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MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, January 3, 1898, }
12 o'clock M. }

Pursuant to section 22 of the Charter of the City of New York, the Councilmen elected at the election held November 2, 1897, appeared at the Council Chamber, No. 16 City Hall, at 12 o'clock M., precisely, having previously taken and filed the oath of office required by law. Randolph Guggenheimer, President of the Council, elected pursuant to section 18 of chapter 2 of the Charter of the City of New York for a term of four years, called the Council to order.

By Councilman Hart—
Resolved, That P. J. Scully be and he is hereby appointed Temporary Clerk of this Body.
Carried unanimously.

The President instructed the Clerk to read the following certificate of the Board of Police Commissioners:

DECLARATION OF THE BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN RELATION TO VOTE GIVEN FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

The Board of Police Commissioners of the City of New York, having met on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 20th days of December, 1897, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 381 of the Laws of 1897, as the City Board of Canvassers of the City of New York, as constituted by the Greater New York Charter, and canvassed the certified statements of the Boards of County Canvassers of the Counties of New York, Kings, Queens and Richmond, of the votes cast at the election held on the second day of November, A. D. 1897, for municipal officers in the City of New York, so constituted, do hereby certify, determine and declare:

That Thomas F. Foley, John T. Oakley, Martin Engel, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the First District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Frank J. Goodwin, Charles F. Allen, Patrick J. Ryder, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the Second District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Harry C. Hart, George B. Christman, John J. Murphy, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the Third District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Eugene A. Wise, Stewart M. Brice, Herman Sulzer, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the Fourth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That William J. Hyland, Adolph C. Hottenroth, Bernard C. Murray, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the Fifth District, in the Borough of the Bronx.

That Charles H. Francisco, Francis F. Williams, Conrad H. Hester, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Adam H. Leich, Henry French, Charles H. Ebbets, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the Seventh District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That John J. McGarry, William A. Doyle, Martin F. Conly, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That David L. Van Nostrand, Joseph Cassidy, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the Ninth District, in the Borough of Queens.

That Joseph F. O'Grady, Benjamin J. Bodine, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Councilmen for the Tenth District, in the Borough of Richmond.

PRESENT:

Hon. Randolph Guggenheimer, President.

COUNCILMEN

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| John T. Oakley, Vice-Chairman, Thomas F. Foley, Martin Engel, Frank J. Goodwin, Charles F. Allen, Patrick J. Ryder, Harry C. Hart, George B. Christman, John J. Murphy, | Eugene A. Wise, Stewart M. Brice, Herman Sulzer, William J. Hyland, Adolph C. Hottenroth, Bernard C. Murray, Charles H. Francisco, Francis F. Williams, Conrad H. Hester, Adam H. Leich, | Henry French, Charles H. Ebbets, John J. McGarry, William A. Doyle, Martin F. Conly, David L. Van Nostrand, Joseph Cassidy, Joseph F. O'Grady, Benjamin J. Bodine. |
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The President here instructed the Clerk to call the roll of members, as provided by section 23 of the Charter of the City of New York, when each member was to announce his choice for Vice-Chairman.

Which proceeding resulted as follows:

For John T. Oakley—The President, Councilmen Foley, Engel, Goodwin, Allen, Ryder, Hart, Christman, Murphy, Wise, Brice, Sulzer, Hyland, Hottenroth, Murray, Hester, French, Ebbets, McGarry, Doyle, Conly, Van Nostrand, Cassidy, O'Grady, and Bodine—26.

On motion of Councilman Francisco the election of John T. Oakley, as Vice-Chairman, was made unanimous.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman Goodwin—
Resolved, That P. J. Scully be and he is hereby appointed Clerk of the Council of the City of New York.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Foley, Engel, Goodwin, Allen, Ryder, Hart, Christman, Murphy, Wise, Brice, Sulzer, Hyland, Hottenroth, Murray, Hester, French, Ebbets, McGarry, Doyle, Conly, Van Nostrand, Cassidy, O'Grady, and Bodine—26.

On motion of Councilman Williams, the appointment of P. J. Scully as Clerk was made unanimous.

By Councilman Foley—
Resolved, That Michael C. Padden be and he is hereby elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Council of the City of New York.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Foley, Engel, Goodwin, Allen, Ryder, Hart, Christman, Murphy, Wise, Brice, Sulzer, Hyland, Hottenroth, Murray, Hester, French, Ebbets, McGarry, Doyle, Conly, Van Nostrand, Cassidy, O'Grady and Bodine—26.

On motion of Councilman Leich, the election of Michael C. Padden as Sergeant-at-Arms was made unanimous.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President then delivered his inaugural address.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Councilman Allen—
Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed by the President to inform his Honor the Mayor that the Council of the City of New York for the years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901 has been duly organized to transact public business, and that it is ready to receive any message he may desire to communicate.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President appointed as such committee Councilmen Allen, Leich, Ebbets, Bodine, Van Nostrand, and Murray.

By Councilman Ryder—

Resolved, That this Council do now take a recess for ten minutes to enable the Committee appointed by the President to wait upon his Honor the Mayor.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

AFTER RECESS.

PRESENT:

Hon. Randolph Guggenheimer, President.

COUNCILMEN

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| John T. Oakley, Vice-Chairman, Thomas F. Foley, Martin Engel, Frank J. Goodwin, Charles F. Allen, Patrick J. Ryder, Harry C. Hart, George B. Christman, John J. Murphy, | Eugene A. Wise, Stewart M. Brice, Herman Sulzer, William J. Hyland, Adolph C. Hottenroth, Bernard C. Murray, Charles H. Francisco, Francis F. Williams, Conrad H. Hester, Adam H. Leich, | Henry French, Charles H. Ebbets, John J. McGarry, William A. Doyle, Martin F. Conly, David L. Van Nostrand, Joseph Cassidy, Joseph F. O'Grady, Benjamin J. Bodine. |
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Councilman Allen, as Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon his Honor the Mayor, reported that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them, and that his Honor the Mayor would immediately communicate with the Council.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Council the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 3, 1898. }

To the Honorable the Municipal Assembly:

Among the duties devolved upon the Mayor by section 115 of the Charter is the requirement "To communicate to the Municipal Assembly, at least once in each year, a general statement of the finances, government and improvements of the city," and while this particular duty might be more satisfactorily and intelligently discharged at a later period, the precedents generally, if not without exception, justify the expectation of a message from the Mayor at the very outset of his administration.

FINANCES.

As to the financial condition of the city I can only submit, for your information and consideration, the figures furnished me by the Comptrollers of the cities of New York and Brooklyn (as formerly constituted), and by the financial officers of the Boroughs of Richmond and Queens.

BOROUGHES OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

Statement Showing Classification of Debt, the Gross Funded Debt and Net Funded Debt, Outstanding December 31, 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897.

| CLASSIFICATION OF FUNDED DEBT. | AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1894. | AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1895. | AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1896. | AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1897. |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Payable from the Sinking Fund, under ordinances of the Common Council. | \$4,267,200 00 | \$5,512,100 00 | \$2,500,600 00 | \$2,500,600 00 |
| 2. Payable from the Sinking Fund, under provisions of chapter 383, section 6, Laws of 1878, and section 177, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882. | 9,700,000 00 | 9,700,000 00 | 9,700,000 00 | 9,700,000 00 |
| 3. Payable from the Sinking Fund, under provisions of chapter 383, section 3, Laws of 1878, and section 192, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as amended by chapter 178, Laws of 1889. | 59,283,892 98 | 69,832,221 12 | 88,584,604 44 | 112,263,894 70 |
| 4. Payable from the Sinking Fund, under provisions of chapter 79, Laws of 1889. | 9,808,100 00 | 9,810,100 00 | 9,812,100 00 | 9,823,100 00 |
| 5. Payable from the Sinking Fund, under provisions of the Constitutional Amendment adopted November 4, 1884. | 31,637,500 00 | 33,670,000 00 | 38,770,000 00 | 41,977,000 00 |
| 6. Payable from taxation. | 445,000 00 | 445,000 00 | 445,000 00 | 445,000 00 |
| 7. Payable from taxation, under the several statutes authorizing their issue. | 49,745,346 05 | 49,598,246 05 | 35,273,302 87 | 34,531,602 87 |
| 8. Bonds issued for local improvements after June 9, 1880. | 8,598,042 29 | 9,355,429 91 | 9,718,448 61 | 10,600,536 21 |
| 9. Debt of the Annexed Territory of Westchester County. | 506,000 00 | 490,500 00 | 477,000 00 | 463,000 00 |
| 10. Debt of the Annexed Territory (chapter 934, Laws of 1895). | | 175,000 00 | 616,134 27 | 713,300 00 |
| *11. Special Revenue Bonds. | | | | 1,461,645 01 |
| Total Funded Debt. | \$173,991,081 32 | \$185,588,597 08 | \$195,907,690 19 | \$224,479,678 79 |
| Deduct Sinking Fund Investments for Redemption of Debt. | 69,712,260 51 | 75,703,087 63 | 77,630,491 53 | |
| Not including \$515,893.58 cash on deposit in 1897. | | | | 85,654,317 52 |
| Net Funded Debt. | \$104,278,820 81 | \$109,885,509 45 | \$118,277,198 56 | \$138,825,361 27 |

* While the bonds have always been classified as temporary debt, it has been claimed lately in the Rapid Transit litigation, and probably correctly, that as they are redeemed out of the tax levy of the year succeeding the year of their issue, they do not fall within the exception in section 10 of article 8 of the Constitution, and that they should be included with the Funded Debt for the purpose of ascertaining what the City's margin of indebtedness is.

The following is a Classification of Bonds and Stocks issued in 1897, to date (except Revenue Bonds) showing the purposes for which they were issued:

FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

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| Armory Bonds. | \$55,000 00 |
| American Museum of Natural History. | 155,000 00 |
| Criminal Court-house Bonds. | 35,000 00 |
| Seventh District Court-house and Prison, etc. | 14,485 00 |
| Buildings for Insane, Ward's Island and Central Islip. | 300 00 |
| Police Department Bonds for Sites and Buildings. | 34,000 00 |
| Court-house for Appellate Division, Supreme Court. | 447,025 65 |
| Public Building, Crotona Park, for Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. | 65,111 00 |
| Fire Department Bonds, for Sites and Buildings. | 600,000 00 |
| Department of Correction Buildings. | 300,000 00 |
| Department of Public Charities Buildings. | 768,175 00 |
| New Hall of Records. | 105,100 00 |
| Ambulance Station, etc., Seventeenth street. | 50,000 00 |

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| Hospital Building, Gouverneur Slip..... | \$65,000 00 |
| Building for Public Health and Comfort..... | 25,000 00 |
| Public Bath, Rivington street..... | 30,000 00 |
| Botanical Museum..... | 125,000 00 |
| | \$2,874,196 65 |

FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION.

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| School house Bonds..... | \$6,234,053 83 |
| Sanitary Improvement, School-house Bonds..... | 9,209 00 |
| College of the City of New York..... | 350,000 00 |
| High School Bonds..... | 5,000 00 |
| | 6,598,262 83 |

FOR DOCKS AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE WATER FRONT.

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| Dock Bonds..... | \$3,000,000 00 |
| Additional Dock Bonds..... | 2,000,000 00 |
| | 5,000,000 00 |

FOR CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PARKS AND PARKWAYS.

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| Morningside Park..... | \$9,500 00 |
| Riverside Park and Drive..... | 69,500 00 |
| Central Park..... | 500 00 |
| Public Park, One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, First avenue and East river..... | 58,695 39 |
| Public Park, Twelfth Ward, One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, Edgecombe and Bradhurst avenues..... | 30,625 75 |
| St. John's Park—Construction..... | 35,000 00 |
| Construction and Improvement of Parkways..... | 90,000 00 |
| Improvement of Public Parks, Parkways and Drives..... | 139,000 00 |
| New Park, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... | 1,000 00 |
| East River Park..... | 15,000 00 |
| Public Park, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, Ninth and Tenth avenues..... | 16,696 32 |
| Public Park in Eleventh Ward, Houston street, etc..... | 23,709 02 |
| Fort Washington Park..... | 867,310 08 |
| Public Park, Hester, Essex and Division streets..... | 16,560 86 |
| Spuyten Duyvil Parkway..... | 55,000 00 |
| | 1,428,097 42 |

FOR BRIDGES.

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| New East River Bridge..... | \$73,255 56 |
| Bridge over Harlem river at First avenue..... | 150,000 00 |
| Bridge over Harlem river, at Third avenue..... | 226,537 70 |
| Bridge over Harlem river at Third avenue, land for approaches..... | 1,033,479 91 |
| Bridge over Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street..... | 100,000 00 |
| Bridge over Harlem Ship Canal..... | 36,573 00 |
| Bridge over Harlem river, Broadway and Kingsbridge road..... | 45,000 00 |
| Bridge over Bronx river..... | 50,000 00 |
| Bridge connecting Pelham Bay Park and City Island..... | 35,000 00 |
| | 1,749,846 17 |

FOR PAVING AND REPAVING.

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| Repaving Streets and Avenues (New York City)..... | \$1,920,000 00 |
| Repaving Roads, Streets and Avenues, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... | 405,425 00 |
| Repaving Third avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to Northern Boundary Twenty-third Ward..... | 14,000 00 |
| Paving Jerome avenue..... | 125,000 00 |
| | 2,464,425 00 |

EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY.

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| Additional Water Stock (New Aqueduct)..... | \$2,350,000 00 |
| Additional Water Stock, for Sanitary Protection of Water Supply..... | 607,000 00 |
| Additional Croton Water Stock..... | 250,000 00 |
| Water-main Stock..... | 550,000 00 |
| | \$3,757,000 00 |

ASSESSMENT BONDS.

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| Assessment Bonds—General Street Improvements..... | \$950,000 00 |
| Assessment Bonds—Viaduct, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street..... | 1,500 00 |
| Assessment Bonds—Fort Washington Ridge road..... | 30,587 60 |
| | 982,087 60 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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| Fire-hydrant Stock..... | \$25,000 00 |
| Public Driveway..... | 1,065,000 00 |
| Awards for damages by depression of railroad tracks, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... | 547,940 00 |
| Department of Street Cleaning, new plant..... | 236,165 00 |
| Board of Health, for Condemnation of Buildings..... | 38,027 52 |
| Structures over tracks of New York and Harlem Railroad— | |
| At Brook avenue..... | 50,000 00 |
| At One Hundred and Fifty-third street..... | 50,000 00 |
| At Grand, Walton and River avenues..... | 15,000 00 |
| Viaduct—Riverside Drive over Ninety-sixth street..... | 65,000 00 |
| Melrose Avenue Viaduct..... | 25,000 00 |
| For Fund for Street and Park Openings..... | 1,868,867 30 |
| Consolidated Stock for Redemption of Assessed Bonds..... | 100,000 00 |
| | 4,085,999 82 |

Total Bonds and Stocks issued..... **\$28,939,915 49**

In addition to the foregoing amount, bonds to the amount of \$114,000, issued by the territory in Westchester County annexed in 1895, were assumed by the City during the year 1897.

Final Estimates, Years 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898.

| | 1895. | 1896. | 1897. | 1898. |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| For State Taxes and Common Schools for State..... | \$3,554,319 24 | \$6,402,009 92 | \$5,451,110 21 | \$5,704,871 81 |
| For Expenses of the City Government, viz.: | | | | |
| Interest on the City Debt..... | 5,087,141 63 | 5,566,597 88 | 5,654,258 53 | 6,126,801 14 |
| Redemption of City Debt..... | 1,974,143 31 | 2,989,901 60 | 2,915,927 37 | 3,352,131 85 |
| The Mayoralty..... | 27,800 00 | 26,000 00 | 42,155 00 | 42,155 00 |
| The Common Council..... | 88,000 00 | 88,800 00 | 91,500 00 | 90,000 00 |
| Finance Department..... | 316,400 00 | 316,400 00 | 321,400 00 | 360,988 21 |
| Law Department..... | 232,200 00 | 205,050 00 | 297,550 00 | 212,550 00 |
| Bureau of Public Administrator..... | | 13,890 00 | 16,990 00 | 17,390 00 |

| | 1895. | 1896. | 1897. | 1898. |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Department of Public Works..... | \$3,135,480 00 | \$3,270,530 66 | \$3,519,555 66 | \$3,745,700 16 |
| Department of Public Parks..... | 1,198,955 00 | 1,219,255 00 | 1,333,125 00 | 1,440,025 00 |
| Department of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... | 426,470 00 | 633,000 00 | 779,750 00 | 1,010,275 00 |
| Department of Public Charities..... | 2,467,521 00 | 1,543,417 00 | 1,289,942 00 | 1,364,608 00 |
| Department of Correction..... | | 475,999 33 | 471,500 00 | 488,100 00 |
| Health Department..... | 460,680 00 | 519,508 00 | 581,358 00 | 653,770 00 |
| Police Department..... | 5,864,822 30 | 5,925,410 30 | 6,983,939 08 | 7,051,630 12 |
| Department of Street Cleaning..... | 2,396,000 00 | 3,020,700 00 | 2,999,002 40 | 2,999,002 40 |
| Fire Department..... | 2,084,421 00 | 2,345,355 00 | 2,435,926 00 | 2,608,753 00 |
| Department of Buildings..... | 204,700 00 | 265,000 00 | 349,785 00 | 340,785 00 |
| Board of Education..... | 4,962,423 14 | 5,679,302 59 | 5,931,239 89 | 6,962,145 92 |
| College of the City of New York..... | 150,000 00 | 150,000 00 | 175,000 00 | 175,000 00 |
| The Normal College..... | 150,000 00 | 150,000 00 | 150,000 00 | 150,000 00 |
| Department of Taxes and Assessments..... | 151,800 00 | 162,520 00 | 170,720 00 | 170,720 00 |
| The Judiciary..... | 1,571,845 54 | 1,765,529 73 | 1,865,260 00 | 1,958,110 00 |
| Printing, Stationery and Blank Books..... | 281,200 00 | 277,200 00 | 235,000 00 | 220,000 00 |
| Asylums, Reformatories and Charitable Institutions..... | 1,478,723 95 | 1,543,301 68 | 1,527,051 51 | 1,578,517 06 |
| Municipal Service Examining Boards..... | 25,000 00 | 27,500 00 | 30,000 00 | 30,000 00 |
| Bureau of Elections..... | 412,900 00 | 515,294 00 | 323,500 00 | 312,000 00 |
| Commissioners of Accounts..... | 132,500 00 | 65,000 00 | 60,000 00 | 60,000 00 |
| Judgments..... | 125,000 00 | 125,000 00 | 250,000 00 | 250,000 00 |
| Fund for Street and Park Openings..... | 200,000 00 | 250,000 00 | 756,857 90 | 734,568 86 |
| Coroners' Salaries and Expenses..... | 54,700 00 | 56,200 00 | 57,700 00 | 57,700 00 |
| The Sheriff..... | 132,132 00 | 137,232 00 | 131,982 00 | 130,982 00 |
| Register's Office, Salaries and Expenses..... | 130,250 00 | 115,250 00 | 129,250 00 | 129,250 00 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 599,431 93 | 650,016 62 | 1,007,219 64 | 915,105 11 |
| Total Appropriations..... | \$40,076,960 04 | \$46,496,571 31 | \$48,229,555 19 | \$51,443,643 64 |
| Less amount supplied from Revenues of the General Fund..... | 2,500,000 00 | 2,500,000 00 | 3,800,000 00 | 5,040,900 48 |
| Total Final Estimate..... | \$37,576,960 04 | \$43,996,571 31 | \$44,429,555 19 | \$46,402,743 16 |

The Final Estimate, as passed December 31, 1896, was for \$45,686,297.17. By operation of chapters 58 and 61, Laws of 1897, this amount was reduced \$1,256,741.98. The amount above was the amount provided for in tax levy.

The above tables show that, since December 31, 1896, to December 31, 1897, the net bonded debt of the City of New York has increased \$20,548,162.71, and that during the past three years, that is, from December 31, 1894, to December 31, 1897, the total increase is \$34,746,540.46.

The bonds issued during the past year amount to \$28,939,915.49, which is the largest issue in the history of the City.

The table of the gross final estimates show that during the past three years the appropriations made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the expenses of the City departments, payment of State taxes, etc., have increased \$11,366,683.60, or from \$40,076,960.04 in 1894 to \$51,443,643.64 in 1897.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Statement Prepared by the Comptroller's Office of Brooklyn, Showing the Bonded Indebtedness on December 29, 1897.

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| City of Brooklyn, Gross Bonded Debt..... | \$66,672,478 10 |
| Less Temporary Debt..... | 4,060,000 00 |
| | \$62,612,478 10 |
| Less Sinking Fund Investments, not including \$288,941.15 Cash on Deposit..... | 6,734,055 69 |
| Net Funded Debt..... | \$55,888,422 41 |
| County of Kings, Net Funded Debt..... | 14,851,892 83 |
| Town of New Lots, Net Funded Debt..... | 519,820 00 |
| Town of Flatbush, Net Funded Debt..... | 929,000 00 |
| *Town of Gravesend, Net Funded Debt..... | 1,404,296 00 |
| Town of Flatlands, Net Funded Debt..... | 62,169 60 |
| Town of New Utrecht, Net Bonded Debt..... | 734,969 00 |
| Total Net Bonded Debt, Borough of Brooklyn..... | \$74,390,569 84 |

BOROUGH OF QUEENS AND RICHMOND.

Reports made to the City Comptroller, by the expert accountants appointed by him, pursuant to chapter 669 of the Laws of 1897, show the outstanding net funded indebtedness of Richmond County to be \$3,314,572, and Queens County \$10,923,026.

Relative to these two boroughs, the statement must not be regarded as complete or accurate. The accounts of many of the towns, villages and school districts, in Queens county particularly, are in a very complicated condition, and it is not therefore possible for the accountants to furnish, at this time, more than an approximate of either the indebtedness or the valuations. The apportionment of the county debt and the town debt of Hempstead must at an early day be arranged by the Municipal Assembly, the Board of Supervisors of Queens County and the Town Board of Hempstead, respectively. Until such apportionment is made, and the expert accountants complete their examinations of both boroughs, the exact liabilities of the new City cannot be accurately ascertained.

The foregoing tables and figures indicate a net funded debt of the entire City of \$227,453,529.11.

Assessed Valuations of Real Estate and the Net Funded Debt of the Several Boroughs.

| | ASSESSED VALUATIONS. | NET FUNDED DEBT. |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Manhattan and the Bronx..... | \$1,787,186,791 00 | \$138,825,361 27 |
| Brooklyn..... | 569,139,842 00 | 74,390,569 84 |
| Richmond..... | 24,371,551 00 | 3,314,572 00 |
| Queens (estimated)..... | 84,065,008 00 | 10,923,026 00 |
| | \$2,464,763,192 00 | \$227,453,529 11 |

These figures show the total assessed valuation of real estate in the Greater New York to be \$2,464,763,192, and the estimated net funded indebtedness to be \$227,453,529.11. There is, therefore, an apparent margin within the constitutional limit of further indebtedness of about \$19,000,000.

* Not including \$148,000 local improvement bonds, the validity of which is in litigation.

It has always been the practice of the Comptroller's office in the City of New York to issue bonds from time to time on account of authorizations made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for public improvement only as the money is required to meet contract and other payments. The aggregate balances of bonds already authorized to be issued by the former City of New York, but not actually issued on December 31, 1897, amount to more than \$20,000,000.

This amount represents approximately future demands on the city's debt-incurring capacity, on account of contracts entered into by the former City of New York.

In addition to these amounts there should also be added the cost of such public improvements as the acquisition of lands for the several public parks, the Elm street widening, etc., the proceedings for which are now pending. The amounts cannot be ascertained until the awards for lands are confirmed by the courts. These amounts, when ascertained, will no doubt run into millions of dollars.

The average revenues of the Sinking Funds of the City of New York, however, exceed \$9,000,000 each year, and in view of the fact that it is the net debt of the city (after deducting from the Funded Debt the Sinking Fund investments) which furnishes the standard according to which is determined the city's debt-incurring capacity under constitutional limitation, we may expect in a very short while to come safely within the limit of indebtedness so prescribed.

In connection with the matters already referred to, there is still another matter which should be made known at this time, viz.: The contract liabilities entered into recently by all the boroughs and for which the new city may be held liable. The full amount of such contract liabilities and their purposes will be discussed in a subsequent message.

This exhibit of the financial condition of our City I submit without other comment than that it must impress everyone with the stern necessity for the utmost caution in the authorization of any bond issue, until we have provided a greater margin as between the percentage of our real estate valuations prescribed in the constitutional limitation and our outstanding net bonded debt. Such margin, required for the full protection of the investors in our City's securities, may be obtained (1) by an increase in the revenues of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of Debt, and (2) by such fair and reasonable increase in the valuation of real estate within the city limits as is certain to follow the advantages derived through the consolidation of the several Boroughs. In another part of this message I call your attention to the importance of protecting the City's credit with every possible safeguard, and I am therefore only required to here add the assurance of my firm belief that in every undertaking in this behalf I shall have your willing and effective support.

GOVERNMENT.

The radical changes which the provisions of the new charter make in the several departments and in their modes of procedure present a problem which must be met on the part of the city officials with intelligence, caution and industry and on the part of the public with patience and hearty co-operation. It is inevitable, under conditions which require departments to be wholly organized to undertake and discharge the consolidated business, heretofore distributed among the several Departments, Boards and Bureaus throughout the five Boroughs, that there will be in the beginning some degree of friction and delay for which there would be no excuse if the jurisdiction of the several Departments, as they previously existed, had remained unchanged. It will, under the most favorable circumstances, take some little time before the newly formed Departments may be said to be in good working order. It will help materially, however, to the wise and speedy solution of the unavoidable difficulties of the situation if the officials most directly and intimately concerned are favored with the forbearance and encouraged with the cheerful support of our citizens. My knowledge of the consideration and fairness of this community, in its treatment of faithful public officials, assures me that the desired co-operation of our constituents will not be wanting, if in return they receive that faithful and efficient service, on the part of every official and subordinate, which will make the City government a great public convenience, affording absolute protection to lives and property and conducing to the well-being of every inhabitant of the municipality.

Every one in public station must understand that they will be held to strict accountability in the honest, intelligent and prompt discharge of such public duties as they may undertake. In no other way and by no other influence can they retain their positions. If any other notion as to the tenure of public employment has ever influenced them, they should at once dismiss it from their minds. No official or employee under this administration will have its toleration, much less its support, unless he gives to the performance of the duties of his position all the time and labor required to satisfy every rightful demand of the people.

Fidelity to the pledges upon which the suffrages of our citizens were asked and secured demand that we demonstrate the advantages of responsible government; that we prove that an administration for which a great political party stands sponsor can be depended upon not only to reward merit but as well to deal most severely with any betrayal of the public confidence, including in this designation not alone every form of dishonesty and every degree of inefficiency, but also any want of industry and any indifference to the safety, comfort and convenience of the public.

THE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

The new Charter makes no change in our mode of government more radical than in the provision under which the legislative power of the City is hereafter vested jointly in the Municipal Council and Board of Aldermen.

An equally marked feature of the change is the important addition to the powers of the local legislature, amounting to a considerable measure of home rule. There has been some apprehension on the part of a large number of our citizens as to whether the creation of two legislative boards in place of one would not so divide responsibility as to make the change undesirable. I do not share in any doubts which question the ability of the people in dealing with their public servants to award the credit for meritorious service and place the censure for unworthy acts just wherever either the one or other may be deserved.

I wish, more than all else, to direct your attention to the very important consideration that in some sense and to some degree, the question, whether our citizens will ever be accorded the full measure of control in their local concerns, depends upon the record which the Municipal Assembly makes for itself in both of its branches with the enlarged and yet limited powers which the law now devolves upon its members. You will, I am sure, so discharge every duty and meet every responsibility with which you may be properly chargeable, with such honesty, intelligence, fidelity and patriotism as to convince even the most sceptical that there is no menace to the fair fame or to the substantial progress of the Commonwealth and no danger to the best interests of our beloved City involved in the granting to our local legislature of plenary powers in dealing with purely local and domestic concerns.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

In determining upon the necessity, character and expense of such public work as may be submitted for your action you must be governed by a settled purpose based upon the promise given, that the public improvements would be fairly distributed as between the five boroughs, and that the most pressing needs of each of the localities would receive equal consideration and be supplied, as nearly as possible, with equal promptness. In all your proceedings you should take the broad and liberal view, which, appreciating that the residents of the several boroughs now make up but a single constituency, deals with the City's affairs without regard to any former lines of civil divisions and accepts the benefits conferred upon any particular section and any particular work as an advantage secured to all.

SCHOOLS.

The parents of children of school age, and our citizens generally, have been justly indignant over the neglect to which is attributable the fact that thousands of applicants for instruction in the public schools have either been denied any admission whatever or have been compelled to accept a place in what are called "half day classes."

I am aware of the difficulties attending a situation which is altered with every change of residence of any considerable part of the population, and I appreciate that the yearly increase in the number applying for admission adds to such difficulties. And yet, by exercising a vigilance which takes heed of these controlling factors, it seems entirely practicable to afford sufficient

accommodations for all desirous of and entitled to education in our public schools. In any event there must be no effort wanting in our endeavors to make ample provision for the instruction of the young.

RAPID TRANSIT.

There has been no popular demand, in the line of public improvements, so vigorous, so persistent and so well justified as that which calls for a safe, speedy and comfortable mode of travel from the homes to the places of business or employment of such of our citizens as reside in the northern portion of the Borough of Manhattan or in the Borough of the Bronx. The evident and urgent public necessity which has occasioned this demand is thoroughly appreciated by all our citizens, who also fully recognize the incalculable advantages which are sure to accrue from a prompt compliance with the earnest and repeated wish of the people in this regard.

Personally I favor any and every lawful endeavor which will furnish relief to the people whose homes are situated at such distance from their places of business or employment that they find the present means of transit inadequate and burdensome.

It was expected that the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners would furnish a plan not only feasible as to construction, but also entirely relieved from any features which might either provoke determined opposition or cause any considerable delay.

It is to be regretted that the court proceedings recently had regarding the plan submitted and the very important and far-reaching questions then and there raised make it apparent that some other form of relief must be decided upon or our justly impatient people will be required to wait during the very indefinite period, covering certainly a number of years, before a final decision can be had in the tedious litigations already begun and threatened. Nor is it at all certain that, after such delay, they will not find, at the end, as the only outcome, additional and more serious difficulties.

In this connection let me impress upon you, with all possible emphasis, that a solemn duty, from which no consideration can be permitted to distract the officials of this City, imperatively demands, that at the outset we should challenge and refuse any public expenditure, no matter for what purpose intended, which is likely to cast even a shadow upon our credit as a municipality, or which invites, much less enforces, an evasion or violation of the constitutional limitation in the issue of bonds. The financial officers of the City, in complying with the provisions of existing laws, and without taking into account the possibilities or probabilities of future legislation, will be required to apply in the financial centres of the world, inviting bids and seeking the highest prices for our securities. In this essential work they should be protected from even a suspicion likely to lower the credit of the City, and this requires that we should always manifest and exercise a jealous care in maintaining that unquestioned faith in the honesty of our dealings with the City's creditors which has given our bonds and securities their present unrivaled position in the financial world. As to this both the most patriotic as well as the most purely selfish motives unite in dictating that there shall be no compromise.

It is not alone unfortunate, but also disheartening, that the petitions, protests and demands of the people for better transit facilities have been answered with nothing better than a multiplicity of plans. Certain is it that our citizens will no longer tolerate, much less excuse, delay upon delay at the cost of not alone the comfort and convenience of the people, but also the increased valuations which, in a considerable degree, would add to the public revenues if the rapidly growing districts most directly interested were furnished with greater and improved facilities of travel.

If we are to acquit ourselves of our pledges to the people the policy of promise must be supplanted by the policy of performance. Let us make the best use possible of such of our present facilities as, by improvement and extension, can be made available at a fixed and definite time, for some relief in the direction of the popular demand.

To my mind there can now be urged no sufficient reason for the continued employment of the locomotives, now in use on the elevated roads, and the people should no longer be subjected to the resulting nuisances of noise, smoke, and flying cinders.

You should demand and insist upon the substitution, in the place of the present motive power, of electricity, which can now be safely utilized in the operation of these roads, affording a more cleanly and less noisy service, and that, too, with an improvement in speed. And, again, the number of through express trains should be considerably increased, their running time improved and their use continued throughout the day and night, and not, as now restricted, to a few hours in the morning and evening.

The Trunk Elevated Lines should be so extended as to furnish more convenient communication with the ferries; and, most important of all, these lines should not be confined, through the greed or indifference of the corporations operating them, to the thickly populated, and therefore profitable, residence and business districts.

The corporations should be compelled to continue the present routes to the more sparsely settled and more distant localities, even if for a time some loss is entailed upon them by so doing.

It is essential to the prompt relief sought by the people that the time allowed for the completion of the improvements here suggested should neither be unreasonable nor unlimited. A definite period should be fixed, within a fair and sufficient limit, compelling promptness in the beginning and vigorous prosecution to the end of the work; and a bond of full proportions should be exacted to guarantee that the time limit would not be exceeded. A strict supervision in the City's interest should be maintained and every provision of law faithfully observed. There should be but one motive controlling your official action in this respect, and that, to give to a long-suffering and most deserving element of our citizenship the full enjoyment of the homes which represent to them so much of toil and thrift and, in many cases, self-denial of the most heroic character.

The surface railroads likewise should be required to adopt the best-approved motive power, so as to save the people as much as possible of the time now consumed in traveling from one locality to another within borough limits. In every instance where the service now rendered can be so improved with fairness to the corporations concerned, the public should be inconvenienced with more cars and a reduced time distance in the running of them. Comfortable vehicles of modern build and of sufficient size for public accommodation should be furnished in all cases; and when this plain right of the people is disregarded your authority should be exerted to the utmost to secure its recognition by all engaged in the operation of public franchises.

You will, of course, consider these suggestions in the light of the provisions of the charter and the other enactments by which your action must be governed. While engaged in securing the convenience and comfort of your constituents you must never neglect the rights and interests of the municipality.

The result desired is that all the positive relief possible be at once furnished with the facilities of travel now under our control. In arriving at such result you will, I doubt not, prove yourselves honest, intelligent, careful, public-spirited and devoted representatives, in every way worthy of the public confidence and respect to which you are indebted for your official positions.

WATER SUPPLY.

A most serious public necessity is presented by the problem in the solution of which the city is to be accommodated with a sufficient water supply.

Especially in the Borough of Brooklyn is the adequacy of the quantity of water, available through present facilities, a matter of grave complaint.

Early in December last, in a communication addressed to the Mayor of Brooklyn, the then Commissioner of City Works, thus described the situation, at the same time submitting the appended table:

"The careful investigations prosecuted under my predecessor, ex-Commissioner White, and actively continued during my administration, show, and it is a matter of public record, that the available supply from the present watershed, even if developed to its utmost estimated capacity, would not be sufficient to carry us beyond the end of the present century, and that an additional water supply from new sources should be procured and be ready for use at the beginning of 1900. It has also been reported by this Department, and is a matter of public record, that the intervening time was scarcely sufficient to construct the work necessary to procure such additional supply. Lastly, it has also been repeatedly stated and published that the limit of the present supply would

be shortened in proportion to the delay in carrying out the works planned for the development of the watershed or curtailment of the same, so that the city might find itself without an adequate supply long before the end of the present century. Owing to the absolute failure to provide means for the execution of the works referred to, the limit of the present supply has now been reached, and we are depending mainly on favorable weather conditions to carry us through, and are compelled to resort to risky and destructive expedients to bridge over a most critical situation.

"Our average daily consumption for the month of October was a little over 90,500,000 gallons, which exceeded the supply from all available sources, and the deficiency, amounting to about 200,000,000 gallons, was drawn from the storage reservoir, reducing the depth of the Hempstead storage reservoir from eleven feet ten inches on October 1 to eight feet two inches on November 1. At the latter date the depth at the storage was six feet three inches less than on the same date last year, the difference representing a loss of storage in a year of 360,000,000 gallons. The fall rains this year have been late, and should they come when the ground is frozen, the benefit to be derived therefrom would be considerably reduced."

Table Showing the Present Consumption of and Supply from the Ridgewood Water and Deficiency in the Same.

| | Gallons. |
|---|-------------|
| The average daily consumption from Ridgewood system from January 1, 1897, to November 12, 1897, has been..... | 87,011,000 |
| The average daily pumping at Ridgewood for the same period has been..... | 86,946,000 |
| The estimated daily supply (exclusive of storage) amounts to..... | 86,603,000 |
| The deficiency in the supply has been met by drawing from the storage, so that the loss in storage from November 12, 1896, to November 12, 1897, amounts to.... | 346,000,000 |
| Of this amount there have been drawn during the last month, i. e., from October 12 to November 9..... | 95,660,000 |

Approximate Estimates of the Population and Water Consumption of the City of Brooklyn from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1908.

| DATE. | POPULATION. | AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION. |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| January 1, 1898..... | 1,190,000 | 96,000,000 |
| January 1, 1899..... | 1,240,000 | 101,000,000 |
| January 1, 1900..... | 1,290,000 | 106,000,000 |
| January 1, 1901..... | 1,340,000 | 112,000,000 |
| January 1, 1902..... | 1,390,000 | 117,000,000 |
| January 1, 1903..... | 1,440,000 | 123,000,000 |
| January 1, 1904..... | 1,490,000 | 129,000,000 |
| January 1, 1905..... | 1,540,000 | 135,000,000 |
| January 1, 1906..... | 1,590,000 | 141,000,000 |
| January 1, 1907..... | 1,640,000 | 147,000,000 |
| January 1, 1908..... | 1,690,000 | 153,000,000 |

Not only in the Borough of Brooklyn is the water supply a question of great anxiety, but even in the Borough of Manhattan the situation, if not alarming, is certainly deserving of most serious consideration. The all-important interests of health and safety involved require that the sufficiency both of the watershed and the facilities for distribution should be placed beyond all dispute.

DOCKS.

The commercial supremacy of our city cannot be maintained unless we furnish ample and improved dock facilities and relieve commerce from every burden which militates against this municipality to the advantage of rival cities, particularly Philadelphia and Baltimore, in both of which cities extraordinary efforts are directed to the diversion of trade in their favor and to our detriment. The people will expect and are entitled to your cordial support of such measures as may be initiated for the improvement of the water front and the consequent convenience of our commerce.

BRIDGES.

The consolidation of the several boroughs into a single municipality will undoubtedly create a necessity for additional bridge communication between Manhattan Island with the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. Every public improvement which more intimately connects the various sections of the city is to be commended, not only for the convenience afforded, but as well for the spirit of unity thereby assuredly inspired.

FERRIES.

The first great need to be supplied in the direction of ferries, it would seem, is the improvement of such service between the Borough of Richmond and the rest of the city. Such additional ferries as are needed should be established and the work of improving and extending the accommodations of existing ferries, should, at the earliest moment practicable, be undertaken so that there shall be no unnecessary delay in securing to the people interested the full measure of relief.

PUBLIC WORKS.

We should be constant in our endeavor to make the metropolis as attractive and healthful as its financial condition will permit. We must make our city in every way worthy of its proud position in the first place among the municipalities in the western world. With a promptness and expenditure limited alone by prudence we should secure for our citizens good roads, improved pavements, bicycle paths, small parks and every improvement which helps in outdoor recreations, and so assist in bettering the physical condition.

I have not attempted at this time to submit any specific recommendations with reference to any of the departments, for the reason that under present conditions it would not be possible, in the consideration of any theories which might be presented, for you to subject them to the best test—experience.

As occasion offers it will be my privilege, as it is my duty, to present my views as to the progress of our City's affairs under the new Charter, and until such time I shall content myself without other addition to this document than the expression of my confident hope and earnest wish that the co-operation and wise administration of every department of the City Government will add to the glory of our City and be a source of honest pride to our citizens.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

At the conclusion of the reading of the message, Councilman Goodwin moved that the message be received, placed on file and printed in full in the CITY RECORD, and that 2,000 copies be printed in pamphlet form.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman Oakley—

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the proceedings of this Council shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Senate of the State of New York, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of seven, of which the Presiding Officer of this Council shall be ex-officio a member, to prepare suitable rules for the guidance of this body and report the same to this Council at its next meeting.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President announced as such committee the following: The Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Goodwin, Hottenroth, Hester, Williams, Van Nostrand and Bodine.

By Councilman Murphy—

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, regular stated meeting of the Council shall be held on every Tuesday, beginning Tuesday, January 11, 1898, at 12 o'clock M.

On motion of the Vice-Chairman, the resolution was amended, making the hour for meeting 1 o'clock P. M., instead of 12 o'clock M.

By Councilman Engel—

Resolved, That the seats of the Members of the Council be allotted by the Committee on Rules.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Councilman French—

Resolved, That when this Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 11, 1898, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Councilman Brice—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to visit the Board of Aldermen and notify that body that the Council of the City of New York has been organized and has resolved that when it adjourns said adjournment will be to Tuesday, the 11th inst.

The President put the question whether the Council would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President announced the following as such committee:

Councilmen Brice, Sulzer, Hart, French and O'Grady.

Soon afterwards the committee returned and reported that it had performed the duty assigned to it.

By Councilman Doyle—

It is hereby Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to notify all Clerks of committees, and other persons whom he may ascertain to be in possession of papers belonging to the Aldermen of the late City of Brooklyn and the late City of Long Island City, and also all of such Clerks or persons having public papers in their possession in the towns in the Borough of Richmond, to deliver all such papers to said City Clerk for the purpose of filing the same.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Councilman Goodwin—

AN ORDINANCE to establish a seal for the City of New York.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. The seal heretofore in use as the corporate seal of the corporation known as The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and in the custody of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen of said city, shall be the seal of the City of New York, to be kept and used by the City Clerk of said city as provided by law.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Council, January 3, 1898.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 3, 1898.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

Approved by the Mayor, January 3, 1898.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman Cassidy—

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the issuing of licenses in the City of New York.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. The power and authority vested in the Bureau of Licenses of the former corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and contained in article 3 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of 1897 of such corporation, shall continue to be vested in the Bureau of Licenses aforesaid, whose jurisdiction is hereby extended to the entire territory embraced within the limits of the City of New York.

Sec. 2. The said Bureau of Licenses shall, until the further action of the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, except in cases whereby the statutes of this State licenses are required to be issued by the Mayor, issue licenses in all the municipalities or other territorial divisions of the City of New York, in accordance with the terms, conditions and rights of payment provided by the ordinances in force in the said municipalities or to such other divisions on the 31st day of December 1897.

Sec. 3. Whenever by any of the said ordinances of said municipalities or other territorial divisions of the said city, approval or action in regard to the issuing of licenses or other act of the said Bureau of Licenses, in such case said approval or action shall be taken in regard to any licenses issued hereunder by the Mayor of the City of New York.

Sec. 4. The Mayor of the City of New York may appoint and at pleasure remove the head of said bureau, and such deputies or other subordinates as he may deem necessary for carrying on the business of the said bureau in the different boroughs of the City of New York, to be paid such compensation as shall, from time to time, be fixed and established by said Mayor.

Sec. 5. The principal office of the said Bureau of Licenses shall be in the Borough of Manhattan, at the City Hall in the said borough, or at such other places as the Mayor may direct.

Sec. 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Council, January 3, 1898.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 3, 1898.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

Approved by the Mayor, January 3, 1898.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman Hyland—

AN ORDINANCE in relation to the giving of bonds by the officers and employees of the City of New York.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Each and every officer or employee of the City of New York, whose office or duties correspond to those formerly exercised by officers or employees of the former corporation, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, except the Comptroller, elected or appointed, shall, upon entering upon the duties of his office or employment, give a bond with sureties to the City of New York for the faithful performance of his duties in a corresponding form and in the same amount as bonds were required to be given by the corresponding officers or employees of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York by the revised ordinances of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of 1897, the said bonds to be approved by the Comptroller of the said City of New York.

Sec. 2. The Comptroller of the City of New York shall give a bond in the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) with a surety company of two or more sufficient sureties to justify in double the amount, under oath before a Judge of the Supreme Court on notice to the Corporation Counsel, except that any bond heretofore given by the Comptroller elected at the election of 1897, and approved as hereinbefore required by a Justice of the Supreme Court, shall be taken to be a sufficient bond to comply with this ordinance, provided that the same shall be immediately filed with the City Clerk by the said Comptroller.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Council, January 3, 1898.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 3, 1898.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

Approved by the Mayor, January 3, 1898.

ROBT. A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman McGarry—

We, the undersigned, a majority of the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, representing the Democratic party in the said city, being one of the principal political parties into which the people of the city is divided, hereby designate the "Brooklyn Eagle" and the "Brooklyn Citizen," daily newspapers printed and published in Kings County, as newspapers in which shall be published the Laws of the State, as provided by chapter 280 of the Laws of 1845, and the several amendments thereto, and as further provided in chapter 141 of the Laws of 1891. The said newspapers are designated under the provisions of the act last aforesaid as fairly representing the party to which we belong.

On motion of the Vice-Chairman, it was decided that this resolution be referred to the Committee on Law Department when such committee is appointed.

A similar resolution, with reference to two other newspapers, was made by Councilman Leich, and referred to the same committee.

Councilman Goodwin moved that the Council do now adjourn.

The President put the question whether the Council would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President announced that the Council stood adjourned until Tuesday, January 11, at 1 o'clock P. M.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen was called to order by Michael F. Blake, Clerk, who had been appointed by P. J. Scully, City Clerk, in conformity with the provisions of section 28 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897 (the Charter of Greater New York).

The Clerk read the following declaration:

DECLARATION OF THE BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN RELATION TO VOTES GIVEN FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

That Jeremiah Kennefick, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the First District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Jeremiah Cronin, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Second District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Joseph E. Welling, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Third District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Bernard Glick, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Fourth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Joseph A. Flinn, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Fifth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Frederick F. Fleck, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Sixth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Patrick H. Keahon, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Seventh District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Louis Minsky, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Eighth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Henry Siefke, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Ninth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That John P. Koch, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Tenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That William H. Gledhill, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Eleventh District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That James J. Smith, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twelfth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Charles Metzger, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Thirteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That James P. Hart, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Fourteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Robert Muh, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Fifteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Emil Neufeld, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Sixteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Dennis J. Harrington, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Seventeenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That James E. Gaffney, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Eighteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That John S. Geagan, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Nineteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Thomas F. Woods, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twentieth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That John S. Roddy, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-first District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Michael Ledwith, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-second District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Collin H. Woodward, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-third District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Frank Dunn, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-fourth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That P. Tecumseh Sherman, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-fifth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Edward F. McEneaney, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-sixth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Joseph Oatman, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-seventh District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That John T. McCall, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-eighth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Homer Folks, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-ninth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That George A. Burrell, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Thirtieth District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Elias Goodman, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Thirty-first District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That William F. Schneider, Jr., by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Thirty-second District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Thomas F. McCaul, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Thirty-third District, in the Borough of Manhattan.

That Laurence W. McGrath, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Thirty-fourth District, in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.

That Henry Geiger, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Thirty-fifth District, in the Borough of the Bronx.

That Frank Gass, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for those parts of the First and Second Assembly Districts of Westchester County included in the Borough of the Bronx.

That John L. Burleigh, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the First Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That James J. Bridges, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Second Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Moses J. Wafer, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Third Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That David S. Stewart, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Fourth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That James F. Elliott, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Fifth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That John Diemer, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Sixth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That William Keegan, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Seventh Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Francis P. Kenney, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Eighth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Frank Hennessy, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Ninth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Francis J. Byrne, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Tenth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Stephen W. McKeever, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Eleventh Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Matthew E. Dooley, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twelfth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Hector McNeil, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Thirteenth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Edward S. Scott, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Fourteenth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Jacob J. Velton, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Fifteenth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That William Wentz, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Sixteenth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Jacob D. Ackerman, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Seventeenth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That James H. McInness, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Eighteenth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Bernard Schmitt, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Nineteenth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That John T. Lang, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twentieth Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That Elias Helgans, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-first Assembly District, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

That John J. Vaughan, Jr., by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Borough of Richmond.

That Joseph Geiser, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for those parts of the County of Queens known as Long Island City and the Town of Newtown.

That William T. James, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for those parts of the County of Queens known as the towns of Jamaica and Flushing, and that part of the Town of Hempstead included within the City of New York, as constituted by the Greater New York Charter.

The Clerk called the roll in alphabetical order and the following members answered present:

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| Jacob D. Ackerman, | Elias Goodman, | Louis Minsky, |
| James J. Bridges, | Dennis J. Harrington, | Robert Muh, |
| John L. Burleigh, | James P. Hart, | Emil Neufeld, |
| George A. Burrell, | Elias Helgans, | Joseph Oatman, |
| Francis J. Byrne, | Frank Hennessy, | John S. Roddy, |
| Jeremiah Cronin, | William T. James, | Bernard Schmitt, |
| John Diemer, | Patrick H. Keahon, | William F. Schneider, Jr. |
| Matthew E. Dooley, | William Keegan, | Edward S. Scott, |
| Frank Dunn, | Jeremiah Kennefick, | P. Tecumseh Sherman, |
| James F. Elliott, | Francis P. Kenney, | Henry Siefke, |
| Frederick F. Fleck, | John P. Koch, | James J. Smith, |
| Joseph A. Flinn, | John T. Lang, | David S. Stewart, |
| Homer Folks, | Michael Ledwith, | John J. Vaughan, Jr. |
| James E. Gaffney, | John T. McCall, | Jacob J. Velton, |
| Frank Gass, | Thomas F. McCaul, | Moses J. Wafer, |
| John S. Geagan, | Edward F. McEneaney, | Joseph E. Welling, |
| Henry Geiger, | Laurence W. McGrath, | William Wentz, |
| Joseph Geiser, | Stephen W. McKeever, | Thomas F. Woods, |
| William H. Gledhill, | Hector McNeil, | Collin H. Woodward, |
| Bernard Glick, | Charles Metzger, | |

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Scott—

Resolved, That Thomas F. Woods be and he is hereby elected President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York.

Alderman Goodman moved that Collin H. Woodward be elected President.

The Clerk then called the roll, and the members of the Board announced their choice as follows:

For Thomas F. Woods—Aldermen Bridges, Burrell, Byrne, Cronin, Dooley, Dunn, Elliott, Fleck, Flinn, Gaffney, Gass, Geagan, Geiger, Geiser, Gledhill, Glick, Harrington, Hart, Helgans, Hennessy, Keegan, Kennefick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McEneaney, McGrath, McKeever, Metzger, Minsky, Muh, Neufeld, Roddy, Schmitt, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Vaughan, Velton, Wafer, and Welling—44.

For Collin H. Woodward—Aldermen Ackerman, Burleigh, Diemer, Folks, Goodman, James, McNeil, Oatman, Sherman, Stewart, and Wentz—11.

Excused—Alderman Woods and Woodward—2.

The Clerk announced that Thomas F. Woods received 44 votes. Collin H. Woodward received 11 votes.

And the Clerk declared that Thomas F. Woods was elected President of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Woodward moved to make the nomination unanimous.

The Clerk put the question and the motion was adopted.

The Clerk appointed the following members as a committee to escort the President to the chair:

Aldermen James J. Smith, Muh, McKeever, Vaughan, Goodman, and Sherman.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President, upon taking the chair, thanked the members of the Board in a brief and spirited address.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Kennefick—

Resolved, That William H. Gledhill be and he is hereby elected Vice-President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York.

Alderman Burleigh moved as a substitute that Jacob D. Ackerman be elected as Vice-President.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said substitute.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Ackerman, Burleigh, Diemer, Folks, Goodman, James, McNeil, Oatman, Sherman, Stewart, Wentz, Woodward—12.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Bridges, Burrell, Byrne, Cronin, Dooley, Dunn, Elliott, Fleck, Flinn, Gaffney, Gass, Geagan, Geiger, Geiser, Glick, Harrington, Hart, Helgans, Hennessy, Keegan, Kennefick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McEneaney, McGrath, McKeever, Metzger, Minsky, Muh, Neufeld, Roddy, Schmitt, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Vaughan, Velton, Wafer, Welling—44.

Excused—Alderman Gledhill—1.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution of Alderman Kennefick.

Which was adopted.

Alderman Burleigh moved to make the nomination of Alderman Gledhill unanimous.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Gass—

Resolved, That Thomas A. Coakley be and he is hereby elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Ledwith—

Resolved, That John Maguire be and he is hereby elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Hart—

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a Committee, of seven members, on Privileges and Elections, to whom shall be referred all contests that may arise in this Board.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Gaffney—

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the President to wait upon his Honor the Mayor and the Council of the City of New York, and to inform his Honor and that Body that the Board of Aldermen for 1898 and 1899 is duly organized to transact public business and receive any message that either may desire to communicate to the Board.

Which was adopted.

And the President appointed as such committee Aldermen Gaffney, McKeever, James J. Smith, Geiger, Robert Muh, Vaughan and Goodman.

By Alderman Burrell—

Resolved, That this Board do now take a recess for ten minutes to enable the committee to communicate with his Honor the Mayor and the Council of the City of New York.

Which was adopted.

AFTER RECESS.

The President directed the Clerk to call the roll.

PRESENT:

Hon. Thomas F. Woods, President.

ALDERMEN.

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| William H. Gledhill, | Joseph Geiger, | Laurence W. McGrath, |
| Vice-President, | Bernard Glick, | Stephen W. McKeever, |
| Jacob D. Ackerman, | Elias Goodman, | Charles Metzger, |
| John L. Burleigh, | Dennis J. Harrington, | Louis Minsky, |
| George A. Burrell, | James P. Hart, | Robert Muh, |
| Francis J. Byrne, | Elias Helgans, | Emil Neufeld, |
| Jeremiah Cronin, | Frank Hennessy, | John S. Roddy, |
| John Diemer, | William T. James, | P. Tecumseh Sherman, |
| Matthew E. Dooley, | William Keegan, | James J. Smith, |
| Frank Dunn, | Jeremiah Kennefick, | David S. Stewart, |
| Frederick F. Fleck, | Francis P. Kenney, | John J. Vaughan, Jr. |
| Joseph A. Flinn, | John T. Lang, | Jacob J. Velton, |
| James E. Gaffney, | Michael Ledwith, | Moses J. Wafer, |
| Frank Gass, | John T. McCall, | Joseph E. Welling, |
| John S. Geagan, | Thomas F. McCaul, | William Wentz, |
| Henry Geiger, | Edward F. McEneaney, | Collin H. Woodward, |

The committee reported that they had waited upon his Honor the Mayor and the Council and that Hon. A. M. Downes, the Mayor's private secretary, would present to the Board of Aldermen his Honor's message.

A committee from the Council also waited on the Board at this time and announced that the Council was in session and ready to transact business.

The message was duly presented and will be found in full in the proceedings of The Council of this date.

Pending the reading of the message, Alderman Burrell moved that the further reading be discontinued; that it be printed in full in the CITY RECORD, and that 500 copies be printed in pamphlet form to be distributed by the members of this Board.

Which was adopted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By Alderman Cronin—

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the proceedings of this Board of Aldermen shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Board of Aldermen of New York City for the years of 1895, 1896 and 1897, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of seven, of which he shall be ex-officio a member, to prepare suitable rules for the government of this body, and to report the same back to the Board at its next meeting.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Thomas F. McCaul—

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the regular stated meetings of the Board of Aldermen shall be held every Tuesday, beginning Tuesday, January 11, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Muh—

Resolved, That the seats of the members of this Board be drawn for by the members hereof.

Which was adopted.

Alderman Cronin moved that the four old members of the New York City Board of Aldermen, viz., Messrs. Kennefick, Muh, Goodman and Woodward, be entitled to select seats without drawing.

Which was adopted.

Alderman Geagan moved that Vice-President Gledhill be permitted to select his seat without drawing.

Which was adopted.

Alderman Diemer moved that the four members of the old Brooklyn Board of Aldermen, Messrs. Stewart, Keegan, Hennessy and Wafer, be also permitted to select their seats without drawing.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Keegan—

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, they do adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 11, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman McGrath—

Be it ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York as follows:

Whereas, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, known as the Charter of the City of New York, by section 41 thereof, provides that "the ordinances now in force respectively in the City of New York, the City of Brooklyn, Long Island City and the other municipal and public corporations and parts thereof hereby consolidated with the City of New York are, so far as the same are not inconsistent with this act, hereby continued in full force and effect within the former limits of said respective cities and municipal and public corporations, or parts thereof, subject to modification, amendment or repeal by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York"; and

Whereas, Section 37 thereof provides that "the ordinances of the Municipal Assembly shall, as far as practicable, be reduced to a code and published"; and

Whereas, It is desirable that there should be general ordinances for the whole consolidated city duly enacted and published for the information and guidance of all its citizens; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested and he is hereby authorized to collect, collate and codify the ordinances now in force respectively in the said former Cities of New York, Brooklyn, Long Island City and the other municipal and public corporations and parts thereof consolidated with the City of New York, for consideration and adoption by this Assembly.

We do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly passed at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen on the 3d day of January, 1898, by vote of the majority of all the members elected to the said Board.

Dated at the City of New York on this 3d day of January, 1898.

THOMAS F. WOODS, President of the Board of Aldermen.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

We do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly passed at a meeting of "The Council" by a vote of the majority of the members elected to the said Council on the 3d day of January, 1898.

Dated at the City of New York on this 3d day of January, 1898.

RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER, President of the Council.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk of the Council.

Approved by the Mayor January 3, 1898.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Ackerman, Bridges, Burleigh, Burrell, Byrne, Cronin, Diemer, Dooley, Dunn, Elliott, Fleck, Flinn, Folks, Gaffney, Gass, Geagan, Geiger, Geiser, Glick, Goodman, Harrington, Hart, Helgans, Hennessy, James, Keegan, Kennefick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McEneaney, McGrath, McKeever, McNeil, Metzger, Minsky, Muh, Neufeld, Oatman, Roddy, Schmitt, Schneider, Scott, Sherman, Smith, Vaughan, Veltan, Wafer, Welling, Wentz, and Woodward—56.

By Alderman Burrell—

Resolved, That Rooms Numbers 10, 11 and 12 in the City Hall, be and the same be hereby set apart for the use of the Hon. Augustus W. Peters, the President of the Borough.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman John T. McCall—

Resolved, That this Board do now adjourn.

Which was adopted.

AFTER SECOND RECESS.

Alderman Stewart moved that the vote by which the resolution calling for the Board to adjourn until Tuesday, January 11, 1898, be reconsidered.

Which was adopted.

Alderman Stewart moved that the Board reconvene for the purpose of transacting important business.

Which was adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted as follows:

PRESENT:

President, Thomas F. Woods.

William H. Gledhill,

Vice-President,

Jacob D. Ackerman,

James J. Bridges,

John L. Burleigh,

George A. Burrell,

Francis J. Byrne,

Jeremiah Cronin,

John Diemer,

Matthew L. Dooley,

Frank Dunn,

James F. Elliott,

Frederick F. Fleck,

Joseph A. Flinn,

James E. Gaffney,

Frank Gass,

John S. Geagan,

Henry Geiger,

Joseph Geiser,

Bernard Glick,

Elias Goodman,

Dennis J. Harrington,

James P. Hart,

Elias Helgans,

Frank Hennessy,

William T. James,

Francis P. Kenney,

John P. Koch,

John T. Lang,

Michael Ledwith,

John T. McCall,

Thomas F. McCaul,

Laurence W. McGrath,

James H. McInness,

Stephen W. McKeever,

Charles Metzger,

Louis Minsky,

Robert Muh,

Emil Neufeld,

Joseph Oatman,

John S. Roddy,

Bernard Schmitt,

William F. Schneider,

Edward S. Scott,

James J. Smith,

David S. Stewart,

John J. Vaughan, Jr.,

Jacob J. Veltan,

Moses J. Wafer,

Joseph E. Welling,

William Wentz,

Collin H. Woodward.

By the President—

AN ORDINANCE to establish a seal for the City of New York.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. The seal heretofore in use as the corporate seal of the corporation known as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and in the custody of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen of said City, shall be the seal of the City of New York, to be kept and used by the City Clerk of said city, as provided by law.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Council, January 3, 1898.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 3, 1898.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

Approved by the Mayor, January 3, 1898.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Which was adopted.

By the President—

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the issuing of licenses in the City of New York.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. The power and authority vested in the Bureau of Licenses of the former corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and contained in article 3 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of 1897 of such corporation, shall continue to be vested in the Bureau of Licenses aforesaid, whose jurisdiction is hereby extended to the entire territory embraced within the limits of the City of New York.

Sec. 2. The said Bureau of Licenses shall, until the further action of the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, except in cases whereby the statutes of this State licenses are required to be issued by the Mayor, issue licenses in all the municipalities or other territorial divisions of the City of New York, in accordance with the terms, conditions and rights of payment provided by the ordinances in force in the said municipalities or to such other divisions on the 31st day of December, 1897.

Sec. 3. Whenever by any of the said ordinances of said municipalities or other territorial divisions of the said city, approval or action in regard to the issuing of licenses or other act of the said Bureau of Licenses, in such case said approval or action shall be taken in regard to any licenses issued hereunder by the Mayor of the City of New York.

Sec. 4. The Mayor of the City of New York may appoint and at pleasure remove the head of said bureau, and such deputies or other subordinates as he may deem necessary for carrying on the business of the said bureau in the different boroughs of the City of New York, to be paid such compensation as shall, from time to time, be fixed and established by said Mayor.

Sec. 5. The principal office of the said Bureau of Licenses shall be in the Borough of Manhattan, at the City Hall in the said borough, or at such other place as the Mayor may direct.

Sec. 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Council, January 3, 1898.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 3, 1898.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

Approved by the Mayor, January 3, 1898.

ROBT. A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Which was adopted.

By the President—

AN ORDINANCE in relation to the giving of bonds by the officers and employees of the City of New York.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Each and every officer or employee of the City of New York, whose office or duties correspond to those formerly exercised by officers or employees of the former corporation, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, except the Comptroller, elected or appointed, shall, upon entering upon the duties of his office or employment, give a bond with sureties to the City of New York for the faithful performance of his duties in a corresponding form and in the same amount as bonds were required to be given by the corresponding officers or employees of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York by the Revised Ordinances of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of 1897, the said bonds to be approved by the Comptroller of the said City of New York.

Sec. 2. The Comptroller of the City of New York shall give a bond in the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) with a surety company or two or more sufficient sureties to justify in double the amount under oath before a Judge of the Supreme Court on notice to the Corporation Counsel, except that any bond heretofore given by the Comptroller elected at the election of 1897, and approved as hereinbefore required by a Justice of the Supreme Court, shall be taken to be a sufficient bond to comply with this ordinance, provided that the same shall be immediately filed with the City Clerk by the said Comptroller.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Council, January 3, 1898.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 3, 1898.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

Approved by the Mayor, January 3, 1898.

ROBT. A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Goodman—

Resolved, That the courtesies of the floor be and they are hereby extended, during any and all the meetings of this Board, to the ex-members of the Board of Aldermen of New York and of Brooklyn, and also to all the ex-Supervisors of Queens County, old Long Island City and of Richmond County.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Stewart—

We, the undersigned, a majority of the Board of Aldermen of the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, representing the Republican party in the said city, being one of the principal parties into which the people of the said city are divided, hereby designate the "Standard-Union" and Brooklyn "Times," daily newspapers printed and published in Kings County, as newspapers in which shall be published the Laws of the State, as provided by chapter 280 of the Laws of 1845, and the several amendments thereof, as further provided in chapter 141 of the Laws of 1891. The said newspapers are designated under the provision of the act last aforesaid as fairly representing the party to which we belong.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department, when appointed.

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, We, the undersigned, a majority of the Board of Aldermen of the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, representing the Democratic party in said city, being one of the principal parties into which the people of the said city are divided, hereby designate "The Brooklyn Eagle" and "Brooklyn Citizen," daily papers printed and published in Kings County, as newspapers into which shall be published the Laws of the State, as provided by chapter 280 of Laws of 1845, and the several amendments thereof, as further provided in chapter 141 of the Laws of 1891. The said newspapers are designated under the provisions of the act last aforesaid as fairly representing the party to which we belong.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department, when appointed.

By Alderman Goodman—

Whereas, The official birth of "Greater New York" is an historic event of more than ordinary importance, deserving recognition in a form or character commensurate with the vast interests directly and indirectly affected thereby; therefore

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to either appoint a special Commission or to require the Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Statistics to prepare or have prepared a suitable compilation descriptive of the beginning, growth and realization of the movement which has resulted in the consolidation of the territory now forming the greater city.

Resolved, That such memorial when completed shall be an historical and statistical encyclopedia of all that pertains to the formation and creation of the Greater New York.

Resolved, That such work shall be appropriately illustrated, and shall contain full description of the exercises which were held in honor of the official birth of the enlarged city, public and private, and also a reprint of the various newspaper and magazine articles that have from time to time appeared relating to the greater city, whether such articles were favorable or unfavorable thereto.

Resolved, That such Commission, or the Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Statistics, shall prepare an outline of the work contemplated, and shall report thereon to the Municipal Assembly, with such recommendations for requisite legislation as conditions and circumstances may demand.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department, when appointed.

By Alderman McKeever—

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and are hereby appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City of New York:

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| John J. Dempsey, clerk, No. 290 Lorimer street, Brooklyn. | Samuel U. Bailey, clerk, No. 628 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn. |
| Charles H. Lansing, Jr., clerk, No. 570 Quincy street, Brooklyn. | Edgar Brown, clerk, Jamaica, L. I. |
| John J. Walker, clerk, No. 91 Clymer street, Brooklyn. | Charles A. Clayton, lawyer, No. 865 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn. |
| Martin D. Bradley, clerk, No. 333 Hoyt street, Brooklyn. | William M. Ingraham, lawyer, No. 44 Court street, Brooklyn. |
| John A. Person, clerk, No. 1101 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn. | R. Ward Dent, lawyer, Seventy-eighth street, near Second avenue, Brooklyn. |
| Samuel H. Dixon, clerk, No. 50 Division avenue, Brooklyn. | Frank Dames, lawyer, No. 348 Fifty-first street, Brooklyn. |
| William H. Mathews, clerk, No. 235 Steuben street, Brooklyn. | Charles R. Halsey, lawyer, No. 141 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn. |
| Aaron J. Michaels, No. 3 Court-house, Brooklyn. | Frank E. Hurley, lawyer, No. 521 Decatur street, Brooklyn. |
| Robert H. Furey, clerk, No. 3 Court-house, Brooklyn. | Edward Henry, clerk, No. 10 St. Felix street, Brooklyn. |
| Joseph Bookman, clerk, No. 533 East New York avenue, Brooklyn. | Leonard Paige, lawyer, No. 100 Montague street, Brooklyn. |
| Daniel F. M. Furgueson, clerk, No. 356 State street, Brooklyn. | Edward Rider, clerk, No. 179 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn. |
| John R. Carroll, clerk, No. 60 Butler street, Brooklyn. | Nelson B. Simon, lawyer, No. 619 McDonough street, Brooklyn. |
| Katie G. Flood, clerk, No. 154 Clifton place, Brooklyn. | Nathaniel H. Clement, No. 156 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn. |
| Clinton D. Burdick, lawyer, No. 345 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn. | Michael E. Finnigan, No. 108 Prospect place, Brooklyn. |
| Joseph H. Brodie, clerk, No. 105 Madison street, Brooklyn. | Frank E. Finnigan, No. 108 Prospect place, Brooklyn. |

Frederick A. Drake, clerk, No. 582 Pacific street, Brooklyn.
 William F. McGowan, clerk, No. 122 India street, Brooklyn.
 Henry J. Sondericken, clerk, No. 871 Flushing avenue, Brooklyn.
 James H. Temple, clerk, No. 289 Clifton place, Brooklyn.
 Nicholas I. Flocken, clerk, No. 253 Marcy avenue, Brooklyn.
 Edward M. Franklin, clerk, No. 31 Ormond place, Brooklyn.
 Daniel T. Van Duzer, clerk, No. 318 Classon avenue, Brooklyn.
 E. Eastment, clerk, No. 834 Quincey street, Brooklyn.
 Edmund Ryan, clerk, No. 385 Bridge street, Brooklyn.
 Henry E. Wilke, No. 1349 Greene avenue, Brooklyn.
 Robert Nimmo, No. 1157 Greene avenue, Brooklyn.
 James P. Collins, No. 482 First street, Brooklyn.
 William G. Anderson, No. 1357 Fulton street, Brooklyn.
 George B. Ackerly, No. 26 Court street, Brooklyn.
 David J. Stewart, Brooklyn.
 Denis A. Judge, Brooklyn.
 Jesse C. Schenck, corner East Fifty-sixth street and East Broadway, Brooklyn.
 Jacob D. Ackere, Brooklyn.
 Walter L. Durack, No. 189 Montague street, Brooklyn.
 Thomas Feeney, Brooklyn.
 Bernard J. Rielly, No. 299 Arlington avenue, Brooklyn.
 J. V. Meserole, No. 483 Washington avenue, Brooklyn.
 B. R. Meserole, No. 483 Washington avenue, Brooklyn.
 Samuel H. London, No. 342 East Fourth street, Manhattan.
 Moses J. Harris, Brooklyn.
 Henry A. Phillips, Brooklyn.
 James S. Leeds, Brooklyn.
 James B. Casey, No. 103 St. Edward's street, Brooklyn.
 John Murphy, Maspeth, Borough of Queens.
 Thomas Smith, 336 Bleecker street, Manhattan.
 Joseph C. Franke, No. 673 East One Hundred and Forty-third street, Bronx.
 William B. Bassett, No. 8 Hopkins street, Brooklyn.
 William Schellbach, No. 20 Ellery street, Brooklyn.
 Peter F. Atscher, Jr., No. 114 Ellery street, Brooklyn.
 Thomas Sheffield, Brooklyn.
 R. D. Scott.
 Adolph Vanrein, Brooklyn.
 John J. Gieser, No. 684 East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, Bronx.
 Albert G. T. Adler, No. 485 Herkimer street, Brooklyn.
 S. Steinbink, No. 39 Lawrence street, Brooklyn.
 John C. Einsfeld, No. 159 Union street, Brooklyn.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Ackerman, Burleigh, Burrell, Byrne, Cronin, Diemer, Dooley, Dunn, Fleck, Flinn, Folks, Gaffney, Gass, Geagan, Geiger, Geiser, Glick, Goodman, Harrington, Hart, Helgans, Hennessy, James, Keegan, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McGrath, McKeever, McNeil, Minsky, Muh, Neufeld, Oatman, Roddy, Schmitt, Smith, Stewart, Vaughan, Velton, Wafer, Welling, and Wentz—48.

Alderman Burrell moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was adopted.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday, January 8, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk, Board of Aldermen.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks held Thursday, December 9, 1897, at 12 o'clock M. Present—The full Board.

The communications from Peabody, Baker & Peabody, attorneys for William Waldorf Astor, and William H. Harris, of counsel for other owners, declining offers to purchase property between Bloomfield and West Twenty-third streets, were taken from the table, and together with the communication from the Consolidated Ice Company, declining offer to purchase property belonging to said company, between Seventeenth and Twentieth streets, North river, ordered on file, and the following preamble and resolutions adopted:

Whereas, This Board on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple all right, title and interest of the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, trustee of Robert Winthrop Chanler, in or appurtenant to the following described premises, said interest being a one-seventh interest, to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly line of Eleventh avenue with the northerly side of West Fourteenth street, running along the northerly side of West Fourteenth street a distance of 719.71 feet to the easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place shown on the map or plan made by the Board of Docks May 20, 1897, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 14, 1897; thence running along the said easterly line of said marginal street, wharf or place to the southerly side of West Fifteenth street; thence westerly along the southerly side of West Fifteenth street a distance of 639.94 feet to the easterly side of Eleventh avenue; and thence southerly along the easterly side of Eleventh avenue a distance of 206 feet and 6 inches to the point or place of beginning; together with the bulkhead on the westerly side of Eleventh avenue opposite said premises, and beginning at the intersection of the northerly line of West Fourteenth street, extended, with the westerly side of Eleventh avenue, and running thence northerly 206 feet and 6 inches more or less to the southerly side of West Fifteenth street, extended, together with all the rights of wharfage, cramage, advantages, emoluments and appurtenances connected therewith; and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 26th day of November, 1897, served upon the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, trustees of Robert Winthrop Chanler, owner of one-seventh in fee simple of the above described premises with all its hereditaments, including the riparian and wharfage rights; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed, and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owners of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple all right, title and interest in, or appurtenant to, the following described premises, to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue with the northerly side of West Thirteenth street; thence easterly along the northerly side of West Thirteenth street a distance of 313 feet and 11 inches; thence in a northerly direction 103 feet and 3 inches to the centre line of the block between West Thirteenth and West Fourteenth streets; thence westerly along said centre line of the block between said West Thirteenth and West Fourteenth streets to the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; thence southerly along the easterly side of Thirteenth

George H. Murphy, No. 553 Tenth street, Brooklyn.

Charles H. Foley, No. 363 Fourth street, Brooklyn.

Chester O. Ketcham, No. 52 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn.

Joseph E. Sigrell, No. 22 Court street, Brooklyn.

William F. Brown, No. 322 Fifth street, Brooklyn.

John J. White, No. 1670 Second avenue, Manhattan.

James P. Sinnott, No. 118 Arlington avenue, Brooklyn.

Thomas E. Pearsall, No. 183 Montague street, Brooklyn.

Isaac M. Kapper, No. 183 Montague street, Brooklyn.

Ambrose B. Tremaine, No. 183 Montague street, Brooklyn.

Frederick I. Pearsall, No. 183 Montague street, Brooklyn.

Harris M. Pearsall, No. 183 Montague street, Brooklyn.

William H. Jennings, No. 183 Montague street, Brooklyn.

William E. Taylor, Jr., No. 183 Montague street, Brooklyn.

William D. Farrington, No. 183 Montague street, Brooklyn.

J. S. H. Delany, No. 469 Second street, Brooklyn.

Wm. D. Niper, No. 232 Lincoln place, Brooklyn.

Edward J. Connolly, No. 122 York street, Brooklyn.

Edward L. Vaughan, No. 505 Fifth street, Brooklyn.

Hugh J. McCormack, No. 505 Flushing avenue, Brooklyn.

Henry Schneider, No. 82 Gerry street, Brooklyn.

Thomas F. McCarthy, No. 67 Keap street, Brooklyn.

Samuel Manheimer, Nos. 258 and 259 Broadway, Manhattan.

Jabo M. Lyle, No. 1550 Fulton street, Brooklyn.

Marcie Dunn, No. 394 Gates avenue, Brooklyn.

Thomas McGrath, No. 239 Fiftieth street, Brooklyn.

Walter G. Rooney, No. 110 Pulaski street, Brooklyn.

Francis Kenigan, No. 240 DeKalb avenue, Brooklyn.

Edward F. Riley, No. 84 Herkimer street, Brooklyn.

James B. McGillen, No. 119 South Fourth street, Brooklyn.

John R. Kuhn, No. 312 Monroe street, Brooklyn.

John A. Clarry, No. 209 Grand avenue, Brooklyn.

William W. Howard, Pulaski street, Brooklyn.

Frederick J. Hendenreich, No. 121 Miller avenue, Brooklyn.

Daniel T. O'Brien, No. 161 Nevins street, Brooklyn.

James G. McComb, No. 315 Pulaski street, Brooklyn.

Frank Duffrin, No. 60 Broadway, Brooklyn.

avenue a distance of 114 feet and 4 inches to the point or place of beginning; together with the bulkhead on the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue opposite thereto, beginning at the intersection of the northerly line of West Thirteenth street extended, with the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue, and running thence northerly a distance of 114 feet and 4 inches, more or less, to the centre line of the block extended; together with all the rights of wharfage, cramage, advantages, emoluments and appurtenances connected therewith; and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 24th day of November, 1897, served upon Herman Ahlers, the representative of Leander A. Bevin, attorneys for the executors of Ruth O. Wallace, deceased, owners in fee simple of the above-described premises, with all its hereditaments, including the riparian and wharfage rights; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owners, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owners of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board, on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following described premises, to wit:

Lot 1—Beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Eleventh avenue with the northerly side of West Sixteenth street; thence easterly along the northerly side of West Sixteenth street a distance of 513.80 feet to the easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place, as shown on the map or plan made by the Board of Docks May 20, 1897, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 14, 1897; thence in a northerly direction along the easterly line of said marginal street, wharf or place to the southerly side of West Seventeenth street; thence westerly along the southerly side of West Seventeenth street a distance of 442.71 feet to the westerly side of Eleventh avenue; thence southerly along the westerly side of Eleventh avenue a distance of 184 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Lot 2—Beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue with the northerly side of West Sixteenth street; thence running easterly along the northerly side of West Sixteenth street a distance of 24 feet 10 inches to the westerly side of Eleventh avenue; thence northerly along the westerly side of Eleventh avenue a distance of 184 feet to the southerly side of West Seventeenth street; thence westerly along the southerly side of West Seventeenth street a distance of 66 feet 11 inches to the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; thence southerly along the easterly line of Thirteenth avenue a distance of 188 feet 9 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Together with the bulkhead on the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue, opposite said premises and beginning at the intersection of the northerly side of West Sixteenth street extended, with the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue, and running thence northerly 188 feet 9 inches, more or less, to the southerly side of West Seventeenth street extended, together with all the rights of wharfage, cramage, advantages, emoluments and appurtenances connected therewith; and

Whereas, Said offer was, on the 24th day of November, 1897, served upon O. F. Zollikoffer, a representative of the Consolidated Gas Company, owner in fee simple of the above-described premises, with all its hereditaments, including the riparian and wharfage rights; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owners of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board, on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple all right, title and interest in, or appurtenant to, the following described premises, to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Eleventh avenue with the northerly side of West Nineteenth street; thence easterly along the northerly side of West Nineteenth street a distance of 231 feet to the easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place, as shown on the map or plan made by the Board of Docks May 20, 1897, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 14, 1897; thence in a northerly direction along the easterly line of the said marginal street, wharf or place to the southerly side of West Twentieth street; thence westerly along said southerly side of West Twentieth street a distance of 159.92 feet to the easterly side of Eleventh avenue; thence southerly along the easterly side of Eleventh avenue a distance of 184 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Whereas, Said offer was, on the 24th day of November, 1897, served upon O. F. Zollikoffer, a representative of the Consolidated Gas Company, owner in fee simple of the above described premises with all its hereditaments, including the riparian and wharfage rights; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owners of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto, for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name of and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following described premises, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of West Thirteenth street, distant 350 feet westerly from the westerly side of Tenth avenue; thence easterly along the northerly side of West Thirteenth street a distance of 350 feet to the westerly side of Tenth avenue; thence northerly along the westerly side of Tenth avenue to the point where the easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place, as shown on the map or plan made by the Board of Docks, May 20, 1897, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 14, 1897, intersects the westerly line of Tenth avenue; thence northerly along said easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place to the centre line of the block between West Thirteenth and West Fourteenth streets; thence westerly along said centre line of the block between West Thirteenth and West Fourteenth streets to the easterly line of the property owned by William Delamater and others; thence southerly along the easterly line of the property owned by said William Delamater and others a distance of 103 feet 3 inches to the point or place of beginning; and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 24th day of November, 1897, served on the Union Trust Company of New York, Trustee of the estate of Sarah Hogg, deceased, owner in fee simple of the above described premises with all its hereditaments; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owner of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all rights, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following described premises, to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly line of Thirteenth avenue with the northerly line of Bloomfield street; thence running along the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue for a distance of 319 feet 11 inches to the southerly side of Little West Twelfth street; thence easterly along said southerly side of Little West Twelfth street 110 feet 7 inches; thence in a southerly direction 266 feet 2 inches to a point on the northerly line of Bloomfield street, a distance of 100 feet easterly from the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; thence westerly along the northerly line of Bloomfield street 100 feet to the point or place of beginning; and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 24th day of November, 1897, served on W. H. Ely, the representative of Ambrose K. Ely, owner in fee of the above described premises with all its hereditaments; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owner of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto, for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board, on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following described premises, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Bloomfield street, distant 199 feet 2 inches westerly of the westerly line of Tenth avenue; thence easterly along the northerly side of Bloomfield street a distance of 199 feet 2 inches to the westerly line of Tenth avenue; thence northerly along the westerly side of Tenth avenue a distance of 83 feet 11 inches to the southerly side of Little West Twelfth street; thence westerly along the southerly side of Little West Twelfth street a distance of 204 feet 7½ inches; thence southerly along the easterly line of the property of the Knickerbocker Ice Company a distance of 86 feet 1½ inches to the centre line of the block between Bloomfield and Little West Twelfth streets; thence westerly along said centre line of the block to the property owned by the Equitable Life Assurance Society; thence southerly along the easterly line of property of said Equitable Life Assurance Society to the point or place of beginning; and

Whereas, Said offer was, on the 24th day of November, 1897, served on John Glass owner in fee simple of the above described premises with all its hereditaments; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owner of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board, on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following-described premises, to wit:

The half block bounded by Tenth avenue, West Thirteenth street, Thirteenth avenue and the centre line of the block between Little West Twelfth street and West Thirteenth street, with the improvements thereon, and the bulkhead opposite thereto on the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue, beginning at a point 114 feet 4 inches northerly of the northerly line of Little West Twelfth street extended, and running thence northerly 114 feet 4 inches, more or less, to the southerly line of West Thirteenth street, together with all rights, of wharfage, cramage, advantages, emoluments and appurtenances connected therewith; also

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Tenth avenue with the northerly side of Little West Twelfth street; thence running easterly along the northerly side of Little West Twelfth street 41.08 feet to the easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place shown on the plan made by the Board of Docks May 20, 1897, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 14, 1897; thence northerly along said easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place to the southerly line of the property owned by the trustees of John Jacob Astor; thence westerly parallel to Little West Twelfth street and along the southerly line of the property owned by said trustees of John Jacob Astor to the easterly line of Tenth avenue; thence southerly along the easterly line of Tenth avenue 77 feet 6 inches to the point or place of beginning, and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 24th day of November, 1897, served upon C. W. Baldwin, the representative of William Waldorf Astor, owner in fee simple of the above-described premises, with all its hereditaments, and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owner of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto, for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board, on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following-described premises, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Bloomfield street distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; thence in a northerly direction to a point on the southerly side of Little West Twelfth street distant 110 feet 7 inches easterly from the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; thence easterly along the southerly side of Little West Twelfth street a distance of 137 feet 9 inches; thence in a southerly direction 199 feet 1 inch to a point on the northerly side of Bloomfield street distant 224 feet 6 inches easterly of the easterly line of Thirteenth avenue; thence westerly along the northerly side of Bloomfield street a distance of 124 feet 6 inches to the point or place of beginning, and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 24th day of November, 1897, served on Samuel Day, Vice-President of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, owner in fee simple of the above-described premises, with all its hereditaments, and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owner of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto, for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following described premises, to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue with the northerly side of West Twentieth street; thence easterly along the northerly side of West Twentieth street a distance of 246 feet 10 inches to the westerly side of Eleventh avenue; thence northerly along the westerly side of Eleventh avenue a distance of 184 feet to the southerly side of West Twenty-first street; thence westerly along the southerly side of West Twenty-first street a distance of 289 feet to the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; thence southerly along the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue a distance of 188 feet 9 inches to the point or place of beginning, together with the bulkhead on the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue opposite said premises and beginning at the intersection of the northerly line of West Twentieth street extended with the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue, and running thence northerly to the point of intersection of the southerly side of West Twenty-first street extended with the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue, together with all the rights of wharfage, cramage advantages, emoluments and appurtenances connected therewith, and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 24th day of November, 1897, served upon Dean Hoffman the representative of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, owner in fee simple of the above-described premises with all its hereditaments, and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owner of said property and this Department, for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges, appertaining thereto for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions offering to purchase in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest of the parties hereinafter named in or appurtenant to the following-described premises, said interest being a six-seventh interest, to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly line of Eleventh avenue with the northerly side of West Fourteenth street, running along the northerly side of West Fourteenth street, a distance of 719.07 feet to the easterly line of the marginal wharf, street or place shown on the map or plan made by the Board of Docks May 20, 1897, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 14, 1897; thence running along said easterly line of the said marginal street, wharf or place to the southerly side of West Fifteenth street; thence westerly along the southerly side of West Fifteenth street a distance of 639.94 feet to the easterly side of Eleventh avenue; and thence southerly along the easterly side of Eleventh avenue a distance of 206 feet 6 inches to the point or place of beginning, together with the bulkhead on the westerly side of Eleventh avenue opposite said premises, and beginning at the intersection of the northerly line of West Fourteenth street, extended, with the westerly side of Eleventh avenue, and running thence northerly 206 feet 6 inches, more or less, to the southerly line of West Fifteenth street extended, together with all the rights of wharfage, cramage, advantages, emoluments and appurtenances connected therewith, and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 24th day of November, 1897, served on Henry Lewis Morris, the attorney for Winthrop Astor Chanler, William Astor Chanler, Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, Margaret Livingston Chanler, Elizabeth Winthrop Chanler and Alida Beckman Chanler Emmet, owners in fee simple of six-seventh interest in the above-described premises with all its hereditaments, and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owners, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owners of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto, for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

ments and privileges appertaining thereto, for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board, on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name of and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following-described premises, to wit:

Lot 1—Beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Eleventh avenue with the northerly side of West Seventeenth street; thence easterly along the northerly line of West Seventeenth street a distance of 419.53 feet to the easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place as shown on the map or plan made by the Board of Docks, May 20, 1897, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, June 14, 1897; thence along the easterly line of said marginal street, wharf or place in a northerly direction to the southerly side of West Eighteenth street; thence westerly along the southerly side of West Eighteenth street a distance of 348.45 feet to the easterly side of Eleventh avenue; thence southerly along the easterly side of Eleventh avenue to the point or place of beginning.

Lot 2—Beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue with the northerly side of West Seventeenth street; thence easterly along the northerly side of West Seventeenth street a distance of 80 feet 2¼ inches to the westerly side of Eleventh avenue; thence northerly along the westerly side of Eleventh avenue a distance of 184 feet to the southerly side of West Eighteenth street; thence westerly along the southerly side of West Eighteenth street a distance of 122 feet 3½ inches to the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue; thence southerly along the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue a distance of 188 feet 9 inches to the point or place of beginning; together with the bulkhead on the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue opposite said premises and beginning at the intersection of the northerly side of West Seventeenth street extended with the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue and running thence northerly 188 feet 9 inches, more or less, to the southerly side of Eighteenth street extended, together with all the rights of wharfage, cramage, advantages, emoluments and appurtenances connected therewith; and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 26th day of November, 1897, served upon Consolidated Gas Company, owner in fee simple of the above-described premises with all its hereditaments, including the riparian and wharfage rights; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owner of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions, offering to purchase in the name of and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following described premises, to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue with the southerly side of West Fourteenth street, thence running in a southerly direction to the centre line of the block between West Thirteenth and West Fourteenth streets; thence easterly along the centre line of the block between West Thirteenth and West Fourteenth streets to the easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place, shown on the map or plan made by the Department of Docks May 20, 1897, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 14, 1897; thence in a northerly direction along the easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place to the southerly side of West Fourteenth street at a point 41.65 feet westerly of Tenth avenue; thence westerly along the southerly side of West Fourteenth street to the point or place of beginning; together with the bulkhead on the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue opposite to the foregoing premises, together with all the rights of wharfage, cramage, advantages, emoluments and appurtenances connected therewith; and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 26th day of November, 1897, served upon A. S. & W. Hutchins, Attorneys for Ann White, Mary M. White, Cornelia Le Roy White, John Steward, Jr., Campbell Steward, Catharine E. S. Stuyvesant, Ann Stuyvesant, August Van Horne Stuyvesant, Jr., Elizabeth H. Ludlow, Bannyer Ludlow, Catharine L. Searing and Mary Le Roy Cox, owners in fee simple of the above-described premises with all its hereditaments, including the riparian and wharfage rights; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owners, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owners of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as required by law in such cases made and provided.

Whereas, This Board, on the 22d day of November, 1897, adopted preambles and resolutions offering to purchase in the name of and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, in fee simple, all right, title and interest in or appurtenant to the following described premises, to wit:

The half block bounded by Thirteenth avenue, Little West Twelfth street, Tenth avenue and the centre line of the block between Little West Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, with the improvements thereon, together with the bulkhead on the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue opposite thereto, beginning at the intersection of the northerly line of Little West Twelfth street, with the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue, and running thence northerly 114 feet 4 inches, more or less, together with all rights of wharfage, cramage, advantages, emoluments, and appurtenances connected therewith; also

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Tenth avenue a distance of one hundred and six (106) and thirty-four one hundredths feet north of the northerly line of Little West Twelfth street; thence southerly along the easterly line of Tenth avenue to the northerly line of property owned by William Waldorf Astor; thence easterly along the northerly line of the property owned by the said William Waldorf Astor to the easterly line of the marginal street, wharf or place shown on the plan made by the Board of Docks, May 20, 1897, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, June 14, 1897; thence northerly along the easterly line of the said marginal street, wharf or place to the point or place of beginning; and

Whereas, Said offer was on the 24th day of November, 1897, served on Stephen Wood, a representative of the Trustees of the estate of John Jacob Astor, owner in fee simple of the above-described premises, with all its hereditaments; and

Whereas, Said offer has not been accepted by said owner, although the time in which to do so has elapsed; and

Whereas, It is deemed that no price can be agreed upon between the owner of said property and this Department for the purchase thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to institute legal proceedings for the immediate acquisition of said property, together with all rights, terms, easements and privileges appertaining thereto, for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York as required by law in such cases made and provided.

The application of the Erie Railroad Company for a lease of the westerly part of Pier, new 7, East river, was laid on the table.

The following permits were granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief, the structures to remain thereat only during the pleasure of the Board:

Consolidated Ice Company, to raise ice-platform, place scale and tally-house, and to plank in front of ice-bridge on the bulkhead south of Rivington street, East river.

The Hospital for Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria Patients, to drive piles on the north side of the bulkhead at the foot of East Sixteenth street.

Benjamin F. Jones, to drive piles at Oak Point, East river.

The following permits were granted on the usual terms:

Consolidated Gas Company, to make opening in front of Pier, new 13, North river, for trapped service.

Merritt & Chapman Derrick and Wrecking Company, to land cables at the foot of West Eighteenth and West Forty-fourth streets, North river.

The following permit was granted, to continue during the pleasure of the Board:

Hoagland, Robinson & Vaughan, to pile brick at Twenty-ninth street, North river, compensation to be paid therefor at the rate of \$10 per barge load per month.

The following communications were ordered on file:

From the Counsel to the Corporation—

1st. Requesting requisition for bills of costs in proceedings to acquire lands for the extension of Riverside Park. Chief Clerk directed to prepare same.

2d. Advising that the receipt and depositing of check for rental of land under water occupied by the Manhattan Railway Company at One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, Harlem river, constitutes a waiver of the clause in the lease requiring three months' notice, and that the application of said company for a renewal lease should be granted.

3d. Approving form of Contract No. 623.

4th. Requesting requisitions for bills of costs in four proceedings for the acquisition of property. Chief Clerk directed to prepare same.

From the Finance Department—

1st. Approving sureties on Contract No. 609.

2d. In relation to the approval of sureties on Contract No. 606.

From the New York City Civil Service Commission—
1st. Submitting list of persons eligible for appointment as temporary Stenographers and Typewriters. Secretary directed to request an additional list.
2d. In relation to the reinstatement of John Ronan, Blacksmith.
3d. Certifying result of examination for promotion from Inspector of Pier Building to Superintendent of Repairs.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That Edward E. McCarney, who has been certified by the New York City Civil Service Commission as eligible for such position, be and is hereby promoted from Inspector of Pier Buildings to Superintendent of Repairs, on probation, with compensation at the rate of \$2,000 per annum, commencing Dec. 9, 1897.

From the Department of Public Works—requesting permission to pierce bulkhead at Pier 52, East river.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request said Department to submit copy of drawings and specifications, and to suspend work until proper permit is granted therefor.

From the Health Department—Giving notice of the acceptance of the resignation of John J. Colleton, Junior Clerk.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:
Whereas, John J. Colleton has resigned from the Health Department, and said Department has certified that he left the service of his own accord and not through any fault or delinquency on his part,

Resolved, That John J. Colleton be and he hereby is appointed Junior Clerk in this Department, on probation, with compensation at the rate of \$50 per month, to take effect December 11, 1897, subject to Civil Service Regulations.

From the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Limited—Accepting terms of the resolution adopted December 2, 1897, fixing the time for the commencement of the piers to be built at the foot of West Eleventh and Bank streets, North river.

From the sureties on Contract No. 596—Consenting to the extension of time on said contract.

From John Doherty—Requesting to have permit for ice platform foot of East One Hundred and Fourth street transferred to Hugh Doherty. Application granted.

From Patrick Costello—Requesting an extension of time to complete Contract No. 593.

On motion, said application was denied, and the contractor directed to finish the work as quickly as possible.

From the Hoboken Ferry Company—Requesting the laying of an additional crosswalk at the foot of Christopher street, North river.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to lay said crosswalk in accordance with his report.

From Jones & Brosnan—In reference to the erection of a platform on land under water between Barretto's and Hunt's Point, East River.

On motion, the Comptroller and the Counsel to the Corporation were requested to take the necessary action to protect the interests of the city in the matter of rental for said land under water.

From the Consolidated Canal and Lake Company—Stating that it will begin the construction of a shed on the bulkhead foot of West Fifty-fourth street, during the present month.

On motion, said company was directed to submit full plans and specifications for said shed, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to prepare plans, specifications and form of contract for taking up the existing pavement on the bulkhead and to lay pavement 50 feet wide thereat.

From James E. Thorndike, Property Clerk—Requesting that his appointment be made permanent.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That James E. Thorndike having served his term of probation as prescribed by the New York City Civil Service Commission be and hereby is appointed Property Clerk in this Department.

From John H. Starin—Requesting that he be notified of any application from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to alter, modify or amend plans for the improvement of the waterfront at Cortlandt street, North river.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise said Starin of any proposed action for the modification of the plans for the improvement of the waterfront thereat.

From Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company—Requesting permission to build a fence around the southerly half of the bulkhead between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets, North river.

On motion, said application was denied and said Company notified to appear before the Board December 16, 1897, to show cause why the material stored thereon should not be removed or a proper rental paid for the use of said bulkhead.

From Joseph Cavanagh—Requesting an extension of time on Contract No. 592, Class I.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the time for the completion of the delivery of hardware and tools under Class I, Contract No. 592, Joseph Cavanagh, contractor, be and is hereby extended to December 4, 1897, provided the written consent of the sureties to said contract is filed in this Department.

From Steers & Bensele—Requesting an extension of time on Contract No. 572.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the time for the completion of the work of preparing for and repairing and extending the Pier at the foot of West One Hundred and Thirty-second street, North river, under Contract No. 572, Steers & Bensele, contractors, be and hereby is extended to December 31, 1897, provided the written consent of the sureties to said contract is filed in this Department.

From the Treasurer—
1st. Recommending that the compensation to be charged Burns Brothers for the privilege of driving three bunches of piles at the foot of Delancey street, East river, be fixed at the rate of \$100 per annum, commencing November 15, 1897.

On motion of Commissioner Monks, the compensation was fixed at the rate of \$75 per annum.
2d. Recommending that the compensation to be charged Shanley & Ryan for the use of bulkhead and land under water at the foot of Delancey street, East river, be fixed at the rate of \$125 per month, payable in advance to the Treasurer, commencing January 1, 1898.

From the Dock Superintendent—Report for the week ending December 4, 1897, and reporting absences of certain employees for the month of November, 1897.

From the Engineer-in-Chief—
1st. Report for the week ending December 4, 1897.

2d. Reporting the death of Peter Canty, Laborer.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to take his name from the list of employees.

3d. Recommending that the compensation of John W. Ingalls, Clerk, be fixed at the rate of \$105 for the month of December, 1897.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the compensation of John W. Ingalls, Clerk, be and hereby is fixed at the rate of one hundred and five dollars per month, for the month ending December 31, 1897, only.

4th. Reporting the commencement of work under Contracts Nos. 615, 609, Class III., and Contract No. 592, Class I., and the completion of work under Contract No. 592, Class I.

5th. Recommending that repairs be ordered to the bulkhead between One Hundred and Thirty-first and One Hundred and Thirty-second streets, and the pier foot of East Thirty-first street. Recommendation adopted.

6th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 17528, submitting plans, specifications and form of contract for building Pier foot of East Fourth street.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the plans, specifications and form of contract submitted by the Engineer-in-Chief for building Pier at the foot of East Fourth street be and hereby are approved subject to the approval of the Counsel to the Corporation as to form; and the Secretary be and hereby is directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of contract printed and proper advertisements inviting estimates inserted in the newspapers as provided by law.

The Treasurer, Commissioner Einstein, submitted his report of receipts for the week ending December 8, 1897, amounting to \$29,435.61, which was received and ordered to be spread in full on the minutes, as follows:

| DATE. | FROM WHOM. | FOR WHAT. | AMOUNT. |
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| 1897. | | | |
| Dec. 2 | DeLa., Lack. & West R. R. Co. | 1 qrs. rent, bhd. each side Pier, new 41, N. R. | \$1,325 00 |
| " 2 | " | " Pier, new 41, N. R. | 7,695 00 |
| " 2 | Jacob Solomon | " bath house S. side Pier ft. W. 128th st. | 87 50 |
| " 2 | Murtagh & McCarthy | 1 mos. rent, new made land bet. Piers 60 and 61, E. R. | 25 00 |
| " 2 | Ramsdell Line of Steamers | " to land at Pier ft. W. 129th st. | 50 00 |
| " 2 | N. Y., Lake Erie & West. R. Co. | " bhd. bet. Piers, new 6 and 7, E. R. | 33 33 |
| " 2 | N. Y., Lake Erie & West. R. Co. | 1 qrs. rent, l. u. w. bet. 22d and 23d st., N. R. | 497 87 |
| " 2 | Adam Neldlinger | " bhd., etc., at 64th st., E. R. | 175 00 |
| " 2 | John Doherty, Jr. | " ice platform at the foot of E. 104th st. | 250 00 |

| DATE. | FROM WHOM. | FOR WHAT. | AMOUNT. |
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| 1897. | | | |
| Dec. 3 | W. B. Osborne | Wharfage, District No. 10. | \$54 13 |
| " 3 | Stoker & Thedford | 1 mos. rent, bhd. bet. Piers, new 59 and 60, N. R. | 166 66 |
| " 3 | Duryea Bros. | " l. u. w. for platform ft. Jackson st., E. R. | 154 71 |
| " 4 | Brown & Fleming | " dumping-board on Pier, old 42, N. R. | 233 34 |
| " 4 | " | " dumping-board S. inner side of Pier ft. W. 55th st. | 104 17 |
| " 4 | Richard J. Foster | " 94 ft. of bhd. S. of Pier, new 42, N. R. | 125 00 |
| " 4 | W. G. Trieste | Blue print plans for inclosing E. 3d st. Pier. | 5 00 |
| " 6 | John J. Hopper | 1 mos. rent, bhd. at 1/2 W. 135th st. | 16 67 |
| " 6 | Regua & Duell | " to land Str. "Armitage Bearly," on N. side Pier, old 59, N. R. | 83 34 |
| " 7 | Augustus Smith | Blue print plans for inclosing E. 3d st. Pier. | 5 00 |
| " 7 | Dock Masters | Wharfage | 210 53 |
| " 7 | " | " | 1,483 97 |
| " 7 | Albert H. Hastorf | 1 mos. rent, dumping-board on bhd. ft. 73d st., E. R. | 75 00 |
| " 7 | " | " bhd. ft. 39th st., E. R. | 75 00 |
| " 7 | William Hastorf | " floating dumping-board ft. E. 30th st. | 20 00 |
| " 7 | Wm. M. Montgomery & Co. | " S. side of Pier at ft. E. 100th st. | 83 33 |
| " 8 | James Shewan & Sons | " S. side Pier 62, E. R., and bhd. S. | 291 67 |
| " 8 | Pacific Mail S. S. Co. | 1 qrs. rent, Pier, new 34, and bhd. each side, N. R. | 15,105 74 |
| " 8 | Collector | Wharfage for September | 86 43 |
| " 8 | " | " October | 710 44 |
| " 8 | " | " November | 336 73 |
| | | Date deposited, December 8, 1897 | \$29,435 61 |

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN EINSTEIN, Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee submitted a report of forty-seven bills or claims, amounting to \$1,711,801.70, which had been approved and audited. The report was ordered to be spread in full on the minutes, as follows:

| Audit No. | Names. | Amount. | Total. |
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| 16469. | Car fares and incidentals. | \$240 31 | |
| 16470. | Car fares and incidentals. | 97 59 | |
| 16471. | Car fares and incidentals. | 95 54 | \$433 44 |

Acquired Property.

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| Between Horatio and Gansevoort streets, West street and Thirteenth avenue, including the wharfage rights on the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue. | | | |
| 16472. | John S. McLean, value of wharfage rights, fees, etc. | \$325,961 44 | |
| 16473. | John Schuback, value of buildings, etc. | 6,345 58 | |
| 16474. | Mary E. L. Sulzer, et al., wharfage rights, etc. | 468,463 03 | |
| 16475. | William E. Striker, leasehold, etc. | 2,244 90 | |
| 16476. | H. A. & S. F. Stevens, leasehold, etc. | 313 21 | |
| 16477. | J. H. Hutchinson, fixtures, etc. | 119 72 | |
| 16478. | Charles Welge & Co., leasehold, etc. | 5,024 30 | |
| 16479. | E. B. & W. S. Cooke, fixtures, etc. | 481 05 | |
| 16480. | E. S. Burnham & Co., leasehold, etc. | 2,405 25 | |
| 16481. | William A. Spenneke, leasehold, etc. | 1,282 80 | |
| 16482. | Charles Deishler, leasehold, etc. | 534 50 | |
| 16483. | Sartarino & Co., leasehold, etc. | 4,276 00 | 817,451 78 |

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| Jane and Horatio streets, West street and Thirteenth avenue, including the wharfage rights on the westerly side of Thirteenth avenue: | | | |
| 16484. | Louisa M. Gerry, value of wharfage rights, fees, etc. | \$330,050 14 | |
| 16485. | Forster M. Voorhees, Received, fixtures, etc. | 16,572 08 | |
| 16486. | Eugene A. Hoffman, wharfage, rights, fee, etc. | 378,999 80 | |
| 16487. | Gansevoort Freezing and Cold Storage Company, lease and fixtures | 76,980 00 | |
| 16488. | Hannah Martin et al., buildings, etc. | 1,069 16 | |
| 16489. | Fredericka R. Addicks, et al., lease and buildings. | 3,207 50 | 806,878 68 |

Construction.

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| 16490. | R. H. Hood, Estimate No. 4 and Final, Contract No. 590. | \$3,875 46 | |
| 16491. | Steers & Bensele, Estimate No. 1, Contract No. 605. | 1,374 73 | |
| 16492. | R. G. Packard, Estimate No. 2 and Final, Contract No. 587. | 43,230 30 | |
| 16493. | Southern Pine Company of Georgia, Estimate No. 2, Contract No. 596. | 20,111 53 | |
| 16494. | Charles S. Hirsch, Estimate No. 1 and Contract No. 607. | 12,274 01 | |
| 16495. | Blagden & Stillman, insurance. | 225 00 | |
| 16496. | De Grauw, Aymar & Co., oars. | 52 02 | |
| 16497. | Gas Engine and Power Company, repairs to naphtha motors. | 26 75 | |
| 16498. | Brown & Miller; replacing propeller wheel. | 42 00 | |
| 16499. | John Loyd, castings. | 19 22 | |
| 16500. | Vierows' Towing Line, services of tugs. | 147 25 | |
| 16501. | New York Telephone Company, telephone rental and toll service. | 125 70 | |
| 16502. | New York Telephone Company, private line rental. | 108 00 | |
| 16503. | T. N. Motley & Co., screw jacks, etc. | 441 60 | |
| 16504. | James Beggs & Co., grates. | 74 50 | |
| 16505. | John F. Walsh, Jr., pike poles. | 60 00 | |
| 16506. | F. C. Rogers, iron and steel. | 49 35 | |
| 16507. | Kolesch & Co., tapes | 159 48 | 82,396 90 |

General Repairs.

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| 16508. | Crane & McMahon, Estimate No. 2 and Final, Contract No. 597. | \$2,467 44 | |
| 16509. | William H. Jenks, Estimate No. 2 and Final, Contract No. 595. | 798 46 | |
| 16510. | Hugh Getty, band stands, etc. | 437 00 | |
| 16511. | Thomas Kearns, services of horse, cart and driver. | 180 00 | |
| 16512. | J. Crinion, services of horse, cart and driver. | 180 00 | |
| 16513. | Brush Electric Illuminating Co. of New York, electric lamps, etc. | 108 00 | |
| 16514. | George P. Hall & Son, photo. copies. | 50 00 | |
| 16515. | Young & Schminke, band stands, etc. | 420 00 | 4,640 90 |

\$1,711,801 70

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN EINSTEIN, } Auditing Committee.
JOHN MONKS, }

The action of the Secretary in transmitting the same, with requisition to the Finance Department for payment, approved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Isaac Weed, of No. 699 Lexington avenue, Brooklyn, who has been certified by the New York City Civil Service Commission as eligible for such position, be and hereby is appointed Souder in this Department, with compensation at the rate of \$15 per week, to take effect December 11, 1897.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to prepare requisition for a bead-moulding to be placed under the balustrade panels of the East Third Street Recreation Building, as recommended by the Consulting Architect.

The Secretary reported that the pay-rolls for the General Repairs and Construction Forces for the week ending December 3, 1897, amounting to \$7,711.73, had been approved, audited and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CHAS. J. FARLEY, Assistant Secretary.

CHANGE OF GRADE DAMAGE COMMISSION.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, MONDAY, November 15, 1897, 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—Daniel Lord (Chairman); James M. Varnum and George W. Stephens, Commissioners. The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with. The Commissioners then, in executive session, examined, discussed and considered the depositions, testimony, photographs and other evidence in certain claims heretofore submitted. The Commission then adjourned to Wednesday, November 17, 1897, 3 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, November 17, 1897, 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—Daniel Lord (Chairman); James M. Varnum and George W. Stephens, Commissioners. Of Counsel—Robert C. Beatty, Esq., representing the Corporation Counsel; Messrs. McCarty & Baldwin, representing numerous claimants. The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with. The Commissioners then proceeded with the trial of the following claims: No. 598 (Wehrum & Olcott), No. 791 (Katherine E. Rapp), No. 182 (Charles D. Baur), No. 494 (Mary J. Stothers), No. 478 (Clara Keutel), and No. 410 (Priscilla S. Purser, ex executrix). The Commission then adjourned to Friday, November 19, 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, November 19, 1897, 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—James M. Varnum (Chairman pro tem), and George W. Stephens, Commissioners. The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with. The Commissioners handed down the following opinion:

In the Matter of the Claim of
CHRISTIANA W. ESCH.
STEPHENS, C. }

The claim herein was filed by Christiana W. Esch, who, in her notice of claim, stated that she was the owner in fee of the premises therein described and as to which damages were claimed. The proofs adduced before us show that these premises had been conveyed to her husband, G. Robert Esch, in 1879, and had continued in his ownership up to the time of his death, which occurred about 1883. He left a will which was admitted to probate by which he devised his entire estate, both real and personal, to his widow, the said Christiana W. Esch, for the term of her natural life, or so long as she should remain his widow, with remainder to his four children. He appointed his widow sole executrix of his will and guardian of his children. The widow entered into possession of the premises and continued in such possession up to the time of her death in 1895. Letters testamentary on the will of her husband were duly issued to her on April 19, 1893. She did not re-marry.

The Counsel to the Corporation insists that the damages to be awarded in this case must be limited to such as directly affected the life estate of the claimant, and that no recovery can be had for any injury to the estate of the remainder men. It is conceded that if this objection is sustained, no compensation whatsoever can be obtained by the latter.

The statute under which this Commission is acting was passed for the purpose of affording relief to the owners of property injured by the change of grade. The object of requiring the owners to file notice of their claims was to apprise the City authorities of what property was considered to have been injured, so that they might prepare to meet such claims.

In the present instance the claimant, at the time the claim was filed, was the owner of the life estate. We think that, as such life tenant, she was to be considered as being "the owner" of the property within the meaning of the Act under which this Commission is acting, and was, therefore, entitled to file a claim which should embrace the entire damages to the premises. The remainder men would not have been entitled to have received any part of the damages, in any possible view of the case, during her lifetime. She was to have the use of all of the estate as long as she remained the widow of the testator, and therefore she would have been entitled, had she lived, to have received the entire award which might be made. Indeed, it was quite as much her duty, as the life tenant, to prosecute the claim as it was to protect the property from injury, and to defend the title against all assailants. We decide, therefore, that under the claim as filed full recovery can be had for the entire damages.

The next question which presents itself is to whom shall the award now be made payable, the claimant having died in 1895. It will not be disputed that a large portion of the damages was sustained by the claimant personally. No possible damage can result to the City if the entire damages are made payable to her executors. The City will not be called upon to pay twice for the same injury. Of the four remainder men, two are the executors of the claimant, one is dead, having died intestate, unmarried and without issue, and one is insane. The three living practically share equally under both their father's and their mother's wills. Under these circumstances we think that we are not called upon to divide the damages to be awarded between the different parties, but that the award should be made to the executor of the claimant, John Julius Esch.

The motion made by the attorney for claimant (see Stenographer's minutes, page 5020) to amend the title of the petition so as to read:

"In the matter of the claim for damages of Christiana W. Esch, individually and as executrix of G. Robert Esch, deceased, for change of grade of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, filed pursuant to chapter 537 of the Laws of 1893," is hereby granted.

I concur, LORD, C.; I concur, VARNUM, C.

The Commission then adjourned to Monday, November 22, 1897, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 58, No. 96 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, MONDAY, November 22, 1897, 2 o'clock P. M.

Present—Daniel Lord (Chairman), James M. Varnum and George W. Stephens, Commissioners.

Of Counsel—Robert C. Beatty, Esq., representing the Corporation Counsel; Messrs. McCarty & Baldwin, representing numerous claimants; Thomas S. Bassford, Esq., and S. E. Duffy, Esq., representing Claim No. 442 (Irving Tier).

The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting was dispensed with. The Commissioners then proceeded with the trial of the following claims: No. 410 (Priscilla S. Purser); and No. 442 (Irving Tier).

In claim No. 210 (Henry Zubiller and ano.) Mr. Bassford and Mr. Beatty stated that they had agreed upon a form of return to the writ of certiorari heretofore served upon the Commissioners in this proceeding and presented the same to the Commissioners, who instructed the Clerk to make an examination of the same, and, if found to be correct, to present it to the Commissioners for their signatures.

The Commission then adjourned to Wednesday, November 24, 1897, 3 o'clock P. M.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
December 30, 1897:

MR. HENRY McMILLEN, Supervisor, City Record.

DEAR SIR—I am directed by the Mayor to notify you, for publication in the CITY RECORD, that he has this day appointed Willard H. Olmsted a City Magistrate in the City and County of New York, in the place and stead of Job E. Hedges, resigned.

Yours, very respectfully,
BION L. BURROWS, Secretary.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Section 1528 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897 (the Consolidation Act of the City of New York), provides that "there shall be published in the CITY RECORD, within the month of January in each year, a list of all subordinates employed in any department (except laborers, with their salaries, and residences by street numbers, and all changes in such subordinates or salaries shall be so published within one week after they are made. It shall be the duty of all the heads of departments to furnish to the person appointed to supervise the publication of the CITY RECORD everything required to be inserted therein."

HENRY McMILLEN, Supervisor City Record.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9

A. M. to 12 M.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Bureau of Licenses.

No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

EDWARD H. HEALY, Marshal.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.

Room 209, Stewart Building, 5th floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

President: JOHN J. TUCKER;

H. W. CANNON, GEORGE WALTON GREEN, and THE

MAYOR, COMPTROLLER and COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC

WORKS, ex officio, Commissioners; EDWARD L. ALLEN,

Secretary, A. F. TELEY, Chief Engineer.

BOARD OF ARMY COMMISSIONERS.

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OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, Secretary.

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12 M.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Rooms 114 and 115, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

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JAMES MOFFETT, Deputy Commissioner for Brooklyn.

Department of Street Cleaning.

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JAMES McCARTNEY, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

PATRICK H. QUINN, Deputy Commissioner for Brook-

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Department of Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Comptroller's Office.

Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9

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Nos. 25 and 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and

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No. 33 Reade street, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN H. TIMMERMAN, City Paymaster.

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Staats-Zeitung Building, 3d and 4th floors, 9 A. M.

to 5 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

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BLANDY, Assistants.

ALBERT F. JENKS, Assistant Corporation Counsel for

Brooklyn.

Bureau for Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.

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Central Office.

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L. HAMILTON, Secretary; JOHN B. SEXTON, WILLIAM

H. PHILLIPS, Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES.

Central Office.

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sioner for Manhattan and Bronx.

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Plans and Specifications, Contracts, Proposals and

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Saturdays, 12 M.

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to 4.30 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

Central Office.

No. 148 East Twentieth street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FRANCIS J. LANTY, Commissioner.

JAMES J. KIRWIN, Deputy Commissioner in Brooklyn.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

No. 146 Grand street, corner Elm street.

CHARLES BULKLEY HUBBELL, President; ARTHUR

McMULLIN, Clerk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Office hours for all, except where otherwise noted,

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Headquarters.

Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street.

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JAMES H. TULLY, Deputy Commissioner in Brooklyn.

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ment; J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Fire Alarm

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Central Office open at all hours.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, 9 A. M.

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NATHAN STRAUSS, President, and WILLIAM T.

JENKINS, M. D., JOHN B. COLEY, M. D., the PRES-

IDENT OF THE POLICE BOARD, ex officio, and the HEALTH

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Arsenal Building, Central Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.;

Saturdays, 12 M.

GEORGE C. CLAUSEN, Commissioner in Manhattan

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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Fourth avenue corner Eighteenth street, 9 A. M. to

4 P. M.

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CIVIL SERVICE SUPERVISORY AND EXAMIN-

ING BOARDS.

Criminal Court Building, Centre street, between

Franklin and White streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

CHARLES H. KNOX, President, ROBERT E. DEVO and

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CITY COURT.

Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.
General Term.
Trial Term, Part I.
Part II.
Part III.
Part IV.
Special Term Chambers will be held 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Clerk's Office, Room No. 10, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Chief Justice: JAMES M. FITZSIMONS, JOHN H. MCCARTHY, LEWIS J. CONLAN, EDWARD F. O'DWYER and JOHN P. SCHUCHMAN, Justices; JOHN B. MCGOLDRICK, Clerk.

CRIMINAL DIVISION, SUPREME COURT.
New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Court opens at 10 1/2 o'clock A. M.
JOHN F. CARROLL, Clerk; 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, between Franklin and White streets, daily, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturday, 9 A. M. to 12 M.
Judges—ELIZABETH B. HINSDALE, WILLIAM TRAVES, JEROME, EPHRAIM A. JACOB, JOHN HAYES, WILLIAM C. HOLBROOK.

MUNICIPAL COURTS.

Borough of Manhattan.
First District—Third, Fifth and Eighth Wards, and all that part of the First Ward lying west of Broadway and Whitehall street. Court-room, No. 32 Chambers street.

WADSWORTH LYNN, Justice. MICHAEL C. MURPHY, Clerk. Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Second District—Second, Fourth, Sixth and Fourteenth Wards, and all that portion of the First Ward lying south and east of Broadway and Whitehall street. Court-room, corner of Grand and Centre streets.

HERMANN BOLTE, Justice. FRANCIS MANGIN, Clerk. Clerk's Office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Third District—Ninth and Fifteenth Wards. Court-room, southwest corner Sixth avenue and West Tenth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

WM. F. MOORE, Justice. DANIEL WILLIAMS, Clerk. Fourth District—Tenth and Seventeenth Wards. Court-room, No. 30 First street, corner Second avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily, and remains open to close of business.

GEORGE F. ROESCH, Justice. JOHN E. LYNCH, Clerk. Fifth District—Seventh, Eleventh and Thirteenth Wards. Court-room, No. 154 Clinton street.

HENRY M. GOLDFOGLE, Justice. JEREMIAH HAYES, Clerk. Sixth District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards. Court-room, northwest corner Twenty-third street and Second avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily, and continues open to close of business.

DANIEL F. MARTIN, Justice. ABRAHAM BERNARD, Clerk. Seventh District—Nineteenth Ward. Court-room, No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays), and continues open to close of business.

JOHN B. MCKEAN, Justice. PATRICK MCDAVITT, Clerk. Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards. Court-room, northwest corner of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue. Court opens at 9 A. M. and continues open to close of business.

Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. each Court day.

Trial days, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays Return days, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays JOSEPH H. STINER, Justice. THOMAS COSTIGAN, Clerk.

Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, except all that portion of the said ward which is bounded on the north by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the south by the centre line of Eighty-sixth street, on the east by the centre line of Sixth avenue, and on the west by the North river. Court-room, No. 170 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeast corner of Sylvan place. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays), and continues open to close of business.

JOSEPH P. FALLON, Justice. WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, Clerk.

Clerk's office open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Tenth District—Twenty-second Ward, and all that portion of the Twelfth Ward which is bounded on the north by the centre line of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the south by the centre line of Eighty-sixth street, on the east by the centre line of Sixth avenue, and on the west by the North river. Court-room, No. 919 Eighth avenue. Court opens daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES A. O'GORMAN, Justice. JAMES J. GALLIGAN, Clerk.

Eleventh District—Northern part of Twelfth Ward. Court-room, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Columbus avenue. Court opens daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FRANCIS J. WORCESTER, Justice. ADOLPH N. DUMAHAUT, Clerk.

Borough of the Bronx.

First District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Court-room corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court opens at 9 A. M.

JOHN M. TURNEY, Justice.

Second District—All that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward which was lately annexed to the City and County of New York by chapter 934 of the Laws of 1895, comprising all of the late Town of Westchester and part of the Towns of Wakefield and Williamsbridge. Court-room, Town Hall, Main street, Westchester Village. Court opens daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

WILLIAM W. PENFIELD, Justice. JOHN N. STEWART, Clerk.

CITY MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

City Magistrate—HENRY A. BRANN, ROBERT C. CORNELL, LEROY B. CRANE, JOSEPH M. DEUEL, CHARLES A. FLAMMER, HERMAN C. KUDLICH, CLARENCE W. MADE, JOHN O. MOTT, JOSEPH POOL, CHARLES E. SIMMS, JR., THOMAS F. WENTWORTH, W. H. OLMSTEAD, EBER DEMAREST, Secretary.

First District—Criminal Court Building.

Second District—Jefferson Market.

Third District—No. 69 Essex street.

Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue.

Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeastern corner of Sylvan place.

Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

Seventh District—Fifty-fourth street, west of Eighth avenue.

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Orderly, examination of November 1, 1897.—Michael Joseph Mann, No. 666 East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street; Miss Agnes Duddy, No. 412 Perry street; Miss Mary Quinn, No. 18 West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street; Joseph P. O'Reilly, No. 427 West Twenty-sixth street; Frederick Hochstatter, No. 378 Pleasant avenue; Daniel Hogan, No. 313 Seventh avenue; Joseph B. Lawrence, No. 216 East Fortieth street; William Henry Downey, No. 125 William street; Miss Lizzie Donnelly, No. 182 Park avenue; James F. Wood, Fordham Hospital, New York City; Lottie Agnes Kiernan, No. 1002 Avenue A; Ellen McCoy, No. 131 East One Hundred and Tenth street; Luke C. Ryder, Metropolitan Hospital, New York City; Mrs. Irene Wright, Almshouse, Blackwell's Island, N. Y.; Patrick Hennessey, No. 60 East One Hundred and Fifth street; Francis Joseph Cooney, No. 706 Third avenue, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets; Edward W. Curtis, No. 79 West Ninety-second street; Thomas P. Mulcahy, No. 273 West Fifty-second street; Edward Ward, No. 318 West Fortieth street; Miss Mary Kiernan, No. 221 West Sixty-seventh street; Thomas William Conlin, No. 322 East Thirty-first street; Mrs. Martha P. Judge, No. 392 Forty-first street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John O'Keane, No. 339 West Fifty-second street; Frederick C. Winklemeyer, No. 119 East One Hundred and Twentieth street; Michael Cullen, No. 413 West Fifty-fourth street; John Sullivan, No. 505 Eagle avenue; Dennis Scanlon, No. 229 East Seventieth street; Michael J. Hanigan, No. 440 Pleasant avenue; Miss Mary F. Grady, Randall's Island Hospital; James Kelly, Randall's Island; Miss Margaret M. Farns, Randall's Island Infants' Hospital; Chester T. Milligan, Pelham avenue, Bronx, New York; Miss Sophie L. Matern, No. 392 Forty-first street, South Brooklyn; Cornelius C. Keenan, No. 172 West One Hundred and Ninth street; Edward B. O'Flynn, Blackwell's Island.

Topographical Draftsman, examination of November 30, 1897.—Frederic T. Howe, Trinity avenue, near East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street; David C. Serber, No. 1670 Lexington avenue; Herbert R. Murtagh, No. 1037 East One Hundred and Thirty-third street; Henry A. Harris, No. 343 West Fifty-sixth street; William F. Laase, No. 289 East Tenth street; Howard W. Mesnard, No. 43 East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street; Jacob Hayman, No. 1720 Madison avenue.

Copyist, examination of December 1, 1897.—John J. Mulhall, No. 101 West Seventieth street; Richard Tone Pettit, No. 20 Lawrence street; Jeremiah Maher, No. 61 West Sixty-second street; L. Frederic Mount, No. 205 South Oxford street, Brooklyn, New York; Jacob Wellington Beebe, No. 899 East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street; Charles A. Boorman, No. 269 East Seventy-eighth street; Edgar W. Williams, No. 155 West Eighty-fourth street.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NEW YORK, December 29, 1897.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at the Mayor's office at the City Hall until 12 o'clock M. on Wednesday, January 12, 1898. The bids will be publicly opened by the President of the Board of Public Improvements at the Mayor's office, City Hall at the hour above mentioned.

No. 1. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF SEVENTY-SIXTH STREET, between West End avenue and Riverside Drive.

No. 2. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT-BLOCK PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF EIGHTY-FIRST STREET, from Park to Third

No. 3. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT-BLOCK PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF EIGHTY-FIRST STREET, from Columbus to Amsterdam avenue, AND EIGHTY-FOURTH STREET, from West End avenue to Boulevard.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons 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; 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 Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or in the work to which it relates or in any portion of the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent listing, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either 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 security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in a sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WILL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained in the office of the Chief Clerk of the Department of Public Works No. 150 Nassau street, Room 1708.

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

DAMAGE COMM.—23-24 WARDS.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 537 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act providing for ascertaining and paying the amount of damages to lands and buildings suffered by reason of changes of grade of streets or avenues, made pursuant to chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887, providing for the depression of railroad tracks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in the City of New York, or otherwise," and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, notice is hereby given that public meetings of the Commissioners appointed pursuant to said acts, will be held at Room 58, Schermerhorn Building, No. 95 Broadway, in the City of New York, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, at 3 o'clock P. M., until further notice.

Dated New York, October 20, 1897.

DANIEL LORD, JAMES M. VARNUM, GEORGE W. STEPHENS, Commissioners.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, at the Annex of the Hall of the Board, No. 585 Broadway, eleventh floor, until 3.30 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, January 11, 1898, for Erecting a New School Building for Public School 168, One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Fifth streets, between First and Second avenues; also, for Supplying the Heating and Ventilating Apparatus and Electric Lighting Plant for Public School 42, Hester, Ludlow and Orchard streets.

Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals obtained at the Annex of the Hall of the Board, Estimating Room, Nos. 419 and 421 Broome street, top floor.

The attention of bidders is expressly called to the time stated in the contract within which the work must be completed. They are expressly notified that the successful bidder will be held strictly to completion within said time.

The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

The contractor shall provide bonds of suretyship of one of the several surety companies doing business in this city when the amount of the bid exceeds two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

It is required as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposals, that a certified check upon or a certificate of deposit of one of the State or National banks or Trust Companies of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the President of the Board of Education, shall accompany the proposal to an amount of not less than three per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for an amount under ten thousand dollars; and on demand, within one day after the awarding of the contract by the Committee, the President of the Board will return all the deposits of checks and certificates of deposits made to the persons making the same, except that made by the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted, and that if the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall refuse or neglect, within five days after due notice has

been given that the contract is ready for execution, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit or of the check or certificate of deposit made by him or them shall be forfeited to and retained by this Board, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York; but if the said person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his or their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

RICHARD H. ADAMS, DANIEL E. MCSWEENEY, WILLIAM H. HURLBUT, JACOB W. MACK, CHAS. C. BURLINGHAM, Committee on Buildings. Dated New York, December 30, 1897.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York, at the Annex of the Hall of the Board, No. 585 Broadway, eleventh floor, until 3.30 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, January 4, 1898, for erecting new Public School 44 on southeast corner of Hubert and Collier streets.

Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals obtained at the Annex of the Hall of the Board, Estimating Room, Nos. 419 and 421 Broome street, top floor.

The attention of bidders is expressly called to the time stated in the contract within which the work must be completed. They are expressly notified that the successful bidder will be held strictly to completion within said time.

The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

The contractor shall provide bonds of suretyship of one of the several surety companies doing business in this city, when the amount of the bid exceeds two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

It is required as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposals, that a certified check upon or a certificate of deposit of one of the State or National banks or Trust Companies of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the President of the Board of Education, shall accompany the proposal to an amount of not less than three per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for or exceeds ten thousand dollars, and to an amount of not less than five per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for an amount under ten thousand dollars; and on demand, within one day after the awarding of the contract by the Committee, the President of the Board will return all the deposits of checks and certificates of deposits made to the persons making the same, except that made by the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted; and that if the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall refuse or neglect, within five days after due notice has been given that the contract is ready for execution, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit or of the check or certificate of deposit made by him or them shall be forfeited to and retained by this Board, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York; but if the said person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his or their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

EDWARD H. PEASLEE, RICHARD H. ADAMS, DANIEL E. MCSWEENEY, WILLIAM H. HURLBUT, JACOB W. MACK, Committee on Buildings. Dated New York, December 21, 1897.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

TO CONTRACTORS. (No. 614.) PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR PREPARING FOR AND REPAIRING AND EXTENDING THE PIER AT THE FOOT OF WEST ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH STREET, NORTH RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR PREPARING FOR AND REPAIRING and extending the Pier at the foot of West One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, on Pier "A," foot of Battery place, North river, in the City of New York, until 11.30 o'clock A. M.

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at which time and place the estimates will be publicly opened by the head of said Department. The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any person making an estimate for the work shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the nature, quantities and extent of the work is as follows:

CLASS I.—EXTENDING AND REPAIRING PIER.

(a) EXTENDING PIER.

To be furnished by the Department of Docks.
1. Yellow Pine Timber, 12" x 14", about 21,122 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 12" x 12", about 200,638 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 10" x 12", about 8,820 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 9" x 12", about 144 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 10" x 10", about 1,167 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 8" x 16", about 576 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 8" x 15", about 1,190 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 8" x 12", about 2,096 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 8" x 10", about 94 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 8" x 8", about 52,923 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 6" x 8", about 380 feet B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 7" x 14", about 359 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 7" x 12", about 3,164 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 6" x 12", about 4,134 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 6" x 10", about 184 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 5" x 10", about 20,710 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 4" x 10", about 39,772 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 3" x 10", about 24,188 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 4" x 6", about 56 feet, B. M., measured in the work—Total, about 291,687 feet, B. M., measured in the work.

NOTE.—It is the intention of the Department of Docks to furnish all the yellow pine timber of the above dimensions, with the exceptions noted in Items No. 2 and No. 5, required to do the work under these specifications, and it will be furnished by the Department of Docks to the contractor, free of charge, in the water or on a pier or bulkhead at one or more points on the North river water-front south of West Seventy-fifth street, as hereinafter specified. And the contractor is to raft it, care for it and transport it to the site of the work at his own expense and risk.

To be furnished by the Contractor.

2. Yellow Pine Timber, 12" x 10", about 3,664 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 12" x 14", about 2,096 feet, B. M., measured in the work; Yellow Pine Timber, 10" x 12", about 350 feet, B. M.

his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract, by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal sum of EIGHT THOUSAND (\$8,000) DOLLARS.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them 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 Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work 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 therein are in all respects true. When more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either 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 security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimates in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of Withers & Dickson, 54 Bible House, New York City, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of their provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon their absolute enforcement in every particular.

DR. STEPHEN SMITH, President; JOHN P. FAURE, and JAMES R. O'BRIEN, Commissioners, Department of Public Charities.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, December 17, 1897.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR MATERIALS AND WORK REQUIRED FOR RECEIVING AND FERRY HOUSE TO BE ERRECTED AT CITY HOSPITAL LANDING, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE aforesaid work and materials, in accordance with the specifications and plans will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until Friday, January 7, 1898, until 10 o'clock A. M. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Materials and Work required for Receiving and Ferry House to be erected at City Hospital Landing, Blackwell's Island," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract, by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000) DOLLARS.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making

the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them 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 Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work 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 therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either 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 security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimates in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of Withers & Dickson, 54 Bible House, New York City, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of their provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon their absolute enforcement in every particular.

DR. STEPHEN SMITH, President; JOHN P. FAURE, and JAMES R. O'BRIEN, Commissioners, Department of Public Charities.

STREET CLEANING DEPT.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
NEW YORK LIFE BUILDING,
No. 346 BROADWAY.

CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING HAY, STRAW, OATS, BRAN, COARSE SALT, ROCK SALT, OILMEAL, AND PINE-NEEDLE BEDDING.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

ESTIMATES INCLOSED IN SEALED ENVELOPES and indorsed with the name and address of the person or persons making the same, and the date of presentation, and a statement of the work and supplies to which they relate, will be received at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, New York Life Building, No. 346 Broadway, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Wednesday, the twelfth day of January, 1898, at which time and place the estimates will be publicly opened and read for the furnishing and delivery of:

905,000 pounds Hay, of the quality and standard known as Best Prime Ryegrass.
77,000 pounds good, clean, long Rye Straw.
1,025,000 pounds clean No. 1 White Clipped Oats, to be bright, sound, well cleaned, and reasonably free from other grain, weighing not less than 36 pounds to the measured bushel.

80,000 pounds first quality Bran.
3,000 pounds first quality Coarse Salt.
8,000 pounds first quality Rock Salt.
2,500 pounds first quality Oil Meal.
158,000 pounds first quality green Pine-needle Bedding, free from chaff.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to execute such contract within five days from the date of the receipt of notice to that effect, and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned such contract and as in default to the Corporation, whereupon the Commissioner of Street Cleaning will readvertise and relet the work, and so on till the contract be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimate, under oath, the names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested they shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making any bid or estimate for the above work or supplies, and that it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and also that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested. Each estimate shall also be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, or a guarantee or surety company, duly authorized by law to act as surety, as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller,

to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the estimate, they will on its being so awarded become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), and that if he or they shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to the City of New York, any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the City of New York may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be subsequently awarded. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with an intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties offered shall be approved by the Comptroller.

The price must be written in the bid or estimate, and also stated in figures. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to reject all the bids, if, in his judgment, it be deemed best for the interest of the City. No bid will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a certified check on one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, payable to the order of the Comptroller of said city, for Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), or money to that amount. On the acceptance of any bid, the checks or money of the unaccepted bidders will be returned to them, and upon the execution of the contract the check or money of the accepted bidder will be returned to him.

All bids must be made with reference to the form of contract and the requirements thereof on file at the Department of Street Cleaning, or they will be rejected.

The form of the agreement (with specifications), showing the manner of payment for the articles, may be seen, and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.
Dated New York, December 22, 1897.

PERSONS HAVING BULKHEADS TO FILL, IN the vicinity of New York Bay, can procure material for that purpose—ashes, street sweepings, etc., such as is collected by the Department of Street Cleaning—free of charge, by applying to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, in the Criminal Court Building.
GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, CENTRE, WHITE, ELM AND FRANKLIN STREETS.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING Five Hundred Tons of White Ash Coal, egg size, for the Willard Parker and Reception Hospitals, foot of East Sixteenth street, under the charge of the Board of Health, will be received at the office of the Health Department, in the City of New York, until 12.30 o'clock P. M. of January 4, 1898. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Furnishing Coal for Willard Parker and Reception Hospitals," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Board and read.

The Board of Health reserves the right to reject all bids or estimates, as provided in section 64, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

The Coal to be of good quality, and the quantity that will be required will be about Five Hundred (500) Tons of White Ash Coal, egg size, to be well screened and in good order, each ton to be 2,240 pounds, in accordance with the specifications attached to and which form a part of the contract aforesaid.

Delivery to be made at the time required by the Board of Health; any changes in the time or place of delivery, however, may be made, in writing, by the Board of Health.

The above quantity is estimated and approximated only, and bidders are notified that the Board of Health reserves the right to increase or diminish said quantities by an amount not exceeding fifteen per cent. of the estimated quantities, and the contractor will be paid therefor only at the rate or price named in the contract, and that in case the above-named quantity shall not be required by the Department, no allowance will be made for any real or supposed damage or loss of profit.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal sum of \$1,000.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them 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 it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work 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 therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Bidders will be required to furnish testimonials that they are engaged in the coal business in the City of New York, and have the plant necessary to carry out promptly and regularly the contract, if it be awarded, to the entire satisfaction of the Board of Health, and must furnish an undertaking for the faithful performance of all the provisions thereof in the manner provided by law, executed by two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, each justifying in the penal sum of 1,000 dollars, and agreeing that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the said contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with

the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract is awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or estimate, or if he or they accept, but do not execute, the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National or State 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 security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must NOT be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Bidders are cautioned to examine the form of contract and the specifications for particulars before making their estimates. Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment for the Coal will be made by requisition on the Comptroller, and as more specifically and particularly is set forth in the contract form.

Bidders are informed that no diviation from the contract and specifications will be allowed unless under the written instruction of the Board of Health.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, Criminal Court Building, Centre, White, Elm and Franklin streets.

CHARLES G. WILSON, GEORGE B. FOWLER, M. D., ALVAH H. DOTY, M. D., FRANK MOSS, Commissioners.
Dated New York, December 20, 1897.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE—POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, November 23, 1897.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the 38th auction sale of Unclaimed and Police Property will be sold at Public Auction, at Police Headquarters, on Wednesday, January 5, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M., of the following property, viz.: Watches, Jewelry, Revolvers, Pistols, Knives, Razors, etc., Iron Bedsteads and Miscellaneous Articles. For particulars see catalogue on day of sale.

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, 1896.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 9, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boots, shoes, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc.; also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of this Department.

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands at the SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECOND STREET AND WHITE PLAINS AVENUE, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for the First Judicial District, to be held in Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, at the southwest corner of Second street and White Plains Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used for school purposes, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, being the following-described lots, pieces, or parcels of land, namely:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Second street distant 200 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly line of Park Avenue with the southerly line of Second street, which point is also the intersection of the easterly line of the present site of Public School 98 as now inclosed; running thence southerly parallel with Park Avenue and along the said easterly line of the present site of Public School 98 as now inclosed 200 feet; thence easterly parallel with Second street 72 feet more or less to the westerly line of White Plains Avenue as now opened and used; thence northerly along said westerly line of White Plains Avenue 200 feet 8 1/2 inches more or less to the southerly line of Second street; thence westerly along said southerly line of Second street 135 feet more or less to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands in the block bounded by FIFTH, SEVENTH AND FIFTY-EIGHT STREETS, NINTH AND TENTH AVENUES, in the Twenty-second Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890 and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for the First Judicial District, to be held in Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, in the block bounded by Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, Ninth and Tenth avenues, in the Twenty-second Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used for school purposes, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Twenty-second Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Fifty-eighth street distant 200 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly line of Tenth avenue with the southerly line of Fifty-eighth street; running thence southerly parallel with Tenth avenue and along the easterly line of the present site of Public School 141, 100 feet 5 inches to the centre line of the block; thence westerly along said centre line of the block and the southerly line of the present site of Public School 141, 85 feet; thence southerly parallel with Tenth avenue 25 feet; thence easterly parallel with the southerly line of Fifty-eighth street 100 feet; thence northerly parallel with Tenth avenue and partly through a party wall 125 feet 5 inches to the southerly line of Fifty-eighth street; thence westerly along the southerly line of Fifty-eighth street 25 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands on the NORTHERLY SIDE OF KING STREET, between Varick and Congress streets, in the Eighth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 OF THE LAWS OF 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 24th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on the northerly side of King street, between Varick and Congress streets, in the Eighth Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used to and for the purposes specified in said chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of said chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, being the following-described lot, piece or parcel of land, namely:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Eighth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of King street distant 150 feet 2 inches westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly line of King street and the westerly line of Congress street; running thence northerly parallel with Congress street 100 feet; thence westerly parallel with King street 25 feet to the easterly line of the present site of Public School 8; thence southerly parallel with Congress street and along the easterly line of the present site of Public School 8, 100 feet to the northerly line of King street; thence easterly along the northerly line of King street, 25 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands at the SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH STREET AND PROSPECT AVENUE, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for the First Judicial District, to be held in Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, at the southwest corner of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street and Prospect avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used for school purposes, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly line of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street (as now proposed) with the westerly line of Prospect avenue; running thence southerly along said westerly line of Prospect avenue 191 feet; thence westerly parallel with One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street (as now proposed) 150 feet; thence northerly parallel with Prospect avenue 191 feet to the southerly line of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street (as now proposed); thence easterly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, 150 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands on ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOURTH AND ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH STREETS AND COLLEGE AVENUE, in the Twenty-third Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890 and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for the First Judicial District, to be held at Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on One Hundred and Forty-fourth and One Hundred and Forty-fifth streets and College avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used for school purposes, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street distant 150 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly line of College avenue with the southerly line of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street; running thence southerly parallel with College avenue 200 feet to the northerly line of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street; thence easterly along said northerly line of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street 150 feet to the westerly line of College avenue; thence northerly along said westerly line of College avenue 75 feet to the southerly line of property now being acquired by condemnation proceedings as a site for school purposes; thence westerly parallel with One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and along said southerly line of the property now being acquired by condemnation proceedings as a site for school purposes 125 feet to the southerly line of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street; thence westerly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street 25 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands on the SOUTHERLY SIDE OF EIGHTY-SIXTH STREET, between Park and Madison avenues, in the Nineteenth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for the First Judicial District, to be held in Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on the southerly side of Eighty-sixth street, between Park and Madison avenues, in the Nineteenth Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used for school purposes, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Eighty-sixth street distant 62 feet 2 1/2 inches east of Madison avenue; running thence southerly parallel with Madison avenue, 100 feet 2 inches to the centre line of the block and the northerly line of the present site of Public School 6; thence easterly along the centre line of the block and the northerly line of the present site of Public School 6, 51 feet 1 1/2 inches; thence northerly parallel with Madison avenue 102 feet 2 inches to the southerly line of Eighty-sixth street; thence westerly along the southerly line of Eighty-sixth street 51 feet 1 1/2 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands on the NORTHERLY SIDE OF EIGHTY-SECOND STREET, between First and Second avenues, in the Nineteenth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 OF THE LAWS OF 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 24th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on the northerly side of Eighty-second street, between First and Second avenues, in the Nineteenth Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used to and for the purposes specified in said chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of said chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Eighty-second street distant 100 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly line of Eighty-second street and the easterly line of Second avenue; running thence easterly along the northerly line of Eighty-second street 150 feet; thence northerly parallel with Second avenue 102 feet 2 inches to the centre line of the block; thence westerly parallel with Eighty-second street and along said centre line 150 feet; thence southerly parallel with Second avenue 102 feet 2 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands on the EASTERLY SIDE OF JAMES STREET, between Oak and Cherry streets, in the Fourth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890 and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for the First Judicial District, to be held in Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on the easterly side of James street, between Oak and Cherry streets, in the Fourth Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used for school purposes, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, being the following-described lot, piece or parcel of land, namely:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of James street distant 178 feet and 6 inches southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly line of Oak street with the easterly line of James street; running thence easterly at right angles or nearly so with James street 99 feet and 7 inches; thence southerly parallel or nearly so with James street 24 feet 7 1/2 inches; thence westerly 98 feet 10 1/2 inches to the easterly line of James street; thence northerly along said easterly line of James street 25 feet 2 1/2 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty 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 purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Webster avenue to Third avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 12th day of November, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 2d day of December, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 10, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the 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, Nos. 60 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 14th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon 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 the 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 Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
EMANUEL BLUMENSTIEL, FRANCIS V. S. OLIVER, S. J. O'SULLIVAN, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty 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 purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIXTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to Marion avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 12th day of November, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the

purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 2d day of December, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 10, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the 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, Room No. 1, fourth floor, No. 2 Tryon Row, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 8th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon 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 the 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 Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 14, 1897.
JOHN H. ROGAN, FRANCIS HIGGINS, CHAS. HILTON BROWN, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain land on the NORTHERLY SIDE OF FORTY-NINTH STREET, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, in the Twenty-second Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890 and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for the First Judicial District, to be held in Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on the northerly side of Forty-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, in the Twenty-second Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used for school purposes, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Twenty-second Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Forty-ninth street distant 300 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly line of Tenth avenue with the northerly line of Forty-ninth street; running thence northerly parallel with Tenth avenue and part of the way through a party wall 100 feet and 5 inches to the centre line of the block; thence easterly parallel with Forty-ninth street and a long said centre line of the block 50 feet; thence southerly parallel with Tenth avenue and part of the way through a party wall 100 feet and 5 inches to the northerly line of Forty-ninth street; thence westerly along said northerly line of Forty-ninth street 50 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands in the block bounded by EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH STREETS, EIGHTH AND NINTH AVENUES, in the Sixteenth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for the First Judicial District, to be held in Part III. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 12th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, in the block bounded by Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, Eighth and Ninth avenues, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used for school purposes, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, and chapters 387 and 890 of the Laws of 1896, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Sixteenth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the interior of the block between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, Eighth and Ninth avenues, which point is distant 47 feet 3 1/2 inches northerly from the northerly line of Eighteenth street and 100 feet easterly from the easterly line of Ninth avenue; running thence westerly parallel with Eighteenth street 20 feet; thence northerly parallel with Ninth avenue 44 feet 8 1/2 inches; thence easterly parallel with Eighteenth street 20 feet; thence southerly parallel with Ninth avenue 44 feet 8 1/2 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, December 29, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court bearing date the 23d day of November, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss a d damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the

respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 10th day of December, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the 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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 15th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon 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 or claimants or examine the 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 Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 21, 1897.
CLIFFORD W. HARTBRIDGE, HERMAN ALSEBERG, PETER F. MEYER, Commissioners.
H. DE F. BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of Charles H. T. Collis, Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, for and in behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title in fee to certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, for the purpose of the construction of the South Third Avenue approach to the bridge over the Harlem river, connecting the northerly end of Third Avenue, in the Twelfth Ward of said city, with the southerly end of Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of said city, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 413 of the Laws of 1896, entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a draw-bridge over the Harlem river, in the City of New York, and for the removal of the present bridge at Third Avenue in said city," and the various statutes amendatory thereof, and all other statutes in such case made and provided.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 25th day of October, 1897, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 4th day of November, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Apportionment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate of the loss and damage, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required, and to be acquired in fee in the name of and for and in behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of the construction of the South Third Avenue Approach to the bridge over the Harlem river, connecting the northerly end of Third Avenue, in the Twelfth Ward of said city, with the southerly end of Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of said city, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 413 of the Laws of 1896, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, and all other statutes in such case made and provided, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of lands:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Third Avenue with the northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, and running thence northerly along said easterly side of Third Avenue 109.83 feet to the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street with the easterly side of Third Avenue; thence easterly along the said southerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, 170 feet; thence southerly, parallel with the easterly side of Third Avenue 99.92 feet; thence southwesterly 101.9 feet to the northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, and thence westerly along the said northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street 150 feet to the point or place of beginning.

The title to so much of the lands above described in Parcel "A" as are owned by the Manhattan Railway Company is to be acquired for the aforesaid purpose, subject, however, to the perpetual right of said company, its successors and assigns, to maintain and operate its elevated railroad above the said lands as it now exists, and to construct and maintain additional tracks and platforms above said lands and above the lands above described in Parcel "A," and to be acquired herein for said approach, lying between the lands of said company and the north line of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, and in Third Avenue, and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, as shown on the map submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York on the 10th day of June, 1897, entitled "Manhattan Railway Company, proposed Third Avenue Terminal, May 25, 1897, J. Waterhouse, Chief Engineer," and to operate its said road in connection with such additional tracks and platforms.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Third Avenue with the northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, and running thence northerly along said easterly side of Third Avenue 221.67 feet to land heretofore acquired by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York for an approach to the new Third Avenue Bridge; thence southeasterly along the southerly side of said land heretofore acquired by the said city for said purpose 175.39 feet to a point which is distant northerly 143.22 feet from the northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and distant easterly 156.87 feet from the easterly side of Third Avenue; thence southeasterly and still along said land of said city on a curve turning to the right with a radius of 160.13 feet 61.17 feet; thence southerly and parallel with Third Avenue 26.07 feet; thence westerly parallel with East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street 25 feet; thence southerly parallel with Third Avenue 80 feet to the northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, and thence westerly along the said northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street 180 feet to the point or place of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of land heretofore acquired by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York for an approach to the new Third Avenue Bridge distant northerly from the northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street 265.476 feet and distant easterly from the easterly side of Third Avenue 37.605 feet; thence northeasterly along said land of said city 34.39 feet to a point which is distant northerly from the

northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street 294.88 feet and distant easterly from the easterly side of Third Avenue 55.436 feet; thence southeasterly on a curve turning to the right with a radius of 287.169 feet, 107.734 feet to a point on the northerly side of said land of said city which point is distant northerly from the northerly side of East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street 218.84 feet and distant easterly from the easterly side of Third Avenue 130.86 feet, and thence northwesterly along said northerly side of said land of said city 204.266 feet to the point or place of beginning.

The lots, pieces or parcels of land above described are shown on a certain map entitled "Map of lands required for the construction of the South Third Avenue approach to the bridge over the Harlem river, under chapter 413, Laws of 1896, and under chapter 716, Laws of 1896, and under chapter 660, Laws of 1897," which said map was duly approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York by resolution duly adopted on the 16th day of June, 1897, and filed in the office of the Department of Public Works of the City of New York.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the aforesaid purpose 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 Apportionment, at our office, Room No. 2, on the fourth floor of the Staats-Zeitung Building, No. 2 Tryon Row, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the owners or claimants may desire, within thirty (30) days after the date of this notice (December 6, 1897).

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 8th day of January, 1898, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon 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 and examine the 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 Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 6, 1897.
DAVID LEVENTH, PETER BOWE, ARTHUR INGRAHAM, Commissioners.
JAMES A. C. JOHNSON, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, by the Counsel to the Corporation of said City, relative to acquiring title by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises in the Seventeenth Ward of the City of New York, bounded by Houston, Norfolk, Stanton and Essex streets, duly selected, located and laid out as for a public park or playground, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 320 of the Laws of 1887, chapter 293 of the Laws of 1895 and chapter 676 of the Laws of 1897.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 320 OF THE LAWS OF 1887, CHAPTER 293 OF THE LAWS OF 1895 AND CHAPTER 676 OF THE LAWS OF 1897, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in Part III, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 25th day of January, 1898, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to certain lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises in the Seventeenth Ward of the City of New York, bounded by Houston, Norfolk, Stanton and Essex streets, in fee simple absolute, the same to be appropriated, converted and used to and for the purposes specified in chapter 320 of the Laws of 1887, chapter 293 of the Laws of 1895 and chapter 676 of the Laws of 1897, said property having been duly selected, located and laid out by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York as for a public park or playground, under and in pursuance of the provisions of said chapter 320 of the Laws of 1887, chapter 293 of the Laws of 1895 and chapter 676 of the Laws of 1897, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

All those lots, pieces or parcels of land in the Seventeenth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of Stanton and Essex streets; thence northerly along the easterly line of Essex street, distance 298 feet 3/4 inches; thence easterly and parallel with Houston street, distance 175 feet 6 1/2 inches; thence northerly and nearly parallel to Norfolk street, distance 100 feet, to the southerly line of Houston street; thence easterly along said line, distance 25 feet 2 1/2 inches, to the southwesterly corner of Houston and Norfolk streets; thence southerly and along the westerly line of Norfolk street, distance 398 feet 2 1/2 inches, to the northerly line of Stanton street; thence westerly along said line, distance 47 feet 6 inches; thence northerly and parallel to Norfolk street, distance 98 feet 2 inches; thence westerly and parallel to Stanton street, distance 80 feet and 1/2 inch; thence southerly and parallel to Norfolk street, distance 98 feet 2 inches, to the northerly line of Stanton street; thence westerly along the northerly line of Stanton street, distance 73 feet and 1/2 inch, to the point or place of beginning.

The lots, pieces or parcels of land above described are shown on two similar maps, plans and profiles thereof, accompanied with explanatory remarks, made by the Department of Public Works, each of which is entitled "Map showing a public park or playground bounded by Houston, Norfolk, Stanton and Essex streets, in the Seventeenth Ward of the City of New York, as laid out and established by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement," one of which said maps is filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, and the other of which is filed in the office of the Department of Public Parks in said city.

Dated New York, December 23, 1897.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation, No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, acting by and through the Board of Docks, relative to acquiring right and title to and possession of the wharves, rights, terms, easements, emoluments and privileges appurtenant to the bulkhead on the southerly side of South street, beginning at a point on said bulkhead seventy-two and thirty-eight hundredths (72.38) feet easterly from the easterly side of Catharine slip, extended; thence running easterly along said southerly side of South street one hundred and nine and sixty-nine hundredths (109.69) feet, necessary to be taken for the improvement of the water-front of the City of New York, on the East river, pursuant to the plan heretofore adopted by the said Department of Docks and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

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 or wharf property, and all persons interested therein, or in any rights, privileges or interests pertaining thereto, affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our preliminary report and our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or any of the uplands, lands, lands under water, premises, buildings and wharf property affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, Rooms 312 and 313, No. 253 Broadway, New York City, on or before the 24th day of January, 1898; that we, the said Commissioners, will hear

parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 24th day of January, 1898, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 4 o'clock p.m.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage map and also all the affidavits, estimates 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, at the office of said Bureau, at Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the said city, there to remain until the 24th day of January, 1898.

Third—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term, Part III, thereof, to be held in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 25th day of February, 1898, at the opening of Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed, and for such other and further relief as may be just and meet.

Dated New York, December 17, 1897.
WILBUR LARREMORE, Chairman; WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, W. M. J. ELLIS, Commissioners.
JOHN A. HENNEBERRY, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, acting by and through the Department of Docks, relative to acquiring title to the wharf property, rights, terms, easements, emoluments and privileges of and to the lands and the lands necessary to be taken for the improvement of the water-front of the City of New York, on the North river, between West Eleventh and Bank streets and between West street and Thirtieth Avenue, pursuant to the plan heretofore adopted by the said Board of Docks and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

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 or wharf property, and all persons interested therein, or in any rights, privileges or interests pertaining thereto, affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our preliminary report and our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands, premises, buildings and wharf property affected thereby and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, Rooms 312 and 313, No. 253 Broadway, New York City, on or before the 24th day of January, 1898; that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 24th day of January, 1898, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 4 o'clock p.m.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage map and also all the affidavits, estimates 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, at the office of said Bureau, at Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the said city, there to remain until the 24th day of January, 1898.

Third—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term, Part III, thereof, to be held in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 25th day of February, 1898, at the opening of Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed, and for such other and further relief as may be just and meet.

Dated New York, December 17, 1897.
LAWRENCE GODKIN, Chairman; WILLIAM B. ELLISON, WILBUR LARREMORE, Commissioners.
EMIL F. MAURER, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty 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 purpose of opening BURNSIDE AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), between Tremont Avenue and East One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 11th day of November, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 2d day of December, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the 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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 8th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon 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 or claimants or examine the 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 Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 14, 1897.
GEORGE M. VAN HOESSEN, JAS. B. BRADY, WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty 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 purpose of opening RIVER AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Tremont Avenue to Burnside Avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 11th day of November, 1897, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 2d day of December, 1897, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the 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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 8th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon 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 or claimants or examine the 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 Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, December 14, 1897.
EDWARD E. MCALL, WILLIAM J. CARROLL, GEORGE M. VAN HOESSEN, Commissioners.
H. DE F. BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, by and through the Counsel to the Corporation, to acquire title to certain lands in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York as and for a public park, under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 224 of the Laws of 1896, as amended by chapter 70 of the Laws of 1897.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court bearing date the 15th day of October, 1897, and filed and entered in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 4th day of November, 1897, Commissioners of Appraisal for the purpose of ascertaining and appraising the compensation to be made to the owners and all persons interested in the real estate hereinafter described and laid out, appropriated or designated by said chapter 224 of the Laws of 1896, as amended by chapter 70 of the Laws of 1897, as and for a public park in the Twenty-third ward of the City of New York, and proposed to be taken or affected for the purposes named in said act, and to perform such other duties as are by said act prescribed.

The real estate so proposed to be taken or affected for said purposes comprises all the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not now owned or the title to which is not vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, within the limits or boundaries of the parcels of land laid out, appropriated or designated for said public park by said chapter 224 of the Laws of 1896, as amended by chapter 70 of the Laws of 1897, namely: On the north by the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-second street; on the east by the westerly line of Cromwell Avenue as far south as the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and south of that point by the northwesterly line of the channel of Cromwell's creek; on the south by said northwesterly line of the channel of Cromwell's creek and the easterly bulkhead line of the Harlem river, and on the west by the easterly bulkhead line of the Harlem river to the lands now or formerly belonging to the West Side and Yonkers Railroad or Railway Company; thence running easterly and bounded by the lands of said company to Sedgwick Avenue; thence again running easterly across Sedgwick Avenue to the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-first street or the passageway leading from Sedgwick Avenue to Summit Avenue; thence running southeasterly along the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-first street or said passageway to the westerly line of Summit Avenue; thence running southeasterly along the westerly line of Summit Avenue to the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-first street; thence running southeasterly along the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-first street to the westerly line of Ogden Avenue; thence again running southerly in a straight line to the southeasterly corner of Jerome Avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-second street, the point or place of beginning, including all the lands within said bounds, excepting and reserving therefrom all public streets, avenues or places now laid out across or over any part of said land and shown on the official field maps of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York.

All parties and persons, owners, lessees or other persons interested in the real estate above described and to be taken for the purposes of said public park, or any part thereof, or affected by the proceedings had under or authorized by said act, chapter 224 of the Laws of 1896, as amended by chapter 70 of the Laws of 1897, are required to present the same to us, duly verified, with such affidavits or other proof in support thereof as the said owner or claimant may desire, within sixty days after the date of this notice (November 8, 1897), at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 18th day of January, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and in case any such person or claimant shall desire at such time and place to offer further and additional proofs or testimony, such person or claimant will be heard or said proofs or testimony will be received by us.

And at such time and place, or at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear the proofs and allegations of any owner, lessee or other person in any way entitled to or interested in such real estate, or any part or parcel thereof, and also such proofs and allegations as may be then offered on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, November 8, 1897.
CHARLES L. GUY, WILLIAM H. BARKER, HENRY H. PORTER, Commissioners.

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