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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of the transactions of the Bureau of the City Chamberlain for the week ending December 31, 1895.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN, NEW YORK, January 7, 1896. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor:

SIR—In pursuance of section 165 of the Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to December 31, 1895, of all moneys received by me, and the amount of all warrants paid by me since December 21, 1895, and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on December 31, 1895. Very respectfully,

ANSON G. McCOOK, Chamberlain.

DR. THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with ANSON G. McCOOK, Chamberlain, during the week ending December 31, 1895. CR.

1895. Dec. 31	1895. Dec. 21	1895. Dec. 31	1895. Dec. 21	1895. Dec. 31
To Additional Water Fund.....	\$42,560 69	By Balance.....		
Additional Water Fund, City of New York.....	3,568 67	Taxes.....		
American Museum of Natural History.....	25,617 24	Interest on Taxes.....		
Block Tax and Assessment Map Fund.....	213 75	Water-meter Fund No. 2.....		
Bridge over Harlem River—Third Avenue.....	2,478 31	Arrears of Taxes.....		
Bridge over Harlem River—Between First and Willis Avenues.....	371 65	Interest on Taxes.....		
Castle Garden, etc., Improvement of.....	127 00	Fund for Street and Park Openings.....		
Cathedral Parkway—Improvement and Completion.....	42 00	Street Improvement Fund—June 15, 1886.....		
Central Park—Construction of.....	33 00	Interest on Assessments.....		
Change of Grade, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	385 00	Towns of Westchester.....		
College of the City of New York—New Sites, etc.....	47,000 00	Interest—Towns of Westchester.....		
Commissioners of Excise Fund.....	10,086 09	Fees—Towns of Westchester.....		
Corlears Hook Park—Construction and Improvement.....	544 79	Charges—Towns of Westchester.....		
Croton Water Fund.....	6,952 53	Water-meter Fund No. 2.....		
Department of Street Cleaning—New Stock, etc.....	900 00	Interest on Setting Meter.....		
Dock Fund.....	5,930 15	Additional Public Park Fund.....		
East River Park—Improvement of Extension.....	89 30	Charges on Arrears of Assessments.....		
Fire Hydrant Fund.....	410 79	Charges on Arrears of Taxes.....		
Fund for Street and Park Openings.....	11,032 96	Sundry Licenses.....		
Improvement of Parks, Parkways and Drives.....	1,049 58	Restoring and Repaving—23d and 24th Wards.....		
Intestate Estates.....	22 65	Haffen.....		
Mulberry Bend Park—Construction of.....	24 64	Restoring and Repaving—Department of Public Works.....		
New East River Bridge Fund.....	233 74	Tapping Pipes.....		
Pelham Bay Park.....	40 50	Theatre and Concert Licenses.....		
Public Buildings—Seventh and Eleventh District Courts.....	24 00	Dock Fund.....		
Public Driveway—Construction of.....	39,201 04	Street Incumbrance Fund.....		
Public School Library Fund.....	2,419 20	Unclaimed Salaries and Wages.....		
Refunding Assessments Paid in Error.....	3 95	Intestate Estates.....		
Refunding Taxes Paid in Error.....	1,199 69	Commissions, Public Administrator.....		
Repaving.....	379 50	General Fund.....		
Repaving Roads, Streets and Avenues—23d and 24th Wards (Willis Avenue).....	21,156 20	".....		
Restoring and Repaving—Special Fund—Department of Public Works.....	2,937 12	Britton.....	\$453 60	
Restoring and Repaving—Special Fund—23d and 24th Wards.....	100 50	Haffen.....	232 00	
Revenue Bond Fund—Health Department.....	15,500 74	Comptroller.....	1 00	
Revenue Bond Fund—Judgments.....	23,654 02	" Conscience".....	37 00	
Revenue Bond Fund—Preparation, etc., Appellate Division Supreme Court.....	24 00	Collis.....	412 98	
Revenue Bond Fund—Surveys, etc.....	72 00	Burns.....	578 91	
Riverside Park and Drive—Completion of Construction.....	19 18	O'Brien.....	2 58	
Sanitary Improvement—School-house Fund.....	1,003 00	Smith.....	33 50	
School-house Fund.....	39,729 50	Ryan.....	252 05	
Street Improvement Fund—June 15, 1886.....	123,045 12	Bloom.....	56 84	
Unclaimed Salaries and Wages.....	92 60	Cook.....	16 13	
Village of Wakefield Highway Fund.....	437 00	Knight.....	70 00	
Village of Wakefield Sidewalk Account.....	32 50	Surrogates.....	555 90	
Water-main Fund.....	623 50	Com'r's Sinking Fund.....	2,700 50	
Williamsbridge Sewer Fund.....	142 75	".....	100,000 00	
	\$833 33	3 per cent. Additional Water Stock.....	20,000 00	
	\$133,235 81	3 per cent. Additional Croton Water Stock.....	150,000 00	
		3 per cent. Consolidated Stock—Fire Department Bonds.....	2,000 00	
		3 per cent. Consolidated Stock—Asphalt Walks in Central Park.....	10,000 00	
		3 per cent. Revenue Bonds—Special—(Judgments).....	34,646 78	
		3 per cent. Revenue Bonds—Special—Board of Health.....	583 33	
		3 per cent. Revenue Bonds—Special—Extra Patrolmen Board of Health.....	2,000 00	
		3 per cent. Revenue Bonds—Tax Assessment Map Fund.....	1,087,531 42	
		".....	\$5,263,406 66	
		December 31, 1895. By Balance.....	\$4,115,314 42	
		E. & O. E.	ANSON G. McCOOK, City Chamberlain.	
		THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with ANSON G. McCOOK, Chamberlain, for and during the week ending December 31, 1895.		
1895. Dec. 21	1895. Dec. 31	SINKING FUND FOR REDEMPTION OF CITY DEBT.	SINKING FUND FOR PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON CITY DEBT.	
By Balance, as per last account current.....		DR.	CR.	
Street Imp. Fund.....	Gilon.....	\$1,885,385 39		
Sundry Licenses.....	Healy.....	1,071 00		
Market Rents and Fees.....	O'Brien.....	7,739 98		
Market Cellar Rents.....	".....	27 50		
Railroad Franchise.....	".....	15,378 10		
Dock and Slip Rents.....	Einstein.....	7,058 74		
Street Vaults.....	Collis.....	873 02		
Commr. Jurors Fines.....	Plimley.....	220 00		
Forf. Security Deposits.....	Comptroller.....	150 00		
Transferring Surplus Revenue from Sinking Fund Interest.....	C. S. F.....	750,000 00		
		782,670 69		
Arrears on Croton W. R. Austen.....	\$11,882 69			
Arrears on Croton W. R. Gilon.....	4,165 14			
Interest on Croton W. R. ".....	547 41			
Croton Water R. and P. Johnson.....	48,295 23			
House Rent.....	O'Brien.....	2,392 41		
Ferry Rent.....	".....	7,553 84		
Water Lot Rent.....	Carroll.....	158 04		
Court F. & F. Tebbitts.....	\$11 00	261 00		
	250 00			
To Sinking Fund—Red.		\$69,230 11		
To Sinking Fund—Int.			\$750,000 00	
To Balances.....		2,598,825 97		
		241,551 96		
		\$2,668,050 08	\$2,668,050 08	
		\$991,551 96	\$991,551 96	
December 31, 1895. By Balances.....		\$2,598,825 97		
E. & O. E.		\$241,551 96		
ANSON G. McCOOK, City Chamberlain.				
THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with DR. ANSON G. McCook, Chamberlain, during the week ending December 31, 1895. CR.				
1895. Dec. 31	1895. Dec. 21	1895. Dec. 31	1895. Dec. 21	
To Jury Fees.....	\$190 00	By Balance.....	\$25,219 00	
Balance.....	25,029 00			
	\$25,219 00			
December 31, 1895. By Balance.....		\$25,219 00		
ANSON G. McCook, City Chamberlain.				
THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with DR. ANSON G. McCook, Chamberlain, during the week ending December 31, 1895. CR.				
1895. Dec. 31	1895. Dec. 21	1895. Dec. 31	1895. Dec. 21	
To Witness Fees.....	\$171 92	By Balance.....	\$177 46	
Balance.....	55 54		50 00	
	\$227 46			
December 31, 1895. By Balance.....		\$25,219 00		
ANSON G. McCook, City Chamberlain.				
THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with DR. ANSON G. McCook, Chamberlain, during the week ending December 31, 1895. CR.				
1895. Dec. 31	1895. Dec. 21	1895. Dec. 31	1895. Dec. 21	
To Interest Registered.....	\$2,643 50	By Balance.....	\$48,161 51	
Balance.....	45,518 01			
	\$48,161 51			
December 31, 1895. By Balance.....		\$45,518 01		
ANSON G. McCook, City Chamberlain.				

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with ANSON G. McCook, Chamberlain, for and during the week ending December 31, 1895.		
<i>1895.</i>		
Dec. 21	By Balance as per last account current
31	To Sinking Fund Redemption No. 2
	To Balance
		\$1,577,823 87
		\$250,000 00
		1,327,823 87
		\$1,577,823 87
December 31, 1895.	By Balance
		\$1,327,823 87
		ANSON G. McCook, City Chamberlain

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, FRIDAY, January 10, 1896, 11 o'clock A.M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, January 7, 1896.
In pursuance of the authority contained in the 136th section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and chapter 105 of the Laws of 1893, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor on Friday, January 10, 1896, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board.

W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

INDORSED.

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this 7th day of January, 1896.
W. L. STRONG, Mayor; ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller; JOHN JEROLOMAN, President of the Board of Aldermen; E. P. BARKER, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

Present—Wm. L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jeroloman, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Edward P. Barker, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; Francis M. Scott, the Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the meeting held December 31, 1895, was dispensed with.

The Comptroller presented for the consideration of this Board the pay-roll of Drivers, etc., of the Department of Street Cleaning, from December 20 to December 26, and from December 27 to December 31, 1895, inclusive, amounting to \$21,504.44.

Whereupon the Counsel to the Corporation offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, the following pay-roll for the expenses incurred by the Health Department for Cart-drivers, etc., be and hereby is approved, viz.: December 20 to December 26, inclusive, \$12,221.30; and

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to pay the amounts thus approved and thereon certified to be due to the persons entitled thereto, and to issue Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the amount of twelve thousand two hundred and twenty-one dollars and thirty cents (\$12,221.30) for the payment thereof, on account of the appropriation made by this Board November 29, 1895, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption thereof to be included in the Final Estimate for 1897.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller declined to vote.

The Counsel to the Corporation offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, the following pay-roll for the expenses incurred by the Health Department for Cart-drivers, etc., be and hereby is approved, viz.: December 27 to December 31, 1895, inclusive, nine thousand and eighty-three dollars and fourteen cents; and

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to pay the amounts thus approved and thereon certified to be due to the persons entitled thereto, and to issue Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the amount of nine thousand and eighty-three dollars and fourteen cents (\$9,083.14) for the payment thereof, on account of the appropriation made by this Board November 29, 1895, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption thereof to be included in the Final Estimate for 1897.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller declined to vote.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments was excused from further attendance at this session of the Board.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, November 27, 1895.
Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:
Sir—The Board of Education, by resolution adopted November 20, 1895, appropriates the sum of \$20,000 from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Comptroller with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, for the purchase, as a site for school purposes, of the lots of land and premises on the northerly side of Sixty-eighth street, on the westerly side of Grammar School No. 94, in the Twenty-second Ward, as shown on the diagram below:



These lots are valued on the tax books at \$4,000 each, or \$8,000 for the 50 feet of the purchase. In the proceedings for the acquisition of the 125 feet now covered by the school building, the award for the lot 100 feet from Amsterdam avenue was \$8,500. These proceedings were confirmed July 5, 1889. This lot is dotted on the diagram.

The premises in question were estimated by Hall J. How & Co. June 27, 1895, to be worth the sum of \$20,000.

This block is not a business block, nor is it a residential block; it may be characterized as a stable block.

The neighborhood of the school does not increase the value of the property, on the contrary, rather diminishes it.

My estimate of the full value of this property is \$17,000, or \$8,500 per lot.

At the same time it is exceedingly important that the school should be in possession of the property, in order to provide light and air, and particularly to prevent other parties from building on the line of the school.

I think the City would be justified in making the best bargain it can in order to obtain these results, but there is no doubt in my mind that, in this case, it would pay fully \$3,000 more than the market value of the land actually purchased. Respectfully,

EUG. E. McLEAN, Engineer.

PATRICK FOX, NO. 177 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, December 2, 1895. FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Esq.

DEAR SIR—At your request I have made a careful examination of the two lots on the north side of Sixty-eighth street, one hundred and twenty-five feet west of Tenth avenue, and from my knowledge of their position and surroundings, I should judge that a fair market value for these lots would be the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars. Yours respectfully,

PATRICK FOX.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, CORNER OF GRAND AND ELM STREETS, NEW YORK, November 26, 1895.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Comptroller, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895,

application for the issue of which is hereby made, for the purchase, as a site for school purposes, of the lots of land and premises on the northerly side of Sixty-eighth street, on the westerly side of Grammar School No. 94, in the Twenty-second Ward of the City of New York, described as follows: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly side of the site of Grammar School No. 94 and the northerly side of Sixty-eighth street; running thence northerly, parallel and adjacent to the westerly side of the site of Grammar School No. 94, about 100 feet 5 inches to the centre of the block; thence westerly, along said centre line, about 50 feet; thence southerly, parallel with the westerly side of the site of Grammar School No. 94, about 100 feet 5 inches to the northerly side of Sixty-eighth street; thence easterly, along the northerly side of Sixty-eighth street, about 50 feet to the point or place of beginning; said sum to be paid by said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds, when issued, requisition therefor being hereby made for the said lot of land, upon the presentation to him of the deed therefor, together with certificate of the Counsel to the Corporation that the title thereto is satisfactory and free from all incumbrances and is vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

A true copy of resolution adopted by Board of Education November 20, 1895.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of School-house Bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000); and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue the same, for such period as he may determine, but not longer than twenty years, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum; the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the purchase of a site for school purposes, of the lots of land and premises on the northerly side of Sixty-eighth street, on the westerly side of Grammar School No. 94, in the Twenty-second Ward, as specified in the resolution relating thereto, adopted by the Board of Education, November 20, 1895; and

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to exempt the said stock from taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to an ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor October 2, 1880, and the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The following communication was received:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING—CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, January 9, 1896.
His Honor Mayor WILLIAM L. STRONG, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:
SIR—I respectfully request permission to buy one Delehaney Self-propelling Automatic Dumper, for use in connection with the final disposition of wastes collected in the city.

Respectfully, GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner.

Laid over.

The Mayor called the attention of the Board to the necessity of speedy action providing for the final disposition of all refuse collected by the Department of Street Cleaning.

The Commissioner of Street Cleaning being present, debate was had upon the subject, whereupon the Counsel to the Corporation moved that when this Board adjourns it do so to meet on Monday, January 13, 1896, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the further consideration of the subject.

Adopted.

The following communication was received:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, January 8, 1896. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—On September 9, 1895, your Board, by resolution, referred to me a communication from the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, dated June 18, 1895, in which he requested authority to buy, to be paid for by the issue of bonds for new plant, fifteen hundred (1500) light trucks for sweepings, and ten thousand (10,000) bags to be carried by those trucks, at a total cost not to exceed thirty-five thousand (35,000) dollars.

Accompanying this request was a copy of a report made to your Board by the Comptroller under date of September 9, 1895, in which he states that the matter has been carefully examined, under his instructions, by the Engineer of his Department, who reports that a trial of this contrivance may fairly be made to see if it can be used to advantage in the manner proposed; and that he would be willing to vote for a certain sum of money to enable the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to make a full and fair test, the work to be done by contract made with the lowest bidder after advertisement in accordance with law.

The Comptroller states, however, in his report, that before voting for any sum he urges that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should have an investigation made by the Counsel to the Corporation as to whether the proposed contrivance is patented, and if so, by whom, and what responsibility would rest on the City, in its use, from infringement or otherwise.

The contrivance in question consists of a light iron frame-work mounted on wheels, ready for the adjustment of the bag, which is held in the wheel in an upright position by placing it within a supporting collar, turning the edge of the bag over the collar and placing over this a ring, or by any other means which will hold the bag up and keep its mouth open, the proposition being that as fast as the rubbish is gathered it is to be put into the bag, and when the bag is filled the ring is to be removed and the bag slipped out, closing tight, and deposited in a convenient place to await the arrival of the collecting cart which is to remove both bag and contents, the former not being opened until it reaches the place of final disposition. In the mean time another bag is taken from the supply carried on the handle of the machine or in some other suitable way, and placed in position as described above.

I have caused such investigation to be made as lay within my power of other patent contrivances of similar nature, and have been unable to find that this device, if a patent should be allowed therefor, could fairly be termed an infringement upon any existing patent of which I have been able to obtain any information, and I think if the City should purchase a number of these contrivances it would be reasonably safe from actions for infringements by any other prior patentee of a like device.

I am informed that no patent has actually been issued for the devices in question, although the application for such a patent has been granted. Personally, I should have considerable doubt as to whether the device itself is a patentable device, since every part used in it, so far as I am aware, has already become open to common use. Whether or not the combination of its different unpatentable parts would be sufficient to sustain a patent, and to serve as the basis of an action for its infringement, I do not pretend to say, and under the circumstances do not deem it necessary.

The applicant for the patent, and the patentee, if a patent should be issued, is Mrs. Louise Waring who has placed in my hands a paper in which she grants unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York a full and perpetual license to manufacture, for its own use and to use for its own purposes, the device in question.

This document I inclose with this communication. It is not strictly formal, but I am informed and have no doubt that Mrs. Waring will, at any time, execute a formal paper confirming and carrying out the license to the City to use the device without payment of royalty or compensation to her.

After a very careful and full consideration and examination of the question I am of the opinion that the City would run little and probably no risk from actions for infringements of any patent if it should grant the application of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning for the construction of a proper number of the contrivances in question. Yours, very respectfully,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

NEW YORK, December, 1895.

In consideration of one dollar to me in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Louise Waring, do hereby grant unto the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of New York a full and perpetual license to manufacture, for its own use, and to use for its own purposes, the truck and bag in combination for the collection of street sweepings, of which I am the inventor and for which invention I have an application for patent now on file at the United States Patent Office in Washington.

Witness, GEORGE E. WARING, JR.

On file.

The following communication was received:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING—CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, January 10, 1896. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor, Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I have to request that the following-named transfers be made from and to the respective accounts in the appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning for 1895:

From "Administration" account to "Carting" account, \$800; from "Sweeping" account to "Carting" account, \$3,400; from "Sweeping" account to "Rents and Contingencies," \$6,200.

For the reason that the amounts appropriated respectively for "Carting" and "Rents and Contingencies" were not sufficient to cover the business of the year.

Respectfully, GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following:

BOARD OF EDUCATION, CLERK'S OFFICE—No. 146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, December 5, 1895. To the Board of Education:

The Finance Committee, to which was referred communication from the Trustees of the

Twenty-third Ward, awarding contract for fitting up the New Manual Training Rooms at Grammar School No. 85, respectfully reports:

That in response to the re-advertisement in the CITY RECORD the following bids were received: No name, \$1,317; O. Rockfeller, \$1,155.

When first advertised only one bid was received, amounting to \$1,492, which upon investigation was deemed excessive. Upon the re-advertisement a much lower bid has been received, upon which the Trustees made their award. Upon examination it is found that this bid is reasonable, the Committee therefore concurs in the award by the Trustees and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of eleven hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$1,155) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Comptroller with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, application for the issue of which is hereby made; said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward with O. Rockfeller for fitting up the New Manual Training Rooms at Grammar School No. 85, requisition for which sum is hereby made upon the Comptroller. But no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward shall have filed the contract to be entered into by them with the contractor named, to whom the award is made; said contract to be in such form and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Finance Committee, the rules of this Board in regard thereto and as to the payments to be made on account thereof, to be complied with.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education December 4, 1895.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 9, 1895.

Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education, by resolution adopted December 4, 1895, appropriates the sum of \$1,155, from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Comptroller, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to chapter 88, Laws of 1895; said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward with O. Rockfeller for fitting up the New Manual Training Rooms at Grammar School No. 85.

Proposals were invited for the above work on carefully prepared plans and specifications by the usual advertisement in the CITY RECORD, and the following bids were received:

1. No name	\$1,317 00
2. O. Rockfeller	1,155 00

The award was made to O. Rockfeller, the lowest bidder, at his bid of \$1,155.

This work was previously advertised and bids called for, on which occasion only one bid was received, amounting to \$1,492, which sum was deemed excessive.

The bid of O. Rockfeller is considered reasonable, and there is no reason why the appropriation should not be approved.

Respectfully,

EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of School-house Bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of one thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$1,155); and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue the same, for such period as he may determine, but not longer than twenty years, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent per annum, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the payment of the contract to be entered into by the Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward with O. Rockfeller for fitting up the New Manual Training Rooms at Grammar School No. 85, as specified in the resolution relating thereto, adopted by the Board of Education December 4, 1895; and

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to exempt the said stock from taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to an ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor, October 2, 1880, and the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

BOARD OF EDUCATION—CLERK'S OFFICE, NO. 146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, December 6, 1895. To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Sites and New Schools, to which was referred the following communication, viz:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, December 4, 1895. Hon. ROBERT MACLAY, President, Board of Education:

SIR—I have transmitted to the Comptroller a certified copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands on Mosholu Parkway, Briggs and Bainbridge avenues, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, as a site for school purposes, together with a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 3d day of December, 1895, and filed and entered on the 4th day of December, 1895, confirming said report.

The aggregate amount of the awards is \$26,296.98 and the costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding were taxed at \$3,583.95. Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

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

Lands on Mosholu Parkway, Briggs and Bainbridge avenues, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Awards, \$26,296.98; costs, charges and expenses, \$3,583.95; total, \$29,880.93.

Your Committee therefore recommends for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he is hereby requested to issue, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, bonds for the purpose of providing the funds to meet the expenditures necessary for the acquisition of the lands on Mosholu Parkway, Briggs and Bainbridge avenues, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, as a site for school purposes, under the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, for the payment of the awards, costs, charges and expenses confirmed by the Court in the proceedings therefor, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars and ninety-three cents (\$29,880.93), the same to be paid by the said Comptroller out of the proceeds of said bonds, when issued, requisition therefor being hereby made.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education December 5, 1895.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of School-house Bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars and ninety-three cents (\$29,880.93); and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue the same, for such period as he may determine, but not longer than twenty years, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent per annum, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the payment of awards for lands on Mosholu Parkway, Briggs and Bainbridge avenues, amounting to twenty-six thousand two hundred and ninety-six dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$26,296.98), and costs, charges and expenses confirmed by the Court in the proceedings therefor, amounting to three thousand five hundred and eighty-three dollars and ninety-five cents (\$3,583.95), amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars and ninety-three cents (\$29,880.93), as specified in the resolution relating thereto, adopted by the Board of Education December 5, 1895; and

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to exempt the said stock from taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to an ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor, October 2, 1880, and the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

BOARD OF EDUCATION, CLERK'S OFFICE, NO. 146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, December 5, 1895. To the Board of Education:

The Finance Committee, to which was referred communication from the Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward, awarding contract for supplying new pianos for Grammar School No. 9, respectfully reports:

That, in response to the usual duly authorized advertisement, the following bid was received:

Hardman, Peck & Co., \$580.

The Trustees awarded the contract to the only bidders, whose bid, on examination, is found to be reasonable; the Committee therefore concurs in the award and submits for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred and eighty dollars (\$580) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Comptroller, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, application for the issue of which is hereby made, said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward with Hardman, Peck &

Co., for supplying new pianos for Grammar School No. 9, requisition for which sum is hereby made upon the Comptroller; but no part of said appropriation authorized by this resolution to be paid until the Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward shall have filed the contract to be entered into by them with the Contractors named, to whom the award is made; said contract to be in such form and with such security for the faithful performance of the same as shall be satisfactory to the Finance Committee, the rules of this Board in regard thereto and as to the payments to be made on account thereof to be complied with.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education December 4, 1894.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 9, 1895.

Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—The Board of Education, by resolution adopted December 4, 1895, appropriates the sum of \$580 from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the Comptroller, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, pursuant to chapter 88, Laws of 1895, said sum to be applied in payment of the contract to be entered into by the Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward, with Hardman, Peck & Co., for supplying new pianos to Grammar School No. 9.

Proposals were invited for this work on properly prepared specifications, by advertisement, for the usual time, in the CITY RECORD, and the following bid was received:

Hardman, Peck & Co. \$580 00

The bid being considered reasonable, the contract was awarded to Hardman, Peck & Co. at their bid of \$580.

There is no reason why the appropriation should not be approved.

Respectfully, EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of School-house Bonds, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of five hundred and eighty dollars (\$580), and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue the same, for such period as he may determine, but not longer than twenty years, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent per annum, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the payment of the contract to be entered into by the Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward with Hardman, Peck & Co., for supplying new pianos for Grammar School No. 9, as specified in the resolution relating thereto, adopted by the Board of Education December 4, 1895; and

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to exempt the said stock from taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to an ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor, October 2, 1880, and the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 9, 1895. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Under the provisions of chapter 537 of the Laws of 1893 and chapter 567 of the Laws of 1894, the Commissioners of Appraisal of damages resulting from the change of grade in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards have certified to the Finance Department ninety-eight awards, aggregating \$270,000. In addition to this amount awards of counsel fees have been made to the amount of \$7,200.

I submit herewith an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated November 14, 1895, advising that the awards made up to this time should be paid. A large number of claims are now pending before this Commission, in addition to those which have already been certified, and in order to provide funds for the payment thereof, as the same may become due and payable, I submit the following resolution authorizing the Comptroller to issue, from time to time, bonds under the authority of said acts to the amount of \$300,000. Respectfully,

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, November 14, 1895.

In the matter of the payment of the awards to claimants, made by the Commissioners of Appraisal appointed under and by virtue of chapter 537 of the Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 567 of the Laws of 1894.

Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of November 13, 1895, requesting my advice as to the course to be pursued by you upon the demand of Mr. Thomas S. Bassford, that you "issue bonds to pay all awards made pursuant to chapter 567 of the Laws of 1894, except the Purdy award."

I transmit, for your information, the printed papers on appeal to the Court of Appeals in the proceeding entitled, The People of the State of New York ex rel. Rachel Purdy, appellant, against Ashbel P. Fitch, as Comptroller of the City of New York; the brief filed by me in the Court of Appeals; the briefs filed by the relator in the Court of Appeals; and the decision of that Court upon the appeal.

This was a proceeding inaugurated by application for a peremptory writ of mandamus to be directed to you as Comptroller, requiring you to issue bonds, under the terms of the acts recited above, to pay the awards in this particular claim.

The hearing upon the motion for the peremptory writ came up at Chambers before Mr. Justice Barrett. Justice Barrett granted the application, and an order was entered at Special Term, Chambers, on the 9th day of January, 1895, directing a peremptory writ of mandamus to issue, as prayed for.

The notice of the application for the peremptory writ based upon the affidavit of Mr. Bassford was served on or about the 18th day of December, 1894, and returnable on the 26th day of December, 1894.

Between the service of the notice of motion and the return day the then Counsel to the Corporation sued out a writ of certiorari to review the proceedings had before the Commissioners, and the affidavit upon the application for the writ verified by you as Comptroller on the 8th day of January, 1895, was used as an opposing affidavit upon the application for the peremptory writ before Mr. Justice Barrett.

In your affidavit upon the application for a writ of certiorari you recited, as grounds of error in the award in the Purdy case, some twenty grounds, enumerated on pages 39, 40 and 41 of the printed papers on appeal, which are now transmitted.

The writ of certiorari, obtained ex parte upon that affidavit, required the Commissioners of Appraisal to return some twelve items directed to ascertaining what the fact might be as to the grounds of the award, and requiring them particularly to specify and itemize those items which entered into the total amount of the award. On motion, however, the writ obtained ex parte was modified so that the Commissioners were required to return simply the proceedings had before them, but without itemizing any of the amounts entering into the total award of damages.

The main contention upon which the City has relied to invalidate the proceedings before these Commissioners may properly be divided into two main divisions.

1st. That the original act, that is, chapter 537 of the Laws of 1893, was in violation of article 3 of section 16 of the Constitution of the State of New York.

2d. That chapter 567 of the Laws of 1894 was not, as a matter of law, an amending act, but a repealing act; and that under the act of 1894, in the absence of any claims filed with you as Comptroller under that act, they were without jurisdiction in the premises.

In the particular award to Rachel Purdy, and in some other claims litigated before the Commissioners, the objection was taken also that because there was a misrecital in the amending act of the chapter authorizing the change of grade under the Act of 1892, the award was for that reason invalid, as the amount that may have been allowed by the Commissioners for that item could not be determined.

You will observe by the brief filed by me in your behalf in the Court of Appeals, that practically these were the grounds discussed, and the grounds upon which I relied to invalidate all the proceedings had.

On appeal from the order of Mr. Justice Barrett, directing the peremptory writ of mandamus to issue, the General Term held that so far as the contention urged by the City went to the organization of the Commission and their lawful authority to make the awards, that contention was sound, and that the Commission were without jurisdiction in the premises. The Court of Appeals, however, has held its substance, and so emphatically held that the objections taken to the jurisdiction are without substance, and the proceedings had before the Commissioners are without a flaw so far as the jurisdiction goes, that inasmuch as all of the other objections—with the single exception of the technical objection to any award for damage resulting from change of grade under the misquoted Act of 1892—go to reviewing the amount of the awards, and satisfied that this question of amount is not reviewable by the courts, I deem it idle to litigate the payment of these awards.

Inasmuch, however, as the Court of Appeals in the Purdy case have directed a stay against the issuing of the peremptory writ until the review on the certiorari proceedings of the technical points appearing upon the face of the application for the writ of certiorari, I propose to litigate that claim, although I have no doubt as to the ultimate result.

For the reasons stated, and because, after a careful investigation, I am satisfied that every conceivable tenable ground to stay the proceedings before the Commissioners and to defeat the payment of the awards under the acts enumerated above has been exhausted, I have no hesitancy in advising you, under the decision of the Court of Appeals, and as a matter of practical saving to the City, that the awards made up to this time should be paid.

Very respectfully yours, FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to chapter 537 of the Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 567 of the Laws of 1894, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue bonds from time to time, as may be required, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), redeemable in fifteen years, and at a rate of interest not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied in payment of the awards for damage, and for counsel fees, and for interest thereon, as certified by the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of said acts; and

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and hereby are requested to exempt the said stock from taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to an ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor, October 2, 1880, and the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 537 of the Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 567, Laws of 1894, the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to issue bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$17,700), redeemable in fifteen years, and at a rate of interest not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, the proceeds of which bonds are to be applied to the payment of the following expenses of the Commission appointed in pursuance of said acts, viz.:

Commissioners' salaries, \$9,000; stenographer, \$3,000; Clerk to Commission, \$2,500; rent, \$1,200; printing and stationery, \$1,000; the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, \$240; Office and Messenger Boy, \$260; contingencies, \$500—\$17,700.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS, NEW YORK, January 3, 1896. Hon. ASHIEL P. FITCH, Comptroller, New York City:

SIR—Inclosed herewith please find bill of F. W. Treadwell, amounting to the sum of sixty-two dollars (\$62), for audit and payment on account of Revenue Bond Fund, pursuant to chapter 535, Laws of 1893, and as per resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment dated October 14, 1895, " * * * to protect by proper guards and lights, * * * \$1,000."

Very respectfully, EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, the bill this day presented to this Board, of F. D. Treadwell, amounting to sixty-two dollars (\$62), for services in caring for lamps at sewer excavations at Williamsbridge, in accordance with the appropriation made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment October 14, 1895, as amended December 3, 1895, be and the same is hereby approved and the Comptroller is authorized to pay said amount as certified and approved to the person entitled thereto, and to issue Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the amount of sixty-two dollars (\$62) for the payment thereof, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption of said bonds to be included in the Final Estimate for the year 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller offered the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS, NEW YORK, January 7, 1896. Hon. ASHIEL P. FITCH, Comptroller, New York City:

SIR—Inclosed herewith please find pay-roll of twenty-three (23) Laborers, for audit and payment on account of Revenue Bond Fund, and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535, Laws of 1893, and as per resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated October 14, 1895, " * * * \$800 to clean, disinfect and remove obstructions from the Wakefield drain, \$393. The balance (\$599.50), pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535, Laws of 1893, and as per resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated October 14, 1895, " * * * \$950 to clean and disinfect the Wakefield drain to Fifth street."

Very respectfully, EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, the pay-roll for twenty-three (23) Laborers employed to clean, disinfect and remove obstructions from the Wakefield drain, and to clean and disinfect the Wakefield drain to Fifth street, in accordance with resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted October 14, 1895, as amended by resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted December 3, 1895, amounting to nine hundred and ninety-two dollars and fifty cents (\$992.50), be and the same is hereby approved, and the Comptroller is authorized to pay the said amount as certified and approved to the persons entitled thereto, and to issue Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the amount of nine hundred and ninety-two dollars and fifty cents (\$992.50) for the payment thereof, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption of said bonds to be included in the Final Estimate for the year 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 4, 1895. Hon. ASHIEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—The President of Department of Public Parks, in communication of November 8, 1895, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmits the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Parks on the 7th of November, 1895:

"Resolved, That the plans received from the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the extension of the east side of the present Museum building, as amended by the Landscape Architect and the Superintendent of Parks by Plan No. 578, be and hereby are approved, and that the same be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for concurrence, as required by chapter 347 of the Laws of 1895.

"Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize and direct the Comptroller to issue bonds to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), as provided by chapter 347 of the Laws of 1895, for work on the east extension of the building occupied by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in accordance with the plans submitted by the Trustees of said Museum and approved by this Board, the said sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) being the amount authorized to be issued for the current year by the provisions of the act above cited."

The plans referred to were also transmitted.

These plans are sufficiently explicit to form a very clear idea of the building proposed to be erected. They are not accompanied by any description or specifications or estimate of cost.

The main building, as shown by the plans, presents a front on Fifth avenue of 304 feet, and is in depth 104 feet. This main building connects with the present building by a structure 67 feet in width and 112 feet long.

The Fifth avenue front is to be built of Indiana limestone above the water table, below that to be of granite. The facing of a portion of the north and south ends of the main building will also be of Indiana limestone, and the remainder of brick of suitable color.

I think this front on Fifth avenue is very handsome and imposing, and the interior divisions and arrangements appear to me to be such as to meet the requirements of such a building.

The estimate of cost which I have obtained from the architect's office is as follows:

Mason-work	\$206,000 00
Carpenter-work, painting, etc.	45,000 00
Iron-work	70,000 00
Stone-work, interior	160,000 00
Stone-work, main front	234,000 00
Stone-work, two returns	37,500 00
Steam heating and ventilation	55,000 00
Three domes, etc.	10,165 81
 Total	 \$817,665 81

This estimate does not include statuary or decorations. There is to be added Architect's and Inspectors fees, say..... 55,000 00

And, say, 10 per cent. for contingencies..... 81,766 58

Probable Total..... \$954,431 29

These estimates are based on those submitted by different firms, and may be greater or less than the actual cost, inasmuch as the work will be done by contract awarded to the lowest bidder.

The plans submitted by the trustees have been duly approved by the Commissioners of Public Parks, as required by the law, and the proposed construction now only awaits the "concurrence" of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the issue of bonds.

Respectfully, EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

CHAPTER 347.

AN ACT to provide for the construction of an extension of the building in the Central Park, in the City of New York, occupied by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Accepted by the City. Became a law April 18, 1895, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact, as follows:

Section 1. The department of public parks in the city of New York, with the concurrence of the board of estimate and apportionment, is hereby authorized to construct and complete an extension of the building in the Central Park, occupied by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in accordance with plans to be made by the trustees of the said museum and to be approved by the commissioners of said department of public parks, at an expense not exceeding one million dollars.

§ 2. For the purpose of providing means for carrying into effect the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the comptroller, upon being thereunto authorized by the board of estimate and apportionment, to issue and sell, but not at less than their par value, bonds or stock of the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York, in the manner now provided by law, payable from taxation, but not exceeding in any one year the sum of two hundred thousand dollars nor in the aggregate the sum of one million dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum and redeemable within a period of time not exceeding thirty years from the date of their issue.

§ 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

State of New York, Office of the Secretary of State, ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

Given under my hand and the seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this 22d day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

[I. S.] ANDREW DAVIDSON, Deputy Secretary of State.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 347 of the Laws of 1895, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, bonds in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to an amount not exceeding in any one year the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), and not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, and redeemable within such period as the Comptroller may determine, not exceeding thirty years from the date of their issue: the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to provide for the construction of an extension of the building in the Central Park, in the City of New York, occupied by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as provided by said chapter 347 of the Laws of 1895; and

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and hereby are requested to exempt said bonds from taxation, as provided by section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and an ordinance of the Common Council approved by the Mayor, October 2, 1880.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, STEWART BUILDING, NO. 280 BROADWAY, January 9, 1896. Hon. ASHIEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—I am directed to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Taxes and Assessments, held on the 8th instant, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, "That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully requested to furnish this Department with ten (10) copies of land maps, the same to be used as indexes to Books of Record for Assessments for Taxation for 1896." Respectfully,

C. ROCKLAND TYNG, Secretary.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to furnish the Department of Taxes and Assessments with ten copies of land maps, the same to be used as indexes to Books of Record for Assessments for Taxation for 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, January 10, 1896. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

At a meeting of this Board, held December 27, 1894, the Comptroller was authorized to issue Revenue Bonds to an amount not exceeding seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000), to provide for the payment of Clerks, Experts, books and stationery, etc., necessary for carrying out the provisions of chapter 536 of the Laws of 1893, relative to the reindexing of the records in the Bureau of Arrears in the Finance Department for the year 1895.

In order to provide for the continuation of this work during the year 1896 I have to request further authority for the issue of bonds; and, believing that the Expert and Clerical Force now engaged will be sufficient to provide for carrying out this work in the immediate future, I therefore request an appropriation for the year 1896 at the same rate as that last made for this work, namely, seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000). Respectfully,

ASHIEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 536 of the Laws of 1893 this Board hereby approves of the requisition this day submitted by the Comptroller for Clerks and Experts, books, stationery, etc., necessary for carrying out the provisions of said act during the year 1896, amounting to the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000), which is hereby appropriated therefor, and the Comptroller is also hereby authorized to issue Revenue Bonds of the City of New York from time to time, as may be required, payable from taxation in the year 1897, for an amount not exceeding said sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000), to be applied and used to defray the expenses necessary to be incurred under said act as therein provided.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of chapter 4 of the Laws of 1891, as amended by section 7 of chapter 752 of the Laws of 1894, the sum of seven thousand three hundred and thirty six dollars and fifty-six cents (\$7,336.56) be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of paying the following items of expense of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners contained in the requisition of said Commissioners dated September 24, 1895, viz.: Fees of Messrs. Parsons, Shepard & Ogden, and Tracy, Boardman & Platt, Counsel, for three months ending October 1, 1895, \$5,000; disbursements and expenses of counsel for same period, \$2,336.56; and that the unexpended balance of any previous appropriation made by this Board upon the requisition of said Commissioners be applied to the same purposes; and

Resolved, That, for the purpose of providing for the payment of so much thereof as is in excess of said unexpended balance, the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized and directed to issue and sell Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to an amount not exceeding seven thousand three hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty-six cents (\$7,336.56), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption thereof to be included in the Final Estimate for 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Counsel to the Corporation presented the following draft of a bill to be presented to the Legislature:

AN ACT to provide proper accommodation for certain Departments and Public Offices in the City of New York.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The board of estimate and apportionment of the city of New York is hereby authorized and empowered to erect and furnish, in the City Hall Park, in the city of New York, at or near the corner of Chambers and Centre streets, a building, as nearly fire-proof as can be practically secured, sufficient to provide suitable accommodation for the offices and courts, and for the use of the surrogates of the county of New York, for the office and use of the register of the county of New York, and for the offices and use of the following departments of the city of New York, to wit: The finance department, the law department, and the department of taxes and assessments.

And the said board of estimate and apportionment is hereby authorized and empowered to designate the offices or portions of said building to be occupied and used by each of said officers and departments, and from time to time to change such designation and appointment.

Said board is further empowered to direct the commissioner of public works to remove any buildings

Said board of estimate and apportionment shall make a proper provision for the accommodation of the public officers now occupying the buildings to be demolished as in this section provided, and shall meet and pay the necessary expenses thereof by directing the comptroller to issue and sell revenue bonds or bonds provided for in this act, or both or either of said classes of bonds, in the discretion of said board.

§ 2. The said board of estimate and apportionment shall select an architect to prepare the plans and specifications for said building and to superintend the construction thereof, and in its discretion may select a number of architects to prepare and submit such plans and specifications, and said board may make such agreement as to it shall seem just to compensate such architects as shall so submit plans and specifications.

§ 3. When the said board of estimate and apportionment shall have selected and approved a plan or plans and the specifications for said building, and shall decide to proceed with the work or any part thereof, they may direct that said work shall be executed. The said board of estimate and apportionment shall publicly advertise for proposals for the erection in whole or in part of such building, and for the doing of all work and the supply of all materials necessary for the completion and furnishing of the same for use and occupation. The forms of all contracts for which proposals are so invited shall first be approved by said board of estimate and apportionment before advertisement thereof, and the work of erecting, completing and furnishing for occupancy said building may be distributed into as many different contracts as in the opinion of said board of estimate and apportionment will best promote the public interests. Such advertisements shall be inserted in the CITY RECORD, and in at least three of the public newspapers of the city of New York, to be selected by the said board of estimate and apportionment, and shall be continued therein for at least ten consecutive days. All bids or proposals received in response to said advertisements shall be publicly opened at a meeting of said board of estimate and apportionment, and they shall award the contract for which bids and proposals have been so advertised for as aforesaid, to the lowest bidder therefor, or they may reject all of such bids and readvertise for bids and proposals, and may reject all bids and readvertise as often as they may deem it to be for the best interests of the city so to do. The terms of all such contracts shall be settled by the counsel to the corporation as an act of preliminary specification to the bid or proposal. Said contract or contracts, when awarded, shall be executed by the commissioner of public works of said city, under the direction of the aforesaid board of estimate and apportionment, in behalf of the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York. The said board of estimate and apportionment are hereby authorized and empowered, by the concurrent action of all the members thereof, and with the consent, in writing, of contractor and his sureties, to alter the plan of said building and the terms and specifications of any contract entered into by authority of this act, provided that such alteration shall in no case involve or require an increased expense greater than five per centum of the whole expenditure provided for in said contract.

§ 4. Each bidder, to whom a contract is awarded as hereinbefore provided, must give security for the faithful performance of his contract in such sum as shall be prescribed by the said board of estimate and apportionment, and in the manner prescribed by the ordinances of the common council of said city applicable to similar work, and the adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties shall, in addition to this justification and acknowledgment, be approved by the comptroller. If the lowest bidder for any contract shall neglect or refuse to accept to contract within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to his bid or proposal, or if he accepts but does not execute the contract and give the proper security, the said contractor shall forfeit the money deposited by him at the time of making his bid, as hereinbefore provided, and the said contract shall be readvertised and relet as hereinbefore provided. No bid shall 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. Every bidder as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of his proposal shall deposit with the comptroller a certified check, drawn to the order of said comptroller upon one of the state or national banks of said city, or money (such check or money to accompany the proposal) to such an amount, not exceeding five per centum of the amount of the required security for the faithful performance of the contract bidden for, as the aforesaid board of estimate and apportionment shall determine and prescribe. Within three days after the decision as to who is the lowest bidder, the comptroller shall return all deposits made to the persons making the same, except the deposit made by the lowest bidder, and if the said lowest bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded, to execute the same and give the proper security, the amount of deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the said city as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and thereafter be appropriated to and expended in the erection of the building herein provided for, but if the lowest bidder shall execute the contract and give the proper security within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

§ 5. The said contracts, when executed, shall be carried out according to their terms under the direction and supervision of the commissioner of public works. In case any work shall be abandoned by any contractor, or if the said work or any part thereof shall, in the opinion of the commissioner of public works, be, by the said contractor unnecessarily delayed, or if the said contractor shall, in the opinion of the said commissioner, willfully violate any of the provisions of his contract, or execute the same in bad faith so that said work is not being done or progressing according to the terms of said contract, and the said commissioner of public works shall so certify in writing to the said board of estimate and apportionment, notice shall be given by said board of estimate and apportionment to the sureties of said contractor, and if said sureties shall fail to continue the performance of the work according to the terms of said contract, the said commissioner of public works shall notify said contractor to discontinue all work under his contract, or any part thereof, and the said contractor shall thereupon discontinue such work, or such part thereof, and the said commissioner of public works shall thereupon, with the consent and approval of the said board of estimate and apportionment, and not otherwise, have power to place such and so many persons as he may deem advisable, by contract or otherwise, to work at and complete the said work, or any part thereof, or so much of said work, or such part thereof as the board of estimate and apportionment shall direct, and the said contractor and his sureties so failing to perform said contracts shall be jointly and severally liable to the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York for any and all loss or damage caused by their failure to complete the contract entered into by them as contractor and surety.

§ 6. For all expenses to be incurred under the authority of this act, the said board of estimate and apportionment are hereby authorized to require the comptroller to issue bonds or stocks of the mayor, alderman and commonalty of the city of New York, from time to time, and to be payable from taxation and redeemable in not less than ten nor more than twenty years from the date of issue, in such amounts as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, and the mayor and comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to sign said bonds, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the common council of said city to countersign the same and affix thereto the seal of the city. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum, and shall not be disposed of at less than the par value thereof; and of the proceeds of said bonds there shall be paid from time to time, upon the requisition of the said board of estimate and apportionment, the amount by them from time to time certified to be due for any of the purposes in this act provided.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

And moved that it be approved by this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—3. Negative—The Comptroller—1.

The Comptroller presented the following:

NEW YORK, January 10, 1896. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

DEAR SIR—The contemplated bill to provide for the erection of a municipal building on the northeast portion of the City Hall Park is in my opinion ill-advised, and open to serious objection. Experience has shown that it is the fixed sentiment of the people of this city, emphasized on more than one occasion, that not one foot of any of the public parks on Manhattan Island should be taken for other than park purposes. Our State Legislature *forcibly* reiterated this sentiment when it recently forbade the use of City Hall Park even as a site for a much-needed new City Hall.

Now that the law-making power has practically decided that the old City Hall shall be preserved on its present site, it seems to me that the wise course would be first to put that building in proper repair as the headquarters of the Mayor and Aldermen; second, to remove, as soon as practicable, every other structure now standing within City Hall Park; and third, to secure eventually, by condemnation proceedings, the north side of Chambers street, fronting on the Park, as an appropriate site for a suitable and creditable Municipal Chambers, which would be capable of properly housing all our city and county officials. At any rate, I am convinced that to erect now a municipal building on the northeast portion of City Hall Park would be a blunder second only to that which was committed when the southern end of this park was recklessly surrendered for the purposes of a Federal Post Office. Yours, very respectfully,

HENRY D. PURROY, County Clerk.

On file.

The Counsel to the Corporation presented the following drafts of bills to be presented to the Legislature:

AN ACT to make further provision for the proper custody, care and maintenance of criminals and misdemeanants under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Correction of the City of New York.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The commissioner of correction in the city of New York, with the consent and approval of the board of estimate and apportionment of said city, expressed as hereinafter provided, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect such and so many buildings and such additions to and extensions of existing buildings under the jurisdiction and control of the department of cor-

rection, and to make such alterations and improvements in any of the buildings under the jurisdiction and control of said department as in the opinion of said commissioner of correction and of said board of estimate and apportionment shall be necessary for the proper maintenance, care and treatment of the criminals and misdemeanants who are or may hereafter be or come under the jurisdiction of said commissioner of correction, including, in the discretion of said commissioners and said board of estimate and apportionment, the rebuilding or extension of the present city prison known as the "Tombs," and also an addition or wing to the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island.

§ 2. Before proceeding to erect any building or any addition to or extension of an existing building or to make any alterations or improvements as authorized by the last preceding section, the said commissioner of correction may from time to time present to the said board of estimate and apportionment a statement of any work proposed to be done, with plans and specifications therefor, and an estimate of the approximate probable cost thereof, whereupon the said board of estimate and apportionment may, by resolution, authorize said work to be done wholly or in part, and may approve the plans and specifications therefor, or may return the same to said commissioner for modification or alteration, whereupon said commissioner shall reconsider said plans and specifications, and after having modified or altered the same shall again submit them to said board of estimate and apportionment, who may then approve the same or again return them to the said commissioner for further modification or alteration, and said plans and specifications may be so returned to said commissioner and resubmitted to said board of estimate and apportionment until the said board of estimate and apportionment shall, by resolution, approve said plans and specifications and authorize the work to be proceeded with accordingly. The said commissioner of correction and the said board of estimate and apportionment are each hereby authorized to employ a competent architect to prepare or examine any plans for any work proposed to be done under the provisions of this act.

§ 3. When any work provided for by this act shall have been authorized and the plans and specifications therefor approved by the board of estimate and apportionment, the said commissioner of correction shall proceed to execute and carry out said work, which shall be done by contract made at public letting to the lowest bidder, pursuant to the general provisions of law and ordinance regulating the letting, execution and performance of public contracts in the city of New York. The commissioner of correction, with the approval of the board of estimate and apportionment first had and obtained, is hereby authorized and empowered, with the consent in writing of the contractor and his sureties to alter any plans, and the terms and specifications of any contract entered into by authority of this act, provided that such alteration shall in no case involve or require an increased expense greater than five per centum of the whole expenditure provided for in said contract.

§ 4. For the purpose of carrying out the work authorized by this act, including the compensation of the architects employed by said commissioner of correction to prepare plans and specifications and to supervise the work done thereunder, and of the architect employed by the board of estimate and apportionment to examine any plans and specifications, and including also the cost of such furniture and fixtures for any new building or altered or extended building as shall be approved and consented to by the board of estimate and apportionment, the comptroller of the city of New York is hereby directed, from time to time, when thereto directed by the board of estimate and apportionment, to issue bonds or stock of the city of New York, in the manner now provided by law, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate eight hundred thousand dollars, and bearing interest at a rate to be fixed by said comptroller not exceeding three and one-half centum per annum; said bonds shall be payable from taxation and shall be redeemable in not less than ten nor more than twenty years from the date of issue.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT to make further provision for the proper maintenance, care and treatment of sick, infirm and destitute persons under the jurisdiction and care of the Commissioners of Public Charities in the City of New York.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The commissioners of public charities and correction in the City of New York, with the consent and approval of the board of estimate and apportionment of said city expressed as hereinafter provided, are hereby authorized and empowered to erect such and so many buildings and such additions to and extensions of existing buildings, under the jurisdiction and control of said department, and to make such alterations and improvements in any of the buildings under the jurisdiction and control of said department as, in the opinion of said commissioners of public charities and of said board of estimate and apportionment shall be necessary for the proper maintenance, care and treatment of the sick, infirm and destitute persons who are or may hereafter be or come under the jurisdiction and care of said commissioners of public charities.

§ 2. Before proceeding to erect any building or any addition to or extensions of an existing building, or to make any alterations or improvements, as authorized by the last preceding section, the said commissioners of public charities may, from time to time, present to the said board of estimate and apportionment a statement of any work proposed to be done, with plans and specifications therefor, and an estimate of the approximate probable cost thereof, whereupon the said board of estimate and apportionment may, by resolution, authorize said work to be done wholly or in part and may approve the plans and specifications therefor, or may return the same to said commissioners of public charities for modification or alteration, whereupon said commissioners of public charities shall reconsider said plans and specifications, and after having modified or altered the same shall again submit them to said board of estimate and apportionment, who may then approve the same or again return them to the said commissioners of public charities for further modification or alteration, and said plans and specifications may be so returned to said commissioners of public charities and resubmitted to said board of estimate and apportionment until the said board of estimate and apportionment shall, by resolution, approve said plans and specifications and authorize the work to be proceeded with accordingly. The said commissioners of public charities and the said board of estimate and apportionment are each hereby authorized to employ a competent architect to prepare or examine any plans for any work proposed to be done under the provisions of this act.

§ 3. When any work provided for by this act shall have been authorized and the plans and specifications therefor approved by the board of estimate and apportionment, the said commissioners of public charities shall proceed to execute and carry out said work, which shall be done by contract, made at public letting, to the lowest bidder, pursuant to the general provisions of law and ordinances regulating the letting, execution and performance of public contracts in the city of New York. The commissioners of public charities, with the approval of the board of estimate and apportionment first had and obtained, are hereby authorized and empowered, with the consent in writing of the contractor and his sureties, to alter any plans and the terms and specifications of any contract entered into by authority of this act, provided that such alteration shall in no case involve or require an increased expense greater than five per centum of the whole expenditure provided for in said contract.

§ 4. The said commissioners of public charities, with the consent and approval of the board of estimate and apportionment, are further authorized and empowered to construct upon Blackwell's Island an electric-lighting plant, of sufficient size and capacity to light all the public buildings on said island, and to introduce electric-lights into all of said buildings. Before proceeding with said work the said commissioners shall submit detailed plans therefor to the board of estimate and apportionment, and no part of said work shall be proceeded with until the plans therefor shall be approved by said board. Said work shall be done by contract, made by public letting, to the lowest bidder, pursuant to the general provisions of the laws and ordinances regulating the letting of public contracts in the City of New York, except so much thereof, if any, as can properly be performed by the criminals or misdemeanants under the custody and control of the commissioners of correction of the city of New York, and which said commissioner of correction, at the request of the commissioner of public charities, shall consent to undertake.

§ 5. For the purpose of carrying out the work authorized by this act, including the compensation of the architects employed by said commissioners of charities to prepare plans and specifications and to supervise the work done thereunder, and of the architect employed by the board of estimate and apportionment to examine any plans and specifications, and including also the cost of such furniture and fixtures for any new building, or altered or extended building as shall be approved and consented to by the board of estimate and apportionment, the comptroller of the city of New York is hereby directed, from time to time, when thereto directed by the board of estimate and apportionment, to issue bonds or stock of the city of New York in the manner now provided by law to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate one million dollars, and bearing interest at a rate to be fixed by said comptroller not exceeding three and one-half centum per annum; said bonds shall be payable from taxation and shall be redeemable in not less than ten nor more than twenty years from the date of issue.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT to provide for the construction in the City of New York of certain buildings for the promotion of public health and comfort.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The commissioner of public works in the city of New York, with the consent and approval of the board of estimate and apportionment of said city, expressed as hereinafter provided, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect such and so many buildings for free public baths and such and so many structures for the promotion of public comfort within said city of New York as in the opinion of said commissioner of public works and of said board of estimate and apportionment shall be necessary and proper.

§ 2. Before proceeding to erect or construct any building or structure as authorized by the last preceding section the said commissioner of public works may, from time to time, present to the said board of estimate and apportionment a statement of any work proposed to be done, with plans and specifications therefor, and an estimate of the approximate probable cost thereof, whereupon the said board of estimate and apportionment may, by resolution, authorize said work to be done,

wholly or in part, and may approve of the plans and specifications therefor, or may return the same to said commissioner of public works for modification or alteration, whereupon said commissioner of public works shall resubmit said plans and specifications, and after having modified or altered the same shall again submit them to said board of estimate and apportionment, who may then approve the same or again return them to the said commissioner of public works for further modification or alteration, and said plans and specifications may be so returned to said commissioner of public works and resubmitted to said board of estimate and apportionment until the said board of estimate and apportionment shall, by resolution, approve said plans and specifications and authorize the work to be proceeded with accordingly.

§ 3. When any work provided for by this act shall have been authorized and the plans and specifications therefor approved by the board of estimate and apportionment, the said commissioner of public works shall proceed to execute and carry out said work, which shall be done by contract, made at public letting, to the lowest bidder, pursuant to the general provisions of law and ordinances regulating the letting, execution and performance of public contracts in the city of New York. The commissioner of public works, with the approval of the board of estimate and apportionment first had and obtained, is hereby authorized and empowered, with the consent in writing of the contractor and his sureties, to alter any plans, and the terms and specifications of any contract entered into by authority of this act, provided that such alteration shall in no case involve or require an increased expense greater than five per centum of the whole expenditure provided for in said contract.

§ 4. The commissioner of public works is authorized and empowered, with the consent and approval of the board of estimate and apportionment, to locate any or all of the structures for the promotion of public comfort to be erected under the authority of this act, to be so erected in any public park of the city of New York, and for that purpose the commissioner of public parks shall permit the said commissioner of public works, his officers and agents, and the contractors, to enter upon said park or parks and therein to perform the work so authorized.

Any such structure which may be erected in any public park of said city shall, after its erection and completion, be under the care, custody and control of the department of public parks in said city, who are hereby authorized and empowered to make proper and necessary rules for the use and management thereof.

§ 5. For the purpose of carrying out the work authorized by this act, including compensation of any architect or architects employed by said commissioner of public works, to prepare plans and specifications, and to supervise the work done thereunder, and of any architect employed by the board of estimate and apportionment to examine any plans and specifications, and including also the cost of such furniture and fixtures for any building hereby authorized, as shall be approved and consented to by the board of estimate and apportionment, the comptroller of the city of New York is hereby directed, from time to time, when thereto directed by the board of estimate and apportionment, to issue bonds or stock of the city of New York in the manner now provided by law to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred thousand dollars, and bearing interest at a rate to be fixed by said comptroller not exceeding three and one-half per centum per annum. Said bonds shall be payable from taxation and shall be redeemable in not less than ten nor more than twenty years from the date of issue.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT to authorize the Aqueduct Commissioners of the City of New York to inquire and report as to additional sources of water supply for said city.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The board of aqueduct commissioners of the city of New York are hereby authorized and directed to inquire and report, as in this act provided, what source of water supply for the city of New York will be most practicable and desirable, when the demands of said city upon its present sources of water supply shall have so far increased as to threaten an exhaustion of said supply and a consequent scarcity of pure and wholesome water for said city.

§ 2. The said aqueduct commissioners, in their said report, shall state not only the conclusion to which they have arrived, but also their reasons therefor, and shall specify and enumerate the several sources of water supply as to which they have pursued an investigation. The said report shall be made in triplicate, one copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, one copy in the office of the Mayor of the city of New York, and one copy in the office of said aqueduct commissioners.

§ 3. All necessary surveys and explorations shall be made by said aqueduct commissioners by engineers, surveyors and other persons appointed in the manner prescribed by chapter four hundred and ninety of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, entitled "an act to provide new reservoirs, dams and a new aqueduct, with the appurtenances thereto, for the purpose of supplying the city of New York with an increased supply of pure and wholesome water," and the expenses incurred by said aqueduct commissioners in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be met and paid out of the proceeds of bonds provided for and authorized by said last mentioned act.

Which were approved.

The Comptroller presented the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, January 3, 1896. To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of eight hundred and thirty-one dollars and sixty-six cents (\$831.66) from the appropriation made to the Police Department for the year 1894, entitled "Police Station-houses—Alterations, Fitting-up, Addition to and Repairs," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1895, entitled "Contingent Expenses of the Central Department, etc.," which is insufficient, to enable the Treasurer of the Board of Police to pay bills presented for payment for expenses incurred in the annexed Westchester District, said amount being in the custody of this Department.

F. C. Brown, rent of stable from August 1 to December 31, inclusive, \$190; William Hender-son, rent of rooms in Post-office Building from August 1 to December 31, inclusive, \$250; Neried Engine Company, rent of rooms for police from July 1 to December 31, inclusive, \$150; also, rent of rooms and lock-up, \$166.66; Annie Weaver, rent from July 17 to December 17, 1895, inclusive, \$75—\$831.66.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of eight hundred and thirty-one dollars and sixty-six cents (\$831.66) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Police Department, for the year 1894, entitled "Police Station-houses—Alterations, Fitting-up, Additions to and Repairs of Station-houses, etc.," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the said Department for 1895, entitled "Contingent Expenses of Central Department and Station-houses, etc.," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient, to enable the Treasurer of the Board of Police to pay bills presented for payment for expenses incurred in the annexed Westchester District, said amount being in the custody of the Police Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

F. W. Thayer, appeared and presented petitions requesting that the assessment upon the property-owners on account of the building of the Viaduct on One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street be reconsidered and requesting a hearing thereon.

Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, January 13, 1896, at 3 o'clock P.M.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, MONDAY, January 13, 1896, 3 o'clock P.M.

The Board met in pursuance of adjournment.

Present—William L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jeroloman, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and Francis M. Scott, the Counsel to the Corporation.

Absent—Edward P. Barker, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of December 31, 1895, and January 10, 1896, was dispensed with.

On motion, the consideration of the subject of the final disposition of street refuse was postponed until Wednesday, January 15, 1896, at 11 o'clock A.M.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$9,600) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1895, entitled "Sweeping," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the following appropriations made to the said Department for 1895, and as follows: "Carting," \$3,400; "Rents and Contingencies," \$6,200—\$9,600, the amount of said appropriations being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) be and hereby is transferred from the

appropriation made to the Department of Street Cleaning for the year 1895, entitled "Administration," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for 1895, entitled "Carting, etc.," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, January 13, 1896.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

In order to provide for the necessary payments to contractors engaged in works, the cost of which is borne wholly or in part by assessments, it has become necessary to replenish the Street Improvement Fund by the issue of Assessment Bonds, as provided by section 144 of the Consolidation Act.

I estimate, from the vouchers now on hand for payment and the character of the work in progress, that the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) will be sufficient for the present needs of the Fund, and I offer the following resolution authorizing the issue of Assessment Bonds to that amount as aforesaid. Respectfully,

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, at such rate of interest not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and for such period conformable to law as he may determine, "Assessment Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), as provided by section 144 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; and

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and hereby are requested to exempt the said bonds from taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to an ordinance of the Common Council approved by the Mayor, October 2, 1880, and the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, January 13, 1896.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

I submit herewith an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the issuing of bonds under the provisions of chapter 189 of the laws of 1893, sometimes known as the Watershed Act.

Under the terms of that act it is not essential that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should authorize the issue of bonds, it being sufficient, strictly speaking, for the Comptroller to act directly upon the requisitions of the Commissioner of Public Works.

It has, nevertheless, been customary to secure the approval of this Board to all such issues, and I deem it advisable that this practice should be followed.

All the requisitions of the Commissioner of Public Works referred to in the communication of the Counsel to the Corporation have been approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment with the exception of the requisition of November 9, 1893, for \$100,000, of which only \$50,000 was approved.

In order that the record may be made complete I therefore submit the accompanying resolution approving of the issue of the balance thereof, viz. \$50,000.

Respectfully, ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, January 11, 1896. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

Sir—I am in receipt of your communication of January 9 in relation to the issue of bonds under the Watershed Act.

In this communication you state as follows:

During the year 1893 the Commissioner of Public Works made requisition for the issue of bonds to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars to provide for the payment of expenses to be incurred pursuant to chapter 189 of the Laws of 1893. Under these requisitions bonds to the amount of ninety-five thousand dollars were actually issued in 1893.

During the year 1894 the Commissioner of Public Works requested the issue of bonds to the amount of four hundred thousand dollars, pursuant to the aforesaid act. Under such requisitions bonds to the amount of two hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars were actually issued during the year 1894. During the year 1895 requisitions were made by the Commissioner of Public Works to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, and the whole amount thereof were issued.

You state that you desire to call my attention to the provisions of section 29 of chapter 189 of the Laws of 1893, and request to be informed:

First—Whether it is still possible to issue, during the year 1896, in addition to the five hundred thousand dollars of bonds appertaining especially to that year, the amounts which might have been issued during the preceding years, in addition to those actually issued, i.e., six hundred and fifty-seven thousand dollars.

Second—Whether it would be possible to issue, during the year 1896, in addition to the five hundred thousand dollars of bonds appertaining especially to that year, an additional amount to the difference between the aggregate amount for which requisition was made by the Commissioner of Public Works during the years 1893 and 1894, and the aggregate amount actually issued thereunder, i.e., two hundred and fifty-seven thousand dollars.

The answer to these questions must be that where the Commissioner of Public Works has in any one year made requisition for bonds under the Watershed Act to pay any expense or provide for any liabilities incurred under that act, the bonds for which the requisition is made may be issued to the amount called for, not exceeding of course for any one year the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, even though the bonds themselves may not be issued and sold until after the termination of that year.

It will therefore be possible to issue, during the year 1896, bonds for which requisition was made by the Commissioner of Public Works in 1893 and 1894—that is to say, that bonds for the year 1893 can be issued for the difference between the amount for which the Commissioner made requisition, namely, two hundred thousand dollars, and the amount actually issued thereunder, namely, ninety-five thousand dollars.

The same rule would apply for the next year, 1894, for which bonds may be issued for the difference between four hundred thousand dollars called for by the Commissioner and two hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars, the amount for which bonds were issued.

In other words, there can be now issued bonds of 1893 to the extent of one hundred and five thousand dollars, and bonds of 1894 to the extent of one hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars, these bonds being considered as the bonds of 1893 and 1894, and having no relation to the amount required or expended in 1896.

The foregoing I think furnishes an answer to your questions.

Yours, very truly, FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 189 of the Laws of 1893, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of bonds, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Additional Water Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), redeemable at such period as the Comptroller shall determine, in not less than ten nor more than fifty years from the date of issue, and at a rate of interest not exceeding three per cent. per annum, the proceeds of which bonds are to be applied to the expenses of labor, service, materials, etc., required in carrying out the purposes of said act, as requested by the Commissioner of Public Works in his communication dated November 9, 1893; and

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to exempt the said stock from taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to an ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor, October 2, 1880, and the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner of Street Cleaning, appeared and called the attention of the Board to his request for permission to purchase a Delephant Dumping-boat, made to this Board January 9, 1896.

On motion, the consideration of the subject was laid over.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, January 15, 1896, at 11 o'clock A.M.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

CAS COMMISSION.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Officers designated in Section 69 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

NOVEMBER 8, 1895.

The officers designated in section 69 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 met in the office of the Mayor at 10.45 o'clock A.M. on Friday, November 8, 1895.

All were present, viz.: Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor; Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller; Hon. William Brookfield, Commissioner of Public Works.

On motion of the Comptroller, His Honor the Mayor was elected Chairman.

The Secretary presented six resolutions of the Board of Aldermen requesting electric lamps at certain places and streets. Which were referred to the Comptroller and Commissioner of Public Works for examination and report.

The Secretary presented a letter from the Department of Public Parks, with a map, requesting that 300 additional naphtha lamps be placed in Central Park. Which was laid over.

The Secretary presented a letter from the Department of Public Parks, with a petition for electric lights in Crotona Park, North. Which was referred to the Comptroller and Commissioner of Public Works for examination.

Five petitions were received for the lighting of City Island; also a letter from Benjamin Franklin, of the Pelham Electric Lighting Company, offering to light City Island. Which were laid over for examination by the Comptroller.

The Secretary then presented a list of additional streets in which electric light subways had been constructed during the past year, and these streets were ordered to be included in the advertisement.

The Secretary then stated that Corlears Park was nearly completed and would have to be lighted, and the same was ordered to be included in the advertisement.

On motion, the Board then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

S. McCORMICK, Superintendent Lamps and Gas, Secretary.

NOVEMBER 15, 1895.

The officers designated in section 69 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 met in the office of the Mayor at 2:30 P. M. of Friday, November 15, 1895.

All were present, viz.: Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor; Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller; Hon. William Brookfield, Commissioner of Public Works.

The minutes of the meeting of November 8, 1895, were read and approved.

The Commissioner of Public Works submitted a printed proof of proposed form of contract for gas lighting and proof of form of electric lighting, with a letter from the Counsel to the Corporation approving the same. The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the forms of proposed contracts and specifications for furnishing the gas to and lighting and maintaining the public gas lamps, and for furnishing, operating and maintaining electric lamps for the year commencing on January 1, 1896, as submitted by the Commissioner of Public Works, be and are hereby approved, the same having been examined by the Counsel to the Corporation and approved by him.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That 12 o'clock M. of Monday, December 2, 1895, be designated as the time, and the office of the Commissioner of Public Works as the place, for receiving and opening proposals; and the Secretary is hereby directed to cause an advertisement inviting bids or estimates to be published in the CITY RECORD, as required by law.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Comptroller then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Electrical Control be and is hereby requested to inform this Board as to whether the extension to the electric arc light subways constructed in 1895 are so few that only 117 new lamps can be placed on the line of same; if so, the reason for such few subways having been constructed.

Which was adopted.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby requested to examine all the contracts for public lighting made and entered into by the town or village authorities of the late Towns of Eastchester, Westchester, or Pelham, and the Villages of Williamsbridge and Wakefield, and to report to this Board as to the validity of the same. Also whether any electric or gas company has any legal authority to erect and light public street lamps since June 6, 1895, in any part of the lately annexed territory without the knowledge of the Commissioner of Public Works, or without having received his order for the same.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Comptroller made a verbal report on the matter of the petitions for lighting City Island.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

S. McCORMICK, Superintendent Lamps and Gas, Secretary.

DECEMBER 2, 1895.

The officers designated in section 69 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 met in the office of the Mayor at 12 o'clock M. of Monday, December 2, 1895.

Present—William L. Strong, Mayor; Richard J. Storrs, Deputy and Acting Comptroller; Gen. Charles H. T. Collis, Commissioner of Public Works.

The minutes of the meeting of November 15, 1895, were read and approved.

The Secretary presented an affidavit of Henry McMillen, Deputy Supervisor of THE CITY RECORD, that an advertisement inviting proposals for lighting and maintaining the public lamps of the City of New York, for the year 1896, had been duly published in THE CITY RECORD for ten days consecutively, commencing on the 19th day of November, 1895. Which was ordered on file.

The Secretary announced that fourteen checks had been received.

Mr. Victor J. Dowling, representing the Bronx Gas and Electric Light Company, came before the Board and made a verbal protest against the opening and considering of any bids referring to the newly annexed territory, formerly a part of Westchester and now a portion of the City of New York. He stated that the City of New York owns no lamps in this territory at the present time, and that no lamps had been located there. He also stated that the specifications required that the work must be done by the party of the second part (that is, the company) within sixty days from the time of the awarding of the contract, with the provision for further extension of not more than 30 days at the discretion of the Board. And the specifications further provide that no pavements can be disturbed until after March 1, 1896, and that therefore it would be impossible to comply with the terms of the contract, inasmuch as no lamps are now in place and no gas-mains laid there, and that by reason of the absence of any designation of any streets or avenues in that territory there are no means of estimating properly, and that hence a check cannot be furnished in accordance with the terms of the advertisement. Which he afterward withdrew.

The Estimate-box was then opened and fourteen bids or estimates were found therein and publicly opened by the Commissioner of Public Works and read by the Secretary, as follows:

THE EQUITABLE GAS-LIGHT COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

For furnishing illuminating gas (of not less than twenty-eight candle-power by photometric test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, reglazing and painting lamp-posts and lanterns, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1896, to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, in the following described district, to wit: In all the streets and avenues and parts of streets and avenues along the line of gas-mains of this company, for the sum of twelve (\$12) dollars.

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of four dollars (\$4).

For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of four dollars (\$4).

For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each lamp-post reset, the sum of ten dollars (\$10).

For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of ten dollars (\$10).

EQUITABLE GAS-LIGHT COMPANY OF NEW YORK, by H. KEENE, Vice-President, N. Y. City.

Sureties—Erazon J. Jerzmanowski, residence, No. 818 Madison avenue; John Fox, residence, No. 160 Broadway, New York City.

THE STANDARD GAS-LIGHT COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

For furnishing illuminating gas (of not less than twenty-five candle-power by photometric test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, reglazing and painting lamp-posts and lanterns, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1896, to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, in the following described district, to wit:

The lamps situated in the lines of its gas-mains, for the sum of thirteen dollars four and one-third cents (\$13.04 1/3).

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50).

For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50).

For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each lamp-post reset, the sum of ten dollars (\$10).

For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of ten dollars (\$10).

THE STANDARD GAS-LIGHT COMPANY, by F. MCKIEGE, Secretary.

Sureties—Russell Sage, Frank Tilford.

THE CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

For furnishing illuminating gas (of not less than twenty candle-power by photometric test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, reglazing and painting lamp-posts and lanterns, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1896, to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, in the following described district, to wit: All that part of the City of New York lying south of the Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek, including the southerly fixed span and draw span of the Third Avenue Harlem Bridge, the southerly fixed span and draw span of the Madison Avenue Bridge, the southerly fixed span and draw span of Central Bridge, all of High Bridge and the Washington Bridge, for the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50).

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50).

For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50).

For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each lamp-post reset, the sum of eight dollars (\$8).

For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of eight dollars (\$8).

CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY OF NEW YORK, by H. E. GAWTRY, President. Sureties—Sam Sloane, No. 7 East Thirty-eighth street; John P. Huggins, No. 7 West Seventy-fourth street.

THE CENTRAL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY OF NEW YORK CITY.

For furnishing illuminating gas (of not less than twenty-two candle-power by photometric test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, reglazing and painting lamp-posts and lanterns, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1896, to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, in the following described district, to wit: In the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, for the sum of twenty-four dollars (\$24).

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of two dollars (\$2).

For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each lamp-post reset, the sum of eight dollars (\$8).

For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of eight dollars (\$8).

THE CENTRAL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY OF NEW YORK CITY, by WILLIAM R. BEAL, President. Sureties—William R. Beal, No. 350 Alexander avenue; Isaac D. Fletcher, No. 253 Broadway.

THE NORTHERN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY OF NEW YORK CITY.

For furnishing illuminating gas (of not less than twenty candle-power by photometric test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, reglazing and painting lamp-posts and lanterns, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1896, to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, in the following described district, to wit: All that part of the Twenty-fourth (24th) Ward of the City of New York formerly constituting the Towns of West Farms and Westchester, and the Villages of Williamsbridge and Wakefield, for the sum of twenty-eight dollars (\$28).

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars (\$3).

For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of two dollars (\$2).

For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each lamp-post reset, the sum of eight dollars (\$8).

For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of eight dollars (\$8).

NORTHERN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY, by JOHN S. BUSH, President. Sureties—John P. Munn, No. 18 West Fifty-sixth street, New York City; James R. Floyd, No. 42 West Eighty-eighth street, New York City.

THE YONKERS GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

For furnishing illuminating gas (of not less than twenty-five candle-power, by photometric test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, reglazing and painting lamp-posts and lanterns, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1896, to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, in the following described district, to wit: In that portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward of New York, formerly constituting the Town of Kingsbridge, for the sum of twenty-eight dollars (\$28).

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar (\$1).

For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar (\$1).

For each column refitted, the sum of one dollar (\$1).

For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of two dollars (\$2).

For each lamp-post removed, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

For each lamp-post reset, the sum of eight dollars (\$8).

For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of eight dollars (\$8).

THE YONKERS GAS-LIGHT COMPANY, by WILLIAM W. SCRUGHAM, President. Sureties—Samuel D. Babcock, No. 636 Fifth avenue, New York City; William W. Scrugham, No. 36 Warburton avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

THE NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY GLOBE GAS-LIGHT COMPANY, LIMITED.

For furnishing naphtha gas (lamps) (of not less than eighteen candle-power by photometric test, made at a distance of not less than one mile from the place of manufacture) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, reglazing and painting lamp-posts and lanterns, replacing the cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons and lanterns thereto, for the period from January 1, 1896, to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, in the following described district, to wit: In that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York known as Woodlawn Heights, City Island, Central Park, and any other of the parks or other districts in the city that the Commissioners may direct, for the sum of twenty-two dollars (\$22) for each and every lamp furnished and lighted.

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of no charge.

For each column reloaded, the sum of no charge.

For each column refitted, the sum of no charge.

For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of no charge.

For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of no charge.

On Forty-second street, from North river to Sixth avenue.....	18 lamps.
On Barclay street, from Broadway to North river.....	7 "
On Battery Park.....	29 "
On Beekman street, from Pearl street to Park row.....	6 "
On Bond street, from Bowery to Broadway.....	3 "
On Bowery, from Park row to Third avenue.....	29 "
On Broad street, from Pearl to Wall street.....	5 "
On Broadway, from Battery place to Thirteenth street.....	53 "
On Broome street, from Mott to Crosby street.....	5 "
On Canal street, from Essex street to Broadway.....	17 "
On Catherine street, from East Broadway to East river.....	8 "
On Centre street, from Canal to Broome street.....	3 "
On Chambers street, from Broadway to North river.....	8 "
On City Hall Park.....	17 "
On Corlears Park.....	10 "
On Cortlandt street, from Broadway to North river.....	6 "
On Delancey street, from Bowery to Chrystie street.....	2 "
On Dey street, from Broadway to West street.....	3 "
On Duane street, from Broadway to Elm street.....	1 "
On East Broadway, from Chatham Square to Grand street.....	20 "
On Elizabeth street, from Canal to Houston street.....	10 "
On Elm street, from Reade to Pearl street.....	2 "
On Essex street, from Grand to Houston street.....	9 "
On Exchange place, from Broadway to Hanover street.....	3 "
On Franklin street, from Broadway to West Broadway.....	2 "
On Fulton street, from East river to North river.....	17 "
On Grand street, from Sullivan to East street.....	34 "
On Hanover street, from Exchange place to Pearl street.....	3 "
On Houston street, from Avenue C to Broadway.....	17 "
On Howard street, from Crosby to Mercer street.....	2 "
On Lexington avenue, from Thirty-second to Fifty-ninth street.....	25 "
On Liberty street, from Broadway to North river.....	5 "
On Maiden lane, from Broadway to William street.....	4 "
On Nassau street, from Spruce to Wall street.....	5 "
On New Bowery, from Chatham Square to Oak street.....	5 "
On North William street, from Park row to Frankfort street.....	2 "
On Park row, from Ann street to Bowery.....	16 "
On Pearl street, from Old Slip to Oak street.....	16 "
On South street, from Whitehall to Catherine street.....	32 "
On South William street, from Broad to Beaver street.....	3 "
On Spring street, from Broadway to Greene street.....	1 "
On State street, from Pearl street to Bowling Green.....	3 "
On Sullivan street, from Canal to Grand street.....	1 "
On Thomas street, from Church to Hudson street.....	2 "
On University place, from Waverley place to Fourteenth street.....	6 "
On Warren street, from Broadway to West street.....	5 "
On Washington Park.....	15 "
On West street, from Battery place to Desbrosses street.....	28 "
On White street, from Broadway to West Broadway.....	2 "
On Whitehall street, from Bowling Green to South Ferry.....	7 "
On William street, from Frankfort to Pearl street.....	10 "
On Worth street, from Church street to Park row.....	10 "

At forty cents per night for each lamp..... 720 lamps.

On Thirty-fourth street, from Eighth avenue to North river.....	12 lamps.
On Broadway, from Fifteenth to Fifty-ninth street.....	46 "
On Madison Square Park.....	22 "
On Union Square Park.....	12 "

At forty-five cents per night for each lamp..... 92 lamps.

The existing stations are one in number, and are located as follows: Nos. 204 to 210 Elizabeth street, New York City.

It is proposed to provide against the extinction of the lights from damage to the central stations by fire, as follows: By existing connections with the United States Illuminating Company stations at No. 174 Washington street, and No. 36 Stanton street, and No. 416 Eighth street, and the United Electric Light and Power Company station, Nos. 411 to 419 East Twenty-eighth street.

THE BRUSH ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING CO. OF NEW YORK, by CHARLES J. CANDA, President.

Sureties—American Surety Company of New York, by H. D. Lyman, Vice-President; Wm. A. Brandt, Assistant Secretary; William E. Keyes.

THE MADISON SQUARE LIGHT COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

For furnishing electric arc lamps or lamps in pair of twin arc lamps (of not less than one thousand candle-power by photometric test, estimated in one direction at an angle of forty degrees from the horizontal), said lamps to be of the Thomson-Houston arc lighting system and to be on special lamp-posts or supports to be furnished and erected by the bidder, including the operating, maintaining, painting, cleaning and attending the same for the period commencing on January 1, 1896, and ending on December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, on the following described streets and public places, to wit:

On Avenue A, from Houston to Twenty-fourth street.....	21 lamps.
On Astor place, from Broadway to Third avenue.....	2 "
On First avenue, from Houston to Forty-second street.....	37 "
On Third avenue, from Bowery to Fifty-ninth street.....	50 "
On Fourth avenue, from Bowery to Eighth street.....	3 "
On Fourth avenue, from Twelfth to Forty-second street.....	28 "
On Eighth street, from Sixth to Fourth avenue.....	10 "
On Tenth street, from Second avenue to East river.....	15 "
On Fourteenth street, from Eighth avenue to East river.....	31 "
On Twenty-third street, from Madison avenue to East river.....	17 "
On Thirty-fourth street, from Broadway to East river.....	20 "
On Forty-second street, from Sixth avenue to East river.....	21 "
Bryant Park.....	11 "
On Irving place, from Fourteenth to Twentieth street.....	6 "
Stuyvesant Park.....	16 "
On Stuyvesant street, from Eighth to Tenth street.....	3 "
Tompkins Park.....	21 "

At forty (40) cents per lamp per night..... 312 lamps.

On Fourteenth street, from Eighth avenue to North river, at fifty (50) cents per lamp per night.....	10 "
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Total..... 322 lamps.

The existing central stations are one in number, and are located as follows: No. 425 East Twenty-fourth street.

It is proposed to provide against the extinction of the lights from damage to the central stations by fire, as follows: By connecting with the central stations of Manhattan Electric Light Company, Eightieth street and East End avenue, and Manhattan Electric Light Company, Seventh avenue and Thirty-eighth street.

MADISON SQUARE LIGHT COMPANY, by E. A. LESLIE, General Manager.

Sureties—The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, by George F. Seward, President; Edw'd L. Shaw, Assistant Secretary. The City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Philadelphia, by Stephen Farrelly, Vice-President; Henry Parsons, Assistant Secretary.

THE MOUNT MORRIS ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

For furnishing electric arc lamps or lamps in pair of twin arc lamps (of not less than one thousand candle-power by photometric test, estimated in one direction at an angle of forty degrees from the horizontal), said lamps to be of the Schuyler system, and to be on special lamp-posts or supports to be furnished or erected by the bidder, including the operating, maintaining, painting, cleaning and attending the same for the period commencing on January 1, 1896, and ending on December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, on the following described streets and public places, to wit:

Abingdon Park.....	1 lamp.
Sixth avenue, from Bleecker to Fourteenth street.....	11 lamps.
Thirteenth avenue, from Gansevoort to Bloomfield street.....	3 "
Third street, from Broadway to West Broadway.....	3 "
One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, from Lenox to Ninth avenue.....	11 "
Bank street, from Greenwich to Bleecker street.....	1 "
Battery place, from Whitehall to West street.....	3 "
Beaver street, from Broadway to Wall street.....	7 "
Bleecker street, from Bowery to Thirteenth street.....	30 "
Bloomfield street, between West street and Thirteenth avenue.....	1 "
Broome street, from Broadway to Wooster street.....	2 "

Canal street, from Broadway to North river.....	16 lamps.
Centre street, from Chambers to Reade street.....	2 "
Christopher street, from West street to Sixth avenue.....	12 "
Christopher Park.....	1 "
Church street, from Chambers to Canal street.....	9 "
Desbrosses street, from West to Greenwich street.....	1 "
Duane street, from Washington to West street.....	1 "
Duane street, from Broadway to Church street.....	1 "
Franklin street, from Washington to West street.....	1 "
Franklin street, from West Broadway to West street.....	3 "
Gansevoort Market Square.....	13 "
Gansevoort street, between West street and Thirteenth avenue.....	13 "
Greene street, from Canal to Fourth street.....	33 "
Greenwich street, from Battery place to Vandam street.....	1 "
Greenwich avenue, from Horatio street to Eighth avenue.....	1 "
Horatio street, from Greenwich to Eighth avenue.....	13 "
Houston street, from Broadway to Greenwich street.....	7 "
Jackson Park.....	4 "
John street, from Broadway to Pearl street.....	4 "
Leonard street, from Broadway to Hudson street.....	2 "
Liberty street, from William street to Broadway.....	4 "
Lenox avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street.....	26 "
Macdougal street, from Vandam to Houston street.....	3 "
Morton street, from Greenwich to West street.....	3 "
Murray street, from Broadway to West street.....	6 "
Park place, from Broadway to West street.....	6 "
Pearl street, from Broadway to Elm street.....	1 "
Pearl street, from Whitehall to William street.....	4 "
Reade street, from Broadway to Centre street.....	2 "
Reade street, from Hudson to Church street.....	1 "
Reade street, from West to Washington street.....	1 "
Spruce street, from Nassau to William street.....	1 "
Vandam street, from Greenwich to Macdougal street.....	5 "
Vesey street, from Broadway to West street.....	4 "
Vesey street, on the southeast corner of West Broadway.....	1 "
Walker street, from Broadway to West Broadway.....	2 "
Washington street, from Liberty to Canal street.....	18 "
Washington place, from Broadway to Washington Square.....	3 "
West street, from Desbrosses to West Eleventh street.....	22 "
West Broadway, from Chambers to West Fourth street.....	25 "
West Washington Market.....	12 "
Wooster street, from Broome to Spring street.....	3 "

361 lamps.

For the lamp or lamps on each lamp per night the sum of forty cents.

The existing central stations are two in number, and are located as follows: At corner of Vandam street and Greenwich street, and No. 2285 Eighth avenue.

It is proposed to provide against the extinction of the lights from damage to the central stations by fire, as follows: By using either of the following stations at East Eightieth street and Avenue B or Brush station, Elizabeth street.

THE MOUNT MORRIS ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, by EDWARD MAY, President.

Attest: HARRY SANDERSON, Secretary.

Sureties—H. M. Hoar, No. 450 West One Hundred and Fifty-second street; Henry W. Schmidt, No. 24 East Eightieth street.

THE HARLEM LIGHTING COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

For furnishing electric arc lamps or lamps in pair of twin arc lamps (of not less than one thousand candle-power by photometric test, estimated in one direction at an angle of forty degrees from the horizontal), said lamps to be of the Wood arc and Brush arc lighting system and to be on special lamp-posts or supports to be furnished and erected by the bidder, including the operating, maintaining, painting, cleaning and attending the same for the period commencing on January 1, 1896, and ending on December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, on the following described streets and public places, to wit:

On Third avenue, from Fifty-ninth street to Harlem Bridge.....	75 lamps.
On Sixth avenue, from Thirty-fifth to Fifty-eighth street.....	23 "
On Seventh avenue, from Forty-sixth to Fifty-ninth street.....	13 "
On Eighth avenue, from Forty-second to Fifty-ninth street.....	16 "
On Twenty-seventh street, from Madison to Sixth avenue.....	4 "
On Twenty-eighth street, from Broadway to Sixth avenue.....	1 "
On Fifty-ninth street, from First avenue to Broadway.....	23 "
On Eighty-sixth street, from Third avenue to East river.....	9 "
On One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, from Lenox avenue to East river.....	18 "
East River Park.....	30 "

212 lamps.

At forty cents per lamp per night.....

Mount Morris Park, at fifty (50) cents per lamp per night.....

Total..... 231 lamps.

For the lamp or lamps on each lamp-post per night the sum of forty (40) cents and fifty (50) cents, as above specified and set forth.

The existing central stations are two in number, and are located as follows: One on the southwest corner of Eightieth street and East End avenue, and one on the southeast corner of Seventh avenue and Thirty-eighth street.

It is proposed to provide against the extinction of lights from damage to the central stations by fire, as follows: By connecting with the central stations of Madison Square Light Company, Twenty-fourth street, East river, and Mount Morris Electric Light Company, Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-second street.

THE HARLEM LIGHTING COMPANY, by E. A. LESLIE, Vice-President.

Sureties—The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, by George F. Seward, President; Edward L. Shaw, Assistant Secretary. The City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company, by Stephen Farrelly, Vice-President; Henry Parsons, Assistant Secretary.

THE MANHATTAN ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, LIMITED, of THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

For furnishing electric arc lamps or lamps in pair of twin arc lamps (of not less than one thousand candle-power by photometric test, estimated in one direction at an angle of forty

taining, painting, cleaning and attending the same for the period commencing on January 1, 1896, and ending on December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, on the following described streets and public places, to wit:

On Fifth avenue, from Washington Square to Seventy-ninth street..... 125 lamps.

For the lamp or lamps on each lamp-post per night the sum of fifty cents (50c.).

The existing central stations are five in number, and are located as follows: Nos. 53-57 Duane street, Nos. 47-51 West Twenty-sixth street, Nos. 117-119 West Thirty-ninth street, Nos. 118-122 West Fifty-third street, Nos. 115-119 East Twelfth street.

It is proposed to provide against the extinction of the lights from damage to the central stations by fire, as follows: In the event of damage by fire to one of the central stations current may be supplied from the other stations.

THE EDISON ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY OF NEW YORK, by FRANK ENOS, Secretary.

Sureties—The City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Philadelphia, by Stephen Farrelly, President; Henry Parsons, Assistant Secretary. The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, by George F. Seward, President; Edward L. Shaw, Assistant Secretary.

THE NORTH RIVER ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

For furnishing electric arc lamps or lamps in pairs of twin arc lamps (of not less than one thousand candle-power by photometric test, estimated in one direction at an angle of forty degrees from the horizontal), said lamps to be of the Thomson-Houston system and to be on special lamp-posts or supports to be furnished and erected by the bidder, including the operating, maintaining, painting, cleaning and attending the same for the period commencing on January 1, 1896, and ending on December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, on the following described streets and public places, to wit:

Third avenue, from Harlem Bridge to Pelham avenue.....	93 lamps.
One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from Lincoln avenue to Southern Boulevard..	6 "
One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Third avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	6 "
One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, from Third avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	9 "
One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, from Third avenue to Southern Boulevard..	10 "
One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Madison Avenue Bridge to Southern Boulevard.....	16 "
One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue.....	6 "
One Hundred and Fortieth street, from Third to Brook avenue.....	4 "
One Hundred and Forty-first street, from Morris avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	10 "
One Hundred and Forty-second street, from Alexander to Brook avenue.....	4 "
One Hundred and Forty-third street, from Alexander to St. Ann's avenue.....	6 "
One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Mott to St. Ann's avenue.....	10 "
One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue.....	5 "
One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue.....	3 "
One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue.....	3 "
One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, from Willis to St. Ann's avenue.....	3 "
One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, from Mott avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	17 "
One Hundred and Fiftieth street, from Third to Morris avenue.....	2 "
One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Third to Walton avenue.....	1 "
One Hundred and Fifty-second street, from Third to Morris avenue.....	2 "
One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from Morris to Cauldwell avenue.....	3 "
One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from Union to Jerome avenue.....	23 "
One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, from Boston road to Prospect avenue.....	8 "
One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, from Boston road to Union avenue.....	5 "
Alexander avenue, from Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Forty-second street.....	10 "
Anderson avenue, from Orchard to Birch street.....	1 "
Bailey avenue, from Kingsbridge to Boston road.....	5 "
Bathgate avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-first street to Kingsbridge road..	23 "
Birch street, from Jerome to Anderson avenue.....	3 "
Boston road, from Third avenue to Bronx river.....	28 "
Boston avenue, from Bailey to Sedgwick avenue.....	6 "
Brook avenue, from Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Sixty-third street.....	18 "
Clarendon avenue, from Highbridge street to Devoe street.....	2 "
Courtlandt avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-first street.....	16 "
Depot place, from Sedgwick avenue to Harlem river.....	1 "
Elton avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-second street.....	8 "
Featherbed lane, from Aqueduct to McComb's Dam road.....	6 "
Franklin avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street.....	23 "
Highbridge street, from Orchard to Devoe street.....	6 "
Jerome avenue, from Harlem river to Fordham Landing road.....	44 "
Kingsbridge road, from Third to Bailey avenue.....	20 "
Lane avenue, from South Boulevard to Tiffany street.....	5 "
Lincoln avenue, from Harlem river to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.....	7 "
Lind avenue, from Sedgwick avenue to Wolf street.....	6 "
McComb's Dam road, from Jerome avenue to Featherbed lane.....	9 "
Madison Avenue Bridge, easterly end.....	2 "
Marcher avenue, from Orchard to Devoe street.....	3 "
Melrose avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-third street.....	13 "
Morris avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-ninth to One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street.....	22 "
Mott avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth to One Hundred and Fifty-first street.....	9 "
Ogden avenue, from Jerome avenue to Orchard street.....	10 "
Orchard street, from Ogden to Anderson avenue.....	3 "
Rider avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth to One Hundred and Forty-fourth street.....	5 "
Riverdale avenue, from Bailey avenue to Spuyten Duyvil road.....	8 "
Sedgwick avenue, from Jerome avenue to Washington Bridge.....	19 "
South Boulevard, from Third to Westchester avenue.....	40 "
St. Ann's avenue, from Southern Boulevard avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-first street.....	23 "
Undercliff avenue, from Highbridge to Washington Bridge.....	4 "
Vanderbilt avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-sixth to One Hundred and Sixty-first street.....	5 "
Vanderbilt avenue, from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth to One Hundred and Eightieth street.....	35 "
Walton avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-ninth to One Hundred and Fiftieth street.....	3 "
Washington avenue, from Third avenue to Kingsbridge road.....	44 "
Webster avenue, from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth to One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street.....	28 "
Westchester avenue, from Third avenue to Bronx river.....	28 "
Willis avenue, from Southern Boulevard to Third avenue.....	15 "
Wolf street, from Sedgwick to Ogden avenue.....	2 "

Total number of lamps..... 830

For the lamp or lamps on each lamp-post per night the sum of forty-five cents (45c.).

The existing central stations are one in number, and are located as follows: At One Hundred and Forty-first street and Rider avenue.

It is proposed to provide against the extinction of the lights from damage to the central stations by fire, as follows:

NORTH RIVER ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, by CHAS. T. HUGHES, Vice-President.

Sureties—William H. Zeltner, One Hundred and Seventieth street and Third avenue; Frederick Folz, No. 1395 Washington avenue.

On motion of the Commissioner of Public Works, the proposals were referred to the Secretary of the Commission and the Comptroller for tabulation and report.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

S. McCORMICK, Superintendent Lamps and Gas, Secretary.

DECEMBER 13, 1895.

The officers designated in section 69 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 met in the office of the Mayor at 10 o'clock A. M. of Friday, December 13, 1895.

All were present, viz.: Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller, and C. H. T. Collis, Commissioner of Public Works.

The minutes of the meeting of December 2, 1895, were read and approved.

The following report has been presented by the Secretary.

NEW YORK, December 5, 1895. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor; Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller; Hon. C. H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

SIRS—In the matter of the several bids or estimates for lighting the streets, avenues, parks and public places of this city for the year 1896, which were received by you on the 2d instant, we have to submit the following report:

FIRST—As to Gas-lighting.

The Equitable Gas-light Company bid for lighting all the gas-lamps situated on the lines of the gas-mains of said company with twenty-eight candle gas at the rate of \$12 per year for each lamp, and this bid comes into competition with the \$13.04 $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Standard Gas Company, and the \$17.50 bid of the Consolidated Gas Company, and hence it was the lowest bidder for the lamps on its mains.

The Standard Gas-light Company bid for lighting all the lamps on the lines of its mains with twenty-five candle-power gas at the rate of \$13.04 $\frac{1}{3}$ per year for each lamp, coming into competition with the \$12 bid of Equitable Company, the \$17.50 bid of the Consolidated Gas Company and the \$24 bid of the Central Gas Company, and it was therefore higher than the Equitable bid and lower than the Consolidated and Central Gas-light Companies.

The Consolidated Gas Company bid for lighting all the lamps situated south of Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek (Manhattan Island), including the bridges over the Harlem river, with twenty candle gas at the rate of \$17.50 per year for each lamp, coming into competition with the Equitable and Standard Gas Companies, but for all lamps not situated on the lines of the gas-mains of these two companies it was the only bidder.

The Central Gas-light Company bid for lighting all the lamps in the Twenty-third Ward with twenty-two candle-power gas at the rate of \$24 per year for each lamp, and came into competition with the Standard Gas Company for a few streets, but these streets, however, are lighted by electric lamps. It was therefore the only bidder for the lamps not situated on the lines of the mains of the Standard Gas Company.

The Northern Gas-light Company bid for lighting with twenty candle-power gas all the lamps in those parts of the Twenty-fourth Ward formerly constituting the Towns of West Farms and West Chester, and the Villages of Williamsbridge and Wakefield, at the rate of \$28 per year for each lamp. The late Town of Westchester is now lighted by electric lamps by the Bronx Gas and Electric Company, under the contract made prior to annexation; the Village of Williamsbridge is now lighted by 252 naphtha lamps by the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-light Company, and by 69 incandescent electric lamps by the East Chester Electric Company, under contracts made prior to annexation; and the Village of Wakefield is lighted by 124 naphtha lamps by the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-light Company, under a contract made prior to annexation. The Northern Gas-light Company is now lighting that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward formerly constituting the Town of West Farms, and it was the only bidder for these lamps.

The Yonkers Gas-light Company bid for lighting with twenty-five candle-power gas all the lamps in that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward formerly constituting the Town of Kingsbridge at the rate of \$28 per year for each lamp, and it was the only bidder for these gas lamps. This company is now lighting all these lamps excepting 33 lamps on Grand avenue at Woodlawn Heights, which 33 lamps are lighted by the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-light Company because the Yonkers Gas Company has no gas-mains there at present.

The New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-light Company bid for furnishing naphtha lamps at \$22 per year for each lamp at Woodlawn Heights, City Island, Central Park and any other parks or districts in the city your Commission may direct, and it was the only bidder for naphtha lamps. This company is now lighting 33 lamps at Woodlawn Heights and 200 lamps in Central Park. You will notice that it has included City Island in the lately annexed territory, for which five petitions were lately received.

SECOND—As to Electric Lighting.

The Brush Electric Illuminating Company bid for 720 lamps at forty cents per night each, and 92 lamps at forty-five cents each, or \$12 lamps in all, and it was the only bidder for these lamps. It included in its bid the 411 lamps now lighted by the United States Illuminating Company, and 49 additional lamps on new subways, etc. The company now lights 352 lamps.

The Madison Square Light Company bid for 312 lamps at forty cents and 10 lamps at fifty cents, or 322 lamps in all, and it was the only bidder for these lamps. This company now lights 289 lamps at forty cents and 10 lamps at fifty cents. The bid therefore shows an increase of 23 lamps on lines of new subways.

The Mount Morris Electric Light Company bid for 361 lamps at forty cents and it was the only bidder for these lamps. This company now lights 343 lamps, and the bid therefore shows an increase of 18 lamps.

The Harlem Lighting Company bid for 212 lamps at forty cents and 19 lamps at fifty cents, or 231 lamps in all, and it was the only bidder for these lamps. This company now lights 209 at forty cents and 19 at fifty cents, or 228 in all, and hence the bid shows an increase of three lamps.

The Manhattan Electric Light Company bid for 241 lamps at forty cents, and it was the only bidder for these lamps. This company now lights 162 lamps at forty cents, and the bid therefore shows an increase of 79 new lamps.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company bid for the 125 lamps on Fifth avenue at fifty cents per each lamp-post, which lamps are now lighted by said company, and it was the only bidder for these lamps.

The North River Electric Light and Power Company bid for 830 lamps at forty-five cents each, and it was the only bidder for said lamps. These lamps are now lighted by this company and they are all situated in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, or north of Harlem river.

The bids of the electric light companies show an increase of 172 lamps over the number now lighted, viz.:

Bid of Brush Company.....	49 lamps.	Bid of Harlem Light Company.....	3 lamps.
Bid of Madison Square Company.....	23 "	Bid of Manhattan Company.....	79 "
Bid of Mount Morris Company.....	18 "		

Total increase..... 172 lamps.

Thirty-nine of these lamps are in the existing contracts on the lines of subways, but they were not lighted during the year, and 10 are for the new Corlears Park. The remainder are on the lines of new subways.

The following named streets which were in the advertisements do not appear on any of the bids, viz.:

Dover street, from Pearl to Water streets.....	2 lamps.
Frankfort street, from Pearl to Gold streets.....	3 "
Gold street, from Maiden lane to Frankfort street.....	4 "
Water street, from Dover street to Coenties Slip.....	11 "

Total..... 20 lamps.

We have examined each of the bids and they all appear to be regular.

Respectfully submitted,

S. McCORMICK, Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, Secretary.

E. GRANT MARSH, Contract Clerk, Finance Department.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Equitable Gas-light Company of New York for furnishing illuminating gas to and lighting and maintaining the public gas-lamps situated on the lines of its mains, except such lamps as may be displaced by electric lights, for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896.

For the sum of twelve dollars per year for each lamp..... \$12 00

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents..... 1 50

For each column releaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents..... 1 50

For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents..... 3 50

For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of four dollars..... 4 00

For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of four dollars..... 4 00

For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents..... 3 50

For each lamp-post reset, the sum of ten dollars..... 10 00

For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of ten dollars..... 10 00

Said company having been the lowest bidder for such lamps.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Standard Gas-light Company of the City of New York for furnishing illuminating gas to and lighting and maintaining the public gas-lamps situated on the lines of its mains, except such lamps as are on the lines of the mains of the Equitable Gas Company, and except such lamps as may be displaced by electric lights, for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896.

For the sum of thirteen dollars four and one-third cents per year for each lamp..... \$13 04 $\frac{1}{3}$

For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents..... 1 50

For each column releaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents..... 1 50

For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents..... 3 50

excepting such lamps as have been awarded to the Equitable and the Standard Gas-light Companies, and also excepting such lamps as may be displaced by electric lights, for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896.	
For the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty cents per year for each lamp	\$17 50
For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents	1 50
For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents	1 50
For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents	3 50
For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of five dollars and fifty cents	5 50
For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents	2 50
For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents	3 50
For each lamp-post reset, the sum of eight dollars	8 00
For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of eight dollars	8 00

Said company having been the lowest bidder for such lamps.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Central Gas-light Company of New York City for furnishing illuminating gas to and lighting and maintaining the public gas-lamps in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, excepting such lamps as may be displaced by electric lights, for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896.

For the sum of twenty-four dollars per year for each lamp	\$24 00
For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents	1 50
For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents	1 50
For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents	3 50
For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of five dollars and fifty cents	5 50
For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of two dollars	2 00
For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents	3 50
For each lamp-post reset, the sum of eight dollars	8 00
For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of eight dollars	8 00

Said company having been the lowest bidder for such lamps.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Northern Gas-light Company of New York City for furnishing illuminating gas to and lighting and maintaining the public gas-lamps in that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York formerly constituting the Town of West Farms, excepting such lamps as may be displaced by electric lights, for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896:

For the sum of twenty-eight dollars per year for each	\$28 00
For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents	1 50
For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents	1 50
For each column refitted, the sum of three dollars	3 00
For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents	3 50
For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of two dollars	2 00
For each lamp-post removed, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents	3 50
For each lamp-post reset, the sum of eight dollars	8 00
For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of eight dollars	8 00

Said company having been the lowest bidder for such lamps.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Yonkers Gas-light Company for furnishing illuminating gas to and lighting and maintaining the public gas-lamps in that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York formerly constituting the Town of Kingsbridge, excepting such lamps as may be displaced by electric lights, for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1896:

For the sum of twenty-eight dollars per year for each lamp	\$28 00
For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of one dollar	1 00
For each column reloaded, the sum of one dollar	1 00
For each column refitted, the sum of one dollar	1 00
For each service-pipe refitted, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents	3 50
For each stand-pipe refitted, the sum of two dollars	2 00
For each lamp-post removed, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents	1 50
For each lamp-post reset, the sum of eight dollars	8 00
For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of eight dollars	8 00

Said company having been the only bidder for gas-lamps.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The question was then asked the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-light Company as to whether the price named by said company was the same as charged other cities, and Mr. Prendergast, representing the company, stated that his company was lighting lamps in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, and in Philadelphia at the price of \$22 per lamp.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to The New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-light Company, Limited, for furnishing, lighting and maintaining five hundred naphtha lamps in Central Park at places to be designated by the Department of Public Parks, thirty-three lamps at Woodlawn Heights and one hundred and five lamps at City Island, for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896, at the rate of twenty-two dollars per year for each lamp, said company having been the only bidder for such lamps.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Secretary presented the following communication:

THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL CONTROL—NEW YORK, December 2, 1895. Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor, Chairman of Board of Lamps and Gas, New York City:

DEAR SIR—Replying to a communication of November 16, 1895, from the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, requesting certain information from the Board of Electrical Control as to why more subways were not constructed during the season of 1895, I have to call your attention to chapter 263 of the Laws of 1892, which specially provides that

"It shall be the duty of the said board to require of any corporation or individual making application for the construction of subways, that before the construction of such subways shall be ordered the applicant shall furnish to the corporation which shall be ordered to build such subways satisfactory security for the occupation by it of the subways which shall be constructed at its request, and the payments of the established rentals therefor yearly in advance, during such period as the board shall determine, not less than five years."

The above paragraph in the law, as you will see, practically compels the Board of Electrical Control to wait until some company makes application for the construction of subways before the Board can direct that they be built.

In further explanation to your inquiry, we would call your attention to the fact that the Board caused to be constructed during the season of 1895 for the accommodation of high tension electric light service,

95,270.25 feet, or 18,043 miles, of duct, and

39,647.60 feet, or 7,509 miles, of trench,

which is about the average of annual construction for electric light service. This does not include the construction of subways for telephone, telegraph and the Edison Company, which far exceeds the above item.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) HENRY S. KEARNEY, Secretary.

Which was ordered on file.

The Comptroller then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to give in writing his opinion to this Board whether or not the Board of Electrical Control has any legal authority to proceed to construct, or cause to be constructed, subways sufficient to at least double the electric lighting of the City of New York; and further

Resolved, That in case the Counsel to the Corporation shall advise that there is no legal authority for such work, he be respectfully requested to prepare an act to be submitted to the Legislature under which the City authorities can proceed to furnish the City of New York with proper electric light in all the streets where the same is needed.

Which was adopted.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Brush Electric Illuminating Company of New York for furnishing, operating and maintaining electric lamps for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896, at the rate of forty cents per night for each lamp, on the following named streets, viz.:

Avenue B, from Houston to Fourteenth street	11 lamps
Second avenue, from Houston to Fourteenth street	12 "
Sixth avenue, from Fourteenth to Thirty-third street	19 "
Seventh avenue, from Fourteenth to Forty-sixth street	30 "
Eighth avenue, from Fourteenth to Forty-second street	25 "
Eleventh avenue, from Twenty-third to Twenty-fourth street	1 "
Fourth street, from Bowery to Avenue B	5 "
Sixth street, from Bowery to Second avenue	2 "

Eighth street, from Second to Third avenue	2 lamps
Sixteenth street, from Fifth to Sixth avenue	3 "
Twenty-first street, from Third to Fourth avenue	23 "
Twenty-third street, from North river to Broadway	2 "
Twenty-fourth street, from Eleventh to Thirteenth avenue	4 "
Twenty-sixth street, from Third to Madison avenue	2 "
Twenty-eighth street, from First avenue to East river	11 "
Twenty-ninth street, from First Avenue to Broadway	2 "
Thirty-second street, from Fourth to Lexington avenue	2 "
Thirty-fourth street, from Broadway to Eighth avenue	5 "
Thirty-fifth street, from Madison to Sixth avenue	5 "
Thirty-ninth street, from Park to Lexington avenue	1 "
Forty-second street, from North river to Sixth avenue	18 "
Barclay street, from Broadway to North river	7 "
Battery Park	29 "
Beekman street, from Pearl street to Park row	6 "
Bond street, from Bowery to Broadway	3 "
Bowery, from Park row to Third avenue	29 "
Broad street, from Pearl to Wall street	5 "
Broadway, from Battery place to Thirteenth street	53 "
Broome street, from Mott to Crosby street	5 "
Canal street, from Essex street to Broadway	17 "
Catherine street, from East Broadway to East river	8 "
Centre street, from Canal to Broome street	3 "
Chambers street, from Broadway to North River	8 "
City Hall Park	17 "
Corlears Park	10 "
Cortlandt street, from Broadway to North river	6 "
Delancey street, from Bowery to Chrystie street	2 "
Dey street, from Broadway to West street	3 "
Duane street, from Broadway to Elm street	1 "
East Broadway, from Chatham Square to Grand street	20 "
Elizabeth street, from Canal to Houston street	10 "
Elm street, from Reade to Pearl street	2 "
Essex street, from Grand to Houston street	9 "
Exchange place, from Broadway to Hanover street	3 "
Franklin street, from Broadway to West Broadway	2 "
Fulton street, from East river to North river	17 "
Grand street, from Sullivan to East street	34 "
Hanover street, from Exchange place to Pearl street	3 "
Houston street, from Avenue C to Broadway	17 "
Howard street, from Crosby to Mercer street	2 "
Lexington avenue, from Thirty-second street to Fifty-ninth street	25 "
Liberty street, from Broadway to North river	5 "
Maiden lane, from Broadway to William street	4 "
Nassau street, from Spruce to Wall street	5 "
New Bowery, from Chatham Square to Oak street	5 "
North William street, from Park row to Frankfort street	2 "
Park row, from Ann street to Bowery	16 "
Pearl street, from Old Slip to Oak street	16 "
South street, from Whitehall to Catherine street	32 "
South William street, from Broad to Beaver street	3 "
Spring street, from Broadway to Greene street	1 "
State street, from Pearl street to Bowling Green	3 "
Sullivan street, from Canal to Grand street	1 "
Thomas street, from Church to Hudson street	2 "
University place, from Waverley place to Fourteenth street	6 "
Warren street, from Broadway to West street	5 "
Washington Park	15 "
West street, from Battery place to Desbrosses street	28 "
White street, from Broadway to West Broadway	2 "
Whitehall street, from Bowling Green to South Ferry	7 "
William street, from Frankfort to Pearl street	10 "
Worth street, from Church street to Park row	10 "

720 lamps.

At forty cents per night for each lamp for.

And on	
Thirty-fourth street, from Eighth avenue to North river	12 lamps
Broadway, from Fifteenth to Fifty-ninth street	46 "
Madison Square Park	22 "
Union Square Park	12 "

92 lamps.

At forty-five cents per night for each lamp for.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.	
The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:	

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Madison Square Light Company of the City of New York for furnishing, operating and maintaining electric lamps for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896, at the rate of forty cents per night for each lamp, on the following named streets, viz

Gansevoort Market Square.....	13 lamps.	1 lamps.
Gansevoort street, between West street and Thirteenth avenue.....	1 "	5 "
Greene street, from Canal to Fourth street.....	13 "	3 "
Greenwich street, from Battery to Vandam street.....	33 "	3 "
Greenwich avenue, from Horatio street to Eighth avenue.....	1 "	28 "
Horatio street, from Greenwich avenue to Eighth avenue.....	1 "	6 "
Houston street, from Broadway to Greenwich street.....	13 "	18 "
Jackson Park.....	1 "	16 "
John street, from Broadway to Pearl street.....	7 "	1 "
Leonard street, from Broadway to Hudson street.....	4 "	8 "
Liberty street, from William street to Broadway.....	4 "	6 "
Lenox avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street.....	26 "	6 "
Macdougal street, from Vandam to Houston street.....	3 "	22 "
Morton street, from Greenwich to West street.....	3 "	9 "
Murray street, from Broadway to West street.....	6 "	10 "
Park place, from Broadway to West street.....	6 "	3 "
Pearl street, from Broadway to Elm street.....	1 "	5 "
Pearl street, from Whitehall to William street.....	4 "	7 "
Reade street, from Broadway to Centre street.....	2 "	6 "
Reade street, from Hudson to Church street.....	2 "	2 "
Reade street, from West to Washington street.....	1 "	3 "
Spruce street, from Nassau to William street.....	1 "	13 "
Vandam street, from Greenwich to Macdougal street.....	5 "	13 "
Vesey street, from Broadway to West street.....	4 "	22 "
Vesey street, on the southeast corner of West Broadway.....	1 "	9 "
Walker street, from Broadway to West Broadway.....	2 "	10 "
Washington street, from Liberty to Canal street.....	18 "	3 "
Washington place, from Broadway to Washington Square.....	3 "	40 "
West street, from Desbrosses to West Eleventh street.....	22 "	40 "
West Broadway, from Chambers to West Fourth street.....	25 "	23 "
West Washington Market.....	12 "	2 "
Wooster street, from Broome to Spring street.....	3 "	4 "

At forty cents per night for..... 361 lamps.
Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Harlem Lighting Company of the City of New York for furnishing, operating and maintaining electric lamps for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896, at the rate of forty cents per night for each lamp, on the following named streets, viz.:

Third avenue, from Fifty-ninth street to Harlem Bridge.....	75 lamps.
Sixth avenue, from Thirty-fifth to Fifty-eighth street.....	23 "
Seventh avenue, from Forty-sixth to Fifty-ninth street.....	13 "
Eighth avenue, from Forty-second to Fifty-ninth street.....	16 "
Twenty-seventh street, from Madison to Sixth avenue.....	4 "
Twenty-eighth street, from Broadway to Sixth avenue.....	1 "
Fifty-ninth street, from First avenue to Broadway.....	23 "
Eighty-sixth street, from Third avenue to East river.....	9 "
One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, from Lenox avenue to East river.....	18 "
East River Park.....	30 "

At forty cents per night for..... 212 "

And for Mount Morris Park, at fifty cents per night..... 19 "

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Manhattan Electric Light Company (Limited) of the City of New York for furnishing, operating and maintaining electric lamps for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896, at the rate of forty cents per night for each lamp, on the following named streets, viz.:

On Avenue A, from Fifty-fourth to Ninety-second street.....	37 lamps.
First avenue, from Forty-second to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.....	80 "
Second avenue, from Forty-second to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street.....	84 "
Nineteenth street, from Broadway to Sixth avenue.....	4 "
Twenty-second street, from Broadway to Fourth avenue.....	2 "
Twenty-fourth street, from Broadway to Sixth avenue.....	2 "
Twenty-fifth street, from Broadway to Sixth avenue.....	2 "
Twenty-sixth street, from Fifth to Sixth avenue.....	2 "
Thirty-eighth street, from Broadway to Seventh avenue.....	1 "
Fifty-seventh street, from Fourth to Sixth avenue.....	6 "
Fifty-eighth street, from Madison to Sixth avenue.....	4 "
Madison avenue, from Forty-first to Fifty-ninth street.....	17 "

At forty cents per night..... 241 "

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Secretary then stated that he had communicated with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company in regard to the lighting of Madison avenue, from Fifty-ninth to Seventy-ninth street, with electric lamps, and that the company had stated that it would be prepared to light the same on the same system as on Fifth avenue if so ordered.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of New York for furnishing, operating and maintaining electric lamps for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896, at the rate of fifty cents per night for the lamps on each lamp-post on Fifth avenue, from Washington Square to Seventy-ninth street, one hundred and twenty-five lamps; and on Madison avenue, from Fifty-ninth to Seventy-ninth street, forty lamps; at fifty cents per night for the lamps on each lamp-post; total, one hundred and sixty-five lamps.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Comptroller then presented two petitions requesting that Webster avenue, from Fordham to Bedford Park, be lighted by electric lamps, and a committee of citizens appeared before the Board in behalf of the same and stated that ten electric lamps would be sufficient.

The Comptroller then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Webster avenue, from Fordham to Bedford Park, be lighted by ten electric lamps.

Which was adopted.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an award of contract is hereby made to the North River Electric Light and Power Company for furnishing, operating and maintaining electric lamps for the period of one year, commencing on January 1, 1896, at the rate of forty-five cents per night for each lamp, on the following named streets, viz.:

Third avenue, from Harlem Bridge to Pelham avenue.....	93 lamps.
One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from Lincoln avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	6 "
One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Third avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	6 "
One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, from Third avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	9 "
One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, from Third avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	10 "
One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Madison Avenue Bridge to Southern Boulevard.....	16 "
One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue.....	6 "
One Hundred and Forty-first street, from Morris avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	4 "
One Hundred and Forty-second street, from Alexander to Brook avenue.....	10 "
One Hundred and Forty-third street, from Alexander to St. Ann's avenue.....	6 "
One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Mott to St. Ann's avenue.....	10 "
One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue.....	5 "
One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue.....	3 "
One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, from Third to St. Ann's avenue.....	3 "
One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, from Willis to St. Ann's avenue.....	3 "
One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, from Mott avenue to Southern Boulevard.....	17 "
One Hundred and Fiftieth street, from Third to Morris avenue.....	2 "
One Hundred and Fiftieth street and Walton avenue.....	1 "
One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Third to Morris avenue.....	2 "
One Hundred and Fifty-second street, from Third to Morris avenue.....	3 "
One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from Morris to Cauldwell avenue.....	7 "
One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from Union to Jerome avenue.....	23 "
One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, from Boston road to Prospect avenue.....	8 "
One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, from Boston road to Union avenue.....	5 "
Alexander avenue, from Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Forty-second street	10 "

Anderson avenue, from Orchard to Birch street.....	1 lamps.	1 lamps.
Bailey avenue, from Kingsbridge road to Boston avenue.....	5 "	5 "
Bathgate avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-first street to Kingsbridge road.....	23 "	3 "
Birch street, from Jerome to Anderson avenue.....	3 "	28 "
Boston road, from Third avenue to Bronx river.....	6 "	6 "
Boston avenue, from Bailey to Sedgwick avenue.....	18 "	18 "
Brook avenue, from Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Sixty-third street.....	18 "	16 "
Clarendon avenue, from Highbridge street to Devoe street.....	2 "	2 "
Courtlandt avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-first street.....	16 "	20 "
Depot place, from Sedgwick avenue to Harlem river.....	1 "	8 "
Elton avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-second street.....	8 "	6 "
Featherbed lane, from Aqueduct to McComb's Dam road.....	6 "	6 "
Franklin avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street.....	23 "	22 "
Highbridge street, from Orchard to Devoe street.....	6 "	44 "
Jerome avenue, from Harlem river to Fordham Landing road.....	44 "	20 "
Kingsbridge road, from Third to Bailey avenue.....	20 "	5 "
Lane avenue, from Southern Boulevard to Tiffany street.....	5 "	7 "
Lincoln avenue, from Harlem river to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.....	7 "	6 "
Lind avenue, from Sedgwick avenue to Wolf street.....	6 "	9 "
Macomb's Dam road, from Jerome avenue to Featherbed lane.....	9 "	2 "
Madison avenue Bridge, easterly end.....	2 "	2 "
Marcher avenue, from Orchard to Devoe street.....	3 "	3 "
Melrose avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-third street.....	13 "	13 "
Morris avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-ninth to One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street.....	22 "	22 "
Mott avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth to One Hundred and Fifty-first street.....	9 "	9 "
Ogden avenue, from Jerome avenue to Orchard street.....	10 "	10 "
Orchard street, from Ogden to Anderson avenue.....	3 "	3 "
Rider avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth to One Hundred and Forty-fourth street.....	5 "	5 "
Rivervale avenue, from Bailey avenue to Spuyten Duyvil road.....	8 "	8 "
Sedgwick avenue, from Jerome avenue to Washington Bridge.....	19 "	19 "
St. Ann's avenue, from Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Sixty-first street.....	23 "	40 "
Undercliff avenue, from Highbridge to Washington Bridge.....	4 "	4 "
Vanderbilt avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-sixth to One Hundred and Sixty-first street.....	5 "	5 "
Vanderbilt avenue, from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth to One Hundred and Eightieth street.....	35 "	35 "
Walton avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-ninth to One Hundred and Fiftieth street.....	3 "	3 "
Washington avenue, from Third avenue to Kingsbridge road.....	44 "	44 "
Webster avenue, from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth to One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street.....	28 "	28 "
Webster avenue, from Fordham to Bedford Park.....	10 "	10 "
Westchester avenue, from Third avenue to Bronx river.....	28 "	28 "
Willis avenue, from Southern Boulevard to Third avenue.....	15 "	15 "
Wolf street, from Sedgwick to Ogden avenue.....	2 "	2 "

Total number of lamps at forty-five cents per night..... 840 "

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Comptroller then presented a letter which he had received, calling attention to the poor service afforded by the electric lamp at Madison avenue and Fifty-fourth street. Which was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

S. McCORMICK, Superintendent Lamps and Gas, Secretary.

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JANUARY 3, 1896.

The officers designated in section 69 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 met in the office of the Mayor at 1 o'clock P. M. of Friday, January 3, 1896.

All were present, viz.: Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller; C. H. T. Collis, Commissioner of Public Works.

The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 1895, were read and approved.

The Secretary presented the following communication:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, December 27, 1895. To the Gas Commission:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of Park Commissioners held on the 23d instant I was directed to communicate to you their recommendation that globe gas-lamps, similar to those now in use on the drives in Central Park, be provided for Riverside Drive, and to request that provision be made for placing these lamps, to the number of ninety-seven, at such points along the Riverside Drive as may be designated.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) CLINTON H. SMITH, First Secretary, D. P. P.

Which was ordered on file.

The Commissioner of Public Works then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to cause ninety-seven naphtha lamps, similar to those now in use in Central Park, to be erected and lighted by the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-light Company on Riverside Drive, at the rate of twenty-two dollars per year for each lamp, at locations to be designated by the Department of Public Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

S. McCORMICK, Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, Secretary.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of transactions of the Finance Department for the week ending January 4, 1896:		
Deposited in the Treasury.		
To the credit of the Sinking Fund.....	\$891,777 93	
" City Treasury.....	920,036 90	
Total.....	\$1,811,814 83	
Bonds and Stock Issued.		

The Department of Public Parks—Improvement and Maintenance of Parks in 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$728 80	The Department of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards—Street Improvement Fund, June 15, 1886.....	\$63,887 16	The Fire Department—Fire Department Fund.....	\$145,045 19	Miscellaneous Purposes—Armories and Drill-rooms—Wages of Armories, Engineers, Laborers, Jesters, etc. \$5,766 00
Improvement of Parks and Parkways—Chapter 11, Laws of 1894.....	373 97	Surveying, Laying-out, Maps, Plans, etc.—23d and 24th Wards.....	88 31	The Department of Buildings—Department of Buildings—Salaries.....	16,882 71	Block Tax Assessment Map Fund.....
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	37,814 31	Telephone Services and Contingencies.....	7 50	Contingencies—Department of Taxes and Assessments—Contingencies—Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	667 40	Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Expenses of.....
Mulberry Bend Park, Construction of.....	96 51	Village of Wakefield—Highway Fund.....	375 87	Salaries—Board of Assessors.....	1,733 33	Board of Street Opening and Improvement.....
Parks outside of 23d and 24th Wards—Improvement and Maintenance of.....	323 80	Williamsbridge Sewer Fund	727 19	Salaries—Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	12,099 07	Bureau of Licenses.....
Pelham Bay Park—Macadamizing Roads, etc.....	258 02	The Department of Public Charities and Correction—Public Charities and Correction.....	82,918 50	The Department of Docks—Dock Fund.....	18,914 18	Change of Grade Damage Commission, 23d and 24th Wards
Public Driveway, Construction of.....	951 72	The Health Department—For Bacteriological Laboratory. \$1,783 66 fund for Gratuitous Vaccination.....	100 00	The Board of Education—College of the City of New York	\$620 73	Contingencies—District Attorney's Office.....
Riverside Park and Drive, Construction of.....	15,983 12	Health Fund—For Contingent Expenses.....	19 40	Public Instruction	17,432 89	253 33
Surveys, Maps and Plans—For Making Surveys and Maps for Laying out Parks or Places for use of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement and Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, Van Cortlandt Park—Parade Ground—Extension of Improved Portion	16 13	Health Fund—For Payment to Board of Police.....	5,150 00	Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund	1,709 34	Disbursements and Fees of County Officers and Witnesses
Van Cortlandt Park—Parade Ground—Extension of Improved Portion	81 75	Health Fund—For Disinfection.....	1,130 00	School-house Fund	11,750 00	Examining Board of Plumbers
The Department of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards—Maintenance.....	1,147 62	Health Fund—Salaries.....	20,255 91	The Normal College.....	9,207 64	Fund for Street and Park Openings.....
Repaving 3d Ave., E. 169th st., etc.....	681 50	Hospital Fund—Hospital Supplies.....	425 61	The Board of Excise—Commissioners of Excise Fund.....	10,646 90	New East River Bridge Fund.....
Repaving 3d Ave., from Harlem River to E. 170th St.....	5,285 50	Revenue Bond Fund—Health Department	3,310 00	Printing, Stationery and Blank Books—City Record—Salaries and Contingencies	1,996 96	Preservation of Public Records.....
Repaving Willis Avenue.....	385 94	The Police Department—Contingent Expenses of Central Department and Station-houses, etc.....	1,238 19	etc.....	3,711 71	Rents
Restoring and Repaving—Special Fund—23d and 24th Wards.....	101 77	Placing Telegraph and Telephone Cables Underground.....	7,019 75	Refunding Taxes Paid in Error, Revenue Bond Fund—County Clerk's Office.....	566 85	Refunding Taxes Paid in Error, Revenue Bond Fund—County Clerk's Office.....
Salaries—Office of Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,708 31	Police Fund.....	405,912 71	Revenue Bond Fund—Compilation of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments.....	925 38	Revenue Bond Fund—Compilation of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments.....
Sewers and Drains—23d and 24th Wards.....	162 92	Police Pension Fund.....	75,000 00	Municipal Civil Service Examining Board—Civil Service of the City of New York, Expenses of	2,098 44	Revenue Bond Fund—Furnishings for Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.....
		Police Station-houses—Alterations, etc.....	2,500 00	The Coroners—Coroners—Salaries and Expenses.....	3,790 36	Revenue Bond Fund—For Judgments
		Police Fund—Salaries—Clerical Force, etc.....	10,68 96	The Commissioners of Accounts—Salaries—Commissioners of Accounts	7,012 03	Revenue Bond Fund—Surveys, Maps and Plans.....
		Supplies for Police.....	7,857 16	The Sheriff—Salaries—County Jail.....	\$1,471 24	Salaries—Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments (Salary of the Recorder)
		The Department of Street Cleaning—Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning	48,603 75	Salaries—Sheriff's Office.....	8,730 32	Salaries—Commissioners of the Sinking Fund (Salary of the Recorder)
		Department of Street Cleaning—New Stock	1,430 66	The Register—Salaries—Register's Office	10,832 62	Salaries—Inspectors and Sealers of Weights and Measures
			50,034 41	The Bureau of Elections—Electoral Expenses	5,398 49	Street Improvement Fund, June 15, 1886
				The Judiciary—Salaries—City Courts	\$27,041 69	450 00
				Salaries—Judiciary	102,377 94	300 00
				Charitable Institutions—Nursery and Child's Hospital	5,870 58	272 67
				Miscellaneous Purposes—Armory Fund	\$212 50	\$24,845 60
						Total
						\$1,616,689 41

CONTRACTS REGISTERED FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1896.

No.	DATE OF CONTRACT.	DEPARTMENT.	NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	NAMES OF SURETIES.	AMOUNT OF BOND.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	COST.
15304	1895. Dec. 3	Board of Education.....	Hardman, Peck & Co.	Adolph Slomosky, Elizabeth Lohr.	\$2,000 00	Supplying three new pianos for Grammar School No. 5 at 141st st. and Edgecombe ave, 12th Ward.....	Total \$840 00
15305	" 3	" ..	" ..	Adolph Slomosky, Elizabeth Lohr.	2,000 00	Supplying a piano for new school building at Fox and Simpson sts., etc. (Primary School No. 33), 23d Ward.	Total 290 00
15306	" 3	" ..	" ..	Adolph Slomosky, Elizabeth Lohr.	2,000 00	Supplying two new pianos for Grammar School No. 10 at 117th st. and St. Nicholas ave., 12th Ward.	Total 560 00
15307	" 16	" ..	Christopher Nally...	M. T. Nally, Robert J. Blake.	800 00	Altering and fitting up building No. 225 East 110th st. as an annex to Grammar School building No. 83, 12th Ward.....	Total 2,385 00
15308	" 17	" ..	Richmond School Furniture Co.	M. J. Mahoney, Daniel F. Mahoney.	300 00	Furniture, Item No. 3, for new school building cor. 82d st. and West End ave., 22d Ward.....	Total 882 00
15309	" 17	" ..	Richmond School Furniture Co.	M. J. Mahoney, Daniel F. Mahoney.	300 00	Furniture, Item No. 4, for new Grammar School building, cor. of 82d st. and West End ave., 22d Ward.	Total 849 00
15310	" 17	" ..	Richmond School Furniture Co.	M. J. Mahoney, Daniel F. Mahoney.	1,800 00	Furniture, Item No. 5, for new school building, cor. of 82d st. and West End ave., 22d Ward.	Total 5,391 00
15311	" 17	" ..	Richmond School Furniture Co.	M. J. Mahoney, Daniel F. Mahoney.	90 00	Furniture for Grammar School Building No. 35 at No. 60 West 13th st., 15th Ward.	Total 270 00
15312	" 23	Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards.....	D. W. Moran	Michael Giblin, Edward Kilpatrick.	6,500 00	Regulating and paving with granite-block pavement and laying crosswalk in Bergen ave., from 147th st. and Willis ave., to Brook ave.	Estimate 9,077 56
15313	" 29	Public Works	Patrick Casey	James McCartney, Thomas E. Crimmins	10,000 00	Constructing sewer in Boulevard Lafayette, bet. 158th st. and summit north.	Estimate 18,735 00
15314	" 29	" ..	" ..	James McCartney, Thomas E. Crimmins	20,000 00	Constructing sewers in Naegle and 11th aves., bet. Academy and 190th sts., with curves for connecting sewers.	Estimate 36,565 00
15315	" 31	Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards.....	Thomas J. McLaughlin	Harry McNally, John Soehl	4,500 00	Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in East 136th st., bet. Brook ave. and summit east of St. Ann's ave., with branch in St. Ann's ave., bet. East 136th and East 137th sts.	Estimate 8,135 75

Suits, Orders of Court, Judgments, Etc.

COURT.	NAME OF PLAINTIFF.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF ACTION.	ATTORNEY.
Supreme..	Frederick M. Dardinger-killer.....	\$222 00	Summons and complaint. For salary claimed to be due as Laborer in Twelfth Regiment Armory from June 1 to August 1, 1895.....	J. W. Gerard.
" ..	In matter of opening 139th st., from 8th ave. to bulkhead line of Harlem river.....	1,480 51	Certified copy of order confirming report of Commissioners in said matter, also order taxing costs.	F. M. Scott, Corporation Counsel.
" ..	In matter of opening 140th st., from 7th ave. to bulkhead line of Harlem river.....	1,344 07	Certified copy of order confirming report of Commissioners in said matter; also order taxing costs.	F. M. Scott, Corporation Counsel.
" ..	Joseph Mandoni agst. The Mayor, etc. William E. Nolan and others.....	" ..	Notice of pendency of action	A. J. Adams.
Com. Pleas	Charles Strobel	80 76	Transcript of judgment	Peabody & Simons, G. C. Eldridge.
U. S. Circ. Court, So. Dist. of N. Y.	Charles A. Fisher	54,000 00	Summons—Complaint not served.	" ..
U. S. Circ. Court, So. Dist. of N. Y.	Louis B. Davis	4,000 00	" ..	" ..
Supreme..	In matter of the petition of Clement Fessenden	3,005 39	Order entered at a Special Term of said Court, on December 27, 1895, for the payment of a certain award in the proceedings for opening, etc., of College place and Greenwich street.	H. D. Van Orden.
" ..	Summons and complaints. For salary as Assistant District Attorney for month of December, 1895, as follows:	" ..	District Attorney for month of December, 1895.	" ..
Surrogates	Stephen J. O'Hare	625 00	Certified copy of order directing payment to petitioner of two-thirds of the money now in the hands of the Comptroller for account of unknown next of kin, in matter of estate of Michael McNulty, deceased	O. F. Hibbard.

Claims Filed.

DATE.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
1895. Dec. 31	David B. Cocks	\$1,576 00	For value of house standing on Parcel No. 3, sold by Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards, in the proceeding for opening of Decatur ave.....	T. H. Baldwin.
" 31	Leopold Eidlitz	210 60	For return of amount paid for an assessment for opening of 12th ave., from 59th to 153d st.	P. A. Hargous.
" 31	Parke Goodwin and others	2,046 99	For return of amount paid for an assessment for opening of 12th ave., from 59th to 153d st.	" ..
1896. Jan. 2	" ..	" ..	Claims and demands. For wages as Laborers employed on the Tarrytown Division of the Old Aqueduct, as follows:	W. H. H. Ely.
" ..	Henry Lyons	" ..	" ..	C. P. Hallock.
" ..	James Foley	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Oscar Purdy	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Michael Hines	" ..	" ..	" ..
" ..	Matthew Chadwick	5,000 00	For stenographic services in the proceeding for the opening, widening, etc., of Elm st., from City Hall pl. to Great Jones st.	" ..
" ..	Ella Rawis	126 30	For damage to copper boiler, etc., in the premises No. 1017 Mott ave., caused by shutting off water from said premises by contractor under employment by the City on work in adjacent street.	" ..
" ..	Els'e M. Bruce	46 25	For damage to copper boiler, etc., in the premises No. 1017 Mott ave., caused by shutting off water from said premises by contractor under employment by the City on work in adjacent street.	" ..
" ..	Henry W. T. Mali, as Ex'r, etc.	340 00	For return of amount paid for an assessment for opening of 12th ave., from 59th to 153d st.	T. H. Baldwin.
" ..	Ahrens Bros.	500 00	For damages to horse and wagon on East side Broadway, bet. 53d and 54th sts., caused by an open manhole.	W. J. Walsh.

The Fire Department—Fire Department Fund.....	\$145,045 19	Miscellaneous Purposes—Armories and Drill-rooms—Wages of Armories, Engineers, Laborers, Jesters, etc. \$5,766 00

worth, Son & Co, No. 668 Macon st., Brooklyn, Principal ; American Surety Co., No. 160 Broadway, William E. Keyes, No. 160 Broadway, Sureties.

January 2. For furnishing the Department of Public Charities with hospital supplies ; J. Elwood Lee Co., No. 834 Broadway, Principal ; American Surety Co., No. 160 Broadway, William E. Keyes, No. 160 Broadway, Sureties.

January 2. For furnishing the Department of Correction with flour ; Michael A. Tormey, No. 24 State st., Principal ; American Surety Co., No. 160 Broadway, William E. Keyes, No. 160 Broadway, Sureties.

January 2. For furnishing the Department of Correction with paints ; C. M. Childs & Co., No. 225 Pearl st., Principal ; American Surety Co., No. 160 Broadway, William E. Keyes, No. 160 Broadway, Sureties.

January 3. For furnishing the Department of Public Charities with miscellaneous groceries ; Albert J. Beakes, No. 350 W. 48th st., Principal ; Charles H. C. Beakes, No. 206 E. 12th st., Julius A. Robinson, St. Nicholas Hotel, Sureties.

January 3. J. J. O'Donohue, Jr., No. 101 Front st., Principal ; J. J. O'Donohue, No. 5 E. 69th st., Joseph Riley, No. 59 E. 123d st., Sureties.

January 3. Manhattan Supply Co., No. 141 Chambers st., Principal ; James S. Barron, No. 329 W. 22d st., William H. Barron, No. 320 W. 77th st., Sureties.

January 3. For furnishing the Department of Public Charities with 1,000 tons of coal ; George W. Winant & Son, No. 35 Ninth ave., Principal ; George Hayes, No. 230 W. 129th st., John J. Kelly, No. 336 W. 47th st., sureties.

January 3. For furnishing the gas or other illuminating material for, and lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing and maintaining the public lamps, and supplying gas, etc., for new lamps, where required, on the streets, avenues, piers, parks and public places in the City of New York for the period of one year, commencing January 1 and ending December 31, 1896 ; Central Gas-light Co., No. 350 Alexander ave., Principal ; William R. Beal, No. 350 Alexander ave., Isaac D. Fletcher, No. 253 Broadway, Sureties.

January 3. For furnishing the Department of Correction with miscellaneous groceries ; Albert J. Beakes, No. 350 West 48th st., Principal ; Charles H. C. Beakes, No. 206 East 12th st., Julius A. Robinson, St. Nicholas Hotel, Sureties.

January 3. For regulating, paving, etc., 141st st., from 3d to Alexander ave. ; James G. Smith, No. 329 West 48th st., Principal ; James Fitzpatrick, No. 437 West 43d st., James G. Riley, No. 169 Lincoln ave., Sureties.

January 4. For furnishing the Department of Public Charities with miscellaneous groceries ; H. Y. Canfield, No. 411 Seventh ave., Principal ; George B. Deane, No. 277 West 11th st., Andrew Scheren, No. 214 W. 31st st., Sureties.

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January 4. For furnishing the Fire Department with one (1) Champion Combination Chemical Fire-engine and Hose-wagon, one (1) Champion Babcock Compound Agitator Chemical Fire-engine and one (1) Holloway Combination Chemical Fire-engine and Hose-wagon ; Charles T. Holloway, No. 424 East Saratoga st., Baltimore, Principal ; City Trust Safe Deposit and Surety Co. of Phila., Fidelity and Casualty Co. of New York, Sureties.

Removed—Temporary Clerks in Tax Office.

Clifford A. Atkinson, Elias Blumenthal, George T. Crombie, Thomas F. Coyne, Samuel Dinkelspiel, Eugene J. Hughes, Charles R. Henrique, Edward F. McCarthy, James J. MacElhinney, John R. Parkhurst, William Roome, Samuel Barry, William H. Childs, Joseph M. Cassidy, Charles A. Du Moulin, Joseph E. Gladden, John P. Hilly, James H. Jessup, John J. Mulqueen, William H. O'Brien, Charles E. Quinn, Charles Welde, Jr.

Filed.

December 31. Final Estimate of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business in the City and County of New York for the year 1896.

January 2, 1896. Report of Trustees of Seventh Regiment Armory Building, and statement of the purposes for which the appropriation of \$8,000 made for the preservation, etc., of the Armory Building for 1895, was expended during said year, pursuant to chap. 518, Laws 1893.

Official Designation.

Richard A. Storrs, Deputy Comptroller, to act as Comptroller December 31, 1895, and January 4, 1896.

RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, December 7, 1895.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51, chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending November 30, 1895 :

Public Moneys Received during the Week.—For Croton water rents, \$36,579.48 ; for penalties, water rents, \$313.65 ; for tapping Croton pipes, \$338 ; for sewer permits, \$806.78 ; for restoring and repaving—Special Fund, \$1,518.50 ; for vault permits, \$1,346.37 ; total, \$40,902.78.

Public Lamps.—3 new lamps erected, 3 new lamps lighted, 6 lamps relighted, 6 lamps discontinued, 2 lamp-posts removed, 4 lamp-posts reset, 2 lamp-posts straightened, 3 columns reloaded.

Permits Issued.—74 permits to tap Croton pipes, 46 permits to open streets, 17 permits to make sewer connections, 18 permits to repair sewer connections, 105 permits to place building material on streets, 19 permits, special, 9 permits to construct street vaults.

Repairing and Cleaning Sewers.—57 receiving-basins relieved, 122 receiving-basins and culverts cleaned, 644 linear feet of sewer cleaned, 20 linear feet of sewer relieved, 3,451 linear feet of sewer examined, 16 manhole heads reset, 3 basins repaired, 2 new manhole heads and covers put on, 2 new basin heads and covers put on, 10 new manhole covers put on, 1 new basin cover put on, 57 cubic feet of brickwork built, 13 square yards of pavement relaid, 15 cubic feet of earth excavated and refilled, 2 cart-loads of earth filling, 277 cart-loads of dirt removed, 14 linear feet of brick sewer rebuilt, 4 linear feet of new curb set, 5 new basin hoods put in, 1 new basin grate put in, 46 square feet of flagging relaid.

Obstructions Removed.—14 obstructions removed from various streets and avenues.

Repairs to Pavement.—4,067 square yards of pavement repaired.

Statement of Laboring Force Employed in the Department of Public Works during the Week ending November 30, 1895.

NATURE OF WORK.	MECHANICS.	LABORERS.	TRAMS.	CART.
Aqueduct—Repairs, Maintenance and Strengthening	47	129	8	10
Laying Croton Pipes	3	14	1	2
Repairs and Renewals of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.	63	116	1	22
Bronx River Works—Maintenance and Repairs	..	23	3	1
Supplying Water to Shipping	5
Repairing and Cleaning Sewers	23	52	..	29
Repairing and Renewals of Pavements	175	129	2	63
Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of	22	76	20	7
Roads, Streets and Avenues	5	24	5	1
Total	343	623	40	135

Contracts Entered Into.

NATURE AND LOCATION OF WORK.	CONTRACTOR.	ESTIMATED COST.
Laying crosswalk across 153d st., west side of Boulevard	Joseph A. Devlin	\$77 36
Building storm overflow to receiving-basin, northwest corner Rutgers Sip and South st.	Bernard Mahon	226 50
Receiving-basin, northeast, southeast and southwest corners 135th st. and 7th ave.	Philip J. Kearns	572 00

Requisitions on the Comptroller.—The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department on the Comptroller during the week is \$96,343.35.

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

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That a crosswalk of two courses, with a row of specification paving-blocks between the courses, be laid across Dyckman street, at the junction with Kingsbridge road, Irescote avenue, B and C street, and at the end or near the railroad station, the material to be used for said work to be bridge-stone of North river blue stone, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by Board of Aldermen, December 30, 1895. Approved by the Mayor, January 10, 1896.

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the south side of Eightieth street, between Boulevard and West End avenue, and on the east side of West End avenue, between Seventy-ninth and Eightieth streets, be fenced in, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by Board of Aldermen, December 30, 1895. Approved by the Mayor, January 10, 1896.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the following-named persons to place and keep stands within the stoop-lines at the location set opposite their names for the sale of soda-water, fruit, newspapers or periodicals, provided that the same shall not exceed the dimensions prescribed by law :

Adolph Michelman, northeast corner Forty-second street and Eighth avenue.

Adolf Offer, 558 Ninth avenue.

Frederick Dowdy, 265 West Forty-second street.

Walter Scott, 731 Eighth avenue.

—the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by Board of Aldermen, December 17, 1895. Approved by the Mayor, December 24, 1895.

APPOINTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW YORK, January 16, 1896. *Supervisor City Record.*

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 51 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and in accordance with your circular letter of January 6, 1896, I hereby respectfully notify you that I have this day appointed Robert Sweeney, residing at No. 884 Eighth avenue, Messenger in the office of the Clerk of the Common Council in place of Emanuel Morgenthau, resigned.

Yours truly,
WM. H. TEN EYCK,
Clerk of the Common Council.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

Legislation. Streets.

Lands, Places and Park Department.

LEGISLATION—The Committee on Legislation will hold a meeting on Thursday, January 16, 1896, at 1.30 o'clock P.M., in Room 13, City Hall.

STREETS—The Committee on Streets will hold a meeting on Friday, January 17, 1896, at 2 o'clock P.M., in Room 13, City Hall.

LANDS, PLACES AND PARK DEPARTMENT—The Committee on Lands, Places and Park Department will hold a meeting on Friday, January 17, 1896, at 1 o'clock P.M., in Room 13, City Hall. WM. H. TEN EYCK,

Clerk, Common Council.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Mayor's Office—No. 6 City Hall, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturdays, 9 A.M. to 12 M.

Mayor's Marshal's Office—No. 1 City Hall, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Commissioners of Accounts—Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Agueduct Commissioners—Stewart Building, 5th floor, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Board of Armory Commissioners—Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturdays, 9 A.M. to 12 M.

Department of Buildings—No. 220 Fourth avenue, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Comptroller's Office—No. 15 Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Auditing Bureau—Nos. 19, 21 and 23 Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents—Nos. 31, 33, 35, 37 and 39 Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. No money received after 2 P.M.

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets—Nos. 1 and 3 Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. No money received after 2 P.M.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes—Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. No money received after 2 P.M.

City Chamberlain—Nos. 25 and 27 Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

City Paymaster—Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Council to the Corporation—Staats-Zeitung Building, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturdays, 9 A.M. to 12 M.

Police Administrator—No. 119 Nassau street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Corporation Attorney—No. 119 Nassau street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Attorney for Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes—Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Bureau of Street Openings—Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank Building, Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street.

Police Department—Central Office, No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Board of Education—No. 146 Grand street.

Department of Charities—Central Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Department of Correction—Central Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Fire Department—Headquarters, Nos. 157 to 159 East Sixty-seventh street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturdays, 12 M. Central Office open at all hours.

Health Department—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Department of Public Parks—Arsenal, Central Park, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturdays, 12 M.

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, 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 Willard Parker and Reception Hospitals, near the foot of East Sixteenth street, 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 1,200 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.

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 1,200 dollars, and agreeing that it 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 to 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 deviation 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., THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Commissioners.

Dated NEW YORK, January 16, 1896.

TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, STEWART BUILDING, NO. 280 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, January 13, 1896.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 817 OF THE New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, notice is hereby given that the books of "The Annual Record of the Assessed Valuation of Real and Personal Estate" of the City and County of New York, for the year 1896, are open and will remain open for examination and correction until the 30th day of April, 1896.

All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, at this office, during the period said books are open, in order to obtain the relief provided by law.

Applications for correction of assessed valuations on personal estate must be made by the person assessed to the said Commissioners, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., except on Saturdays, when between 10 A. M. and 12 M., at this office, during the same period.

EDWARD P. BARKER, THEODORE SUTRO, JAMES L. WELLS, Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NEW YORK, January 17, 1896.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS Department with the following articles:

500,000 pounds Hay, of the quality and standard known as Best Sweet Timothy.

200,000 pounds good, clean Rye Straw.

5,000 bags clean No. 1 White Oats, 80 pounds to the bag.

2,000 bags first quality Bran, 40 pounds to the bag, will be received by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, January 29, 1896, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

All of the articles are to be delivered at the various houses of the Department, including about nine new companies, having about twenty-two horses, in the recently annexed territory, in such quantities and at such times as may be directed, and all are to be weighed in the presence of an officer or other employee of the Department, upon scales furnished by the Department and transported by the contractor.

No estimate will be received or considered after the hour named.

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.

Proposals must include all the items, specifying the price per cwt. for hay and straw, and per bag for oats and bran.

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

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

Any person making an estimate for the work shall present 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 Fire Department reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates 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.

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.

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Each bid or estimate shall 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, 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 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.

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Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the

proved and unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor, in said city, on, or before the 13th day of February, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 13th day of February, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 12:30 o'clock P.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, 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 its office, No. 51 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 14th day of February, 1896.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northward by the middle line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Seventy-third street and East One Hundred and Seventy-second street; easterly by the Bronx river; southerly by the middle line of the blocks between Jennings street and said Jennings street produced and East One Hundred and Seventy-second street, and westerly by a line drawn parallel to the Southern Boulevard and distant 200 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; excepting from said area all streets, avenues, roads or portions thereof heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, Part III., of the State of New York, to be held in and for the City and County of New York, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 9th day of March, 1896, at the opening of the 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.

Dated NEW YORK, January 4, 1896.
JAMES R. TORRANCE, Chairman; THEODORE WESTON, T. J. CARLETON, JR., Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf 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 EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Railroad avenue, East, to Elton avenue, and from St. Ann's avenue to Prospect avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by the Department of Public Parks.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS OF Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to all persons interested in this proceeding, and to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved and unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor, in said city, on or before the 13th day of February, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 13th day of February, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 12 o'clock P.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, 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 its office, No. 51 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 14th day of February, 1896.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and East One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, from the west side of Elton avenue to the East side of Railroad avenue, East, and by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and Cedar place, and Cedar place produced, from St. Ann's avenue to Prospect avenue; on the south by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and Dawson street and Dawson street produced, from Prospect avenue to St. Ann's avenue, and by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from Railroad avenue, East, to Elton avenue; on the east by the westerly side of Prospect avenue and the westerly side of Elton avenue; on the west by the easterly side of Railroad avenue, East, and the easterly side of St. Ann's avenue; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 16th day of March, 1896, at the opening of the 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.

Dated NEW YORK, January 3, 1896.
SAMUEL J. FOLEY, Chairman; THEODORE E. SMITH, NATHAN WISE, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf 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 ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SECOND STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), between Amsterdam avenue and the Kingsbridge road, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE UNDERSIGNED Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court bearing date the 20th day of December, 1895, 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, title to which is sought to be acquired in this proceeding, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor, in said city, on or before the 13th day of February, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 13th day of February, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 12 o'clock P.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, 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 its office, No. 51 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 14th day of February, 1896.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by the middle line of the blocks between Varian street and Fort Independence street, from the easterly line of the New York and Putnam Railway to the westerly side of Bailey avenue; from the easterly side of Fort Independence street and the westerly side of Heath avenue; on the south by the middle line of the blocks between Riverdale avenue and Kingsbridge road, from the easterly line of the New York and Putnam Railway to the westerly side of Heath avenue; on the west by the easterly line of the New York and Putnam Railway; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Dated NEW YORK, January 8, 1896.
WILLIAM H. WILLIS, Chairman; ISAAC RODMAN, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

A PUBLIC PARK, AT ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE, SEVENTH AVENUE AND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH STREET.

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS, LESSEES, PARTIES AND PERSONS RESPECTIVELY ENTITLED UNTO OR INTERESTED IN THE LANDS, TENEMENTS, HEREDITAMENTS AND PREMISES REQUIRED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TITLE TO THE LANDS REQUIRED FOR A PUBLIC PARK AT AVENUE ST. NICHOLAS, SEVENTH AVENUE AND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH STREET, AS LAID OUT AND ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF STREET OPENING AND IMPROVEMENT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 320 OF THE LAWS OF 1887, AND TO THE RESPECTIVE OWNERS, LESSEES, PARTIES AND PERSONS RESPECTIVELY ENTITLED UNTO OR INTERESTED IN THE LANDS, TENEMENTS, HEREDITAMENTS AND PREMISES EMBRACED WITHIN THE AREA OF ASSESSMENT FIXED AND DETERMINED BY THE SAID BOARD OF STREET OPENING AND IMPROVEMENT AS THE AREA WITHIN WHICH THE ENTIRE COST AND EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED IN ACQUIRING THE LAND FOR SUCH PARK SHALL BE ASSESSED.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT—In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title to certain pieces or parcels of land for a Public Park at Avenue St. Nicholas, Seventh Avenue and One Hundred and Seventeenth street, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, as selected, located and laid out by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, under and in pursuance of chapter 320 of the Laws of 1887.

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice, pursuant to section 4 of chapter 320 of the Laws of 1887, passed May 13, 1887, that a true report or transcript of our 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 to which title is sought to be acquired in this proceeding, and of the value of the benefit and advantage to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises embraced within the area of assessment fixed and determined by the said Board of Street Opening and Improvement, under and in pursuance of chapter 320 of the Laws of 1887.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.:

All those lots fronting and abutting on either side of Courtlandt Avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-third street to its junction with Third Avenue; all those lots fronting and abutting on either side of Third Avenue, from East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street to East One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, and all those lots fronting and abutting on either side of East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, from Morris Avenue to Willis Avenue; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Opening in the Law Department of the City of New York, at its office, No. 51 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 14th day of February, 1896.

Dated NEW YORK, January 4, 1896.
JAMES R. TORRANCE, Chairman; THEODORE WESTON, T. J. CARLETON, JR., Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved and unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, No. 51 Chambers street (second floor), in said city, on or before the 13th day of February, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 13th day of February, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 3 o'clock P.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Bureau of Street Opening in the Law Department of the City of New York, at its office, No. 51 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 14th day of February, 1896.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.:

All those lots fronting and abutting on either side of Courtlandt Avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-third street to its junction with Third Avenue; all those lots fronting and abutting on either side of Third Avenue, from East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street to East One Hundred and Forty-first street, as such line is and would be, if extended eastwardly into the East River, to the northerly line of East Eighty-first street, as such line is and would be, if extended eastwardly into the East River, in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of New York, pursuant to the plans heretofore determined upon by the Board of the Department of Docks and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the profiles thereof fixed and determined by the Department of Docks with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 10th day of March, 1896, at the opening of the 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.

Dated NEW YORK, December 31, 1895.
J. C. JULIUS LANGBEIN, Chairman; JOHN H. JUDGE, JOHN LERCH, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title for the use of the public, to all or any of the land and property not owned by the Corporation of the City of New York, including any rights, terms, easements and privileges or interest pertaining thereto, which are not subject to extinguishment or termination by public authority, required for an exterior street extending along the westerly shore of the East River, in the City of New York, from the centre line of East Sixty-fourth street, as such line is and would be, if extended eastwardly into the East River, to the northerly line of East Eighty-first street, as such line is and would be, if extended eastwardly into the East River, in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of New York, pursuant to the plans heretofore determined upon by the Board of the Department of Docks and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the profiles thereof fixed and determined by the Department of Docks with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Public Works.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS OF Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to all persons interested in this proceeding, and to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved and unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor, in said city, on or before the 29th day of January, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 29th day of January, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 3 o'clock P.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited with the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, at his office, No. 31 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 30th day of January, 1896.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: On the north by the middle line of the blocks between East Ninetieth street and East Ninety-first street; on the south by the middle line of the blocks between East Fifty-eighth street and East Fifty-ninth street; on the east by bulkhead-line; on the west by a line drawn parallel to Third Avenue and distant 100 feet from the westerly side thereof; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 22d day of March, 1896, at the opening of the 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.

Dated NEW YORK, January 6, 1896.
APPLETON L. CLARK, Chairman; WILLIAM R. LOWE, WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, 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 lands on ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH and ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH STREETS, in the Twelfth 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, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS OF Estimate in the above-entitled matter, appointed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, lessee or lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises, title to which is sought to be acquired in this proceeding, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That all parties or persons whose rights may be affected by the said estimate, and who may object to the same, or any part thereof, may, within ten days after the first publication of this notice, January 6, 1896, set forth their objections to the same, in writing, with us, at our office, Room No. 2, on the fourth floor of the Staats-Zeitung Building, No. 2 Tryon Row, in said city, as provided by section 4 of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, at our said office, on the 21st day of January, 1896, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, and upon such subsequent days as may be found necessary.

Third—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in Part III., in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 11th day of February, 1896, at the opening of the 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.

Dated NEW YORK, January 6, 1896.
DANIEL LORD, Chairman; JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD STREET, from Tenth Avenue to Edgecombe old road, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a third-class street or road by said Board.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS OF Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to all persons interested in this proceeding, and to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots and improved and unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our amended or supplemental estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor, in said city, on or before the 7th day of February, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 7th day of February, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 11 o'clock A.M.

Second—That the abstract of our said amended or supplemental estimate and assessment, together with our damage and benefit maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited with the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, at his office, No. 31 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 8th day of February, 1896.

Third—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.:

On the north by the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Sixty-third street and One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street; on the south by the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Sixty-second street and One Hundred and Sixty-third street; on the east by the westerly line of Edgecombe road, and on the west by the easterly line of Tenth Avenue; excepting from said area all streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report