. Greene, Police Commissioner, in communication under date of December 2, 1903, requests the passage by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of a resolution authorizing him to contract for certain articles (as noted in the attached detailed statement) about to be used in the construction of the proposed new station house, prison and stable for the Seventy-second Precinct, on premises on the south side of Lawrence avenue, 300 feet easterly of Third street, Borough of Brooklyn.

Would report that I think the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to section 1554 of the amended Greater New York Charter, may properly authorize the Commissioner to use patented articles by inserting in the contract and specifications for said building the following clause:

"Whenever or wherever an article or any class of material is specified by the name of any particular patentee, manufacturer or dealer, or by reference to the catalogue of any such manufacturer or dealer, it shall be taken as intending to mean and specify the article or material described, or any other approved by the Architects, equal thereto in quality, finish and durability, and equally serviceable for the purpose for which it is intended."

Respectfully,

EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
New York, December 2, 1903.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—The following proceedings were this day directed by Police Commissioner Greene:

Whereas, Appropriation has been made to the Police Department by authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the Comptroller authorized to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, the proceeds thereof to be applied to the erection and equipment of a station house, prison and stable for the Seventy-second Precinct on premises on south side of Lawrence avenue, 300 feet easterly of Third street, Borough of Brooklyn, and it appearing that there are certain special made articles specified to be used in the construction of said station house, prison and stable,

Ordered, That, in pursuance to the provisions of section 1554 of the Charter, application be and is hereby made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for permission to contract for same, and upon such permission being granted that they be incorporated in the specifications for the construction of said buildings, viz.:

Floor and Roof Construction.

Hollow block tile arches, "Columbian" fireproof system, "Roebling" system of fireproof construction; system B; Schratweiser fireproof system or any other system of fireproofing approved by the Department of Buildings and the Architect.

Partitions.

Hollow terra cotta tile blocks, plaster blocks, "Roebling" solid concrete partitions, "Columbian" solid concrete partitions, or "Schratweiser" solid partitions, approved by the Architect.

Steel Cell Work.

Steel used in the construction of the bars, etc., shall be five-ply tool-proof steel and equal to either "Van Dorn" manufacture or "Pauley" patent round interlocking bar gating construction, and approved by the Architect.

Padlocks to be "Yale" pattern, or equal, and approved by the Architect. Cell doors to lock with "Pauley Spring Jail Lock," or equal thereto, and approved by the Architect.

Stable Fittings.

J. L. Mott's or J. W. Fiske's manufacture, or equal thereto, and approved by the Architect. Stall floors and gutters to be Logan's sanitary horse stall floors and gutters, or equal thereto, and approved by the Architect.

Damp Proofing of Outside Walls.

"Antihydrene Damp Resisting Paint," or other equally as good, and approved by the Architect.

Roofing.

"Anchor" brand, "Vulcanite asphalt," or other roofing felt, and Trinidad asphaltic cement, or other asphaltic cement equally good, and approved by the Architect.

Painting.

"Atlantic" white lead, "Atlantic" linseed oil and "Murphy" varnishes, or equally as good, approved by the Architect.

Pegamoid aluminum bronze paint, or equally good, approved by the Architect.

Finishing Hardware.

P. & F. Corbin's, Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company's, Russell & Erwin's, or other manufacture as good, and approved by the Architect. Sliding door hangers to be McCabe's manufacture, or equally as good, and approved by the Architect.

Plumbing Fixtures.

Fixtures are to be either Henry Huber's, J. L. Mott's, Ronald's, Peck Bros., or equally as good, and approved by the Architect.

Steam Heating.

"Mercer" boiler and fittings of H. B. Smith Company's make, or "Ideal" boiler and fittings of American Radiator Company's make, or equal thereto, and approved by the Architect.

Direct radiators to be American Radiator Company's make, or equal thereto, and approved by the Architect. Indirect radiators to be "School Pin" pattern, or equal thereto, and approved by the Architect.

Radiator and other valves to be Jenkin Bros., Fairbanks', or equal thereto, and approved by the Architect.

Air valves to be Davis & Roesch make, or equal thereto, and approved by the Architect.

Steam piping covering to be magnesia sectional covering, asbestos air cell covering, or equal thereto, and approved by the Architect.

Clothes Dryers.

Troy Laundry Machinery Company's Chicago Clothes Dryer Works, or equally good manufacture, and approved by the Architect.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 1554 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment approves of the purchase of the articles enumerated in the communication from the Police Department dated December 2, 1903, and authorizes the use of said articles in the manner prescribed in said communication, relative to the erection and equipment of a station-house, prison and stable for the Seventy-second Precinct, provided that, whenever or wherever an article or any class of material is specified by the name of any particular patentee, manufacturer or dealer, or by reference to the catalogue of any such manufacturer or dealer, it shall be taken as intending to mean and specify the articles or material described or any other approved by the architects, equal thereto in quality, finish and durability, and equally serviceable for the purpose for which it is intended.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following report of the Engineer of the Department of Finance relative to the bill of Louis Korn for professional services rendered in the construction of the new Hall of Records:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 11, 1903.

Hon. Edward M. Grout, Comptroller:

SIR—In relation to bill for \$2,472.23 in favor of Louis Korn, for professional services rendered in the new Hall of Records, Centre, Elm, Chambers and Reade streets, 1 per cent. of additional cost of marble amounting to \$247,293—\$2,472.23—would report that I consider this bill excessive. The question of using marble or Keene cement on the side walls of vestibules, halls, corridors, etc., is nothing new. Mr. Thomas, in his original plans, called for marble, but in order to reduce the cost of the building he substituted Keene cement and composition for marble, and instead of making new plans designed it by printing in the plans "Keene Cement" or "Composition." The question before Mr. Korn, which is the subject of his report, was whether marble or Keene cement is more desirable, and if the character of the building warrants the extra expenditure to substitute marble when Keene cement or composition is specified.

His views as an expert should be paid for, and liberally, but, in my opinion, \$500 would be ample compensation.

In support of my opinion I give the compensation paid architects for expert work; \$1,200, Mr. D. Despradelle, Professor of Architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, for preparing a programme and passing upon the design and rendering judgment upon the plans for the Administrative Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn, building to cost \$1,500,000. Five hundred dollars compensation paid the unsuccessful architect's competition for the Administrative Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY HALL,
November 18, 1903.

JAMES W. STEVENSON, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—There was referred to this Department on September 16, 1903, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the enclosed claim for two thousand four hundred and seventy-two and ninety-three one-hundredths dollars (\$2,472.93), of Louis Korn, for services performed as consulting engineer in relation to the proposition to substitute marble for Keene's cement in the specifications for the interior work of the New Hall of Records Building, now under construction by John Peirce.

During the time when the question of substituting marble for Keene's cement was under consideration by the committee appointed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, of which I was a member, Mr. Korn was requested by me in his capacity as consulting engineer of this Department to thoroughly investigate this matter and report to the committee as to the advisability of making these changes in the specifications for this particular work. He had one conference with the Mayor upon this matter and several with Mr. S. Stanwood Menken of the Hall of Records Commission and also with myself.

The change in the specifications from Keene's cement to marble was finally agreed upon by the committee and authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 16, 1903, and the contract for making the substitution was awarded to John Peirce, after public letting, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May 22, 1903, for the sum of two hundred and forty-seven thousand two hundred and ninety-three dollars (\$247,293).

Mr. Korn's bill for services rendered in connection with the above mentioned work, amounting to \$2,472.93, being one (1) per cent. of the award, is herewith returned to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its consideration, with the recommendation that it be paid out of the fund appropriated for the construction of the building.

A copy of Mr. Korn's report, together with copies of other letters bearing upon this subject, is herewith attached.

Yours respectfully,

JACOB A. CANTOR, President.

OFFICE OF LOUIS KORN,
No. 31 WEST THIRTY-THIRD STREET,
NEW YORK, December 24, 1902.

Hon. Jacob A. Cantor, New York City:

DEAR SIR—The estimates submitted to the Honorable Mayor for the additional marble work to be incorporated in the Hall of Records in place of the cement trim around the doors and windows, in my judgment, is a fair and just bid.

I have carefully gone over the entire matter, figured up the cost and find the figures submitted for the marble work in the amount of \$247,293.88, and allowing \$22,761.41 for the cement trim to be omitted, to be correct. I should try to impress upon the Honorable Mayor the importance of making the above change in a building of such monumental importance as the New Hall of Records.

I sincerely hope that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will see the advisability of this change, and appropriate, if necessary, the additional moneys required, for if this change is not made at the present time I feel satisfied to say that the cement

work will be in such a bad condition in a very short length of time that in the near future the City would have to substitute marble, and if they should make this change the cost then, in my estimation, would possibly be \$50,000 or \$60,000 in excess of the bids submitted by Mr. John Peirce.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS KORN, Consulting Engineer.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby audits and allows as a proper charge against The City of New York the claim of Louis Korn for professional services rendered in the New Hall of Records, Centre, Elm, Chambers and Reade streets, Borough of Manhattan, to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented a communication from Mabel P. Foulke and Elizabeth R. Decker, representatives of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Flushing, Borough of Queens, offering to present to The City of New York a drinking fountain at Murray Hill, Flushing, erected by said Union.

Referred to the Commissioner of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Aqueduct Commissioners, requesting an issue of Corporate Stock to the amount of \$1,000,000 for the uses and purposes of said Commissioners:

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING, NO. 280 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, December 28, 1903.

Hon. Edward M. Grout, Comptroller, The City of New York:

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners held to-day the resolutions adopted by said Commissioners on December 22, 1903, requesting the Comptroller to raise \$500,000 upon bonds of The City of New York for the uses and purposes of the Aqueduct Commissioners, were rescinded, and we desire to withdraw the communication addressed to you on December 22, 1903, transmitting a copy of said resolutions.

At a meeting of the Commissioners held to-day the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, In the opinion of the Aqueduct Commissioners, the further sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) will be required to defray the necessary and lawful expenditures of the said Commissioners; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller of The City of New York be and he is hereby requested to raise the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) upon bonds of The City of New York, in conformity with the requirements of section 32, chapter 490, Laws of 1883, of the State of New York, for the uses and purposes of the Aqueduct Commissioners, as set forth in said chapter and section of said law.

Yours respectfully,

THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS,
By WM. H. TEN EVCK, President.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 490 of the Laws of 1883 and sections 169 and 170 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby authorizes the Comptroller to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, in the manner provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter, to the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), the proceeds thereof to be applied in accordance with the preamble and resolution adopted by the Aqueduct Commissioners December 28, 1903, to defray the necessary and lawful expenditures of the said Commissioners.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Parks, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, requesting the transfer of \$1,927.45 to the account entitled "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies":

THE CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
BOROUGHS OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS,
LITCHFIELD MANSION, PROSPECT PARK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
December 21, 1903.

Hon. Edward M. Grout, Comptroller of The City of New York:

DEAR SIR—I find that by economy in the Administration Fund I have a balance left of \$1,577.45, and in the Music Fund of \$350, making an aggregate of \$1,927.45, which I respectfully request be transferred to the Labor, Maintenance and Supplies Fund for 1903, as my funds in this account are nearly exhausted.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD YOUNG, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven dollars and forty-five cents (\$1,927.45) be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made to the Department of Parks for the year 1903, for the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, as follows:

"Administration" \$1,577.45
"Music" 350.00

Total \$1,927.45
— the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for 1903, entitled "Labor, Maintenance and Supplies," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following report of the Auditor of Accounts, Department of Finance, relative to the claim of Norman S. Dike, for services rendered in proceedings with and completing the execution of mandates subsequent to the expiration of his term of office as Sheriff of Kings County:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 18, 1903.

In the matter of Claim No. 19132, of Norman S. Dike, for the sum of \$1,000 alleged to be due for services rendered in proceedings with and completing the execution of mandates subsequent to the expiration of his term of office on January 1, 1903, as Sheriff of the County of Kings.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—A report by the Division of Law and Adjustment on this claim was made on the 2d of December, 1903, in which attention was directed to the fact that section 2 of chapter 705 of the Laws of 1901, which was amended by chapter 464 of the Laws of 1903, passed May 7, 1903, made no reference to the execution of mandates begun before the expiration of his term of office of Sheriff, and made no provision for the payment of the costs of proceeding with and completing the execution of such mandates. Attention was also directed to the fact that the term of office of the claimant as Sheriff expired four months prior to the passage of the amendatory enactment.

It was also stated in that report that if, in accordance with the provisions of the Laws of 1903, the claim be valid the sum of \$1,000 appears to be a reasonable allowance for the services alleged to have been rendered, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which is charged by the said law with the function of auditing and allowing such charges, would be justified in making an appropriation of that amount for the year 1903. It was therefore recommended that the report be transmitted to the Corporation Counsel for his advice respecting the legal liability of the City in the premises.

That report having been transmitted to the Corporation Counsel with a request for such opinion, a communication from him dated December 15, 1903, has been received in which it is stated that no prohibition applies to remedial acts of the kind under consideration; that at the time the Law of 1903 was passed Mr. Dike was actually engaged as ex-Sheriff of the County of Kings in completing the fulfillment of duties imposed upon him prior to the expiration of his term; that it was entirely competent for the Legislature to authorize the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to audit and allow the reasonable costs and counsel fees which had already been incurred or which might be incurred by him in performing these duties, and that the claim is brought precisely within the terms of the enactment. The Corporation Counsel also stated in that communication that "I am accordingly of the opinion that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment can properly audit and allow the amount of the claim." The communication of the Corporation Counsel is transmitted herewith.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that this report and the other papers in the case be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its information and for such action as it may deem advisable.

Respectfully,

JOS. L. HANCE, Auditor of Accounts.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, December 15, 1903.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—I have received the letter of Assistant Deputy Comptroller Smith dated December 9, 1903, transmitting the report of Joseph L. Hance, Auditor of Accounts, in the matter of Claim No. 19132, of Norman S. Dike, for the sum of \$1,000, for costs and counsel fees for proceeding with and completing the execution of mandates after the expiration of his term of office as Sheriff of the County of Kings. My advice is requested as to the legal liability of the City in the premises.

Section 2 of chapter 705 of the Laws of 1901 was amended by chapter 464 of the Laws of 1903, passed May 7, 1903, so as to provide as follows:

"After the expiration of the term of office of each Sheriff of the County of Kings the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York is hereby authorized to audit and allow as charges against said City the reasonable costs and counsel fees paid or incurred by said Sheriff after the expiration of his term of office in prosecuting or defending any actions or proceedings brought by or against him for any alleged act or omission or misconduct in his official capacity by virtue or color of his office, and in proceeding with and completing the execution of each mandate he began to execute before the expiration of his said term of office, and the execution of which he is required by law to complete, but said sum so audited and allowed shall not exceed five thousand dollars for any one year; nor of the said five thousand dollars shall the amount so audited and allowed for reasonable costs and counsel fees for proceeding with and completing the execution of such mandates exceed one thousand dollars in any one year, or be audited and allowed for a longer period than two years after the expiration of his term of office."

It appears by the Auditor's report, and the accompanying papers, that no question is made as to the reasonableness of allowing the sum of \$1,000 for the costs and counsel fees incurred by the Sheriff for proceeding with and completing the execution of the mandates which he began to execute before the expiration of his term of office.

It further appears by the report and accompanying papers that the Sheriff has caused to be turned over to the City for fees collected subsequent to the expiration of his term a sum considerably in excess of the amount claimed.

Substantially, the only point suggested as creating doubt as to the validity of the claim is that prior to the amendment of May 7, 1903, the statute contained no provision authorizing the audit and allowance for costs and counsel fees for proceeding with and completing the execution of mandates, but authorized only the audit and allowance as charges against the City of costs and counsel fees paid or incurred by the Sheriff after the expiration of his term in prosecuting or defending actions or proceedings brought by or against him for alleged acts or omissions or misconduct in his official capacity, and the suggestion is made that inasmuch as Mr. Dike's term had expired four months prior to the passage of the amendatory act (chapter 464 of the Laws of 1903), such amendatory act cannot be made available by him.

It is, of course, true that the Legislature cannot constitutionally pass penal laws which are retroactive. Such laws are *ex post facto* and are prohibited by the Constitution. No such prohibition applies to remedial acts of the kind here the subject of consideration. At the time this act was passed Mr. Dike was actually engaged as ex-Sheriff of the County of Kings in completing the fulfillment of duties imposed upon him prior to the expiration of his term.

It was entirely competent for the Legislature to authorize the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to audit and allow the reasonable costs and counsel fees which already had been incurred, or which might be incurred by him in performing these duties. The claim, therefore, is brought precisely within the terms of the enactment. I am accordingly of the opinion that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment can properly audit and allow the amount of the claim.

Respectfully,

G. L. RIVES, Corporation Counsel.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., September 26, 1903.

City of New York: To Norman S. Dike, former Sheriff of Kings County, Dr.:

Statement of account rendered pursuant to the Laws of the State of New York, chapter 705 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 464 of the Laws of 1903:

To bill rendered by William W. Wingate, counsel..... \$600 00

To bill rendered by Charles D. Kendall, Deputy Sheriff..... 400 00

Total.....

\$1,000 00

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 2, 1903.

In the matter of Claim No. 19132, of Norman S. Dike, for the sum of \$1,000 alleged to be due for services rendered in proceeding with and completing the execution of mandates subsequent to the expiration of his term of office on January 1, 1903, as Sheriff of the County of Kings.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller:

SIR—This claimant asks for the sum of \$400 for services alleged to have been rendered by Charles D. Kendall as Deputy Sheriff in proceeding with and completing the execution of mandates begun by the said claimant as Sheriff of Kings County before the expiration of his term of office, and for \$600 for services alleged to have been rendered by William W. Wingate, as counsel to the said Sheriff, in proceeding with and completing the execution of mandates, the execution of which was begun by the said claimant as Sheriff of Kings County before the expiration of his term of office.

Attached to the bill rendered by the said Kendall was a detailed statement of the alleged services and an affidavit by him before a Notary Public to the effect that "all of the work concerning the execution of the said mandates was necessary

to relieve the Sheriff from further liability and to recover his bond which he gave at the time of his taking the office; that he believes the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) to be reasonable compensation for the services which he has performed."

Attached to the bill rendered by the said Wingate was a detailed statement of the alleged services and an affidavit by him before a Notary Public to the effect that "he has advised with reference to the foregoing mandates with the attorneys and with other people interested therein; that he has attended to relieving bondsmen from undertaking on arrest; that he has telephoned to a large number of people concerning the above-named mandates, and has written a great many letters concerning the same; that every day he is visited by persons seeking information concerning the mandates issued to the said Sheriff during his term of office; that he has collected and is ready to turn over to the Chamberlain of The City of New York since the first day of January, 1903, as fees for the execution of said mandates the sum of \$1,131.52; that he has called a Sheriff's jury on third party claims and prepared the necessary papers for the return by said jury, and that he has kept the records of said office other than the entering of the returns of executions, attachments, etc.; that in the performance of the work necessitated in the execution of said mandates he has been assisted by Charles D. Kendall, former Deputy Sheriff under the said Norman S. Dike, and that the said Deputy has performed the same duties that he performed before the expiration of the term of said Sheriff."

In support of the said claim Charles D. Kendall testified before the Comptroller that his services as Deputy Sheriff terminated December 31, 1902; that as regards the arrangement made between him and the Sheriff for the continuance of his duties after January 1, 1903, "it required a deputy and an assistant to go over this work, because we had to look over it and be responsible for every bit of it. Under the law they were allowed, as I understand it, compensation for it. Most of the detail work was done by Mr. Wingate, and I was appointed to assist Mr. Wingate, and I paid all carfares out of my own pocket"; that the nature of the arrangement made between him and Mr. Dike was that he was simply to continue on with the work, with the same authority as though he were in office; that the nature of the services that were rendered was the "executing executions, which the affidavit gives there, and attachments—I had a lot of goods attached before I went out of office, sales and executions." "I am still under bonds for the same as when we were in office, as the law calls for sixty days on executions after they are issued by the Sheriff, and every one of those executions had to be examined in every part of the City"; that the list mentioned in his affidavit was an accurate statement of all the services rendered in pursuance of the arrangement to take charge of the business of the Sheriff after the expiration of his term of office, and that the cases mentioned in his statement had been split up among eight deputies and he had to go over every paper with an assistant and take charge of the business of the whole eight. Kendall's testimony is transmitted herewith.

Also in support of the said claim William W. Wingate testified before the Comptroller that he was appointed Counsel to the Sheriff at the expiration of his term of office, January 1, 1903; that he had executed the mandates in the hands of the Sheriff at the expiration of that term, which by law the Sheriff was obliged to execute and complete; that said mandates consisted of replevins, attachments, executions, decrees of sale and foreclosure and summonses and complaints; that he was appointed to do this work on the first day of January, 1903; that he opened his law office on the first of January, 1903, and took all the papers and so much of the records of the office as he was able to take from the old office to his office and all the work had been done at his office; that the list mentioned in the affidavit attached to his bill was a complete list of all the mandates which had been executed since January 1, 1903; that it did not cover all the work that he did for the reason that he had been obliged to call one Sheriff's jury and prepare the necessary papers for the inquisition; that he had written no less than one hundred and fifty letters in connection with the mandates mentioned in his affidavit and in answer to inquiries concerning executions of mandates which were taken before the expiration of the term; that he released bondsmen who had become sureties on bonds and had given deeds in the place of certificates of sale of real property under executions; that he had probably consulted with five hundred people in reference to those mandates mentioned in the affidavit and matters which were in the office previous to the expiration of the term; that the bills for supplies to the Kings County Jail had been by him transmitted to The City of New York or to the Comptroller of The City of New York, with the necessary approvals of the same; that he had attended to giving the receipts to bidders under the contracts for supplies to the jail; that for the first three months he devoted practically his entire time to attend to the matters pertaining to the Sheriff's office; that on at least ten evenings he remained at his office as late as ten o'clock, as he found it impossible to keep up with the work of closing titles and preparing for the Sheriff's sales without doing so; that for the next two months he devoted a very large portion of his time to the work of the office, and up to the present time he was constantly attending to some matters in connection therewith, having at least three to six people calling at his office every day to make inquiries, which necessitated his going often to the Sheriff's office to get the information or to the office of the County Clerk. Said Wingate's testimony is transmitted herewith.

In a communication addressed to the Comptroller and transmitted herewith, dated the 13th of October, 1903, the said Wingate stated that on the 12th of October he paid into the office of the Chamberlain, instead of the sum of \$1,131, the sum of \$1,234.52, the amount of fees collected since January 1, 1903.

From the report of Peter S. Doring, an Examiner of this Division, transmitted herewith, it appears that said payment was made as represented.

In a communication dated October 26, 1903, addressed to the Comptroller and transmitted herewith, Charles H. Hyde states that "at the expiration of the Sheriff's term of office there were many executions, attachments and commitments and various other forms of papers that remain in his hands for completion. From the books in the Sheriff's office and from an examination made by the Sheriff we find that all the executions and attachments enumerated in the affidavits attached to the claim were actually completed by Norman S. Dike, former Sheriff."

In reference to this statement William E. Melody, Sheriff of the County of Kings, in a communication to the Comptroller, without date and transmitted herewith, states that "the communication received from Charles H. Hyde was written at my request and direction. Mr. Hyde is the Counsel to the Sheriff, and you may consider any reply received from him as official."

Chapter 464 of the Laws of 1903, passed May 7, 1903, amending section 2 of chapter 705 of the Laws of 1901 provides that

"After the expiration of the term of office of each Sheriff of the County of Kings the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of The City of New York is hereby authorized to audit and allow as charges against said City the reasonable costs and counsel fees paid or incurred by said Sheriff after the expiration of his term of office in prosecuting or defending any actions or proceedings brought by or against him for any alleged act or omission or misconduct in his official capacity, by virtue or color of his office, and in proceeding with and completing the execution of each mandate he began to execute before the expiration of his said term of office, and the execution of which he is required by law to complete, but said sum so audited and allowed shall not exceed five thousand dollars for any one year. Nor of the said five thousand dollars shall the amount so audited and allowed for reasonable costs and counsel fees for proceeding with and completing the execution of such mandates, exceed one thousand dollars in any one year, or be audited and allowed for a longer period than two years after the expiration of his term of office."

It is to be noted that the law, of which the Act of 1903 is an amendment, made no reference to the execution of mandates begun before the expiration of the term of office of such Sheriff, and made no provision for the payment of the costs of proceeding with and completing the execution of such mandates.

It is also to be noted that the term of office of the claimant as Sheriff expired four months prior to the passage of the amendatory enactment.

If, in accordance with the provisions of the Laws of 1903, the claim be valid, the sum of \$1,000 appears to be a reasonable allowance for the services alleged to have been rendered, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which is charged by the said law with the function of auditing and allowing such charges, would be justified in making an appropriation of that amount for the year 1903.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that this report be transmitted to the Corporation Counsel for his advice respecting the legal liability of the City in the premises.

Respectfully,

JOS. L. HANCE, Auditor of Accounts.

Approved: JAMES F. MCKINNEY, Chief of Division.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 464 of the Laws of 1903, hereby audits and allows as a charge against The City of New York the claim of Norman S. Dike for the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), alleged to be due for services rendered in proceeding with and completing the execution of mandates subsequent to the expiration of his term of office on January 1, 1903, as Sheriff of the County of Kings.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Justices of the Twelfth District Municipal Court, calling attention to the fact that the resolution authorizing the issue of Special Revenue Bonds for the purpose of paying the salaries of the officers of said Court, makes no provision for contingent and incidental expenses. Which was ordered on file:

MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
TWELFTH DISTRICT, No. 2628 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, December 12, 1903.

Board of Estimate:

GENTLEMEN—Under the resolution of your Board the sum of \$10,122.12 was authorized to be raised by the sale of Special Revenue Bonds for the purpose of paying the salaries of the officers of this court for 1903. There has been no provision made, however, for contingent and incidental expenses. There is now a balance of \$229.15 in the fund, and bonds to the amount of \$1,622.12 have not been sold, making a total available of \$1,851.27. The payroll of the court for December will be \$1,516.66, leaving an unexpended balance in the fund of \$334.51. This arises owing to my not having appointed an interpreter and one attendant until after the summer months. I would like, therefore, to have the original resolution of the Board amended by making it read, "Salaries and Expenses," instead of "Salaries," as it now reads, and the sum of \$334.51 transferred to a fund for the payment of contingent expenses. Owing to this being a new court there was no such fund provided in last year's budget. There have been contingent expenses incurred amounting to more than the sum which I wish transferred, and there seems to be no way to pay them or any part of them unless this or some similar provision is made.

Yours very truly,
WILLIAM S. BENNET, Justice.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Active Hook and Ladder and Hose Company of the Borough of Queens, requesting an appropriation of \$1,000 for maintenance for the year 1903.

Referred to the Commissioner of the Fire Department.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Commissioner of Correction, requesting an allowance of \$700 for furnishing labor and materials to complete the additional excavation, etc., for building the stone foundation wall around the City Prison on Elm street, Borough of Manhattan.

Laid over, and copy of the report of the Engineer of the Department of Finance ordered sent to the Commissioner.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Surrogate of Richmond County, requesting the transfer of \$125 to the account entitled "Supplies and Contingencies":

COUNTY OF RICHMOND—SURROGATE'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, N. Y., December 22, 1903.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I have been in communication with a representative of the Elliott-Fisher Company in regard to procuring a new book-typewriter for use in this office in exchange for one so much out of repair that it is practically useless. To effect this exchange I will need the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, the company allowing me the sum of fifty dollars for the old machine. This is the best allowance I have been offered for the same. The balance remaining in the contingent fund for this Department is not sufficient for such purpose, but in the salary fund there is more than will be required for the balance of the year. I would therefore respectfully ask that the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars be transferred from the latter fund to the contingent fund.

Very truly yours,

STEPHEN D. STEPHENS, County Judge and Surrogate.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the County Court and Surrogate's Court, Richmond County, for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriations made to said Court for 1903, entitled "Supplies and Contingencies," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented a resolution authorizing the issue of Corporate Stock to the amount of \$70,000, to provide means for the acquisition of property, Nos. 220-228 East Twenty-ninth street, Borough of Manhattan, as a site for a precinct station-house, prison and stable.

Which was laid over.

The Secretary presented the following resolution transferring the sum of \$500 to the account entitled "Disbursements and Fees, under Section 658 of the Code of Criminal Procedure":

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the County of New York for the year 1903, entitled "County Contingent Fund," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said County of New York for 1903, entitled "Disbursements and Fees, under Section 658 of the Code of Criminal Procedure," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following resolution, transferring the sum of \$2,079.85 to appropriations made to the Commissioner of Jurors, New York County, for the year 1903:

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand and seventy-nine dollars and eighty-five cents (\$2,079.85) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the County of New York for the year 1903, entitled "County Contingent Fund," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the following appropriations made to the Commissioner of Jurors, New York County, for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

"Salaries"	\$1,379 85
"Supplies and Contingencies"	500 00
"Jury Notice Servers"	200 00
Total.	\$2,079 85

—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Secretary to the Commissioner of the Fire Department, relative to an issue of Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of \$500 for the use of Chemical Engine Company 1, Borough of Richmond, which was ordered on file:

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
Nos. 157 AND 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, December 23, 1903.

J. W. STEVENSON, Esq., Deputy Comptroller, No. 280 Broadway, New York City:

DEAR SIR—Commissioner Sturgis has directed me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 21 inclosing a resolution of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Comptroller to issue Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of \$500 for the use of Chemical Engine Company No. 1, Borough of Richmond.

Resolutions for a purpose similar to the above have been brought to the Commissioner's attention, and he has declined to give his approval to them on the ground that section 722 of the Charter, which provides for the payment of money to volunteer fire companies, does not make provision for the payment of a proportionate amount for a fractional part of the year when such a fire company has been incorporated after June 1 of that year, which is the date on which the payments provided for in section 722 are to be made by the Comptroller.

The Commissioner believes that it is entirely equitable that a payment such as is called for by the resolution before him should be made, but inasmuch as he has refrained from giving his approval to earlier and similar applications, he cannot consistently do otherwise than to withhold his approval to the resolution herein. The resolution referred to is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

HUBERT F. BREITWIESER, Secretary to the Commissioner.

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 8 of section 188 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Aldermen hereby requests the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Comptroller to issue Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of five hundred dollars for use of Chemical Engine Company 1 of the Borough of Richmond.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen December 1, 1903, three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Received from his Honor the Mayor December 15, 1903, without his approval or disapproval thereof; therefore, as provided in section 40 of the Greater New York Charter, the same took effect as if he had approved it.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The Secretary presented the following resolution, transferring the sum of \$1,352.66 to the appropriation made to the County Court, Kings County, for 1903, entitled "Salaries":

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand three hundred and fifty-two dollars and sixty-six cents (\$1,352.66) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the County of Kings for the year 1903, entitled "Fees and Expenses of Jurors in Kings County," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the County Court, Kings County, for 1903, entitled "Salaries," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, relative to increasing the salary of the position of Dockmaster to \$1,800 per annum, which was ordered on file:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES,
PIER "A," NORTH RIVER,
NEW YORK, December 19, 1903.

Hon. SETH LOW, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—When the present Administration took control of this Department, on January 1, 1902, the Dockmasters' districts in the greater city were found to have been increased on January 29, 1901, to twenty-seven, each district being provided with a Dockmaster at \$1,500 a year, a Caretaker at about \$800 a year, and with incidental office expenses, etc., aggregating, perhaps, \$150 a year, bringing the total cost of each district to the City to about \$2,450.

In examining into the financial results obtained by the Dockmasters in each district, it was found that of these twenty-seven districts seven failed to yield as much as \$600, though costing the City \$2,450 each; one yielded only \$12, another \$18.38, still another \$79, and so on. Accordingly, through a Commissioner's order, I eliminated these seven districts by consolidating them with adjacent ones and re-districted the whole Greater New York water front. Through discharges of Dockmasters after trial upon charges and three deaths, those in the Department on January 1, 1902, were reduced to nineteen in number, and I subsequently appointed one to restore their number to twenty, from the Civil Service list, and another to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation; all of which has been conducive to better service.

Shortly after January 1, 1902, the general work of the Department was divided, by a Commissioner's order, into three Bureaus: Construction and Repairs, Superintendence, and Accounts, and upon reorganizing the districts, the Dockmasters were placed under the second bureau (Superintendence), so far as that part of their work is concerned which was formerly performed by the Harbormasters, and under the third bureau (Accounts), so far as that portion of their work is concerned which refers to the collection of wharfage. The Dockmasters and some other employees of the Department are now required to always be in uniform while on duty.

The unsatisfactory financial returns referred to prompted at once a general inquiry into the methods of work of the Dockmasters, and there was found to be a great lack of system in the collection and handling of wharfage, with a similar lack of system in accounting for it to the Department, as no daily returns of cash were made by them, and pass books, in which were supposed to be made daily entries of vessels using the Department piers and bulkheads, were never called for by the proper officer to check returns. A request for the production of these pass books elicited the information that in twenty-five out of twenty-seven cases they had been destroyed by the Dockmasters, who considered them private property. In one of the two cases where the pass books were obtained a discrepancy of \$375 was discovered; the Dockmaster was dismissed and the shortage recovered. A new system of wharfage tickets was immediately introduced, all tickets being numbered and only delivered to the Dockmaster upon his receipt, while a rule was made compelling them to return all unused tickets. Small day books were issued to the Dockmasters in which they were required, as they went around their districts, to enter full information concerning names, tonnage, time of arrival, etc., of all vessels berthed at unleased City wharf property where wharfage is collected, details of this information to be transcribed into books which each Dockmaster retains in his office, while the book of original entry is forwarded to the Department office at the end of each month and checked with the Dockmaster's daily reports; Collectors

are sent around the water front each day to each district to receive the cash wharfage from the Dockmasters and make daily reports; all receipts of the Department are banked each day instead of each week, as had been the previous custom; other new methods were put into operation, holding every Dockmaster to a rigid accountability for his work with checks thereon, all of which has produced, without any increase of the rates of wharfage, an increase in general wharfage collected in one single year of nearly one-fourth of the total revenue from that source to the City (23 17-100 per cent.), something altogether unprecedented; a result which is more marked even than appears at first blush, when it is considered that the payments are frequently of very small amounts, being composed of wharfage for canal boats, lighters and other commercial vessels, and that the increasing areas rented by the City during the year would have a tendency to diminish rather than add to the total of general wharfage.

These improved methods, while protecting the City's interests, have added greatly to the work of the Dockmasters, which is of an arduous nature, as it is now necessary for them, in addition to keeping accounts, to personally patrol their districts.

Upon the foregoing results and the present improved service, I feel that the salary paid to these employees (\$1,500 a year), while liberal compensation for the character of the work which was being done prior to January 1, 1902, is not sufficient to properly compensate them for the good work which they did in 1902, and hence I have increased the salaries of the twenty Dockmasters now employed in the Department to \$1,800 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Board of Aldermen, and have fixed the salary for the position of Dockmaster at that rate. The names of the present Dockmasters are as follows:

Abeel, Edward.	Harrison, L. Hitch.
Bancker, Gerard.	Heimberger, Victor.
Bollas, Walter O.	Hennessy, Patrick.
Booth, Thomas E.	Heyer, Peter.
Cauldwell, John J.	Lee, R. H.
Daly, James H.	McCrimisk, Edward.
Rodgers, George E.	O'Connor, L. W.
Dunham, H. C.	Powers, John R.
Fleming, James J.	Rockwell, W. H.
Greenfield, C. H.	Woolley, Peter.

It is of interest to note in connection with this increase that in 1895 the salaries of Dockmasters were reduced from \$2,100 to \$1,500; they were then relieved of considerable bookkeeping. The duties now performed by them are far more exacting than they were when they received the larger salary, and I am sure that you will feel that the increase is thoroughly justified; it is proper to add that owing to the strikes and building disturbances the general wharfage for 1903 will be probably considerably less than for 1902, as fewer boats have discharged at the City piers.

You will recollect that in my communication to you of April 29, 1902, it was shown that the economies had been effected in salaries in the Bureau of Superintendence of over 24 per cent., and in the Bureau of Accounts of over 22 per cent.; I might add that the reduction itself in the number of Dockmasters effected a saving to the City of \$6,500 per annum. The proposed increase will, if approved, add to their salaries \$6,000 per annum, thus still leaving a net saving thereon of \$3,500 per annum, to say nothing of the enormously increased receipts, the greater efficiency and improved service.

Yours respectfully,
McDOUGALL HAWKES, Commissioner.

The Secretary presented the following communications from the Coroner of the Borough of Richmond, requesting the transfer of \$600 to "Salary and Expenses of Coroner in the Borough of Richmond" for the year 1904, and for an appropriation of \$360 for rent of office, which were ordered on file:

CORONER'S OFFICE,
CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF RICHMOND,
STAPLETON, N. Y., December 21, 1903.

J. W. STEVENSON, Esq., Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway, New York:

DEAR SIR—By a previous resolution you fixed the salary of the position of Coroner's Clerk in my office at \$1,500 per annum. As the amount allowed me for 1904 will not be sufficient to meet this payment by \$600, I hereby ask that you appropriate the sum of \$600 to my office for the above purpose. The duties of this position are very great, as the Coroner's Clerk is subject to call both day and night, being obliged to accompany me on all investigations, besides doing clerical work in the office during the day; and the duties fully warrant the payment of \$1,500, which fact I cannot too firmly press upon the Board.

Very truly yours,
GEO. F. SCHAEFER, Coroner.

CORONER'S OFFICE,
CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF RICHMOND,
STAPLETON, N. Y., December 21, 1903.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—I respectfully ask that the sum of \$360 be appropriated to our contingent expenses for rent for the office of Coroner in the Borough of Richmond, as no provision has been made in our annual Budget for 1904. I am informed by the owner of the premises now occupied by the Coroner's Office to vacate on January 1, 1904, therefore I would respectfully ask that you take up the matter at your earliest convenience, as some arrangements must be made for my office before January 1.

Respectfully yours,
GEO. F. SCHAEFER, Coroner, Borough of Richmond.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Department of Education relative to an appropriation of \$92,668.85 for the payment of awards in proceedings for the acquisition of various school sites in the Borough of Brooklyn and the payment of the bill of D. & M. Chauncey Real Estate Company, Limited:

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the following communication:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, December 22, 1903.

Hon. HENRY A. ROGERS, President of the Board of Education:

SIR—I transmit herewith a certified copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the matter of acquiring title by the City to certain lands on the northwest corner of Albany avenue and Bergen street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date December 2, 1903, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings on December 3, 1903, confirming said report, and taxing the costs and expenses of the proceeding other than the expenses incurred by the City for expert witnesses and searches.

Said order has been duly obtained, and its provisions should be complied with. I further advise you that, in accordance with the provisions of section 1440 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, title to the lands in question vested in The City of New York upon the confirmation of the said report by entry of the said order of confirmation on December 3, 1903. The Commissioners made and signed their final report herein on October 6, 1903, and I therefore advise you that the said awards draw interest at 6 per cent. from said date to the day of payment.

Respectfully,
G. L. RIVES, Corporation Counsel.

—respectfully reports that it appears from the report and order made in said proceeding that the amount of the awards, costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court, is as follows:

Lands on the Northwest Corner of Albany Avenue and Bergen Street, Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn.	
Awards	\$13,250 00
Interest from October 6, 1903, to January 2, 1904, at 6 per cent.	236 29
Costs, charges and expenses, other than the fees of expert witnesses	901 49
Total	\$14,387 49

The following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of fourteen thousand three hundred and eighty-seven dollars and forty-nine cents (\$14,387.49) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock to be issued by the Comptroller, pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the awards (and interest thereon), costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court, in the proceeding for the acquisition of lands on the northwest corner of Albany avenue and Bergen street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, as a school site; requisition for said sum of fourteen thousand three hundred and eighty-seven dollars and forty-nine cents (\$14,387.49) being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 24, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the following communication:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, December 18, 1903.

In the matter of the proceeding to acquire title by The City of New York to certain lands on the northerly line of Dean street and the southerly line of Pacific street, between Nevins street and Third avenue, in the Third Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, as a site for school purposes.

Hon. HENRY A. ROGERS, President of the Board of Education:

SIR—I transmit herewith certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court confirming the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the above entitled matter, and taxing the costs and expenses of the proceeding other than the expenses incurred by the City for expert witnesses and searches.

Said order bears date November 20, 1903, and was filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings on December 2, 1903.

Said order has been duly obtained and its provisions should be complied with.

In connection with this proceeding, I beg to call your attention to the fact that, pursuant to the provisions of section 1439 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, and the statutes amendatory thereof, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, deeming it for the public interest that title to the lands and premises required for the above-mentioned improvement should vest in The City of New York at a fixed or specified time, on March 20, 1903, adopted a resolution directing that title to the lands and premises and all interest therein should vest in The City of New York on May 20, 1903.

I therefore beg to advise you that the awards made by said Commissioners, and confirmed by said order of the Supreme Court, bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date of vesting of title, to wit, May 20, 1903, to the date of payment thereof.

I further call your attention to the fact that the transcript of estimate was heretofore filed in your Department on September 15, 1903, there remained on file during the space of more than ten days, and that after the hearing of objections and the signing of their final report by the Commissioners herein, said report was filed and said transcript resubmitted in your Department on November 9, 1903.

Respectfully,

G. L. RIVES, Corporation Counsel.

—respectfully reports that it appears from the report and order made in said proceeding that the amount of the awards, costs, charges and expenses, etc. (other than the fees of expert witnesses), is as follows:

Lands on North Side of Dean Street, South Side of Pacific Street, Between Nevins Street and Third Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn.	
Awards	\$74,000 00
Interest from May 20, 1903, to February 8, 1904, at 6 per cent.	3,182 00
Costs, charges, etc. (other than the fees of expert witnesses)	859 36
Total	\$78,041 36

The following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of seventy-eight thousand and forty-one dollars and thirty-six cents (\$78,041.36) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock, to be issued by the Comptroller, pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the awards (and interest thereon), costs, charges, etc. (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court, in the proceeding for the acquisition of lands on the north side of Dean street, south side of Pacific street, between Nevins street and Third avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 24, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the following communication has been received from the Deputy Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK,
December 19, 1903.

Mr. HENRY R. M. COOK, Auditor, Department of Education:

DEAR SIR—Enclosed herewith please find bill in triplicate in favor of D. & M. Chauncey Real Estate Company, Limited, for the sum of \$240, for appraising twenty-four parcels of real estate on Marcy avenue, Keap and Rodney streets, Borough of Brooklyn, to be used as a site for a public school.

The services were performed at the direction of the Comptroller, and the price charged is certified as being reasonable and just. There being no fund in this office from which payment can be made, I would ask that you certify same on a voucher made payable from the fund provided for the acquisition of the site.

Yours truly,

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Deputy Comptroller.

In compliance with said letter, the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock, to be issued by the Comptroller, pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made, said sum to be applied in payment of the following bill:

D. & M. Chauncey Real Estate Company, Ltd.—For appraising twenty-four parcels of real estate on Marcy avenue, Keap and Rodney streets, Borough of Brooklyn \$240 00

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 24, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the requisitions of the Board of Education by resolutions adopted December 24, 1903, for an appropriation of ninety-two thousand six hundred and sixty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents (\$92,668.85) from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 47 and 169 of the Greater New York Charter, to be applied to the following purposes:

Awards (and interest thereon), costs, charges and expenses (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court, in the proceedings for the acquisition of lands on the northwest corner of Albany avenue and Bergen street, Borough of Brooklyn, as a school site	\$14,387 49
Awards (and interest thereon), costs, charges, etc. (other than the fees of expert witnesses), as confirmed by the Court, in the proceeding for the acquisition of lands on the north side of Dean street, south side of Pacific street, between Nevins street and Third avenue, Borough of Brooklyn.....	78,041 36
Appraising 24 parcels of real estate on Marcy avenue, Keap and Rodney streets, Borough of Brooklyn, D. & M. Chauncey Real Estate Company, Limited	240 00
Total.....	\$92,668 85

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Department of Health, requesting the transfer of \$2,200 for various purposes:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
SOUTHWEST CORNER FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AND SIXTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 24, 1903.

J. W. STEVENSON, Esq., Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held Wednesday, December 23, 1903, the following resolution was adopted:

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the following sums from appropriations made to this Department for the year 1903, which are in excess of the amounts required therefor, to appropriations that are insufficient for the purposes thereof:

From "Hospital Fund"—Queens, 1903, to "Supplies and Contingencies"—	
Manhattan, 1903	\$600 00
From "Hospital Fund"—Richmond, 1903, to "Supplies and Contingencies"—	
Manhattan, 1903	750 00
From "Abatement of Nuisances"—Brooklyn, 1903, to "Disinfection"—	
Brooklyn, 1903	500 00
From "Abatement of Nuisances"—Queens, 1903, to "Supplies and Contingencies"—	
Queens, 1903	250 00
From "Abatement of Nuisances"—Richmond, 1903, to "Supplies and Contingencies"—	
Richmond, 1903	100 00

A true copy.

EUGENE W. SCHEFFER, Secretary.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2,200) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriations made to the Department of Health for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Borough of Queens—"Hospital Fund" (excluding payments to private hospitals)	\$600 00
Borough of Queens—"For Abatement of Nuisances".....	250 00
Borough of Richmond—"Hospital Fund" (excluding payments to private hospitals)	750 00
Borough of Richmond—"For Abatement of Nuisances".....	100 00
Borough of Brooklyn—"For Abatement of Nuisances".....	500 00

Total.....

\$2,200 00

—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriations made to said Department for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Borough of Manhattan—"Supplies and Contingencies".....	\$1,350 00
Borough of Queens—"Supplies and Contingencies".....	250 00
Borough of Richmond—"Supplies and Contingencies".....	100 00
Borough of Brooklyn—"Disinfection".....	500 00

Total.....

\$2,200 00

—the amounts of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond—14.

The President of the Borough of Queens appeared and took his place at the meeting of the Board.

The Secretary presented the following resolution transferring the sum of \$2,500 to "Supplies and Contingencies, Comptroller's Office":

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Finance for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for 1903, entitled "Supplies and Contingencies—Comptroller's Office," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Secretary presented the following resolution transferring the sum of \$500 to "Fees of Witnesses Subpoenaed on Behalf of the People, etc., Chapter 98, Laws of 1895":

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the County of New York for the year 1903, entitled "County Contingent Fund," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the same county for 1903, entitled "Fees of Witnesses Subpoenaed on Behalf of the People, etc., Chapter 98, Laws of 1895," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Tenement House Commissioner, requesting the Board to rescind resolution adopted December 22, 1903, transferring the sum of \$8,215.47 to "Police Fund":

TENEMENT HOUSE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 61 IRVING PLACE, SOUTHWEST CORNER EIGHTEENTH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY, December 24, 1903.

Hon. JAMES W. STEVENSON, Deputy Comptroller, No. 280 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—On December 18 I forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a proposed resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer the sum of \$8,215.47 from the appropriation made to the Tenement House Department for the year 1903 entitled "Salaries" to the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1903 entitled "Police Fund." This resolution was adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 22, 1903.

I find that the resolution was forwarded through some misunderstanding, and that as a result of its adoption there will not be a sufficient sum in the appropriation entitled "Salaries" to pay the salaries of the employees of this Department for the month of December.

I therefore request that the Board of Estimate rescind this resolution.

Yours respectfully,

ROBT. W. DE FOREST, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment December 22, 1903, which reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand two hundred and fifteen and forty-seven one-hundredths dollars (\$8,215.47) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Tenement House Department for the year 1903 entitled 'Salaries,' the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1903 entitled 'Police Fund,' the amount of said appropriation being insufficient,"—be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Secretary presented the following communications from the Department of Education, relative to an appropriation of \$6,576.25, to be applied in payment of contracts to be entered into:

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Committee on Buildings has requested, in writing, that the sum of \$1,547.25 be set aside from the proceeds of Corporate Stock for desks, chairs and tables for Public School 106, Borough of Manhattan. In compliance with said request the following resolution is submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of fifteen hundred and forty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,547.25), be and the same is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock, to be issued by the Comptroller, pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of bills to be incurred by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the Superintendent of State Prisons for desks, chairs and tables, as per our specification and at prices fixed by the State Board of Classification, as follows:

Public School 106, Borough of Manhattan:

10 dozen chairs, style "A".....	\$210 00
4 1/4 dozen chairs, style "B".....	140 25
1 1/2 dozen chairs, style "D".....	10 00
1 1/3 dozen chairs, style 31.....	72 00
4 dozen chairs, style 86.....	144 00
1/2 dozen chairs, style 196.....	18 00
2 1/2 dozen stools, with round wood seats, 24 inches high.....	60 00
1 roll top desk, No. 65, quartered oak.....	37 00
55 teachers' desks, No. 13.....	600 00
2 flat top desks, No. 15.....	35 00
1 flat top desk, No. 25.....	22 50
8 tables, No. 52, 4 feet long.....	32 00
1 table, No. 403.....	6 50
4 tables, No. 404.....	30 00
2 tables, No. 405, 3 1/2 by 8 feet long, with 10 drawers.....	70 00

\$1,547 25

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 24, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 28, 1903.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Buildings respectfully reports that, in response to a duly authorized advertisement, the following bids were received by the Superintendent of School Buildings:

Item 2—For the general construction (Contract No. 1) and plumbing and drainage (Contract No. 1) of New Public School 24, on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, 60 feet west of Madison avenue, Borough of Manhattan:	\$1,537 00
John Spence Company.....	1,440 00
Husten & Corbitt Company.....	1,492 00
William C. Ormond.....	1,371 00
John Rendall	1,410 00

The Committee on Buildings has accepted the bid of the lowest bidder and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract for the above-mentioned work be and it is hereby awarded to the lowest bidder, as follows:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

For Item 2, for the general construction (Contract No. 1) and plumbing and drainage (Contract No. 1) of New Public School 24:

William C. Ormond..... \$1,371 00

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 24, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Board has the financial ability to enter into the contract mentioned in the foregoing report of the Committee on Buildings, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of thirteen hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$1,371) be and the same

hereby is appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to be issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following named contractor for the purpose mentioned and in the sum specified.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

Item 2—For the general construction (Contract No. 1) and plumbing and drainage (Contract No. 1), new Public School 24:

William C. Ormond..... \$1,371 00

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Committee on Buildings shall have filed the contract to be entered into by it, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the contractor named; said contract to be in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller; the rules of this Board in regard thereto, and as to the payments to be made on account thereof to be complied with.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 24, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 28, 1903.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Buildings respectfully reports that, in response to a duly authorized advertisement, the following bids were received by the Superintendent of School Buildings:

For furniture for new Public School 39, on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, 155 feet west of Second avenue, Borough of Manhattan:

	Item 1.	Item 2.
The Manhattan Supply Company.....	\$1,493 00	.....
Abraham & Straus.....	1,670 00	.....
C. H. Browne.....	1,570 00	.....
Henry Lang.....	.....	\$2,464 00
Catherina Slate Company.....	.....	2,520 00
E. J. Johnston & Co.....	.....	2,165 00

The Committee on Buildings has accepted the bid of the lowest bidders in each instance, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved. That the contracts for the above-mentioned work be and they are hereby awarded to the lowest bidders in each instance, as follows:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

For furniture for new Public School 39:

Item 1—The Manhattan Supply Company..... \$1,493 00
Item 2—E. J. Johnston & Co..... 2,165 00

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 24, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the Board has the financial ability to enter into the contracts mentioned in the foregoing report of the Committee on Buildings, and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved. That, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the sum of three thousand six hundred and fifty-eight dollars (\$3,658) be and the same hereby is appropriated from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to be issued by the Comptroller pursuant to sections 47 and 169 of the revised Charter, application for the issue of which is hereby made, said sum to be applied in payment of the contracts to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractors for the purposes mentioned and in the sums specified:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

Furniture for new Public School 39:

Item 1—The Manhattan Supply Company..... \$1,493 00
Item 2—E. J. Johnston & Co..... 2,165 00

Total \$3,658 00

—requisition for said sum being hereby made upon the Comptroller.

But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Committee on Buildings shall have filed the contracts to be entered into by it, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the contractors named, said contracts to be in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller; the rules of this Board in regard thereto, and as to the payments to be made on account thereof, to be complied with.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education on December 24, 1903.

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary, Board of Education.

Approved: EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer, Department of Finance.

December 28, 1903.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved. That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the requisitions of the Board of Education, by resolutions adopted December 24, 1903, for an appropriation of six thousand five hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6,576.25), from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 47 and 169 of the Greater New York Charter, said sum to be applied in payment of the contracts to be entered into by the Committee on Buildings, for and on behalf of the Board of Education, with the following-named contractors, and as follows:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

Public School 106—Furniture, Superintendent of State Prisons \$1,547 25

Public School 24—Item 2—General construction (Contract No. 1) and

plumbing and drainage (Contract No. 1), William C. Ormond.... 1,371 00

Public School 39—Furniture, Item 1—The Manhattan Supply Company..... 1,493 00

Public School 39—Furniture, Item 2—E. J. Johnston & Co..... 2,165 00

Total \$6,576 25

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Civil Service Commission, requesting a transfer of \$3,000 to its appropriation:

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
No. 61 ELM STREET, CORNER OF LEONARD STREET,
NEW YORK, December 23, 1903.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Department of Finance consenting to the transfer of the sum of \$3,000 from the appropriation for that Department to the appropriation of the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

This amount is needed by the Commission to meet its expenses and to complete examinations which have been held.

Request is hereby made that your Honorable Board consent to the transfer.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIS L. OGDEN, President.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made for Charitable Institutions for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

"Brooklyn Home for Consumptives"..... \$2,000 00
"Lincoln Hospital and Home"..... 1,000 00

Total..... \$3,000 00

—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the Municipal Civil Service Commission for 1903, entitled "Civil Service of The City of New York, Expenses of," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Public Charities consenting to the transfer of \$3,000 to Tenement House Department "Salaries":

TENEMENT HOUSE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 61 IRVING PLACE, SOUTHWEST CORNER EIGHTEENTH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY, December 28, 1903.

Hon. JAMES W. STEVENSON, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, No. 280 Broadway, City:

DEAR SIR—I forward herewith a letter from Hon. Homer Folks, Commissioner of Charities, consenting to the transfer of the sum of \$3,000 from the appropriation of the Department of Public Charities for the year 1903 for "Supplies and Contingencies" to the appropriation of the Tenement House Department for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries." Also a draft of a resolution to be introduced at the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to-morrow, December 29.

I shall greatly appreciate it if you will use your efforts to get this resolution acted upon at the meeting to-morrow, the 29th, as it is of great importance to this Department.

Yours respectfully,

ROBERT W. DE FOREST, Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES,
FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET,
December 28, 1903.

Hon. JAMES W. STEVENSON, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—As Commissioner of Public Charities I hereby consent to the transfer of the sum of \$3,000 from the appropriation to the Department of Public Charities for the year 1903 for "Supplies and Contingencies," the same being in excess of the amount required therefor, to the appropriation to the Tenement House Department for "Salaries" for the year 1903, the same being insufficient. I am,

Yours very truly,

HOMER FOLKS, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Charities for the year 1903, entitled "Supplies and Contingencies," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the Tenement House Department for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Correction, requesting the transfer of \$500 to "Borough of Manhattan, Salaries":

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 148 EAST TWENTIETH STREET,
NEW YORK, December 24, 1903.

Hon. SETH LOW, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—I would respectfully ask your Honorable Board to transfer the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) from the appropriation made to this Department, entitled "Supplies and Contingencies," for which it is not required, to the appropriation entitled "Salaries," which is insufficient for the purposes thereof. Both of above-named appropriations are for the Borough of Manhattan, and for the year 1903.

Very respectfully yours,

THOMAS W. HYNES, Commissioner.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Correction for the year 1903, entitled "Borough of Manhattan—Supplies and Contingencies," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for 1903, entitled "Borough of Manhattan—Salaries," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, requesting the transfer of \$1,936.23 to "Supplies and Contingencies":

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
STEWART BUILDING, No. 280 BROADWAY,
December 28, 1903.

Hon. Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby request that you will approve the transfer of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the year 1903 for salaries of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, to wit: \$1,936.23, to the appropriation for the year 1903, for contingent expenses of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Respectfully,

JAMES L. WELLS, President.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six dollars and twenty-three cents (\$1,936.23) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Taxes and Assessments for the year 1903, entitled "Salaries," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes

thereof, to the appropriation made to said Department for 1903, entitled "Supplies and Contingencies," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, Borough of Brooklyn, requesting the transfer of \$3,200 to Bureau of Sewers—Dredging Sewer Outlets:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
BROOKLYN, December 29, 1903.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—You are respectfully requested to make the following transfers within the account of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn:

Bureau of Sewers, from the Account—

"Bureau of Sewers—Contracts at Public Letting".....	\$2,500 00
"Bureau of Sewers—Thirtieth Ward—Bath Beach District".....	300 00
"Bureau of Sewers—Twenty-sixth Ward—Disposal Works".....	400 00

Total.....

\$3,200 00

—to the account entitled "Bureau of Sewers."

"Bureau of Sewers—Dredging Sewer Outlets".....	\$3,200 00
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Yours truly,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD, Commissioner of Public Works.

Approved: J. EDW. SWANSTROM, President of the Borough of Brooklyn.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200) be and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations made to the President of the Borough of Brooklyn for the year 1903, entitled and as follows:

Bureau of Sewers—Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning—

"Bureau of Sewers—Contracts at Public Letting".....	\$2,500 00
"Bureau of Sewers—Thirtieth Ward—Bath Beach District".....	300 00
"Bureau of Sewers—Twenty-sixth Ward—Disposal Works".....	400 00

Total.....

\$3,200 00

—the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to said President of the Borough of Brooklyn for 1903, entitled "Bureau of Sewers—Dredging Sewer Outlets," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Secretary presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the transfer of \$1,000 to Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Borough of Brooklyn, "Lamps and Lighting":

CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS,
BUREAU OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND OFFICES, OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, December 29, 1903.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate:

GENTLEMEN—Will you kindly transfer the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from the unexpended balance of Revenue Bond Fund for Maintaining and Operating Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, Borough of Brooklyn, During the Year 1903, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purpose thereof, to the appropriation made to the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Borough of Brooklyn, entitled "Lamps and Lighting," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient to cover the expenditures during the year for lighting the public baths and public comfort stations.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD, Commissioner of Public Works.

Approved: J. EDW. SWANSTROM, President, Borough of Brooklyn.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made for "Revenue Bond Fund for Maintaining and Operating Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, Borough of Brooklyn, During the Year 1903," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, for the year 1903, entitled "Borough of Brooklyn—Lamps and Lighting," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—15.

The Mayor presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, withdrawing his recommendation for an increase in the salary of Mr. Edward Sitterly, Secretary to said Commissioner; the communication was ordered on file:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES,
PIER "A," NORTH RIVER,
NEW YORK, December 28, 1903.

Hon. SETH LOW, Mayor, and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, City Hall, New York City:

Sir—I hereby withdraw my letter of July 17, 1903, asking for approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen of an increase in salary of Mr. Edward Sitterly, Secretary to the Commissioner, and hereby rescind my action in ordering, subject to approval as above, said increase.

Respectfully yours,

McDOUGALL HAWKES, Commissioner.

The President of the Borough of Queens presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are hereby tendered to the Hon. Seth Low, Mayor of The City of New York, for his uniform courtesy to the members of this Board during his term as its presiding officer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

The Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond—12.

The Board adjourned sine die.

J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, 12 M., DECEMBER 26, 1903.

BOROUGH.	POPULATION U. S. CEN- SUS 1900.	ESTIMATED POPULATION MIDDLE OF YEAR 1903.	DEATHS.		Births.	Marriages.	Still- births.	DEATH-RATE ^a	
			1902.	1903.				*Cor- rected. 1903.	1902.
Manhattan.....	1,850,093	1,917,676	651	699	672	720	274	65	17.92
† The Bronx.....	200,507	265,341	68	116	114	74	16	5	14.53
Brooklyn.....	1,166,582	1,291,507	495	444	417	374	80	32	22.55
Queens.....	152,999	182,681	65	46	46	54	15	2	17.93
Richmond.....	67,021	72,608	13	16	15	27	5	..	13.14
City of New York....	3,437,202	3,732,903	1,207	1,321	1,263	1,249	393	104	18.46
									17.65

* Non-residents and infants under 1 week old not included.

† The presence of several large institutions, the great majority of whose inmates are residents of the other boroughs, increases considerably the death-rate of this borough.

Cases of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Reported.

	WEEK ENDING—													
	Sept. 26.	Oct. 3.	Oct. 10.	Oct. 17.	Oct. 24.	Oct. 31.	Nov. 7.	Nov. 14.	Nov. 21.	Nov. 28.	Dec. 5.	Dec. 12.	Dec. 19.	
Tuberculosis	264	279	282	276	322	278	250	314	399	257	305	266	318	217
Pulmonary.														
Diphtheria and Croup.	249	284	293 ^b	247	285	274	352	423	384	406	408 ^a	428 ^a	401	370
Measles.....	69	69	71	82 ^b	108 ^b	103	155	246 ^b	307	267 ^b	320 ^b	505 ^b	438 ^b	438 ^b
Scarlet Fever.....	68	85	91	87 ^b	80	84	104 ^b	103	171	161 ^b	211 ^b	249	277 ^b	277 ^b
Small-pox.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Varicella.....	23	25	24	42	28	23	44	71	82	68	104	105	132	116
Measles.....	118 ^a	89	122	138	90	100	93	102	68	74	68 ^a	62	46	61
Whooping Cough.	12	19	8	21	26	17	27	8	7	35	10	9	5	
Total.....	803 ^a	840	895	900	941	979 ^b	1,017 ^b	1,347 ^b	1,423 ^b	1,270 ^b	1,459	1,434	1,757	1,494

- a. Includes one case typhoid fever, S.S. "Kroonland." At Immigrants' Hospital, Ellis Island.
- b. Includes three cases of scarlet fever, three cases of measles and one case of diphtheria at Barge Office.
- c. Includes six cases diphtheria, one case scarlet fever from Barge Office.
- d. Includes three cases of scarlet fever and six cases of measles at Barge Office.
- e. Includes one case of typhoid fever at Ellis Island.
- f. Includes two cases of diphtheria at Governor's Island.
- g. Includes four cases of measles at Barge Office.
- h. Includes two cases of measles and two cases of scarlet fever from Barge Office.
- i. Includes one case scarlet fever at Barge Office.
- j. Includes three cases of measles from Barge Office.
- k. Includes three cases of scarlet fever, three cases of measles and one case of diphtheria at Barge Office.
- l. Includes six cases diphtheria, one case scarlet fever and six cases of measles at Barge Office.
- m. Includes one case of typhoid fever at Ellis Island.
- n. Includes two cases of diphtheria at Governor's Island.
- o. Includes two cases of measles at Barge Office.
- p. Includes one case of measles and two cases of scarlet fever at Barge Office.
- q. Includes one case of measles and two cases of scarlet fever at Barge Office.
- r. Includes two cases each of measles and scarlet fever at Barge Office.
- s. Includes one case of small-pox contracted outside of city.

Deaths by Principal Causes, According to Locality and Age.

BOROUGHS.

Deaths According to Cause, Annual Rate per 1,000 and Age, with Meteorology and Number of Deaths in Public Institutions for 13 Weeks.

	WEEK ENDING—												
	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Dec. 26
Total deaths.....	1,114	1,136	1,115	1,164	1,179	1,184	1,148	1,227	1,283	1,313	1,315	1,283	1,321
Annual death-rate	15.57	15.88	15.58	16.27	16.48	15.55	17.44	17.15	17.98	18.35	18.38	18.00	18.16
Typhoid Fever.....	15	19	16	21	18	25	14	13	17	12	15	13	14
Malaria Fevers.....	6	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
Small-pox.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles.....	2	4	2	7	6	5	9	17	8	6	6	9	6
Scarlet Fever.....	2	6	6	2	7	5	5	8	13	19	3	18	27
Whooping Cough.....	5	5	1	3	3	5	5	2	4	4	6	3	3
Diphtheria and Croup.....	33	37	33	30	29	42	38	44	36	68	41	40	50
Influenza.....	..	1	..	1	3	1	2	3	7	2	2	4	7
Tuberculosis Pulmon-alis.....	150	136	128	148	167	139	134	134	163	166	144	161	161
Other Tuberculosis.....	27	18	26	25	24	24	11	26	13	23	18	21	67
Acute Bronchitis.....	25	19	26	24	25	31	39	38	32	40	43	31	35
Pneumonia.....	57	68	70	77	91	97	138	138	165	154	172	188	156
Broncho Pneumonia.....	43	40	43	41	50	57	70	73	76	81	82	81	94
Diarrhoeal Diseases.....	111	100	98	85	60	49	55	57	29	41	34	31	9,723
Diarrhoeas under 2.....	94	88	60	81	58	42	47	28	25	33	23	20	38
Violent Deaths.....	83	83	79	85	87	77	86	76	53	71	63	70	72
Under one year.....	160	263	257	269	231	220	217	197	223	212	206	199	203
Under five years.....	367	370	367	532	335	328	329	311	351	327	311	363	363
Five to sixty-five.....	601	614	589	624	682	614	712	684	764	728	785	735	728
Sixty-five years and over	146	152	159	167	165	175	208	214	188	234	203	222	230
In Public and Private Institutions.....	310	318	275	300	331	316	345	348	336	350	375	351	368
Inquest cases.....	184	189	164	213	196	174	206	189	183	218	190	201	185
Mean barometer.....	30.110	29.929	29.820	29.907	29.912	29.899	29.939	30.121	29.851	29.928	29.846	30.106	29.729
Mean humidity.....	67.7	73.0	64.8	45.5	54.5	53.5	72.0	81.0	77.0	75.5	86.0	70.0	1.45
Mean temperature (Fahrenheit).....	61.6	64.9	61.1	54.2	49.3	52.2	48.1	40.4	32.5	32.8	35.4	26.9	36.9
Maximum temperature (Fahrenheit).....	78.8	75.0	71.0	70.0	69.0	70.0	59.0	65.0	48.0	43.0	44.0	54.0	52.0
Minimum temperature (Fahrenheit).....	47.2	55.0	52.0	39.0	36.0	32.0	35.0	26.0	19.0	24.0	27.0	14.0	11.0

Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Hospital.

	WILLARD PARKER HOSPITAL			RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL			KINGSTON AVENUE HOSPITAL					
	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Total.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Total.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Total.			
Remaining Dec. 19, 1903.	58	58	18	27	71	11	127	13	8	28	1	50
Admitted.....	20	20	5	9	23	7	44	6	..	2	1	9
Discharged.....	30	30	..	4	9	..	13	7	..	4	1	12
Remaining Dec. 26, 1903.	45	45	17	32	31	18	148	12	8	26	..	46
Total treated.....	78	78	23	36	94	18	171	19	8	30	2	59

Cases of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Reported and Deaths from the Same, by Wards.

Boroughs.	WARDS.													
	Diphtheria and Croup.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Tuberculosis Pulmon-alis.	Total.	Diphtheria and Croup.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Tuberculosis Pulmon-alis.	Total.	Diphtheria and Croup.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Tuberculosis Pulmon-alis.	Total.
Manhattan.	First.....	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Second.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Third.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fourth.....	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fifth.....	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Sixth.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Seventh.....	14	11	10	..	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Eighth.....	7	5	2	..	1	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Ninth.....	3	34	5	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Tenth.....	16	4	11	..	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Eleventh.....	12	4	15	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Twelfth.....	46	46	36	..	10	21	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Thirteenth.....	5	12	7	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fourteenth.....	2	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fifteenth.....	1	5	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Sixteenth.....	12	4	4	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Seventeenth.....	15	21	15	..	2	12	5	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Eighteenth.....	9	18	9	..	10	6	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
	Nineteenth.....	29	27	50	..									

matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of Exhibits herein noted, to the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Memorial Committee.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 189.

The Committee on Long Acre Square Electroliers presented the following report upon the proposed relocation (of a work of art), submitted by Hon. Jacob A. Cantor, President of the Borough of Manhattan:

"Your Committee on Long Acre Square Electroliers beg to report that they recommend the approval of the new site for the electroliers in Long Acre square."

The report was received and ordered placed on file.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Certificate 204.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby approves the proposed relocation of electroliers in Long Acre square, represented by Exhibits "94J" and "94K," of record in this matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Hon. Jacob A. Cantor, President of the Borough of Manhattan.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 190.

The Committee on East Twenty-third Street Public Bath presented the following report upon designs submitted (on request of the Mayor) by William Martin Aiken:

"Your Committee on Public Bath, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, advise the Commission to approve of the designs as preliminary studies only, with the understanding that a further submission is to be made of the working drawings; and with the further suggestion that the inscription shown on the front be disapproved."

The report was received and ordered placed on file.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Certificate 205.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby approves, but as preliminary sketches only, the designs and location for a Public Bath at East Twenty-third street and Avenue A, represented by Exhibits "115A," "115B," "115C," "115D," "115E" and "115F," of record in this matter, except so far as they relate to the inscription upon the main facade; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Hon. Jacob A. Cantor, President of the Borough of Manhattan.

Certificate 206.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby disapproves the designs for a Public Bath at East Twenty-third street and Avenue A, represented by Exhibits "115A" and "115E," of record in this matter, so far as they relate to the inscription upon the main facade; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Hon. Jacob A. Cantor, President of the Borough of Manhattan.

On motion, the Assistant Secretary was directed to call the attention of President Cantor to the fact that the Commission had approved the designs submitted as preliminary sketches only and that when working drawings of the bath have been prepared, they should be submitted to the Commission for final action.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 191.

The Committee on Hall of Records Sculptures recommended that the designs of the statue of David Pietersen De Vries (a new work of art), submitted by Messrs. Horgan and Slattery, architects, be disapproved.

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Certificate 207.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby disapproves the designs for sculpture upon the Chambers street facade of the Hall of Records, represented by Exhibits "25BF," "25BP" and "25BQ," of record in this matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Messrs. Horgan and Slattery.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 193.

The Committee on Hall of Records Sculptures recommended that the designs of the statue of Mayor Duane (a new work of art), submitted by Messrs. Horgan and Slattery, architects, be disapproved.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Certificate 208.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby disapproves the designs for sculpture upon the Chambers street facade of the Hall of Records, represented by Exhibits "25BF," "25BT" and "25BU," of record in this matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with a return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Messrs. Horgan and Slattery.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 195.

The Committee on Hall of Records Sculptures recommended that the designs of the statue of Mayor Hone (a new work of art), submitted by Messrs. Horgan and Slattery, architects, be disapproved.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Certificate 209.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby disapproves the designs for sculpture upon the Chambers street facade of the Hall of Records, represented by Exhibits "25BF," "25BX" and "25BY," of record in this matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Messrs. Horgan and Slattery.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 192.

The Committee on Hall of Records Sculptures recommended that the designs of the statue of Mayor Heathcote (a new work of art), submitted by Messrs. Horgan and Slattery, architects, be approved.

Commissioner Healy presented a minority report recommending that the designs be disapproved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Certificate 210.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby approves the designs for sculpture upon the Chambers street facade of the Hall of Records, represented by Exhibits "25BF," "25BR" and "25BS," of record in this matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Messrs. Horgan and Slattery.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 194.

The Committee on Hall of Records Sculptures recommended that the designs of the statue of Mayor Clinton (a new work of art), submitted by Messrs. Horgan and Slattery, architects, be approved.

Commissioner Healy presented a minority report recommending that the designs be disapproved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Certificate 211.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby disapproves the designs for sculpture upon the Chambers street facade of the Hall of Records, represented by Exhibits "25BF," "25BV" and "25BW," of record in this matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Messrs. Horgan and Slattery.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 196.

The Committee on Hall of Records Sculptures recommended that the designs of the statue of "Industrial Art" (a new work of art), submitted by Messrs. Horgan and Slattery, architects, be approved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Certificate 212.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby approves the designs for sculpture upon the Centre street facade of the Hall of Records, represented by Exhibits "25BG," "25BZ" and "25CC," of record in this matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Messrs. Horgan and Slattery.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 197.

The Committee on Hall of Records Sculptures recommended that the designs of the statue of "Industry" (a new work of art), submitted by Messrs. Horgan and Slattery, architects, be approved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Certificate 213.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby approves the designs for sculpture upon the Centre street facade of the Hall of Records, represented by Exhibits "25BG," "25CD" and "25CE," of record in this matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Messrs. Horgan and Slattery.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

Submission 198.

The Committee on Hall of Records Sculptures recommended that the designs of the statue of "Commerce" (a new work of art), submitted by Messrs. Horgan and Slattery, architects, be approved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Certificate 214.

Resolved, That the Art Commission hereby approves the designs for sculpture upon the Centre street facade of the Hall of Records, represented by Exhibits "25BG," "25CF" and "25CG," of record in this matter; and that the action of the Commission be certified, with return of duplicates of exhibits herein noted, to Messrs. Horgan and Slattery.

The Committee was thereupon discharged.

The following Committees reported progress:

Submission 155.

Committee on Portraits in Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Committee on Quarters and Staff.

Committee on Catalogue of Works of Art Belonging to the City.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF REVISION OF ASSESSMENTS.

A meeting of the Board of Revision of Assessments was held in the Comptroller's office, on Thursday, December 31, 1903, at 10:20 o'clock A. M.

Present—N. Taylor Phillips, Deputy and Acting Comptroller; George L. Rives, Corporation Counsel; James L. Wells, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

On motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the minutes of the previous meetings not yet approved, were approved as printed in the CITY RECORD, all the members voting in the affirmative.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

The assessment list for regulating, grading, curbing, flagging and laying crosswalks in the Southern Boulevard, from East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to the southerly line of the Port Morris Branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad, and from the northerly line of the New York and Harlem Railroad to Hunt's Point road, together with a list of awards for damages caused by a change of grade, with objections, which was laid over after hearing, at meeting of December 29, 1903, was taken up.

After consideration, on motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the assessment on Lots Map Nos. 7 and 8 was reduced in the aggregate one thousand dollars, all the members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the objections filed against the assessment were overruled and the assessment list, as amended, was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The assessment list for regulating, grading, curbing, flagging, laying crosswalks, building approaches and placing fences in East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street, from Park avenue to the Southern Boulevard, with objections, in which matter further consideration was postponed, after a partial hearing of the objections at meeting of December 29, 1903, was taken up.

Mr. Andrews, representing Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, was heard and objected to the excessive cost of the work and to the expenses incident thereto, especially the charge for inspection, which had been largely increased by the delay in the construction of the sewer in the street.

No others appearing in opposition after notice, on motion of the Corporation Counsel the assessment list was referred back to the Board of Assessors, with instructions to reduce the assessment by 5 per cent. from the gross amount thereof, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The assessment list for regulating, grading, curbing, flagging, laying crosswalks, building approaches and placing fences in East One Hundred and Ninety-four street, from Webster avenue to Kingsbridge road, together with a list of awards for damages caused by a change of grade, with objections, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up.

Mr. Andrews, representing Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, was heard in opposition to the excessive cost of the work and expenses, and requested that the assessment list be returned to the Assessors for consideration of the claim of Mary A. Conboy for an award for damages for a change in grade of the street.

Mr. Hill, attorney, was again heard in the matter.

Mr. Vreeland, of the Board of Assessors, was heard in explanation of the assessment.

On motion of the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments the assessments on Lots Map Nos. 1 and 2 and 24 and 25 were reduced 10 per cent., all the members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of the Corporation Counsel, the objections filed against the assessment was overruled, and the assessment list, as amended, was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The assessment list for sewer and appurtenances in Morris avenue, between East One Hundred and Eighty-first street and Field place, and in East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, from Jerome avenue to Morris avenue, with objections, laid over after partial hearing at meeting of December 29, 1903, was taken up.

Mr. Andrews, representing Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, was heard in opposition to the excessive cost of the work and the expenses connected therewith.

No others appearing in opposition after notice, on motion of the Corporation Counsel the assessment list was referred back to the Board of Assessors, with instructions to reduce the assessment by 10 per cent. from the gross amount thereof, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The Deputy and Acting Comptroller presented the assessment list for sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, from Morris avenue to Grand Boulevard and Concourse, and in Creston avenue, from East One Hundred and Eighty-first street to Field place, and objections of James Handy and others,

filed by John J. Brady, attorney; Thomas H. Cowan and others, filed by A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, and of Margaret M. Bowler, filed by J. C. O'Conor, attorney, having been received from the Board of Assessors on November 28, 1903.

At the meeting of December 29, 1903, Mr. O'Conor, attorney, called the attention of the Board to his objections in this matter in connection with the assessment for sewer in Morris avenue.

Mr. Andrews, representing Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, was heard in opposition to the excessive cost of the work and expenses and to the apportionment of the assessment.

On motion of the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, the assessment list was referred back to the Board of Assessors, with instructions to reduce the assessment by 10 per cent. from the gross amount thereof, all the members voting in the affirmative.

At this time, 11:10 o'clock A.M., the Corporation Counsel was excused from further attendance and withdrew from the meeting, and Mr. George L. Sterling, Assistant and Acting Corporation Counsel, took his place in the Board.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

The assessment list for sewers in Kingsbridge road (Broadway), between Harlem river and Terrace View avenue, South; in Terrace View avenue, South, between Kingsbridge road (Broadway) and Kingsbridge avenue, and in Kingsbridge avenue, between Terrace View avenue, South, and Wicker place, with objections, referred back to the Board of Assessors at meeting of April 23, 1903, to consider further the question of reducing the assessment on lots, in Blocks 3245, 3265 and 3402; and also to confer with Mr. Wells, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, with reference thereto, was presented by the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, having been received from the said Board on November 28, 1903.

Mr. Joseph A. Flannery, attorney, was heard in opposition to the amount charged against some of the property of his clients for the reason that the land is below the level of the sewer and derives no benefit from it.

On motion of the Assistant and Acting Corporation Counsel, the assessment charged against Lot Map No. 1 was reduced 50 per cent., all the members voting in the affirmative.

No others appearing in opposition after notice, on motion of the Assistant and Acting Corporation Counsel the objections filed against the assessment were overruled and the assessment list as amended was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The assessment list for sewers in Broadway, between Terrace View avenue, South, and Spuyten Duyvil creek; in Terrace View avenue, North, between Broadway and Summit, elevation 46.50, with branches in Kingsbridge and Jansen avenues and Wicker place, with objections, referred back to the Board of Assessors at meeting of April 23, 1903, to consider further the question of reducing the assessments on lots in Blocks 3245, 3265 and 3402; and also to confer with the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments with reference thereto, was presented by the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, having been returned by the said Board under date of December 2, 1903.

Mr. Joseph A. Flannery, attorney, was heard in opposition to the excessive cost and expenses of the work, and for the reason that some of the property of his clients derived no benefit from the work.

On motion of the Assistant and Acting Corporation Counsel, the assessment charged against Lot Map No. 51 was reduced 25 per cent., all the members voting in the affirmative.

No others appearing in opposition after notice, on motion of the Assistant and Acting Corporation Counsel the objections filed against the assessment were overruled and the assessment list, as amended, was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The assessment list for sewer in Terrace View avenue, South, from Kingbridge avenue, to and through Jansen avenue to Summit, south of Wicker place, with objections, referred back to the Board of Assessors at meeting of April 23, 1903, to consider further the question of reducing the assessments on lots in Blocks 3245, 3265 and 3402; and also to confer with Mr. Wells, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, with reference thereto, was presented by the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, having been returned by the said Board under date of December 2, 1903.

No one appearing in opposition after notice, on motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the objections filed to the assessment were overruled and the assessment list was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

The Deputy and Acting Comptroller presented the assessment list for paving with asphalt pavement Clinton avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to Crotona Park, South, and objections of William T. Lavelle, Joseph Pickard and others, filed by A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, received from the Board of Assessors under date of December 21, 1903.

Mr. Andrews appeared in behalf of Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, and objected to the excessive cost and expenses of the work, and that the assessment exceeds the benefit derived by the property.

On motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the objections were overruled and the assessment list was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The Deputy and Acting Comptroller presented the assessment list for regulating, grading, curbing and flagging East One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Beach avenue to Prospect avenue, with objections of Hofmeister & Schneider, filed by A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, having been received from the Board of Assessors under date of December 21, 1903.

Mr. Andrews, representing Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, appeared in opposition to the excessive cost and expenses of the work, and that the amount assessed upon the property exceeds the benefit derived by the work.

On motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the objections were overruled and the assessment list was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The Deputy and Acting Comptroller presented the assessment list for regulating, grading, curbing and flagging East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, from the Southern Boulevard to Boston road, and objections of the Union Railway Company, filed by Henry A. Robinson, attorney, having been received from the Board of Assessors under date of December 16, 1903.

No one appearing in opposition after notice, on motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the objections filed were overruled, and the assessment list was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The assessment list for receiving-basins and connections along Webster avenue, on northeast corner St. Paul's place; southwest corner East One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street, northwest corner East One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street, northwest corner East One Hundred and Eightieth street, southwest corner East One Hundred and Eightieth street, northwest corner East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, southwest corner East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, northwest corner Ford street, southwest corner Ford street, southeast corner East One Hundred and Eighty-third street, southwest corner East One Hundred and Eighty-third street; east side, opposite East One Hundred and Ninety-fifth street, and objections of C. L. G. Ernhout, filed by A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, were presented by the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, having been received from the Board of Assessors under date of December 2, 1903.

Mr. Andrews, representing Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, was heard in opposition to the cost of the work and the expenses, and claimed that the amount of the assessment exceeds the benefit received from the work.

On motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the objections were overruled, and the assessment list was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The Deputy and Acting Comptroller presented the assessment list for sewer and appurtenances in Mohegan avenue, from East One Hundred and Eightieth street to East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, and in East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, from Honeywell avenue to the Southern Boulevard, and objections of Mary A. Reilly and others, filed by A. C. Hottenroth, attorney; William H. Stack and others, by Cohalan Brothers, attorneys, received from the Board of Assessors under date of December 2, 1903.

Mr. Andrews, representing Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, was heard in opposition to the excessive cost of the work and the expenses of the same, and that the assessment is greater than the benefit derived by the work.

No others appearing in opposition after notice, on motion of the President of

the Department of Taxes and Assessments, the assessment list was referred back to the Board of Assessors, with instructions to reduce the assessment by 10 per cent. from the gross amount thereof, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The Deputy and Acting Comptroller presented the assessment list for paving with granite block pavement Bristow street, from Boston road to Freeman street, and objections of George Walter and others, filed by A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, received from the Board of Assessors under date of December 2, 1903.

Mr. Andrews, in behalf of Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, was heard in opposition to the excessive cost and expenses of the work, and to the charge for crosswalks as being unauthorized, and that the amount of the assessment exceeds the benefit derived therefrom.

On motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the objections were overruled and the assessment list was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

The Deputy and Acting Comptroller presented the assessment list for paving with granite block pavement German place, from Rae street to Brook avenue, and objections of Parshall Estate and E. Chapman, filed by A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, received from the Board of Assessors under date of December 21, 1903.

Mr. Andrews, representing Mr. A. C. Hottenroth, attorney, was heard and objected to the excessive cost and expenses of the work, and that the assessment therefor exceeds the benefit derived by the property.

On motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, the objections were overruled and the assessment list was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

The assessment list for paving with asphalt blocks on concrete foundation, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street, from Amsterdam avenue to Eleventh avenue, and objections of John Beaver, filed by Henry A. Robinson, attorney, were presented by the Deputy and Acting Comptroller, having been received from the Board of Assessors under date of December 21, 1903.

No one appearing in opposition after notice, on motion of the Deputy and Acting Comptroller the objections filed were overruled and the assessment list was confirmed, all the members voting in the affirmative.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments offered the following, which, having been seconded, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Certain applications of John Jeroloman, in behalf of himself and others, and of William C. Timm, attorney, in behalf of Woodbury Lowery Meserole, Van Buren Land Company and others, addressed to the Comptroller of The City of New York, for a reduction and compromise of the assessment for the improvement of Jackson avenue, etc., in the Borough of Queens, laid under authority of chapter 431 of the Laws of 1889, and the amendments thereto, and confirmed in the year 1893, have been presented to this Board by the Deputy and Acting Comptroller for its consideration and advice, together with communications of the Corporation Counsel to the Comptroller, dated December 18, 1903, to whom the matter had been referred; and

Whereas, It appears thereby that the Corporation Counsel states that in his opinion a case is presented in which he should advise, under section 958 of the Charter, that it is lawful and expedient for the Comptroller to compromise and settle claims for this assessment on such terms as he may be able to agree upon with the claimants, and may consider in the interests of the City; and

Whereas, This Board has carefully considered the matter in connection with the action heretofore taken by it in the direction of affording relief to the property-holders of the late city of Long Island City from a part of assessments for improvements heretofore made in those cases where the legality of the same has been seriously questioned; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves of the policy and recommends to the Comptroller that he compromise and settle, upon such terms as he may deem most advantageous to the City, claims for relief from the assessments for the improvement of Jackson avenue and other streets in the late city of Long Island City, in the Borough of Queens, laid under authority of chapter 431 of the Laws of 1889 and the amendments thereto, in harmony with the opinions of the Corporation Counsel above cited, and the policy of this Board.

At 12 o'clock M., on motion, the Board adjourned.

HENRY J. STORRS, Chief Clerk Board of Revision of Assessments.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

New York, December 17, 1903.

Meeting of the Board of Assessors held this 17th day of December, 1903. Present—Benjamin E. Hall, President; Henry B. Ketcham, Enoch Vreeland. The following assessment lists were confirmed without objection:

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

List 7604. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Crescent street, between Jamaica avenue and Etna street.

List 7605. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Crescent street, between Jamaica avenue and Etna street.

List 7606. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Crescent street, between Etna street and Ridgewood avenue.

List 7607. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Crescent street, between Ridgewood avenue and Fulton street.

List 7608. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Crescent street, between Ridgewood avenue and Fulton street.

List 7609. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Crescent street, between Atlantic avenue and Glen street.

List 7610. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Crescent street, between Glen and Welden streets.

List 7611. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Crescent street, between Glen and Welden streets.

List 7612. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Crescent street, between Welden and Magenta streets.

List 7613. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Crescent street, between Hill street and Liberty avenue.

List 7614. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Crescent street, between Etna street and Ridgewood avenue.

List 7615. Laying cement sidewalk on the east side of Crescent street, between Welden and Magenta streets.

List 7616. Laying cement sidewalk on the northeast side of Barbey street, between Sunnyside avenue and Jamaica avenue; on the southeast side of Sunnyside avenue, between Barbey and Warwick streets; and on the northwest side of Jamaica avenue, between Barbey and Warwick streets.

List 7617. Laying cement sidewalk on the west side of Fourth avenue, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth streets.

List 7618. Fencing lots on the northwest side of Madison street, between Central and Hamburg avenues.

List 7619. Fencing lots on the north side of Fulton street, between Eastern parkway and Sackman street; also on the east side of Eastern parkway, between Fulton street and Truxton street; and on the south side of Truxton street, between Eastern parkway and Sackman street.

List 7620. Fencing lots on the south side of Lexington avenue, between Lewis avenue and Stuyvesant avenue.

List 7621. Fencing lots on the north side of Jefferson avenue, between Howard avenue and Saratoga avenue.

List 7622. Fencing lot on the north side of Atlantic avenue, between Schenectady avenue and Utica avenue.

List 7623. Fencing lot on the north side of Clifton place, between Bedford avenue and Nostrand avenue.

List 7624. Fencing lots on the south side of Prospect place, between Franklin and Bedford avenues.

List 7625. Fencing lots on the east side of Howard avenue, between McDougal street and Fulton street; and on the south side of McDougal street, between Howard avenue and Saratoga avenue.

List 7626. Fencing lots on the south side of Jefferson avenue, between Ralph and Patchen avenues.

List 7627. Fencing lots on the south side of Herkimer street, between Eastern parkway and Sherlock place.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

List 7530. Regulating, grading, curbing and flagging One Hundred and Seventy-second street, from Amsterdam avenue to Audubon avenue.

List 7564. Paving One Hundred and Eighty-second street, from Eleventh avenue to Broadway, with asphalt block on concrete foundation.

Objections to the following assessments were overruled and the lists transmitted to the Board of Revision:

List 7566. Paving One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street, from Amsterdam avenue to Eleventh avenue.

List 7532. Paving Clinton avenue, from One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to Crotona Park South.

List 7534. Regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from Beach to Prospect avenue.

List 7561. Paving German place, from Rae street to Brook avenue.

List 7349. Regulating, grading, etc., Longwood avenue, from Tiffany street to Southern Boulevard.

List 7347. Regulating, grading, etc., Fordham road, from Kingsbridge road to the Harlem river.

The assessment for improvements in Long Island City, under chapter 644, Laws of 1893.

It was resolved that the Board express its appreciation of the very efficient service rendered by the employees in the office in connection with the assessment for improvements in Long Island City, and that the Secretary be instructed to make a note thereof in the minutes.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

NEW YORK, December 30, 1903.

A meeting of the Municipal Civil Service Commission was held at the Commission's offices, No. 61 Elm street, on Wednesday, December 30, 1903, at 4 P.M.

There were present President Ogden and Commissioners Mason, Banta and Spencer.

A public hearing was held upon the request of the Police Commissioner that the positions of Property Clerk and Assistant Property Clerk be stricken from the exempt class. Elliott H. Goodwin, Esquire, Secretary of the Civil Service Reform Association, appeared, and stated that the Association offered no objection to the granting of the request.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the classification of offices and positions in the Police Department, Exempt Class, be amended by striking therefrom the following:

Property Clerk.

Assistant Property Clerk.

Mr. Goodwin presented a copy of the order issued by the Fire Commissioner appointing Robert Readon, a Foreman in the Fire Department, as Fire Marshal in the Borough of Brooklyn. He entered a protest against the Commission passing the pay-roll of Mr. Readon as a Fire Marshal, and stated that the Civil Service Reform Association believes the action of the Fire Commissioner to be illegal. Mr. Goodwin then retired.

The minutes of the meeting held December 23, 1903, were approved, after correction.

The Committee on Appeals (Commissioner Spencer and Examiners Clark and Crandall) presented the following report of appeals considered at a meeting of the Committee held on December 28, 1903:

REPORT.

Thomas Doyle, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 597, appeal for rerating granted. Augustine E. Etzel, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 661, appeal for rerating denied.

Bernhard L. Piehl, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 590, appeal for rerating granted.

William J. Burke, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 663, appeal for rerating denied.

Francis J. Reilly, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 558, appeal for rerating denied.

John F. Healy, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 652, appeal for rerating granted. William J. Murray, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 656, appeal for rerating granted.

James F. Long, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 553, appeal for rerating granted. Jesse W. Bernstein, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 605, appeal for rerating granted.

Daniel J. Tone, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 555, appeal for rerating denied. Austin M. Donovan, Inspector of Sewer Construction, 650, appeal for rerating granted.

James Casey, Dockmaster, 384, appeal for rerating denied.

Joseph Magrino, Dockmaster, 493, appeal for rerating denied.

Thomas W. Cullen, Dockmaster, 511, appeal for rerating denied.

George W. A. Kelly, Inspector of Supplies and Repairs, 92, appeal for rerating denied.

Thomas J. Denver, Inspector of Repairs and Supplies, 172, appeal for rerating denied.

Joseph G. Theiss, Inspector of Pipe Laying, Pipes and Hydrants, 214, appeal for rerating denied.

Thomas J. McDermott, Engineer of Steamer, 40, appeal for rerating granted.

Thomas Brennan, Assistant Stable Foreman, 26, appeal for rerating granted.

Patrick Quinn, Probationary Roundsman, Police Department, appeal for physical re-examination denied.

John Heaney, Probationary Messenger, Docks and Ferries, 5, appeal for rerating denied.

The Committee on Appeals (President Ogden acting for Commissioner Spencer and Examiners Crandall and Clark) presented the following report of appeals considered at a meeting of the Committee held December 29, 1903:

REPORT.

Henry C. Alstedt, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Charles F. Bellosa, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Peter J. Keenan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

William A. Neidhardt, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Harry J. Kendregan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

William F. Colligan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

John A. Condren, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Francis J. Connelly, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Henry Heilos, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

George J. Volze, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

John N. Rabbitt, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Paul E. Weigel, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Patrick Glynn, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Robert Stack, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Patrick Boylan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

James H. Walsh, Jr., Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Robert J. Broderick, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

John B. Beck, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Joseph M. Biggers, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Vincent A. Coffill, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Samuel Brown, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Thomas J. Breden, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Charles E. Doyle, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Edward Keegan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

John Kelia, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

William H. Cozine, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Cornelius Colwell, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Timothy F. Driscoll, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

George F. Mahoney, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Vincent L. Ravlina, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

George C. Hogan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Joseph A. Ronk, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Matthew Ennis, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Patrick F. Carroll, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Charles McGregor, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Eugene J. McCarthy, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Frank P. Moran, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Daniel McBride, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

George L. Molloy, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

James Lane, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Bernard McGarre, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Walter H. Girod, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Martin Monahan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

John Padien, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

John R. Donovan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Charles Jacobs, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Charles Spacht, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Timothy Dufficy, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Henry J. Entrikem, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Patrick J. Sullivan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Bernard J. Reilly, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Edward E. Fischer, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

James H. Dunn, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

William D. Chalmers, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Alfred J. Stuart, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

George Tritenbach, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Joseph Boylan, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Henry Volk, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

James Sherry, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

William Frank, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

George O'Shea, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Michael F. Conley, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Edward J. McCarthy, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

James E. Brierton, Assistant Foreman, appeal for permission to finish examination denied.

Garrett B. Decker, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

George Lloyd, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Louis Dietz, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Paul Tanner, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Thomas F. Shortell, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Albert Reid, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Edward J. Browne, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

Adam Herbel, Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

James K. Redden, Assistant Foreman, appeal that name be removed from paper and same rating granted.

William D. Rice, Jr., Assistant Foreman, appeal for rerating denied.

On motion, the reports of the Committee on Appeals were adopted.

The President presented the appeals of the following-named candidates in the last examination for Civil Service Examiner against the ratings given them by the Examiners:

Henry K. Spaulding, William S. Dalrymple, Frederick W. Taylor, Joseph Kahn, George Martin Huss, Alfred Sommerfield, Frank Edge Kavanagh, Willard E. Hotchkiss, William H. Hale.

The appeals were considered, and, on motion, all were denied.

A letter was presented from the Law Department, dated December 28, 1903, embodying the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to the manner in which paragraph 12 of Rule XV. should be construed, and containing the following paragraph:

"The practical effect of the paragraph of the rule mentioned would be that if there were persons whose prior examination covered in its scope the grade to which promotion is to be made these persons would form an eligible list from which appointments should be made. In case there should not be enough persons on this list to furnish a sufficient number of candidates, then, and only then, would it be proper to resort to an examination to make out a new list."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to request the Corporation Counsel to state whether the eligible list of persons "whose prior examination covered in its scope the grade to which promotion is to be made" should be confined to persons serving in the department in which the higher position exists, or should be made up of such persons serving in departments of the City government.

A letter was presented from the Corporation Counsel advising the Commission of the increase in salary of Cart T. Stickney, a Clerk in his department, from \$1,200 to \$1,500, under the provisions of paragraph 12 of Rule XV. The Secretary stated that Mr. Stickney had originally been appointed in the Department of Sewers on August 1, 1898, at \$1,200 per annum. He was subsequently promoted, after examination, to 5th grade Stenographer and Typewriter, and his salary was increased to \$2,100 per annum. He then passed an examination for promotion to 6th grade Clerk, and his salary was increased to \$2,200. On January 21, 1902, he was suspended without pay and his name was placed on the preferred list, formed pursuant to section 1543 of the Charter. On January 24, 1902, he was appointed from such list to a position in the Law Department, and his salary fixed at \$1,200 per annum. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to request the Corporation Counsel to inform the Commission whether he appointed Mr. Stickney from the eligible list of the graded position referred to in his opinion.

Commissioner Spencer moved that the 12th paragraph of Rule XV. be repealed, and the Secretary was instructed to hold a public hearing on the matter, in accordance with the provisions of the rules.

A letter was presented from the Law Department embodying the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the eligibility of Henry S. Maloy, formerly a Bridge Keeper in the Department of Bridges, for reinstatement in that position. It appeared that Mr. Maloy was removed by Commissioner John L. Shea on November 21, 1901, after charges had been preferred against him, and that the successor of Mr. Shea, as Bridge Commissioner, had sought to reopen the matter and reinstate Mr. Maloy. The Corporation Counsel advised the Commission that the Commissioner of Bridges had no power to review the removal made by his predecessor. On motion, the letter was ordered filed.

The Committee on Transfers presented the following report of transfers considered by them since the date of the last meeting:

The following transfers were approved:

John J. Breen, Caulker to Inspector of Pipe Laying, Pipes and Hydr

Brooklyn, his name appearing on the eligible list for Superintendent of Public Baths.

Joseph E. Roach, Watchman to Roundsman, Department of Docks and Ferries, his name appearing on the eligible list for the latter position.

Russell Raynor, Inspector of Foods to Chief Sanitary Inspector, Department of Health.

George W. Hart and Elwood Hanson, Inspectors of Weights and Measures to Sealers of Weights and Measures, Mayor's Office.

Charles M. Dangerfield, Laborer to Axeman, Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, his name appearing on the eligible list for the latter position.

James Quinn, Inspector of Sewer Construction to Inspector of Masonry, President of the Borough of Manhattan.

William Sargent, Engineman to the position of Supervisory Engineman, Department of Public Charities.

Frederick T. Tighe, Inspector of Weights and Measures to Sealer of Weights and Measures, Office of the Mayor.

The following transfers were disapproved:

George Breck, Dump Inspector to Clerk, Department of Street Cleaning.

Edmund K. Stephens, Watchman to Messenger, Department of Docks and Ferries.

William A. Drinnan, Chief Inspector of Buildings, Bureau of Buildings, to Inspector of Masonry and Carpentry, same bureau, Borough of Richmond, his name appearing on the eligible list for the latter position—for the reason that he has not served three years in his present position, which is in the exempt class.

Edward F. Hurd, Assistant Sanitary Superintendent to Medical Inspector, Department of Health.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Transfers was adopted.

The Committee on Reinstatements presented the following report on reinstatements, which had been approved:

John J. Donahue, Dockmaster, Department of Docks and Ferries, he having resigned from that position on July 8, 1903.

William S. Bennett, Inspector of Electrical Conductors, Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, upon a reopening of his case and a review of the charges against him. (See opinion of Corporation Counsel.)

John F. Ormond, Attendant, Court of General Sessions of the Peace, he having resigned from that position December 3, 1903.

Charles Gillons, Janitor, Department of Education, he having formerly served in the Brooklyn Library.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Reinstatements was adopted.

A letter was presented from Deputy Comptroller Stevenson, transmitting copy of a resolution November 20, transferring the sum of \$90 of the appropriation for the Mayor's Office for the year 1902 to the Civil Service Commission for the year 1902. The letter was ordered filed.

A letter was presented from Deputy Comptroller Stevenson, transmitting copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transferring the sum of an additional \$3,000 to the appropriation of the Municipal Civil Service Commission for the year 1903. On motion, the letter was ordered filed.

The Secretary presented a financial statement to December 31, 1903. On motion, it was ordered filed.

A letter was presented from Colonel Asa Bird Gardner, attorney for George Blair, who was removed from the position of Superintendent of Outdoor Poor, Department of Public Charities, in the year 1902, and whose reinstatement has been ordered by the Court of Appeals, protesting against the passage of the pay-roll of Edwin F. Merwin, who was appointed at the time Mr. Blair was removed to the position of Superintendent of Outdoor Poor, and whose title was subsequently changed to Superintendent, Bureau of Dependent Adults. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to request the Corporation Counsel to advise the Commission the proper course to pursue in the matter, and pending the receipt of advice not to attach the certificate of the Commission to Mr. Merwin's pay-roll.

The Secretary announced that Mr. Justice Fitzgerald had granted the application of John Binns for a writ of mandamus directing the Commission to admit him to the examination for promotion to the grade of Chief of the Fire Department. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to admit Mr. Binns and all other Deputy Chiefs whose status was similar to his to the examination.

The report of the Chief Examiner on uncompleted examinations was ordered filed.

The Secretary presented the bills of Dr. Henry P. De Forest for stationery, a pelrometer, and for services rendered as Medical Examiner subsequent to his resignation. On motion, the bill for services was disapproved and the bills for supplies were approved.

A letter was presented from the Labor Clerk transmitting the application of Thomas Longhitano, No. 1576, for the position of Sweeper, and the request of the latter that the name on the application be changed to Antonio Longhitano. On motion, the matter was referred to the Character Examiner.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Dr. Colman W. Cutler, services in examination for Oculist.....
Dr. William S. Dennett, services in examination for Oculist.....
C. L. Hendrickson, repairing electric bells.....
William A. Montgomery, Ice Company.....
Office Toilet Supply Company, October 1 to December 31, 1903.....
Dr. Alexander Rae, services in examination for Police Surgeon.....
Dr. Bern B. Gallaudet, services in examination for Police Surgeon.....
Monitor Service—

\$29 00
32 00
2 50
4 25
7 95
400 00
400 00

Lulu H. Hoheim (2), Millard H. France (2), Caroline H. Heal (2), Lydia H. Heal (2), J. B. Stratton (2), Francis A. Siebert (2), Bishop Hathaway (2), John H. Young (2), Robert B. Pegram (2), Mabelle R. French (2), Harry V. Brigham (2), Mrs. E. E. Rowne (2), S. E. Conklin (2), Arthur G. Kahn, Edward G. W. Meury (2), H. Herche (2), Ralph P. Fairchild (2), David K. Updike (2), T. B. Snow (2), Cora B. Hunt (2), B. Barnheisel (2), Franklin Martin, Mary L. O'Brien (2), Harry Goldberg (2), J. B. Kellogg (2), Charles Baumgarten (2), S. J. Sample (2), Clay Lawrence (2), Leonhard F. Fuld (2), Augustus S. McDonald (2), A. M. Johnson (2), Ruth Earle (2), William R. Hart (2), William N. Berg (2), J. L. Higgins (2), William G. Golden (2), J. S. Goodrich (2), Leo L. Pollak (2), George W. Young (2), Dr. Israel Davidson (2), Levi C. Bigelow (2), H. M. Folsom (2), Paul Fraude (2), Clifford H. Keep (2), Charles A. Doyle (2), Emily J. Scudder (2), W. T. Smith (2), Charles J. Scudder (2), W. C. Morrow (2), R. Bab (2), Ruby P. Smyth (2), N. J. Reid (2), John F. Manly (2), James A. Dayton (2), C. Miller (2), W. M. Erb (2), Mrs. J. E. Bennett (2), C. M. Bradley (2), Charles Kaufman (2), James E. Bennett (2), Nellie Youlin (2), Raymond E. France (2), Edgar T. Ray (2), Charles R. Stockhard (2), Adolph E. Gutgsell (2), J. B. Raucher (2), Aubrey H. Derby (2), N. E. A. Durell (2), Jeannette M. Wick (2), R. N. Mountain (2), C. William Gibson (2), Eugene E. Agger (2), William F. Allen (2), Thomas H. Ray (2), A. E. Lewis (2), Kate P. Hunter (2), F. G. Dunham (2), Victor de Beaumont (2), S. M. Mayer, John N. Vedder, Mrs. Farquharson, Duncan O'Hanlon, Thomas F. Dorsey, Austin B. Keep, Jeannette F. Young, James L. Robinson, Gaetano D'Amato, Mark N. Dottemheim, Emil Meyer, Julia M. Hall, Oscar F. R. Tredor, Mrs. Ida B. Collins, Joseph Gilbert, Floyd Decker, J. Harvey Murphy, Frank E. Parham, Henry C. Staunton, 175 at \$5.....
875 00

A letter was presented from the Department of Finance, transmitting the pay-roll of John C. Farrell (\$116.13) for services rendered as Searcher in the Department of Public Works, Brooklyn, prior to the date upon which his transfer from the Department of Taxes and Assessments was approved by the Commission. Accompanying the letter was a copy of a letter from the Corporation Counsel, advising the Comptroller that it would be proper for the Civil Service Commission to approve the transfer of Mr. Farrell *nunc pro tunc*, and then attach its certificate to his pay-roll. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the transfer of John C. Farrell, Searcher, from the Department of Taxes and Assessments to the Department of Public Works, Brooklyn, be approved *nunc pro tunc* as of May 1, 1903, and

Resolved, further, That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to attach the certificate of the Commission to the pay-roll of Mr. Farrell for services rendered since that time, for which he has not yet received compensation.

Commissioner Spencer voted in the negative.

The Secretary presented the pay-rolls of number of persons who had been appointed temporarily, after non-competitive examination, under the provisions of paragraph 1 of former Rule VII. He reported that in each of the cases presented by him the persons had been retained in the service longer than the two months specified in the rules because of the fact that eligible lists for permanent appointment had not been prepared by the Commission, and, therefore, no certification for permanent appointment could be made. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to attach the following certificate to such pay-rolls, and to forward them to the Department of Finance:

"I hereby certify that I have examined this pay-roll and that the persons named in such pay-roll were appointed in pursuance of law and of the rules made in pursuance of law for a term of sixty days beginning on the _____ day of _____, 1903; that the period for which they were employed has expired, and that under the law and the rules made in pursuance of law, no re-appointment beyond that period could be made; that at the time of the termination of the period for which they were originally appointed no eligible list for the position in question existed at the office of the Civil Service Commission, and no names could be or were certified by the Civil Service Commission to the appointing officer to fill such positions; and that the pay-rolls of the persons above-named for services rendered by them subsequent to the expiration of said period were certified by the Civil Service Commission upon the ground that the decisions of the Courts required payment of employees of the City who had performed work for it, where their original appointment had been regular and where no candidates could be certified to fill their positions because of the absence of an eligible list."

A letter was presented from the Commissioner of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, announcing that he had granted a leave of absence for three weeks to George E. Talbot, Inspector of Masonry, and for two weeks to Arthur B. Hegarty, on their statement that it was necessary for them to leave the city to attend to matters of private business. On motion, the action of the Commissioner was recognized.

A letter was presented from the Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, announcing the appointment of the following-named persons to constitute a Board of Examiners for non-competitive positions in his Department:

John A. Bensel, Engineer-in-Chief;
Charles A. Hanley, Superintendent of Docks;
John M. Phelan, Chief Clerk and Auditor.

On motion, the appointments were approved.

A letter was presented from the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Disciplinary Training School, announcing the appointment of the following-named persons to constitute a Board of Examiners for non-competitive positions in that institution:

Mark Manly, Visiting Physician;

Anna J. Hutchinson, House Mother;

John Fraser, Master Shoemaker.

On motion, the appointments were approved.

The following reports of non-competitive examining boards in Bellevue and Allied Hospitals were approved and ordered filed:

Harlem Hospital, December 28;

Gouverneur Hospital, December 29;

Fordham Hospital, December 20.

The report of the Board of Examiners for non-competitive positions in the New York Truant School, Department of Education, dated December 22, was approved and ordered filed.

A letter was presented from Messrs. Hone & Brown, attorneys, for William L. Beers, Assistant Fire Marshal, Borough of Brooklyn, protesting against the action of the Fire Commissioner in appointing Robert Riordan to the position of Fire Marshal. On motion, the letter was referred to the Corporation Counsel for advice, and the Secretary was instructed not to attach the certificate of the Commission to Mr. Riordan's pay-roll as Fire Marshal, pending a decision in the matter.

Letters were presented from Gottlieb Bossart and Charles Roesser, stating that at the time the President of the Borough of Queens had granted them leave of absence they were ill, and therefore unable to work. On motion, the action of the President of the Borough of Queens in their cases was recognized.

A letter was presented from James H. Flanagan, with reference to his dismissal from the position of Recreation Pier Attendant, Department of Docks and Ferries. On motion, the letter was ordered filed.

S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

NEW YORK, January 1, 1904.

A meeting of the Municipal Civil Service Commission was held at the Commission's offices, No. 61 Elm street, Manhattan, on Friday, January 1, 1904.

There were present Commissioners McCooey, Day, Crowninshield, Siegel and O'Connor.

On motion of Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and carried unanimously, Commissioner McCooey was elected President.

The President presented the resignation of Mr. S. William Briscoe as Secretary, and also a letter from Mr. Briscoe requesting the Commission to transfer him to some subordinate position in the Department if it should see fit to accept his resignation of the office of Secretary. On motion, the resignation was accepted and both letters were ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and carried unanimously, Mr. Henry Berlinger was appointed to the position of Secretary.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, Commissioner Day was designated to act for the President at such times as he might be unable to appear at meetings.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to attach the certificate of the Commission to pay-rolls forwarded to the Department of Finance.

The Commission then adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 6, 1904, at 4 P. M.

HENRY BERLINGER, Secretary.

CHANGES IN DEPARTMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.
January 19—Discharged for lack of work,
December 31, 1903, Harry Britton, Inspector of Masonry, No. 169 East One Hundred and Sixth street.

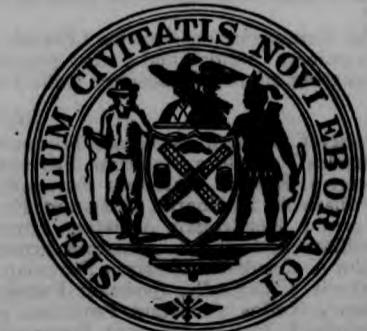
DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES.

January 20—Thomas F. Cooke, of No. 74 Beach street, Borough of Manhattan, has been reappointed as Machinist for a period not to exceed five days, with compensation at the rate of 50 cents per hour while employed.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Appointed—January 20, Roger H. Mullins, No. 96 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, Clerk, with special knowledge in handwriting for a probationary term; salary, \$1,050 per annum.

Resigned—December 31, 1903, Thomas P. Moffat, Bookkeeper; January 12, 1904, John Schultes, Bookkeeper; January 19, 1904, Ferdinand Zeigel, Auditor of Accounts.



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Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 noon.

EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS and JAMES W. STEVENSON, Deputy Comptrollers.

HUBERT L. SMITH, Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

OLIVER E. STANTON, Secretary to Comptroller.

Main Division.

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Bookkeeping and Awards Division.

JOSEPH HAAG, Chief Bookkeeper, Room 8.

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JAMES J. SULLIVAN, Chief Stock and Bond Clerk, Room 30.

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WILLIAM MCKINNEY, Chief Auditor of Accounts, Room 27.

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JAMES F. MCKINNEY, Auditor of Accounts, Room 183.

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Charitable Institutions Division.

DANIEL C. POTTER, Chief Examiner of Accounts of Institutions, Room 40.

Bureau of the City Paymaster.

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JOHN H. TIMMERMAN, City Paymaster.

Bureau of Engineering.

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EUGENE E. MCLEAN, Chief Engineer, Room 55.

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MORTIMER J. BROWN, Appraiser of Real Estate, Room 150.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

Borough of Manhattan—Stewart Building, Room O.

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JOHN J. McDONOUGH, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Borough of The Bronx, Municipal Building, Third and Tremont avenues.

JOHN B. UNDERHILL, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Borough of Brooklyn—Municipal Building, Rooms 2-8.

JACOB S. VAN WYCK, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Borough of Queens—Hackett Building, Jackson avenue and Fifth street, Long Island City.

FREDERICK W. BLECKWENN, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Borough of Richmond—Bay and Sand streets, Stapleton.

JOHN DEMORGAN, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears.

Borough of Manhattan—Stewart Building, Room 91.

EDWARD A. SLATTERY, Collector of Assessments and Arrears.

JOHN B. ADGE MULLALLY, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears.

Borough of The Bronx—Municipal Building, Rooms 1-2.

JAMES J. DONOVAN, Jr., Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears.

Borough of Brooklyn—Municipal Building.

SAMUEL N. GARRISON, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears.

Borough of Queens—Hackett Building, Jackson avenue and Fifth street, Long Island City.

PATRICK E. LEARY, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears.

Borough of Richmond—Bay and Sand streets, Stapleton.

GEORGE BRAND, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets.

Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, Room 139.

WILLIAM T. GOUNDIE, Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.

JAMES H. BALDWIN, Deputy Collector of City Revenue.

DAVID O'BRIEN, Deputy Superintendent of Markets.

Bureau of Municipal Accounts and Statistics.

Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway.

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New County Courthouse. Court open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., except Saturdays, when it closes at 12 M. During the months of July and August the hours are from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M.

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THOMAS H. SULLIVAN, Warden.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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Office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

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Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11 New County Courthouse. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M.

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County Courthouse, Brooklyn, Rooms 10, 10, 22 and 23. Court opens at 10 A. M. daily, and sits until business is completed. Part I, Room No. 23; Part II, Room No. 10, Courthouse. Clerk's Office, Rooms 10 and 22, open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.

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JOHN F. CLARKE, District Attorney.

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5 Courthouse.

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FRANK J. GARDNER, Deputy Commissioner.

ALBERT B. WALDON, Secretary.

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WILLIAM B. DAVENPORT, Public Administrator.

QUEENS COUNTY OFFICES.**SURROGATE.**

DANIEL NOBLE, Surrogate.

Office at Jamaica.

Except on Sundays, holidays and half holidays the office is open between March 31 and October 1, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.; on Saturdays from 8 A. M. to 12 M.; between September 30 and April 1, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; on Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

Surrogate's Court sits on Thursday and Friday of each week, except during the month of August, when no court is held. Calendar called at 10 A. M.

COUNTY COURT.

County Courthouse, Long Island City.

County Court opens at 9:30 A. M.; adjourns at 5 P. M.

County Judge's office always open at Flushing, N. Y.

BURT J. HUMPHREY, County Judge.

SHERIFF.

County Courthouse, Long Island City, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Office, Queens County Courthouse, Long Island City, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

GEORGE A. GREGG, District Attorney.

COUNTY CLERK.

Jamaica, N. Y., Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens.

Office hours, April 1 to October 1, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.; October 1 to April 1, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, to 12 M.

County and Supreme Court held at the Queens County Courthouse, Long Island City. Court opens at 9:30 A. M., to adjourn 5 P. M.

DAVID L. VON NOSTRAND, County Clerk.

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Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

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H. HOMER MOORE, Assistant Commissioner.

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No. 103 Third street, Long Island City, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

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RICHMOND COUNTY OFFICES.**COUNTY JUDGE AND SURROGATE.**

Terms of Court, Richmond County, 1902:

County Courts—STEPHEN D. STEPHENS, County Judge.

First Monday of June, Grand and Trial Jury; First Monday of December, Grand and Trial Jury.

Fourth Wednesday of January, without a Jury; Fourth Wednesday of February, without a Jury;

Fourth Wednesday of March, without a Jury; Fourth Wednesday of April, without a Jury; Fourth Wednesday of July, without a Jury; Fourth Wednesday of September, without a Jury;

Fourth Wednesday of October, without a Jury; All at the Courthouse at Richmond.

Surrogate's Court—STEPHEN D. STEPHENS, Surrogate.

Mondays, at the First National Bank Building, St. George, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

Tuesdays, at the First National Bank Building, St. George, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

Wednesdays, at the Surrogate's Office, Richmond, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Port Richmond, S. I.

Office hours, from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 1 P. M. to 5 P. M.

EDWARD S. RAWSON, District Attorney.

COUNTY CLERK.

County Office Building, Richmond, S. I., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

C. L. BOSTWICK, County Clerk.

County Courthouse, Richmond, S. I., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

SHERIFF.

CHARLES J. MCCORMACK, Sheriff.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Village Hall, Stapleton.

CHARLES J. KULLMAN, Commissioner.

J. LOUIS GARRETSON, Commissioner.

Office open from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M.; Saturdays, from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

THE COURTS.**APPELLATE DIVISION SUPREME COURT.**

First Judicial Department.

Courthouse, Madison avenue, corner Twenty-fifth street. Court opens at 1 P. M.

CHARLES H. VAN BRUNT, Presiding Justice; EDWARD PATTERSON, MORGAN J. O'BRIEN, GEORGE L. INGRAM, CHESTER B. MC LAUGHLIN, EDWARD W. HATCH, FRANK C. LAUGHLIN, Justices; ALFRED WAGSTAFF, Clerk. WILLIAM LAMB, Jr., Deputy Clerk.

Clerk's Office opens at 9 A. M.

SUPREME COURT—FIRST DEPARTMENT.

County Courthouse, Chambers street. Courts open from 10:15 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Special Term, Part I. (motions), Room No. 12.

Special Term, Part II. (ex parte business), Room No. 15.

Special Term, Part III., Room No. 19.

Special Term, Part IV., Room No. 11.

WILLIAM J. LYNCH, Justice. JOHN W. CARPENTER, Clerk.
Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Court opens at 10 o'clock.
Fourth District—Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Wards. Courtroom, No. 14 Howard avenue.

THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, Justice. HERMAN GOHLINGHORST, Clerk; JAMES P. SINNOTT, Assistant Clerk.
Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Fifth District—Eighth, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-first and Thirty-second Wards. Courthouse, Bay Twenty-second street and Bath avenue, Bath Beach. Telephone: 83 Bath.

CORNELIUS FURGESSON, Justice. JEREMIAH J. O'LEARY, Clerk.
Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

First District—First Ward (all of Long Island City, formerly composing five wards). Courtroom, No. 46 Jackson avenue, Long Island City.

Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. each day, excepting Saturday, closing at 12 M. Trial days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All other business transacted on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

THOMAS C. KADEN, Justice. THOMAS F. KENNEDY, Clerk.

Second District—Second and Third Wards, which includes the territory of the late Towns of Newtown and Flushing. Courtroom, in Court house of the late Town of Newtown, corner of Broadway and Court street, Elmhurst, New York. P. O. address, Elmhurst, New York.

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Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Third District—JAMES F. MC LAUGHLIN Justice. GEORGE W. DAMON, Clerk.

Courthouse, Town Hall, Jamaica.

Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Court held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 A. M.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

First District—First and Third Wards (Towns of Castleton and Northfield). Courtroom, former Village Hall, Lafayette avenue and Second street, New Brighton.

JOHN J. KENNY, Justice. FRANCIS F. LEMAN, Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Court held each day, except Saturdays, from 10 A. M.

Second District—Second, Fourth and Fifth Wards (Towns of Middletown, Southfield and Westfield). Courtroom, former Edgewater Village Hall, Stapleton.

GEORGE W. STAKE, Justice. PETER TIERNAN, Clerk.

Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Court held each day from 10 A. M., and continues until close of business.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, ROOM 15, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn at the above office until 11 o'clock A. M., on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1904.

No. 1. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER IN EIGHTH FLOOR STREET, from Fourth avenue to Fifth avenue, and OUTLET SEWER IN FOURTH AVENUE EAST SIDE, etc.

The Engineer's estimate of the quantities required are as follows:

650 linear feet 15-inch vitrified stoneware pipe sewer laid in concrete.

750 linear feet 12-inch vitrified stoneware pipe sewer laid in concrete.

12 manholes.

2 receiving basins.

8,500 feet, board measure, foundation planking.

45,000 feet, board measure, sheeting and bracing.

The time allowed for the completion of the work and full performance of the contract is forty working days.

The amount of security required is three thousand Dollars.

No. 2. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER IN THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET, from Third avenue to Fifth avenue.

The Engineer's estimate of the quantities required are as follows:

45 linear feet 24-inch vitrified stoneware pipe sewer laid in concrete.

720 linear feet 12-inch vitrified stoneware pipe sewer laid in concrete.

780 linear feet 15-inch vitrified stoneware pipe sewer laid in concrete.

15 manholes.

3 receiving basins.

10,500 feet, board measure, foundation planking.

The time allowed for the completion of the work and full performance of the contract is 50 working days.

The amount of security required is Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

No. 3. FOR FURNISHING, DELIVERING, HOUSING AND TRIMMING SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED BAUTRS OF QUICK-LIME AT THE SEVERAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS, IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH AND THIRTY-FIRST WARDS, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

The time allowed for the delivery of the articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is to December 31, 1904.

The amount of security required is Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per linear foot, board measure, barrel or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested. The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum for each contract.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works, Borough of Brooklyn, Room 15, Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn.

MARTIN W. LITTLETON, President.

Dated JANUARY 16, 1904.

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, ST. GEORGE, NEW BRIGHTON, NEW YORK CITY.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the President of the Borough of Richmond, at the above office until 3 o'clock P. M., on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1904.

Borough of Richmond.

No. 1. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 1, FOR THE BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 2. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE PLUMBING WORK REQUIRED IN THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 3. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR THE BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 4. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE PLUMBING WORK REQUIRED IN THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 5. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 6. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 7. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 8. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 9. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 10. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 11. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 12. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 13. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 14. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 15. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 16. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No. 17. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE MASON, CARPENTER, PAINTING, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON, AND ELECTRIC INSTALLATION WORK REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF STABLE NO. 2, FOR BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SWAN STREET, BETWEEN ST. PAUL'S AVENUE AND VAN DUZER STREET.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is five (5) calendar months.

The amount of security required is not less than fifty per cent. (50%) of the bid.

No

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, SOUTHWEST CORNER FIFTY-FIFTH STREET AND SIXTH AVENUE, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Board of Health at the above office until 12 o'clock A. M. on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1904.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ICE AS REQUIRED TO THE WILLARD PARKER AND RECEPTION HOSPITALS, AT THE FOOT OF EAST SIXTEENTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN; THE RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL, AT NORTH BROOKLYN ISLAND BOROUGH OF THE BRONX; THE KINGSTON AVENUE HOSPITAL, AT KINGSTON AVENUE AND FENNIKIN STREET, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, AND THE LABORATORIES AND OFFICE BUILDINGS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE DIFFERENT BOROUGHS, NEW YORK CITY, DURING THE YEAR 1904.

The time for the delivery of the articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is by or before December 31, 1904.

The amount of security required shall be fifty per cent. (50%) of the amount of the bid or estimate.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per pound, or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total for each class and line and awards made to the lowest bidder on each class and lines as shown in the schedules.

The weight, measure, etc., will be allowed as received at the respective places of delivery.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed at the respective places set forth in the specifications.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Board of Health, the Borough of Manhattan, southwest corner of Fifty-fifth street and sixth avenue.

THOMAS DARLINGTON, M. D., President; ALVAH H. DOTY, M. D.; WILLIAM MCADOO, Board of Health.

Dated JANUARY 18, 1904. j19, f2

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BROOKLYN DISCIPLINARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BROOKLYN DISCIPLINARY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS (CENTRAL OFFICE), 4 AND 5 COURT SQUARE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR BIDS OR ESTIMATES.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Supplies Committee of the Board of Managers of the Brooklyn Disciplinary Training School for Boys at the above office until 12 o'clock m., on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1904.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING GROCERIES, VEGETABLES, MEATS, FISH, BREAD, ROLLS AND PIE, MILK AND CREAM, ICE, DRY GOODS AND CLOTH, AND TAILORSHOP SUNDRIES, HARDWARE, LEATHER AND SHOESHOP SUNDRIES, LUMBER, ENGINEER'S SUPPLIES, DRUGS, ETC., EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES, PAINTS, OILS, ETC., HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

The time for the performance of the contract is during the year 1904.

The amount of security required is fifty (50) per cent. of the amount of the bid or estimate.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Board of Managers, Nos. 4 and 5 Court square, Borough of Brooklyn.

The bidder will state the price of each item contained in the specifications herein contained or hereto annexed, by which the bids will be tested. The extensions of each class must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total footings and awards made to the lowest bidder on each item, as specified in schedule or annexed specifications.

MORRIS ADLER, President, Board of Managers.

J. HERMAN LINS, Secretary, Board of Managers.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, December 16, 1903. 17, 22

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR BIDS OR ESTIMATES.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Department of Public Charities at the above office until 12 o'clock m., on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1904.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE WORK, LABOR, SERVICES AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE EXTERMINATION OF RATS AND MICE, AND FOR THE EXTERMINATION OF ROACHES AND WATER BUGS.

The time for the performance of the contract is during the year 1904.

The amount of security required will be One Hundred and Fifty (\$150) Dollars on each item or line.

The bidder will state the price for each item or line by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total and awards made to the lowest bidder on each item or line, as stated in the specifications.

JAMES H. TULLY, Commissioner.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, January 18, 1904. j19, 29

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, BOROUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX, FOOT OF EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK, January 18, 1904.

AUCTION SALE.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT PUBLIC Auction, at office, foot of East Twenty-sixth Street, on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1904, at 12 A. M. the following, viz.: Bones (estimated), 50,000 pounds.

To be collected and removed from Blackwell's Island three times a week.

Grease (estimated), 15,000 pounds. To be collected monthly from Blackwell's Island.

Old iron (estimated), 75,000 pounds. To be collected twice a year at Pier on Metropolitan Hospital grounds, east side, near north end of Blackwell's Island, in a lighter to be provided by the buyer upon being notified.

Rags (estimated), 20,000 pounds.

Iron-bound barrels (estimated), 300.

Kerosene barrels (estimated), 100.

Pork barrels (estimated), 100.

All the above, except as otherwise mentioned, to be received by the purchaser monthly at the pier foot of East Twenty-sixth street, and removed upon being notified that the same are ready for delivery.

Quantities marked "estimated" are for the accumulation of year 1904, and contracts based on such quantities are for such period of time.

All quantities to be more or less and estimated only.

All qualities to be "as are."

Assignments of contracts will not be recognized unless approved by the Commissioner.

Each successful bidder will be required to pay Twenty-five Per Cent. of the estimated amount of his purchase to me at the time and place of sale, and the balance to the General Storekeeper, at Blackwell's Island, in cash or a certified check on a New York City bank, upon delivery of the goods.

The Commissioner reserves the right to order resale of any goods that shall not have been removed by the purchaser within ten days after he shall have been notified that they are ready, and in case of such resale to forfeit to the use of the Department of Public Charities the TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. paid in at the time and place of sale. Goods can be examined at Blackwell's Island by intending bidders on any week-day before the day of sale.

JAMES H. TULLY,
Commissioner of Public Charities.
j19, 29

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CORNER THIRD AVENUE AND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET, CROTONA PARK, NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the President of the Borough of the Bronx at the above office until 12 o'clock A. M. on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1904.

NO. 1. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING WHITE ASH ANTHRACITE COAL FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND BRANCH OF OFFICES.

250 gross tons of White Ash Anthracite Egg Coal.

50 gross tons of White Ash Anthracite Stove Coal.

Time allowed for the completion of the contract is on or before April 30, 1904.

Amount of security required is Nine Hundred Dollars.

NO. 2. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING FORAGE TO THE BUREAU OF SEWERS.

450 bushels No. 1, best White Clipped Oats.

20,000 pounds best Timothy Hay.

2,000 pounds of best Rye Straw.

1,500 pounds of best Bran.

200 pounds Corn on the Cob.

Time allowed for the completion of the contract is on or before June 30, 1904.

Amount of security required is Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

NO. 3. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING FORAGE TO THE BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS.

1,800 bushels No. 1, best White Clipped Oats.

60,000 pounds of best Timothy Hay.

5,000 pounds of best Rye Straw.

500 pounds of best Bran.

100 pounds of best Oil Meal.

200 pounds of best Rock Salt.

Time for the completion of the contract is on or before June 30, 1904.

Amount of security required is Eight Hundred Dollars.

NO. 4. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING LUMBER TO THE BUREAU OF SEWERS.

800 pieces 3 inches by 12 inches by 23 feet Spruce No. 1.

800 pieces 3 inches by 9 inches by 23 feet Spruce No. 1.

3,000 pieces 2 inches by 9 inches by 13 feet Spruce No. 1.

50 pieces Pine Fence Boards, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 9 inches by 16 feet, T. & G., beaded.

50 pieces Pine Flooring Boards, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 9 inches by 16 feet, T. & G.

15 pieces White Wood, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 16 inches by 16 feet, dressed two sides.

10 pieces Clear Pine, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 24 inches by 16 feet, dressed two sides.

10 pieces Clear Pine, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 12 inches by 16 feet, dressed two sides.

10 pieces Clear Pine, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 12 inches by 16 feet, dressed two sides.

10 pieces Quartered Oak, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 12 inches by 13 feet, dressed two sides.

5 pieces Quartered Oak, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 12 inches by 13 feet, dressed two sides.

16 pieces Quartered Oak, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 23/4 inches by 16 feet, finished and dressed four sides.

10 pieces Quartered Oak, 3 inches by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 13 feet, finished and dressed four sides.

Time for the completion of the contract is during the year 1904.

Amount of security required is Two Thousand Dollars.

NO. 11. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINTH STREET, from Clay avenue to Findlay avenue, and in TELLER AVENUE, from the first summit south of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to the first summit north of East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street.

The Engineer's estimate of the work is as follows:

357 linear feet of Pipe Sewer, 15 inches.

365 linear feet of Pipe Sewer, 12 inches.

100 Spurs for house connections.

3 Manholes, complete.

5 cubic yards of Concrete in place, exclusive of concrete in sewer sections, as shown on plan.

1,000 feet (B. M.) of Timber, furnished and laid.

10 linear feet of 12-inch Drain Pipe, furnished and laid.

The time allowed to complete the work will be 250 working days.

The amount of security required will be Twenty Thousand Dollars.

NO. 12. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN HEATH AVENUE, between Boston avenue and Fort Independence street.

The Engineer's estimate of the work is as follows:

216 linear feet of Pipe Sewer, 15 inches.

1,130 linear feet of Pipe Sewer, 12 inches.

165 Spurs for house connections.

15 Manholes, complete.

3 Receiving Basins, complete.

2,535 cubic yards of rock to be excavated and removed.

10 cubic yards of Concrete, in place, exclusive of concrete in sewer sections, as shown on plan.

1,000 feet (B. M.) of Timber, furnished and laid.

10 linear feet of 12-inch Drain Pipe, furnished and laid.

The time allowed to complete the work is 75 working days.

The amount of security required will be Two Thousand Dollars.

NO. 13. FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET, from the north side of the south end of the street to the south end of the street.

The Engineer's estimate of the work is as follows:

420 linear feet of Pipe Sewer, 18 inches.

430 linear feet of Pipe Sewer, 15 inches.

440 linear feet of Pipe Sewer, 12 inches.

195 Spurs for house connections.

12 Manholes, complete.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Nos. 157 AND 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE FIRE COMMISSIONER, AT THE ABOVE OFFICE UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK A. M. ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1904.

Borough of Manhattan.

No. 1. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING 1,225,000 POUNDS NO. 1 HAY,

250,000 POUNDS NO. 1 RYE STRAW,

925,000 POUNDS NO. 2 WHITE CLIPPED OATS,

60,000 POUNDS BRAN.

The time for the delivery of the articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is 180 days.

The amount of security required is Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000).

Borough of Manhattan and The Bronx.

No. 2. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING THREE HUNDRED TONS ANTHRACITE COAL, PEA SIZE, AT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

The time for the delivery of the articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is two hundred days.

The amount of security required is Four Hundred Dollars (\$400).

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per pound, ton, dozen, gallon, yard or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total. The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh Street, Manhattan.

NICHOLAS J. HAYES,

Fire Commissioner.

Dated January 12, 1904. j13,25

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Nos. 157 AND 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE FIRE COMMISSIONER AT THE ABOVE OFFICE UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK A. M. ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1904.

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

No. 1. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TWO THOUSAND TONS OF ANTHRACITE COAL FOR APPARATUS HOUSES.

The time for the delivery of the articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is one hundred and eighty days. The amount of security required is Five Thousand Dollars.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per pound, ton, dozen, gallon, yard or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total. The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Fire Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh Street, Manhattan.

NICHOLAS J. HAYES,

Fire Commissioner.

Dated January 12, 1904. j13,25

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SHERIFF, KINGS COUNTY.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS, KINGS COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS, AT THE ABOVE OFFICE, UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK A. M. ON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1904.

FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, MEAT, EISH, DAIRY PRODUCTS, VEGETABLES, FRUITS, SOAP, PAINTS, OILS, FORAGE, ETC., TO THE KINGS COUNTY JAIL, IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

The time for the delivery of the articles, materials and supplies and the performance of the contract is 200 days.

The amount of security required is fifty per cent. (50%) of the amount of the bid or estimate.

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, per pound, ton, dozen, gallon, yard, or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the totals and awards made to the lowest bidder on each item.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further particulars may be obtained and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the Sheriff of the County of Kings, Kings County Court-House, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

HENRY HESTERBERG,

Sheriff.

Dated, JANUARY 15, 1904. j10,28

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BELLEVUE AND ALLIED HOSPITALS.

BELLEVUE AND ALLIED HOSPITALS, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY, TWENTY-SIXTH STREET AND FIRST AVENUE, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE ABOVE OFFICE UNTIL 3:30 O'CLOCK P. M. ON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1904.

FOR ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE TEARING DOWN AND REMOVAL, EXCAVATION, PILING, MASONRY, STEEL AND IRON, CARPENTRY, PLUMBING, ELECTRIC HEATING AND VENTILATING, AND ALL OTHER WORK FOR COMPLETING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GOUVERNEUR HOSPITAL, SITUATED AT GOUVERNEUR SLIP, BETWEEN FRONT STREET AND WATER STREET, IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is within five hundred and forty (540) days.

The amount of security required is sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000).

The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms may be obtained and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the Auditor and Contract Clerk, No. 419 East Twenty-sixth street, Borough of Manhattan.

JOHN W. BRANNAN, President of the Board of Trustees Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Dated December 31, 1903. j2,26

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY, ROOM 1536, NOS. 13-21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF WATER SUPPLY, GAS AND ELECTRICITY AT THE ABOVE OFFICE UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK P. M. ON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1904.

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

No. 1. FOR FURNISHING, DELIVERING AND STORING EIGHTEEN THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED GRASS TONS (2,240 POUNDS TO A TON) EGG SIZE WHITE ASH ANTHRACITE COAL.

The time allowed for completing the contract will be three hundred and sixty (360) calendar days.

The amount of security required will be Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

No. 2. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING LEAD-LINED IRON PIPE, UNIONS AND ELBOWS.

The time allowed for completing the contract will be sixty (60) calendar days.

The amount of security required will be Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000).

Borough of Richmond.

FOR FURNISHING, DELIVERING AND STORING FIVE HUNDRED GROSS TONS (2,240 POUNDS TO A TON) OF NO. 1 PEA SIZE WHITE ASH ANTHRACITE COAL.

The time allowed for completing the contract will be three hundred and sixty (360) calendar days.

The amount of security required will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

The bidder will state the price of each item or article contained in the specifications or schedules therein contained or thereto annexed, per linear foot, ton, or other unit of measure, by which the bids will be tested.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Blank forms may be obtained at the office of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13-21 Park Row.

JOHN T. OAKLEY,

Commissioner.

Dated January 14, 1904. j14,27

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR OPENING STREETS AND PARKS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1005 OF THE GREATER NEW YORK CHARTER, THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK HEREBY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE CONFIRMATION BY THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE ENTERING IN THE BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND ARREARS, OF THE ASSESSMENTS FOR OPENING AND ACQUIRING TITLE TO THE FOLLOWING-NAMED STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND:

SECOND WARD.

A NEW STREET-OPENING, BETWEEN RICHMOND TURNPIKE AND WARD AVENUE. CONFIRMED OCTOBER 21, 1903; ENTERED JANUARY 19, 1904. AREA OF ASSESSMENT INCLUDES: ALL THOSE LANDS, TENEMENTS AND HEREDITAMENTS AND PREMISES SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, WHICH, TAKEN TOGETHER, ARE BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, VIZ.:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the centre line of Marion Avenue with a line drawn parallel to and distant 100 feet southwesterly from the southwesterly line of Cebra Avenue; running thence northwesterly along said parallel line to the southeasterly line of Oxford Place; thence southwesterly along the southeasterly line of Oxford Place and its southwesterly prolongation to its intersection with a line drawn parallel to and distant 100 feet southwesterly from the southwesterly line of Woodstock Place; thence southwesterly along said parallel line to its intersection with a line drawn parallel to and distant 100 feet southwesterly from the northwesterly line of Richmond Turnpike; thence southwesterly along said parallel line to its intersection with the northwesterly prolongation of a line drawn parallel to and distant 100 feet southwesterly from the southwesterly line of Lewis Avenue; thence southeasterly along said prolongation and parallel line and its southeasterly prolongation to its intersection with the southeasterly line of Sunrise Terrace; thence southwesterly along the southeasterly line of Sunrise Terrace to its intersection with the centre line of Marion Avenue (Ocean Terrace), thence easterly and northeasterly along the centre line of Marion Avenue to the point or place of beginning.

The above-entitled assessment was entered on the date hereinbefore given in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents. Unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1006 of the Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 1006 of this act."

Section 1006 of this act provides * * * "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents, in the Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and on Saturdays, from 9 A. M. until 12 M., and all payments made thereon on or before March 15, 1904, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when the above assessments became liens to the date of payment.

EDWARD M. GROUT,

Comptroller.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 1018 OF THE GREATER NEW YORK CHARTER, THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK HEREBY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS OWNERS OF PROPERTY, AFFECTED BY THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENTS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN:

TWELFTH WARD, SECTION 8.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN STREET-PAVING, FROM AMSTERDAM AVENUE TO MORNINGSIDE AVENUE. AREA OF ASSESSMENT: BOTH SIDES OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN STREET, FROM AMSTERDAM AVENUE TO MORNINGSIDE AVENUE, AND TO THE EXTENT OF HALF THE BLOCK AT THE INTERSECTING AND TERMINATING STREETS.

—THAT THE SAME WAS CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS ON JANUARY 14, 1904, AND ENTERED ON JANUARY 15, 1904, IN THE RECORD OF TITLES OF ASSESSMENTS, KEPT IN THE BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND ARREARS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND OF WATER RENTS, AND UNLESS THE AMOUNT ASSESSED FOR BENEFIT ON ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY SHALL BE PAID WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ENTRY OF THE ASSESSMENTS, INTEREST WILL BE COLLECTED THEREON, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1019 OF SAID NEW YORK CHARTER.

Said section provides that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof on the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 1019 of this act."

Section 1019 of this act provides * * * "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessment is payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents, in the Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and on Saturdays, from 9 A. M. until 12 M., and all payments made thereon on or before March 15, 1904, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when the above assessments became liens to the date of payment.

EDWARD M. GROUT,

Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, JANUARY 15, 1904.

ESSEX STREET—LAYING CEMENT SIDEWALKS, EAST SIDE, BETWEEN GLENMORE AND PITKIN AVENUES. AREA OF ASSESSMENT: EAST SIDE OF ESSEX STREET, BETWEEN GLENMORE AND PITKIN AVENUES, ON BLOCK 405, LOTS NOS. 22 TO 26, INCLUSIVE.

ESSEX STREET—LAYING CEMENT SIDEWALKS, WEST SIDE, BETWEEN GLENMORE AND PITKIN AVENUES. AREA OF ASSESSMENT: WEST SIDE OF ESSEX STREET, BETWEEN GLENMORE AND PITKIN AVENUES, ON BLOCK 404, LOTS NOS. 9, 13 TO 16, INCLUSIVE.

ESSEX STREET—LAYING CEMENT SIDEWALKS, EAST SIDE, BETWEEN LIBERTY AND GLENMORE AVENUES. AREA OF ASSESSMENT: EAST SIDE OF ESSEX STREET, BETWEEN LIBERTY AND GLENMORE AVENUES, ON BLOCK 366, LOTS NOS. 38, 21, 27, 28 AND 29.

ESSEX STREET—LAYING CEMENT SIDEW

to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating avenues.

SEVENTY-THIRD STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND LAYING SIDEWALKS, between Third and Fourth avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Seventy-third street, from Third avenue to Fourth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting and terminating avenues.

—that the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessors on January 7, 1904, and entered on January 8, 1904, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, and unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 1019 of said Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides that "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof on the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated to the date of payment from the date when such assessment became a lien, as provided by section 159 of this act."

Section 159 of this act provides "An assessment shall become a lien upon the real estate affected thereby ten days after its entry in the said record."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, at the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents, in the Municipal Building, Borough of Brooklyn, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. until 12 m., and all payments made thereon on or before March 8, 1904, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date when the above assessments became liens to the date of payment.

EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, January 8, 1904. 19,22

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CITY OF NEW YORK, March 26, 1903.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND UNLESS otherwise directed in any special case, one surety company will be accepted as sufficient upon all contracts for supplies for furniture, and for gas and electric lighting to any amount, and upon the following contracts to the amounts named:

For supplies and furniture, with patented articles	\$5,000
Regulating, grading, paving (other than asphalt)	
Not over 2 years	15,000
Over 2 years	5,000
School building repairs	10,000
Heating and lighting apparatus	5,000
New buildings—New docks	25,000
Sewers—Dredging and water mains	
Not over 2 years	10,000
Over 2 years	5,000

EDWARD M. GROUT, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES, PIER "A," FOOT OF BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED by the Commissioner of Docks at the above office until 2 o'clock P. M., on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1904.

Borough of Manhattan.

CONTRACT NO. 801 (CLASS 2).

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING RIP-RAP STONE.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is on or before the expiration of 80 calendar days.

The amount of security required is Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

CONTRACT NO. 826.

FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING SAWED NEW YELLOW PINE.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is on or before the expiration of 90 calendar days.

The amount of security required is Four Thousand Dollars.

The bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum for each contract.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the said Department.

MAURICE FEATHERSON,

Commissioner of Docks.

Dated JANUARY 13th, 1904. J. S. A.

See General Instructions for Bidders on the last column of the last page of the "City Record."

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Estimate and Appportionment of The City of New York, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to change the map or plan of The City of New York so as to lay out and establish grades of East Two Hundred and Forty-first street (Becker avenue), from the New York and Harlem Railroad to the centre line of the Bronx river, as an approach to the bridge over the Bronx river opposite Wakefield, City of Yonkers, Twenty-fourth Ward, in the Borough of the Bronx, City of New York on the 29th day of January, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., at which such proposed change will be considered by said Board, all of which is more particularly set forth and described in the following resolutions, adopted by the Board on January 15, 1904, notice of the adoption of which is hereby given, viz.:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Appportionment of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 442 of the Greater New York Charter as amended, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to change the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and establishing grades of East Two Hundred and Forty-first street (Becker avenue), from the New York and Harlem Railroad to the centre line of the Bronx river, as an approach to the bridge over the Bronx river opposite Wakefield, City of Yonkers, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of the Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows:

1. Location of Street.

The centre line of East Two Hundred and Forty-first street, from the New York and Harlem Railroad to the Bronx river to be in the prolongation westerly of the centre line of Becker avenue, as the same is

located on the ground from White Plains road to First street.

1. The width of the street to be 100 feet.

2. Grades of East Two Hundred and Forty-first Street. The elevation of East Two Hundred and Forty-first street at the western property line of the New York and Harlem Railroad to be 68 feet above mean high-water datum.

The elevation at the intersection of the northern line of East Two Hundred and Forty-first street with the eastern line of the Bronx river, which point is 311.36 feet westerly of the New York and Harlem Railroad, to be 71 feet above mean high-water datum.

Resolved, That the President of the Borough of The Bronx cause to be prepared for submission to this Board three similar maps or plans for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed change and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established streets, roads, squares, or places, sufficient for the identification and location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed change at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the Old Council Chamber (Room 16), City Hall, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 29th day of January, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions and a notice to all persons affected thereby that the proposed change will be considered at a meeting of the Board, to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 29th day of January, 1904.

J. H. MOONEY,
Assistant Secretary.
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OFFICIAL PAPERS.

Morning—"The American," "The Morning Telegraph."

Evening—"The Evening Journal," "The Daily News."

Weekly—"The Freeman's Journal," "The New York Reality Journal."

German—"The New Yorker Herald."

Designated by the Board of City Record, January 19, 1904.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, MAIN OFFICE, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NO. 280 BROADWAY, STEWART BUILDING, JANUARY 8, 1904.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, AS REQUIRED by the Greater New York Charter, that the books called "The Annual Record of the Assessed Valuation of Real and Personal Estate of the Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond, comprising The City of New York" will be open for examination and correction on the second Monday of January, and will remain open until the FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 1904.

During the time that the books are open to public inspection, application may be made by any person or corporation claiming to be aggrieved by the assessed valuation of real or personal estate to have the same corrected.

In the Borough of Manhattan, at the main office of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, No. 280 Broadway.

In the Borough of The Bronx, at the office of the Department, Municipal Building, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Third avenue.

In the Borough of Brooklyn, at the office of the Department, Municipal Building.

In the Borough of Queens, at the office of the Department, Hackett Building, Jackson avenue and Fifth street, Long Island City.

In the Borough of Richmond, at the office of the Department, Masonic Building, Stapleton.

Corporations in all the Boroughs must make application only in the main office in the Borough of Manhattan.

Applications in relation to the assessed valuation of personal estate must be made by the person assessed at the office of the Department in the Borough where such person resides, and in the case of a non-resident carrying on business in The City of New York, at the office of the Department of the Borough where such place of business is located, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., except on Saturday, when all applications must be made between 10 a. m. and 12 noon.

FRANK A. O'DONNELL, President,

JAMES B. BOUCK, Vice-President,

JOHN J. BRADY, Secretary,

EDWARD TODD, Treasurer,

SAMUEL STRASBOURGER, Commissioner of Taxes and Assessments.

J. S. A.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, THIRD FLOOR OF THE BOROUGH HALL, FIFTH STREET AND JACKSON AVENUE, LONG ISLAND CITY, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED by the President of the Borough of Queens, at the above office, until 12 o'clock A. M., on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1904.

No. 1. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER IN SEVENTH STREET, FROM ORCHARD STREET TO LUDLOW AVENUE, SECOND WARD.

600 linear feet of brick sewer, 2 feet 6 inches, circular.

890 linear feet of 8-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

510 linear feet of 10-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

35 linear feet of 12-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

17 manholes, complete.

30 cubic yards rock excavated and removed.

10,000 B. M. feet timber for bracing and sheet piling.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is 60 days.

The amount of security required is Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Appportionment of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 442 of the Greater New York Charter as amended, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to change the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and establishing grades of East Two Hundred and Forty-first street (Becker avenue), from the New York and Harlem Railroad to the centre line of the Bronx river, as an approach to the bridge over the Bronx river opposite Wakefield, City of Yonkers, Twenty-fourth Ward, in the Borough of the Bronx, City of New York on the 29th day of January, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., at which such proposed change will be considered by said Board, all of which is more particularly set forth and described in the following resolutions, adopted by the Board on January 15, 1904, notice of the adoption of which is hereby given, viz.:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Appportionment of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 442 of the Greater New York Charter as amended, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to change the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and establishing grades of East Two Hundred and Forty-first street (Becker avenue), from the New York and Harlem Railroad to the centre line of the Bronx river, as an approach to the bridge over the Bronx river opposite Wakefield, City of Yonkers, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of the Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows:

1. Location of Street.

The centre line of East Two Hundred and Forty-first street, from the New York and Harlem Railroad to the Bronx river to be in the prolongation westerly of the centre line of Becker avenue, as the same is

No. 3. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER IN LUDLOW AVENUE, BETWEEN WHITNEY AVENUE AND EIGHTH STREET, AND IN EIGHTH STREET, BETWEEN LUDLOW AVENUE AND LAMONT AVENUE, SECOND WARD.

520 linear feet, 8-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

980 linear feet 2-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

1,105 linear feet 15-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

16 manholes, complete.

50 cubic yards rock excavated and removed.

10,000 B. M. feet timber for bracing and sheet piling.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is by or before 60 days.

The amount of security required is Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

No. 4. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER IN FOURTH STREET, BETWEEN ORCHARD AND LUDLOW AVENUES, SECOND WARD.

490 linear feet 12-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

1,054 linear feet 8-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

12 manholes, complete.

25 cubic yards rock excavated and removed.

5,000 B. M. feet timber for bracing and sheet piling.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is by or before 30 days.

The amount of security required is One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

No. 5. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER IN NINTH STREET, FROM ELMHURST AVENUE TO A POINT 350 FEET SOUTH OF LAMONT AVENUE, IN TENTH STREET, FROM ELMHURST AVENUE TO A POINT 125 FEET SOUTH OF LAMONT AVENUE, SECOND WARD.

1,250 linear feet 8-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

45 linear feet 12-inch vitrified salt-glazed sewer pipe.

9 manholes, complete.

50 cubic yards rock excavated and removed.

5,000 B. M. feet timber for bracing and sheet piling.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is by or before 30 days.

The amount of security required is One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

No. 6. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER IN ELEVENTH STREET, BETWEEN ELMHURST AND LAMONT AVENUES, SECOND WARD.

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CLOCKS AND MAINTENANCE OF SAME IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1 TO 9, 11 TO 24, 27, 29, 31 TO 39, 43 AND 44 TO 80, INCLUSIVE, BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

The time allowed to complete the whole work will be 30 working days.

The amount of security required is Thirty (30) Per Cent. of the amount bid.

On Contracts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 the bids will be compared and the contracts awarded in a lump sum to the lowest bidder on each contract.

On Contracts Nos. 4 and 6 the bidders must state the price of each or any article or item contained in the specifications or schedules herein contained or hereto annexed, by which the bids will be tested. The extensions must be made and footed up, as the bids will be read from the total of each item and award made to the lowest bidder on each item.

Del very will be required to be made at the time and manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms may be obtained and the plans and drawings may be seen at the office of the Superintendent at Estimating Room, Hall of the Board of Education, Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street, Borough of Manhattan, also at branch office, No. 69 Broadway, Flushing, Borough of Queens.

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

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DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

MAIN OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, ROOM 1421, NOS. 13-21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning at the above office until 2 o'clock P. M., on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1904,

Borough of Brooklyn.

CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING SIXTY SETS SINGLE CART HARNESS.

The time for the delivery of the articles and the performance of the contract is 30 days.

The amount of security required is fifty per cent. (50%) of the amount of the bid or estimate.

The bidder will state the price of each article contained in the specifications, by which the bids will be tested. The bids will be read from the total and awards made to the lowest bidder.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13-21 Park row.

JOHN McG. WOODBURY,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated JANUARY 18, 1904. 119, f3

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

MAIN OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, ROOM 1421, NOS. 13-21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning at the above office until 2 o'clock P. M., on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1904.

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ONE HUNDRED SETS SINGLE CART HARNESS.

The time for the delivery of the articles and the performance of the contract is 45 days.

The amount of security required is fifty per cent. (50%) of the amount of the bid or estimate.

The bidder will state the price of each article contained in the specifications, by which the bids will be tested. The bids will be read from the total and awards made to the lowest bidder.

Delivery will be required to be made at the time and in the manner and in such quantities as may be directed.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13-21 Park row.

JOHN McG. WOODBURY,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated JANUARY 18, 1904. 119, f3

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last page, last column, of the "City Record."

MAIN OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, ROOM 1421, NOS. 13-21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE RECEIVED by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning at the above office until 2 o'clock P. M., on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1904.

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR TOWING S'WS AND UNLOADING THEM AT RIKER'S ISLAND.

The time for the completion of the work and the full performance of the contract is one year.

The amount of security required is thirty thousand dollars. Bids will be compared and the contract awarded at a lump or aggregate sum.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on a solvent banking corporation in the city, payable to the order of the Comptroller of The City of New York, for five per centum of the amount for which the work bid for is proposed in one year to be performed.

From the bids received the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may select the bid the acceptance of which will, in his judgment, best secure the efficient performance of the work, or he may reject any or all of said bids.

Blank forms and further information may be obtained at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 13-21 Park row.

JOHN McG. WOODBURY,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dated January 21, 1904.

See General Instructions to Bidders on the last column of the last page of the "City Record."

ASHES, ETC., FOR FILLING IN LANDS.

PERSONS HAVING LANDS OR PLACES in the vicinity of New York Bay to fill in can procure material for that purpose—ashes, street sweepings, etc., collected by the Department of Street Cleaning—free of charge by applying to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Nos. 13 to 21 Park Row, Borough of Manhattan.

JOHN McGAW WOODBURY,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

SUPREME COURT.

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of Docks, relative to acquiring right and title to and possession of certain uplands, and lands, wharf property, wharfage rights, terms, easements, emoluments, and privileges necessary to be taken for the improvement of the water front of The City of New York, on

the North river, between WEST FIFTEENTH AND WEST EIGHTEENTH STREETS, and the easterly side of the marginal street, wharf or place adopted by the Board of Docks and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the North river, pursuant to the plan heretofore adopted by the Board of Docks, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY virtue of two certain orders of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, duly filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, Henry Thompson, Emanuel W. Bloomingdale and John H. Judge were appointed Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled proceeding.

Notice is further given, pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, that the said Henry Thompson, Emanuel W. Bloomingdale and John H. Judge will attend at a Special Term, Part II, of said Court, to be held at the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 3d day of February, 1904, at the opening of the Court on that day, for the purpose of being examined under oath by the Corporation Counsel of The City of New York, or by any person having an interest in said proceeding, as to their qualifications to act as such Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in this proceeding.

Dated, JANUARY 19, 1904.

JOHN J. DELANY,
Corporation Counsel,
No. 2 Tryon row,
Borough of Manhattan,
City of New York.
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SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the opening and extending of OCEAN AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Rockaway road to Old South road, in the Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY AN order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, bearing date the 5th day of December, 1903, and filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, on the 22d day of December, 1903, Henry A. Monfort, Carrington G. Arnold and William C. Woodburn were appointed Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled proceeding.

Notice is further given, pursuant to statute in such case made and provided, that the said Henry A. Monfort, Carrington G. Arnold and William C. Woodburn will attend at a Special Term of said Court to be held at the County Court House in Long Island City, Borough of Queens, City of New York, on the 6th day of February, 1904, at the opening of the Court on that day, for the purpose of being examined under oath by the Corporation Counsel of The City of New York, or by any person having an interest in said proceeding, as to their qualifications to act as such Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in this proceeding.

Dated, JANUARY 21, 1904.

JOHN J. DELANY,
Corporation Counsel,
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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

In the matter of the application and petition of Michael T. Daly, Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York under chapter 189 of the Laws of 1893, for the purpose of providing for the sanitary protection of the sources of the water supply of The City of New York.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, Robert E. Deyo and Frederick W. Wilson, Commissioners of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter, will make an application to the Supreme Court of the Second Judicial District, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Judges' Chambers, in the City of New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York, on the 30th day of January, 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard for the appointment of a Commissioner of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter in the place and stead of Joseph F. Barnard, who was formerly a Commissioner of Appraisal in this matter and who is now deceased.

Dated NEW YORK CITY, January 14, 1904.

ROBERT E. DEYO,
FREDERICK W. WILSON,
Commissioners of Appraisal.

Office and Post-office address for the purpose of this application, office of
JOHN J. DELANY,
Corporation Counsel,
No. 2 Tryon Row,
Borough of Manhattan,
New York.
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FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to WEST ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Edscombe avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department, at a Special Term thereof, Part I, to be held at the County Court-house, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on the 2d day of February, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 990 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1902.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, January 19, 1904.

CHARLES A. JACKSON,
THOS. J. BROWN,
CHAS. C. MARRIN,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN,
Clerk.
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SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of PALMER AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority) from Richmond avenue to Heberton avenue, in the Third Ward, Borough of Richmond, City of New York.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, COMMISSIONERS of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to all

persons interested in this proceeding, and to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved and unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises affected thereby and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, on or before the 27th day of January, 1904, and that we the said Commissioners will hear parties so objecting, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on the 30th day of January, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, proofs and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department of The City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in said city, there to remain until the 6th day of February, 1904.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Richmond, in The City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at the intersection of the northwesterly side of Decker avenue with the southeasterly prolongation of that part of the middle line of the block between Palmer avenue and Hatfield place, extending from Richmond avenue to Heberton avenue; running thence northwesterly along the said southeasterly prolongation and middle line of the block between Palmer avenue and Hatfield place and its prolongation northwardly to its intersection with a line parallel to and distant 200 feet northwestwardly from the northwesterly side of Richmond avenue; thence northeasterly along the last mentioned parallel line to its intersection with the northwesterly prolongation of the middle line of the blocks between Palmer avenue and Post avenue; thence southeasterly along the last mentioned northwesterly prolongation and middle line of the blocks between Palmer avenue and Post avenue to the northwesterly side of Decker avenue; thence southwesterly along the northwesterly side of Decker avenue to the point or place of beginning; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads or portions thereof heretofore legally opened as such area is shown on our benefit maps deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department, at a Special Term thereof, for the hearing of motions, to be held in the County Court House, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on the 24th day of March, 1904, at the opening of the Court on that day.

Dated BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, December 30, 1903.

SIDNEY F. RAWSON,
Chairman;
WILLIAM A. SHORT,
AUGUSTUS ACKER,
Commissioners.

JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.
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on the 23d day of March, 1903, and duly filed in the office of the Clerk of Kings County, a copy of which order was filed in the office of the Register of the County of Kings on the 24th day of March, 1903, and indexed in the Index of Conveyances, in Section No. 16, Blocks 5318, 5319, 5327, 5328, 5337, 5338, 5336, 5335, 5337, 5374, 5388, 5389, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate of the loss or damage, if any, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons entitled to or interested in the lands and premises to be taken for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office in the Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department, No. 166 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owner or claimants may desire, within twenty days after date of this notice.

All parties and persons interested in the lands and premises taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office in the Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department, No. 166 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owner or claimants may desire, within twenty days after date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 28th day of January, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto; and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The City of New York.

Dated BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK, December 28, 1903.

LEWIS L. FAUCETT,
WALTER L. DURACK,
WILLIAM H. P. CONKLIN,
Commissioners.

purpose of making a just and equitable assessment of the benefit of said street or avenue so to be opened to the respective owners, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the lands and premises, and not required for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the district benefited by said assessment, and the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts and parcels of land participating in said benefit, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by title 4 of chapter 17 of the Charter of The City of New York, and the acts or parts of acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the lands and premises taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office in the Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department, No. 166 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owner or claimants may desire, within twenty days after date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 27th day of January, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto; and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The City of New York.

Dated BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK, December 28, 1903.

FREDERICK P. BELLAMY,
REESE B. GWILLIM,
EUGENE B. HOWELL,
Commissioners.

CHAS. S. TABER, Clerk. d31,j24

the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office in the Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department, No. 166 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owner or claimants may desire, within twenty days after date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 25th day of January, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto; and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The City of New York.

Dated BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK, December 28, 1903.

ALBERT A. WRAY,
W. WATSON,
PETER BOGERT,
Commissioners.

CHAS. S. TABER, Clerk. d31,j24

FIRST DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of Docks, relative to acquiring right and title to and possession of certain lands, lands under water, lands under water filled in, wharf property, wharfage rights, terms, easements, emoluments and privileges necessary to be taken for the improvement of the water front of The City of New York on the North river, between WEST FORTY-FIRST AND WEST FORTY-SECOND STREETS extended, pursuant to the plan heretofore adopted by the Board of Docks, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY AN order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, bearing date the 30th day of December, 1903, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York on the same day, Benno Lewinson, Frederic C. Wagner and John C. Coleman were appointed Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled proceeding.

Notice is further given pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided that the said Benno Lewinson, Frederic C. Wagner and John C. Coleman will attend at a Special Term, Part II., of said Court, to be held at the County Court-house in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 25th day of January, 1904, at the opening of the Court on that day, for the purpose of being examined under oath by the Corporation Counsel of The City of New York, or by any person having an interest in said proceeding, as to their qualifications to act as Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in this proceeding.

Dated, JANUARY 12, 1904.

JOHN J. DELANY,
Corporation Counsel,
No. 2 Tryon Row,
Borough of Manhattan,
New York City.

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title to the lands, tenuements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EIGHTY-THIRD STREET, from Tenth avenue to Stewart avenue, and from Fourth avenue to the Shore road, in the Thirtieth Ward, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held for the hearing of motions, at the Kings County Court-house, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, on the 27th day of January, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by the provisions of section 399 of title 4 of chapter 17, of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1877, as amended by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901.

Dated BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, January 15, 1904.

JAS. F. QUIGLEY,
CORNELIUS VAN BRUNT,
P. F. W. RUTHER,
Commissioners.

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SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title to ENGER AVENUE, between Graham avenue and Manhattan avenue, in the Seventeenth Ward, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, the undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, made and entered herein on the 25th day of May, 1903, and duly filed in the office of the Clerk of Kings County, a copy of which order was filed in the office of the Register of the County of Kings on the 27th day of May, 1903, and indexed in the Index of Conveyances, in Section No. 9, Blocks 2698, 2699, 2701, 2713, 2714, 2715, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate of the loss and damage, if any, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons entitled to or interested in the lands and premises to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, as particularly described in the petition of The City of New York, filed with said order in the office of the Clerk of Kings County, and for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate of the loss or damage, if any, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons entitled to or interested in the lands and premises to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, as particularly described in the petition of The City of New York, filed with said order in the office of the Clerk of Kings County, and for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate of the loss and damage, if any, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons entitled to or interested in the lands and premises, and not required for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the district benefited by said assessment, and the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts and parcels of land participating in said benefit, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by title 4 of chapter 17 of the Charter of The City of New York, and the acts or parts of acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the lands and premises taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office in the Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department, No. 166 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owner or claimants may desire, within twenty days after date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 25th day of January, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto; and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The City of New York.

All parties and persons interested in the lands and premises taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present

January, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto; and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The City of New York.

Dated BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK, December 28, 1903.

JOHN T. BLADEN,
WM. W. CARNER,
GRANVILLE W. HARMAN,
Commissioners.

CHAS. S. TABER, Clerk. d31,j24

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title to STARR STREET, from Knickerbocker avenue to St. Nicholas avenue, with the exception of that portion which lies within the limits of the property of the Long Island Railroad, in the Twenty-seventh Ward, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, the undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, made and entered herein on the 25th day of May, 1903, and duly filed in the office of the Clerk of Kings County, a copy of which order was filed in the office of the Register of the County of Kings on the 27th day of May, 1903, and indexed in the Index of Conveyances, in Section No. 18, Blocks 6054, 6055, 6070, 6071, 6091, 6092, 6141, 6142, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate of the loss or damage, if any, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons entitled to or interested in the lands and premises to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, as particularly described in the petition of The City of New York, filed with said order in the office of the Clerk of Kings County, and for the purpose of making a just and equitable assessment of the benefit of said street or avenue so to be opened, to the respective owners, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the lands and premises, and not required for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the district benefited by said assessment, and the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts and parcels of land participating in said benefit, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by title 4 of chapter 17 of the Charter of The City of New York, and the acts or parts of acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the lands and premises taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office in the Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department, No. 166 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owner or claimants may desire, within twenty days after date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 26th day of January, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto; and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The City of New York.

Dated BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK, December 28, 1903.

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

In the matter of the application of The City of New York, relative to acquiring title to DAHLGREEN PLACE, from Eighty-sixth street to the United States Government Reservation, in the Thirtieth Ward of the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, the undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, made and entered herein on the 25th day of May, 1903, and duly filed in the office of the Clerk of Kings County, a copy of which order was filed in the office of the Register of the County of Kings on the 27th day of May, 1903, and indexed in the Index of Conveyances, in Section No. 18, Blocks 6054, 6055, 6070, 6071, 6091, 6092, 6141, 6142, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate of the loss or damage, if any, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons entitled to or interested in the lands and premises to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, as particularly described in the petition of The City of New York, filed with said order in the office of the Clerk of Kings County, and for the purpose of making a just and equitable assessment of the benefit of said street or avenue so to be opened, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the lands and premises, and not required for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the district benefited by said assessment, and the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts and parcels of land participating in said benefit, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by title 4 of chapter 17 of the Charter of The City of New York, and the acts or parts of acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the lands and premises taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office in the Bureau of Street Openings of the Law Department, No. 166 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owner or claimants may desire, within twenty days after date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 26th day of January, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto; and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The City of New York.

Dated BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, THE CITY OF NEW YORK, December 28, 1903.

CROMWELL G. MACY,
R. S. CORTEYOU,
JAMES J. McINERNEY,
Commissioners.

CHAS. S. TABER, Clerk. d31,j24

PROPOSALS FOR BIDS AND ESTIMATES FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. The person or persons making a bid or estimate for any services, work, materials or supplies for The City of New York, or for any of its departments, bureaus or offices, shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed with the title of the supplies, materials, work or services for which the bid or estimate is made, with his or their name or names and the date of presentation to the President or Board or to the head of the Department at his or its office, on or before the date and hour named in the advertisement for the same, at which time and place the estimates received will be publicly opened by the President or Board or head of said Department and read, and the award of the contract made according to law as soon thereafter as practicable.

Each bid or estimate shall contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and, if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also, that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Board of Aldermen, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of The City of New York is, shall be or become interested, directly or indirectly, as contracting party, partner, stockholder, surety or otherwise in or in the performance of the contract, or in the supplies, work or business to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate that the several matters stated herein are in all respects true.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in The City of New York, or of a guaranty or surety company duly authorized by law to act as surety, and shall contain the matter set forth in the blank forms mentioned below.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless, as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposal, it be accompanied by a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the bond required, as provided in section 420 of the Greater New York Charter.

The certified check or money should not be inclosed in the envelope containing the bid or estimate, but should be either inclosed in a separate envelope addressed to the head of the Department, President or Board, or submitted personally upon the presentation of the bid or estimate.

For particulars as to the quantity and quality of the supplies, or the nature and extent of the work, reference must be made to the specifications, schedules, plans, etc., on file in the said office of the President, Board or Department.

No bid shall be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to The City of New York upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the City.

The contract must be bid for separately. The right is reserved in each case to reject all bids or estimates if it is deemed to be for the interest of the City so to do.

Bidders will write out the amount of their bids or estimates in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Bidders are requested to make their bids or estimates upon the blank forms prepared and furnished by the City, a copy of which, with the proper envelope in which to inclose the bid, together with a copy of the contract, including the specifications, in the form approved by the Corporation Counsel, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department for which the work is to be done. Plans and drawings of construction work may also be seen there.

ISAAC F. RUSSELL,
WALDO R. BLACKWELL,
E. V. MORRISON,
Commissioners.

CHAS. S. TABER, Clerk. d31,j24