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BOARD OF ALDERMEN. STATED MEETING.

TUESDAY, October 20, 1896, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in Room 16, City Hall.

PRESENT :

Hon. John Jeroloman, President.

John P. Windolph, Vice-President, Aldermen William E. Burke, Thomas M. Campbell, William Clancy, Thomas Dwyer, Christian Goetz, Elias Goodman, Frank J. Goodwin, Joseph T. Hackett, Benjamin E. Hall, Jeremiah Kennefick, Francis J. Lantry, Frederick L. Marshall, Robert Muh, John J. Murphy, Andrew A. Noonan, John J. O'Brien, William M. K. Olcott, Charles A. Parker, Rufus R. Randall, Andrew Robinson, Joseph Schilling, Henry L. School, William Tait, Frederick A. Ware, Charles Wines, Collin H. Woodward, Jacob C. Wund.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of appointing Henry L. Oestreich, Jr., a City Surveyor, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the appointment to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That Henry L. Oestreich, Jr., of No. 127 East Ninety-third street, be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor in and for the City and County of New York.

RUFUS R. RANDALL, THOMAS DWYER, JOSEPH T. HACKETT, FRANK J. GOODWIN, Committee on Salaries and Offices.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—25.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices

REPORT

for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That Louis Herbert Becker, of No. 268 Eighth avenue, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the place of John Howard O'Brien, whose term of office has expired.

RUFUS R. RANDALL, THOMAS DWYER, JOSEPH T. HACKETT, FRANK J. GOODWIN, Committee on Salaries and Offices.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Clancy, Dwyer, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—25.

The Committee on Law Department, to whom were referred the annexed resolutions in favor of permitting sundry persons to keep and maintain boot-black stands within the stoop-lines in various streets, avenues and thoroughfares in the City of New York, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they find that a special proposed ordinance is now pending before this Board covering applications for boot-black stands, and until such ordinance becomes a law nothing can be done in the matter. They therefore recommend that the said resolutions be returned to the various Aldermen who introduced them, and that the Committee be discharged.

FREDERICK A. WARE, RUFUS R. RANDALL, JACOB C. WUND, BENJAMIN E. HALL, Committee on Law Department.

Resolved, That, upon the annexed consent filed herewith, permission be and hereby is granted to Louis W. Weill to erect, keep and maintain a stand for blacking shoes in front of the premises No. 627 Eighth avenue, in the City of New York, but within the stoop-line of said premises, and which shall not extend over four feet from the house-line, nor exceed six feet in length, the work to be done and material furnished at the cost and expense of said Louis W. Weill, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; the permission hereby granted to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That, upon the annexed consent filed herewith, permission be and hereby is granted to Allesandro Baromo to erect, keep and maintain a stand for the use of boot-black stand in front of the premises No. 205 Second avenue, in the City of New York, but within the stoop-line of said premises, and which shall not extend over four feet from the house-line, nor exceed six feet in length, the work to be done and material furnished at the cost and expense of said Allesandro Baromo, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; the permission hereby granted to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That, upon the annexed consent filed herewith, permission be and hereby is granted to Daniel Mare to erect, keep and maintain a stand for the use of boot-black stand in front of the premises Nos. 1, 3 and 5 East Houston street, in the City of New York, but within the stoop-line of said premises, and which shall not extend over four feet from the house-line, nor exceed six feet in length, the work to be done and material furnished at the cost and expense of said Daniel Mare, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; the permission hereby granted to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to G. Coster to place and keep a boot-black stand within the stoop-line in front of No. 734 Tenth avenue, provided the said stand be erected in conformity with the provisions of section 86 of the New York City Consolidation Act as amended in 1896 ; the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That, upon the annexed consent filed herewith, permission be and hereby is granted to Frank J. Goodwin to erect, keep and maintain a stand for the use of boot-black stand in front of the premises No. 278 Eighth avenue in the City of New York, but within the stoop-line of said premises, and which shall not extend over four feet from the house-line, nor exceed six feet in length ; the work to be done and material furnished at the cost and expense of said Frank J. Goodwin, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; the permission hereby granted to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 1123.)

NEW YORK, October 20, 1896. To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

The undersigned, the Committee on Legislation, who were instructed to organize and co-operate with committees from Kings County, Richmond County and Queens County, in the matter of the Greater New York charter, desiring to keep this Board informed from time to time as to whatever progress is made, beg leave to

REPORT :

That the Joint Committee has duly organized, adopted rules of procedure, and are about to enter actively into the work for which they were appointed.

We append the following copy of our minutes from date of first meeting up to and including the last one held, which more clearly than in any other way presents to this Board a full report of our proceedings, to wit :

ROOM 16, CITY HALL—CHAMBER BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW YORK CITY, July 29, 1896.

Pursuant to a report of the Committee on Legislation of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, June 9, 1896, relating to Greater New York, a copy of which follows, and in accordance with communications on the subject addressed to the legislative bodies of the Counties of Kings, Queens and Richmond, a joint meeting of committees representing these bodies was held this day.

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be empowered and are hereby instructed to co-operate, as far as possible and practicable, with the Greater New York Commission, with a view of securing all the consideration by the said Commission for and on behalf of this Board as may from time to time seem necessary and advisable.

Resolved, That no measure shall be proposed to the said Greater New York Commission, for embodiment in the charter that is to be prepared, which shall relate to the Board of Aldermen, and no intended action of the said Commission shall be approved, disapproved, advocated or urged by the Committee on Legislation, without first reporting thereon to this Board and receiving its official sanction.

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen of Brooklyn, and the legislative branches of the other localities which are to become part of the Greater New York, be each requested to appoint a committee to join with our Committee on Legislation in its endeavor to and its co-operation with the Greater New York Commission, in the interest of the Legislative branch of the city consolidated.

Alderman John P. Windolph, of New York, called the meeting to order, stating briefly the objects for which it had been called, and requested Mr. William H. Ten Eyck, Clerk of the Common Council of New York, to read the report above referred to.

Supervisor Edward P. Doyle, of Richmond, moved that Alderman Windolph, of New York, be elected Temporary Chairman. Adopted.

Supervisor John J. Kenney, of Richmond, moved that William H. Ten Eyck, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen of New York, be selected as Temporary Secretary. Adopted.

The Chairman then directed a roll-call, which showed the following representatives present :

Aldermen John P. Windolph, Robert Muh, Elias Goodman, and Charles Wines, of New York ; Aldermen William J. Wassmuth, John Guilfoyle, William J. Taylor, and Charles H. Francisco, of Brooklyn, and Supervisors John L. Feeney, Edward P. Doyle, and John J. Kenney, of Richmond County.

It was stated that the Board of Supervisors of Queens County had had no knowledge of the meeting of to-day, notwithstanding a notice had been mailed to them, and the Secretary was instructed by the Chairman to notify Hon. J. L. Van Nostrand, Chairman of said Board, of the next meeting.

Supervisor Edward P. Doyle, of Richmond, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That there be a Committee on Permanent Organization, to be named by the Chair, and to consist of one member from each county, said committee to report to this Committee a plan for permanent organization and to suggest names of permanent officers. Which was adopted.

Alderman Wassmuth, of Brooklyn, moved that when we adjourn we do so to meet on August 10, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M. Adopted.

Alderman Guilfoyle, of Brooklyn, moved that each County represented in the joint meetings of Greater New York have a voting power of seven votes. Adopted.

The Chairman announced as the Committee on Permanent Organization : Edward P. Doyle, of Richmond ; Elias Goodman, of New York ; William J. Wassmuth, of Brooklyn, and one to be appointed later from Queens.

Alderman Charles H. Francisco, of Brooklyn, moved that we do now adjourn. Adopted.

WM. H. TEN EYCK, Clerk of the Common Council, New York County, Temporary Secretary.

ROOM 16, CITY HALL—CHAMBER BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW YORK, August 10, 1896.

A duly called meeting of the representatives of legislative bodies of the territories to be embraced in the Greater New York, Alderman Windolph in the chair.

No quorum appearing, the Chairman declared that the meeting stood adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

WM. H. TEN EYCK, Secretary pro tem.

ROOM 16, CITY HALL—CHAMBER BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW YORK, September 2, 1896.

A duly called meeting of the representatives of legislative bodies of the territories to be embraced in the Greater New York was held this day, Alderman Windolph, of New York, in the chair.

Present—Aldermen Windolph, Goodman and Wines, of New York ; Aldermen Guilfoyle, Keegan, Taylor, Francisco, Messenger and Ruggles of Brooklyn ; Supervisors Korfman, Van Nostrand, Dunton, Underhill and Dent, of Queens County, and Supervisors Doyle, Dobson and Kenney, of Richmond County.

The minutes of the meetings of July 29 and August 10, 1896, were read and adopted.

The Chairman announced that he had appointed Supervisor D. L. Van Nostrand on the Committee on Permanent Organization.

The Committee on Permanent Organization made the following report—

The Committee on Permanent organization begs to report as follows :

The permanent organization shall be—

First—A Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Clerk (who shall be paid not to exceed \$5 a day, for each day of actual service, as certified by the Secretary).

Second—That there shall be eight Standing Committees :

1st. A Committee to consider the legislative portion of the Charter.

2d. A Committee to consider the executive branch of the Charter.

3d. A Committee to consider the administrative portion of the Charter.

4th. A Committee to consider the financial portion of the Charter.

5th. A Committee to consider the judicial provisions of the Charter.

6th. A Committee to consider the miscellaneous provisions of the Charter.

7th. A Committee to present the suggestions of the Committee of the Whole to the Charter Committee.

8th. A Committee on Charter legislation.

The Committee further suggests that a quorum shall consist of seven members, three counties being represented.

That all reports of sub-committees be in writing.

That meetings of the Committee of the Whole be held subject to the call of the Chair, either in New York or Brooklyn or in other localities represented, if invited.

That the Clerk keep a record of all newspaper references to the charter and its provisions.

That we suggest for permanent officers : For Chairman, John P. Windolph ; Vice-Chairman, John L. Feeney ; Secretary, D. L. Van Nostrand.

That the method of representative voting adopted be used only on roll-call.

That roll-call be had on demand of any member.

That there shall be equal representation from each County on the Standing Committees.

EDWARD P. DOYLE, ELIAS GOODMAN, D. L. VAN NOSTRAND, WILLIAM J. WASSMUTH, Committee on Permanent Organization.

Supervisor Doyle moved that the report be received. Which was adopted.

Supervisor Feeney moved that the report be adopted.

Alderman Francisco moved that the report be amended by substituting the name of Alderman Guilfoyle in the place of Alderman Windolph.

Alderman Ruggles moved that the amendment be laid on the table. Which was lost by the following vote :

In favor—New York, 7 ; Richmond, 7—14.

Against—Brooklyn, 7 ; Queens, 7—14.

The Chairman then put the question on the amendment of Alderman Francisco. Which was lost by the following vote :

In favor—Brooklyn, 7 ; Queens, 7—14.

Against—New York, 7 ; Richmond, 7—14.

The Chairman then put the question on the original motion which was lost by the following vote :

In favor—New York, 7 ; Richmond, 7—14.

Against—Brooklyn, 7 ; Queens, 7—14.

Alderman Ruggles moved that the vote by which the original question was lost be reconsidered. Which was lost by the following vote :

In favor—Brooklyn, 7 ; Queens, 3—10.

Against—New York, 7 ; Queens, 4 ; Richmond, 7—18.

Alderman Goodman moved that the report be recommitted to the Committee on Permanent Organization for further consideration. Which was adopted.

Alderman Wines moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair. Which was adopted.

WM. H. TEN EYCK, Secretary pro tem.

ROOM 16, CITY HALL—CHAMBER BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW YORK, September 30, 1896.

A duly called meeting of the representatives of legislative bodies of the territories to be embraced in the Greater New York was held this day, Alderman Windolph, of New York, in the chair.

Present—Aldermen Windolph, Goodman, Ware, Wines and Muh, of New York ; Aldermen Guilfoyle, Francisco and Messenger, of Brooklyn ; Supervisors Van Nostrand, Korfman, Smith, Denton, Bermel and Dunton, of Queens County, and Supervisors Feeney and Doyle, of Richmond County.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Committee on Permanent Organization, to whom was recommitted the report made September 2, 1896, reported that they had amended their original report by not suggesting any names for offices ; by abrogating the unit rule ; that all suggestions to be made to the Charter Committee be required to receive a three-fourths vote ; that Richmond County be permitted to add one member to its committee ; that no election for officers be held until next meeting, and that all members be notified of said meeting at least forty-eight hours in advance.

Alderman Francisco moved that the report, as amended, be adopted. Which was adopted.

Alderman Francisco moved that when the committee adjourns it do so to meet again on Wednesday, October 7, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M. Which was adopted.

Alderman Francisco moved to adjourn. Which was adopted.

WM. H. TEN EYCK, Secretary pro tem.

ROOM 16, CITY HALL—CHAMBER BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW YORK, October 7, 1896.
Stated meeting of the representatives of legislative bodies of the territories to be embraced in the Greater New York, held this day, Alderman Windolph in the chair.
Present—Aldermen Windolph, Goodman, Ware and Wines, of New York; Aldermen Wassmuth, Guilfoyle, Keegan, Francisco, Messinger and Ruggles, of Brooklyn; Supervisors Korfman, Van Nostrand, Dunton and Denton, of Queens County, and Supervisors Feeney and Doyle, of Richmond County.
The minutes of the meetings of September 2 and 30 were read and approved.
The Chairman announced that the election of officers was in order and invited Supervisor Doyle to take the chair.
For President, Alderman Wines, of New York, presented the name of John P. Windolph, and Alderman Francisco, of Brooklyn, presented the name of John Guilfoyle.
The Chairman instructed the Clerk to call the roll, which proceeding resulted as follows:
For John P. Windolph—Aldermen Goodman, Ware and Wines, of New York, Supervisor Van Nostrand, of Queens County, and Supervisor Doyle, of Richmond County—5.
For John Guilfoyle—Aldermen Wassmuth, Keegan, Francisco, Messinger and Ruggles, of Brooklyn, and Supervisors Berniel, Dunton and Denton, of Queens County—8.
The Chairman announced that John Guilfoyle having received the greatest number of votes was duly elected President.
Alderman Windolph moved that the election of John Guilfoyle, as President, be made unanimous. Which was adopted. President Guilfoyle then took the chair, thanking his colleagues for the honor conferred in electing him President.
Supervisor Doyle presented the name of Dr. John L. Feeney for Vice-President. There being no further nominations, on motion of Alderman Ruggles, Dr. John L. Feeney was elected Vice-President by acclamation and declared such.
Alderman Goodman presented the name of David L. Van Nostrand for Secretary. There being no further nominations, on motion of Alderman Goodman, David L. Van Nostrand was elected Secretary by acclamation and declared such.
Alderman Goodman moved that the Secretary be empowered to arrange with some newspaper clipping company to furnish the Committee with all newspaper notices of charter matters. Which was adopted.
Supervisor Doyle moved that the Secretary be empowered to engage a clerk. Which was adopted.
Alderman Goodman moved that each county be requested to provide the sum of \$250, to be used as a contingent fund for the expenses of the Committee. Which was adopted.
Supervisor Doyle moved that the Secretary be directed to act as Treasurer. Which was adopted.
The Secretary announced that he had appointed Mr. Frank J. Martin as Clerk.
On motion, the Committee adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.
DAVID L. VAN NOSTRAND, Secretary.
Conformably to the action of the Joint Committee, we offer the following:
Resolved, That General Order No. 968 be and the same is hereby amended by striking therefrom the words "one hundred," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two hundred and fifty."
Resolved, That the action of the Joint Committee relating to its rules, regulations, proposed course of procedure, etc., be and the same is hereby approved, and that any legislation of this Board in the past, requiring action in conflict therewith, is rescinded and repealed.
JOHN P. WINDOLPH, Chairman, CHARLES WINES, ROBERT MUH, JACOB C. WUND, ELIAS GOODMAN.
Alderman Goodman moved that the further reading of the report be dispensed with and the report be printed and laid over.
PETITIONS.
By Alderman Goodman—
NEW YORK, September 14, 1896.
Hon. E. GOODMAN, the Board of Aldermen, City of New York:
GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, beseech the Honorable Board of Aldermen, in the interest of the public and for their safety and convenience, to have a flagged walk placed across Third avenue, between One Hundred and Nineteenth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, say from the curb at No. 2191 to the curb at No. 2192, same being about the centre of the block. As it is now, the women and children cross the pavement at these two points at the risk of their lives, because of the heavy traffic, trucking, cable cars, wheels, etc., to and from a large meat market on the east side of the avenue and a large dry goods store on the west side.
We therefore believe that public safety and convenience demand a walk as specified above, and we trust that the Honorable Board of Aldermen will view the matter as we do and grant our request.
Goodyear I. R. C. Co., 2197 Third avenue.
William Blaith, 2193 Third avenue.
Hermann Kahn, 2188 to 2192 Third avenue.
E. Muhlhauser, 2184 Third avenue.
B. Goodman, 2194 Third avenue.
J. Wimmer, 2187 Third avenue.
Eugene F. Smith, 173 East One Hundred and Nineteenth street, City.
In connection herewith, Alderman Goodman offered the following:
Whereas, The foregoing petition has been received and is referred to this Board; it is
Resolved, That Hermann Kahn, of Nos. 2188 to 2192 Third avenue, be and he is hereby permitted to lay crosswalks across the carriageway to the opposite side of the street, provided the same be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the owners of property to which said crosswalks lead and those on either side thereof adjoining assent thereto.
The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.
MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.
Resolved, That the following resolutions adopted September 22, 1896, be annulled, rescinded, and repealed:
G. O. 904, being a resolution, as follows:
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in St. Lawrence street, from West Farms road to Merrill avenue, Van Nest, New York City, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.
G. O. 909, being a resolution, as follows:
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, street-lamps placed thereon and lighted, in Park avenue, from One Hundred and Eighty-second street to One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.
G. O. 908, being a resolution, as follows:
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, street-lamps placed thereon and lighted, in Commonwealth avenue, from West Farms road to Merrill avenue, Van Nest, New York City, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.
G. O. 910, being a resolution, as follows:
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, street-lamps placed thereon and lighted, in One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, from Webster avenue to Park avenue, West, and in Park avenue, West, to One Hundred and Eighty-third street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.
G. O. 931, being a resolution, as follows:
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, street-lamps placed thereon and lighted, in Ho3 street, from Jennings street to One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.
The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:
Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—28.
By Alderman Ware—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the National Horse Show Association to occupy the south side of Twenty-seventh street, between Fourth and Madison avenues, and adjoining Madison Square Garden, to erect a temporary structure, as shown on the accompanying diagram, the same to be removed immediately after the horse show to be held in Madison Square Garden, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only for thirty days from October 30, 1896.
The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:
Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Burke, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—27.
COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.
The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Public Works:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, October 20, 1896. Hon. JOHN JEROLOMAN, President, Board of Aldermen:
DEAR SIR—I beg to submit herewith my report on the following resolutions of the Board of Aldermen:

No. 1112. Requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to lay a crosswalk from Nos. 88 to 89 Cortlandt street.
As the location of the proposed crosswalk is not at a street intersection, and would therefore be for private benefit and not for public use, the crosswalk, if laid at all, should be laid at the expense of the parties interested. Not being at a street intersection, the expense could not be assessed on the property benefited.
No. 1113. Requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to repave with asphalt the carriage-way of Grove street, between Bedford and Hudson streets.
There is no money with which to make the proposed improvement this year, and when the work is done it would be more satisfactory to extend the asphalt as far as Waverley place, which is already paved with asphalt. Very respectfully,
HOWARD PAYSON WILDS, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.
Which was ordered on file.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
Alderman School called up G. O. 676, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:
Resolved, That the carriageway of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from the easterly crosswalk of Mott avenue to the westerly crosswalk of Gerard avenue, be regulated and paved with granite-block pavement, and that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting or terminating street or avenue, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:
Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Burke, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—28.
COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS RESUMED.
The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards:
CITY OF NEW YORK—COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS, THIRD AVENUE AND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST STREET, October 19, 1896. Hon. JOHN JEROLOMAN, President Board of Aldermen:
DEAR SIR—I forward herewith, with my compliments, a complete set of the Final Maps, etc., of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, bound in book form, for the use of the Common Council. Yours truly,
LOUIS F. HAFFEN, Commissioner.
Which was accepted.
The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Finance Department:
CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, October 10, 1896. To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:
Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 189, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, for carrying on the Common Council from January 1 to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof, for and on account of each appropriation, and the amount of unexpended balances:

TITLES OF APPROPRIATIONS.	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS.	PAYMENTS.	AMOUNT OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES.
City Contingencies	\$2,000 00	\$576 75	\$1,423 25
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council....	500 00	200 00	300 00
Salaries—Common Council	86,300 00	64,722 96	21,577 04

WILLIAM J. LYON, Deputy Comptroller.
Which was ordered on file.
The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Finance Department:
CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, October 17, 1896. To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:
Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 189, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, for carrying on the Common Council from January 1 to December 31, 1896, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof, for and on account of each appropriation, and the amount of unexpended balances:

TITLES OF APPROPRIATIONS.	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS.	PAYMENTS.	AMOUNT OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES.
City Contingencies	\$2,000 00	\$589 25	\$1,410 75
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council....	500 00	200 00	300 00
Salaries—Common Council	86,300 00	64,722 96	21,577 04

WILLIAM J. LYON, Deputy Comptroller.
Which was ordered on file.
COMMUNICATIONS.
The President laid before the Board the following communication from Abe M. Kuntz:
To the Honorable Board of Aldermen, New York City:
GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of ordinance recently passed by your Honorable Body, relating to news-stands under stairs of "L" stations, I hereby make application for permit to continue owning stand which I now have at northwest corner of Forty-second street and Sixth avenue. Do hereby consider it proper to remark that I am a citizen of the United States and resident of district where stand is situated, to wit: Abe M. Kuntz; residence, No. 33 West Forty-fourth street, third floor, west side.
In presence of G. W. Egers.
Sworn to before me this 19th day of October, 1896.
GEORGE W. EGBERS, Notary Public, New York City.
Which was referred to Alderman Hall.
COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS AGAIN RESUMED.
The President laid before the Board the following communication from Board of Education:
HALL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, No. 146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, October 15, 1896. To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:
I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of the action of the Board of Education at a meeting held on October 7, 1896, requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate for the year 1897, for the purpose of a "Biennial School Census," to be taken in October, 1897, the sum of \$32,500, in addition to the sum of \$2,500 already applied for in the Budget for 1897 for said purpose.
Respectfully,
ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.
BOARD OF EDUCATION, No. 146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, October 15, 1896.
(In Board of Education, October 7, 1896.)
BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS, No. 146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, October 7, 1896. To the Board of Education:
At a meeting of the Board of School Superintendents held on the 5th day of October, 1896, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That this Board request the Board of Education to secure the insertion of an item of thirty-five thousand dollars for school census in the Budget of the Board of Education for the year 1897.
Respectfully submitted,
JOHN JASPER, City Superintendent and Chairman of Board of Superintendents.
Commissioner Peaslee moved that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and they hereby are requested to appropriate for the year 1897, for the purpose of a "Biennial School Census," to be taken in October, 1897, the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500), in addition to the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), already applied for in the Budget for 1897 for said purpose.
The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Commissioner Peaslee, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:
Ayes—The President and Commissioners Adams, Andrews, Beneville, Holt, Hubbell, Hurlbut, Kelly, Mack, Meirowitz, Peaslee, Prentiss, Rogers, Strauss, Taft and VanArsdale—16.
Extract from the minutes.
ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk.
Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.
The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Health Department:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, NEW YORK, October 16, 1896. To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of New York City:
GENTLEMEN—Herewith please find copy of a resolution of the Board of Health of the Health Department, adopted at a meeting held October 13, 1896, requesting authority to contract for new disinfecting apparatus without public competition, for the reason that this apparatus is of a special form, with new features not heretofore used in this country, requiring special skill and technical knowledge in its construction, with possible changes from time to time during construction, and that the work is not likely to be satisfactory if let at a public bidding.
Very respectfully,
EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.
Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department, held October 13, 1896:
"Whereas, Section 64 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 provides that the method of procuring supplies exceeding in aggregate cost the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000)

shall be by contract, unless otherwise ordered by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Common Council; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Honorable the Board of Aldermen be and is hereby respectfully requested to authorize the Board of Health of the Health Department, under the provisions of law above quoted, to erect without competing bids a new disinfecting apparatus, including new chamber for the disinfection of household furniture, merchandise, etc., including steam connections, fittings, etc., at an expense not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the amount to be paid out of the appropriation made to the Board of Health of the Health Department for such purpose."

A true copy.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMUNICATIONS RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Property Owners' Union of the City of New York:

PROPERTY OWNERS' UNION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 78 EAST NINETY-SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK, October 17, 1896. *Hon. President Board of Aldermen:*

DEAR SIR—Our association for the past year has been urging Alderman Parker to have introduced resolutions for improvements in this district, but all seem to fail, and we now ask you to use your influence to help us in these matters. We wish

1. Resolution passed to pave the east side of Park avenue, from Ninety-seventh to One Hundred and Second street.

2. Resolution passed to pave Ninety-eighth street, from Lexington to Park avenue.

3. Resolution to flag sidewalk, full width, each side of Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth to One Hundred and Tenth street, where not already done.

4. Resolution to flag sidewalk, full width, Madison avenue, from Ninety-fifth to One Hundred and Sixth street, where not already done.

5. Resolution to flag the sidewalk, full width, around the blocks occupied by Elevated Railroad Company, bounded by Ninety-eighth street, Ninety-ninth street, Third to Park avenue, including sidewalks on Lexington avenue, from Ninety-eighth to Ninety-ninth street; also sidewalks on block occupied by Cable Depot, Ninety-ninth to One Hundred street, Lexington to Park avenue.

We need all of this work and much more, and this should have been done years ago.

In fact, the sidewalks on east side of Fifth avenue are a disgrace to this city, and especially to our City Fathers.

We ask that these matters be laid before your Honorable Board, that a committee be appointed to examine into same and report to the true condition of this part of the city in which we make this complaint.

Yours respectfully,

A. MINERLY, Secretary.

Which was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman Parker called up G. O. 1076, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the roadway of Park avenue, east side, from Ninety-seventh to One Hundredth street, be paved with asphalt-block pavement on concrete foundation, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—27.

Alderman Parker called up G. O. 1075, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the roadway of Park avenue, east side, from One Hundredth to One Hundred and Second street, be paved with granite-block pavement on concrete foundation, and that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting and terminating streets, where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—28.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from William C. Church:

NEW YORK, October 15, 1896. Mr. JOHN JEROLMAN, *President Board of Aldermen, City:*

DEAR SIR—I observe that the subject of changing the name of Featherbed lane is under discussion. As I am, and have been for thirty years the owner of a block of 70 lots, having a front on that street, I am naturally anxious to see it well named. How would it do to call it Rock-bridge avenue? That is the name of an old New York farm formerly located in the vicinity of Union Square. It appears in an old deed to which I take title to a house I have in Irving place. The name perhaps is sufficiently appropriate as Featherbed is one of the avenues leading from Washington Bridge.

Very truly yours, WM. CONANT CHURCH.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

REPORTS RESUMED.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed petition in favor of granting franchise to the New York Fuel Gas Company to lay gas pipes, etc., respectfully

REPORT:

That, having given the subject careful consideration, find that the Committee on Lamps and Gas held a public hearing on a similar petition and are therefore more familiar with the subject.

They therefore recommend that the said petition, together with an amended petition and communication from the said company hereto annexed, be referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

COLLIN H. WOODWARD, JACOB C. WUND, ANDREW A. NOONAN, WILLIAM M. K. OLCOTT, JOSEPH SCHILLING, Committee on Streets.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

The petition of The New York Fuel Gas Company respectfully shows—

First—That said company was duly incorporated on the 20th day of June, 1896, under and pursuant to the act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled "The Business Corporation Act," and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; that said company is now duly organized, and is a valid and existing corporation; that a copy of the certificate of incorporation of said company is hereto annexed, marked "A."

Second—That said company requests permission to lay its mains and pipes in the streets, avenues and public places in the City of New York for the purpose of supplying non-illuminating fuel gas to the consumers thereof in said city.

Third—That the said company stipulates as follows:

That the manufactory or works for the purpose of producing and furnishing fuel gas shall be so constructed as not to be in any way detrimental to the public health or otherwise create a nuisance.

That the fuel gas to be supplied shall be free within limits not injurious to the public health from ammonia, sulphureted hydrogen and other sulphur and noxious compounds, and shall be of such odor as may, in case of leakage, make its presence as easily detected as is ordinary illuminating gas.

That the fuel gas shall be supplied to all persons residing or doing business on the line or lines of the mains of said company who may desire the same for domestic purposes at a rate not to exceed 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, and at reduced rates for manufacturing, industrial and other purposes.

The said company shall supply fuel gas to the public buildings of the City of New York situated along the line of its mains at a price not to exceed forty cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

That the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York shall have the right to order the mains or pipes of the company to be extended in or along any of the streets or avenues of the city, provided the said company shall not be compelled to spend in the laying of such pipes or mains a yearly sum exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars. The mains or pipes shall be laid so as not to interfere with the public sewers or sewer connections or with the Croton mains or water connections which are now laid or may hereafter be laid in any of the streets, avenues or public places of the city.

The said company shall be governed by the laws and ordinances of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York and by such general rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Public Works, his successor or successors in office, may prescribe for the laying of pipes and mains and the proper protection and filling of the trenches or excavations, and for the taking up, replacing and repaving of the pavements, and shall also be governed by such general rules and regulations as the Rapid Transit Commissioners may prescribe for the opening of the streets on the lines of the proposed tunnels.

The said company or its successor shall commence to supply and distribute fuel gas within two years after the permission of the Board of Aldermen is granted.

The meters of the said company shall be subject to the inspection, rules and regulations prescribed by law for all gas meters used in the City of New York.

The said company, its successor or successors, shall pay into the City treasury the sum of thirty cents for each and every lineal foot of trench opened for its mains. Such sum to be paid monthly and to be accompanied by a certificate from the Commissioner of Public Works to the effect that the sum paid is in full payment at such rate for all trenches for mains opened during the month for which each payment is made.

The said company will furnish a bond in such form and amount as the authorities may demand for the faithful performance of all the conditions herein stipulated.

Respectfully submitted, THE NEW YORK FUEL GAS COMPANY, by W. F. ROSSELL, President; D. D. MALLORY, Secretary.

HENRY D. MACDONA, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, 38 PARK ROW, NEW YORK CITY, October 19, 1896. To the Committee on Streets of the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—As counsel for the New York Fuel-Gas Company, which has pending before you an application for permission to supply fuel gas in the City and County of New York, I respectfully ask to substitute for said application the one herewith submitted, which, you will observe, conforms in every word and particular with the resolution favorably reported by the Committee on Lamps and Gas on a similar application of another corporation, except in the important detail of compensation to the City.

In the pending resolution it is proposed to grant this permit for and in consideration of the sum of twenty cents (20) per lineal foot of trench opened.

Our amended application, in addition to this amount, proposes to pay into the City Treasury the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for the permit. In order that there may be no question about the genuineness of this offer, I have handed to your Chairman, with this letter, a certificate of deposit for the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars, made by Mr. R. A. C. Smith, President of the New York Fuel Gas Company, in the Fulton and Market National Bank, payable to the order of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose specified.

I am aware there is pending before the Committee on Lamps and Gas, and not yet acted on, an ostensible offer from an alleged corporation to pay one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars for the privilege the New York Fuel Gas Company seeks, but I call your attention to the fact that it is not even pretended in the petition making the offer that the concern is an incorporated body capable of receiving or exercising a franchise under the laws of this State. A glance at the petition shows that it is not signed by a responsible officer; that it does not state that the company has been duly organized; and a search of the records of the County Clerk's office of this county reveals the fact that no such company has been recently incorporated.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that, in the official printed record of the proceedings of the last meeting of your Honorable Board, reference is made (by way of argument against the application of the company I represent) to the priority of the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company's application. The records of the County Clerk show that the certificate of incorporation of the Consumers Fuel Gas Heat and Power Company was filed on the 18th day of May, 1896, and that of the New York Fuel Gas Company on June 22, 1896.

Surely a trifling discrepancy of thirty-four (34) days in the ages or applications of two corporations applying for a public franchise will not weigh, other things being equal, in an enlightened legislative body, against a substantial money offer for the benefit of the citizens and taxpayers therein represented.

I most respectfully request (since one of the Standing Committees of your Honorable Body has decided, after a public hearing and long deliberation, that the people of this city should have the benefit of cheap fuel gas, and has so reported), that our application, which is now identical with the one before the Board, except in the particular of compensation, be reported as speedily as possible, in order that the conscience of your Honorable Body may be enlightened as to the value of the franchise, and that it may have an opportunity to consider the whole subject at the public meeting to-morrow.

Respectfully yours, HENRY D. MACDONA.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New York and the Committee on Streets of the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

The amended petition of the New York Fuel Gas Company respectfully shows—

1st. That said company was duly incorporated on the 20th day of June, 1896, under and pursuant to the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "The Business Corporation Act," and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; that said company is now duly organized, and is a valid and existing corporation; that a copy of the certificate of incorporation of said company is attached to the original certificate now in the Committee's hands.

2d. That the said company requests permission to lay its mains and pipes in the streets, avenues and public places in the City of New York for the purpose of supplying non-illuminating fuel gas to the consumers thereof in said city.

3d. That the company stipulates as follows:

That the manufactory or works for the purpose of producing and furnishing fuel gas shall be constructed, erected and maintained so as not to be in any way detrimental to the public health, or otherwise create a nuisance, and the construction, erection and maintenance thereof shall be under the direction of the Health Department as well as the Building Department of the City.

That, as regards purity, the fuel gas shall be free, within limits not injurious to public health, from ammonia, sulphureted hydrogen, and other sulphur and noxious compounds, and shall be of such odor as may, in case of leakage, make its presence as easily detected as is ordinary illuminating gas, subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Health may direct.

That the fuel gas shall be supplied to all persons residing or doing business on the line or lines of the mains of said company who may desire the same for domestic purposes, at a rate not to exceed forty (40) cents per one thousand cubic feet, and at reduced rates for manufacturing, industrial and other purposes.

That the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York shall have the right to order the mains and pipes of the company to be extended in or along any of the streets, avenues or highways of the city; provided the said company shall not be compelled to expend in the laying of such mains or pipes a yearly sum exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

The mains and pipes shall be laid so as not to interfere with the public sewers or sewer connections or with the Croton mains or water connections which are now laid in any of the streets, avenues or public places of the city; the said mains and pipes, when laid, to be so laid under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works or the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, according to the jurisdiction of the respective Commissioners.

The said company shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, and by such general rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, respectively, their successor or successors in office, may prescribe for the laying of mains and pipes, and the proper protection and filling of the trenches or excavations, and for the taking up, replacing and re-laying of the pavements, and shall also be governed by such general rules and regulations as the Rapid Transit Commissioners may prescribe for the opening of the streets on the lines of the proposed tunnels.

The said company, or its successors, shall commence to supply and distribute fuel gas within one year after the permission of the Board of Aldermen is granted and the said grant has been pronounced by proper authorities valid and in full force and effect.

The meters of the said company shall be subject to the inspection, rules and regulations prescribed by law for all gas meters used in the City of New York.

The said company, upon the granting of this license, shall pay into the City Treasury the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and said company, its successor or successors, shall pay into the City Treasury the sum of twenty (20) cents for each and every lineal foot of trench open for its mains; such sum to be paid monthly and to be accompanied by a certificate from the Commissioner of Public Works or the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, or their successor or successors, to the effect that the sum paid is in full payment, at such rate, for all trenches or mains opened during the months for which each pavement made.

For a faithful discharge of every duty and obligation the said company shall, before proceeding with its work to lay mains or pipes, execute and deliver a bond, with satisfactory sureties, to the Commonalty of the City of New York, the said bond to be in amount such as the Comptroller may designate, and in all other respects subject to the approval of the said Comptroller.

The said company, or its successors, shall not and is not permitted to consolidate with any other company or corporation for a period of at least ten years.

The said company, or its successors, shall supply fuel gas to the public buildings of the City of New York situated along the lines of its mains, at not to exceed twenty-five (25) cents per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet.

Respectfully submitted,

[L. S.] NEW YORK FUEL GAS COMPANY, by R. A. C. SMITH, President.

NEW YORK, October 19, 1896.

Alderman Goodman moved that the report be referred to the joint Committees on Lamps and Gas and Streets.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Vice-President, Aldermen Goodman, Hackett, Hall, Robinson, and Wines—6.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodwin, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Schilling, School, Tait, Woodward, and Wund—22.

Excused—Alderman Ware—1.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report. Which was decided in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

The President called up G. O. 645, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the carriageway of Ninety-eighth street, from Lexington avenue to Park avenue, be paved with asphalt block pavement, on concrete foundation, and that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting or terminating street or avenue, where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Campbell, Dwyer, Goetz, Good-

man, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—25.
Negative—Alderman Burke, Clancy, Murphy, and Tait—4.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Hall moved that the courtesies of the floor be extended to Assemblyman George C. Austin.

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

By Alderman Brown—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William T. Gregg to erect, place and keep a stand in the carriageway in front of the "New York Sun" office (Park Row) for the purpose of displaying election returns, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only from November 2 to November 4, 1896.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the "New York Morning Journal" to place, erect and keep two temporary platforms, or structures of wood, for the purpose of supporting a stereopticon for throwing views, one platform to be placed in the carriageway, near the curb, on Park Row, in front of the "Journal" downtown office, and the other in the carriageway, near the curb, in front of the building at the intersection of Fifth avenue, Broadway and Twenty-fifth street; said platforms not to exceed twenty-eight feet in height, and to be removed immediately after Election Day, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only until November 4, 1896.

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

By Alderman Burke—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to The Spalding Literary Union to place transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Northeast corner Fifty-ninth street and Columbus avenue, northwest corner Fifty-ninth street and Circle, southeast corner Seventy-first street and Boulevard, southwest corner Fifty-ninth street and Tenth avenue, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only from November 1 to November 15, 1896.

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

By Alderman Dwyer—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Church of the Strangers to place and keep transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Southwest corner Broadway and Waverley place, northeast corner Broadway and Eighth street, northeast corner Greene street and Waverley place, southwest corner University place and Clinton place, northeast corner University place and Waverley place, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only two weeks from the date of approval by his Honor the Mayor.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John W. Morgan to erect a pole and suspend a political banner therefrom, the pole to be erected on the sidewalk, near the curb, on the southwest corner of Spring and Washington streets, provided the said John W. Morgan stipulates with the Commissioner of Public Works to restore the flagging to its present condition after the removal of said pole, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only until November 10, 1896.

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

By Alderman Goetz—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Original Tenth Ward Athletic Club to parade in the interest of certain political candidates in the territory bounded by Houston street, Norfolk street, Division street and the Bowery, on the evening of Wednesday, October 21, 1896, under the direction of the Chief of Police.

Resolved, further, That the ordinance relating to the discharge of fireworks in the City of New York be and the same is hereby suspended in the territory above mentioned for the evening of Wednesday, October 21, 1896.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Hall called up Special Order No. 34, which is as follows:

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows:

Section 1 of "An ordinance to regulate the use of the sidewalks of the streets of the City of New York, within the stoop-lines, for stands, etc." (see proceeding, Board of Aldermen for 1888, page 381) shall be amended so as to read as follows, viz.:

Section 1. Hereafter each applicant for a permit to occupy a portion of any street within the corporate limits of the City of New York, inside the stoop-line, with a stand to be used as authorized in subdivision 3 of section 86 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act), and acts amendatory thereof, shall file an application in the office of the Clerk of the Common Council, accompanied by the affidavit of the occupant of the premises in front of which it is proposed to erect such stand or booth, that such consent is granted without payment thereof, and no rent or other compensation is to be exacted by or paid to the owner, lessee or occupant of such premises, together with the affidavit of the applicant, stating his residence, and that he is a citizen of the State of New York, and has not paid or agreed to pay any rent or compensation for such stand privilege. At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen in each and every month it shall be the duty of said Clerk to transmit thereto all such applications so received and filed, which shall then and there be referred to the Committee on Law Department for examination, and at the first meeting of the Board in each and every month the said Committee shall report its decision in each case, with one resolution authorizing the issue of permits, subject to the provisions of this ordinance, to the several applicants named therein whose applications have been considered favorably. When adopted by the Board the said Clerk shall transmit the report and resolution, accompanied by the original application, to his Honor the Mayor for approval, and when so approved and the papers returned to the Clerk he shall cause a copy of the resolution, duly certified, to be transmitted to the Mayor, who shall thereupon issue the necessary permits, subject to the following conditions:

Also, that subdivision 1st of section 1 of said ordinance be amended by inserting after the word "wide" the following: "except that in the case of bootblack stands a space not more than three feet wide and four feet long may be occupied by each chair of said stand, and the construction and erection of all stands provided for in this ordinance shall be at the applicant's expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council."

Also, that subdivision 4th of section 1 of said ordinance be amended so as to read as follows:

4th. Before the establishment or erection of any of the stands provided for herein a permit must be procured from the Mayor, which permit must contain (1st) the name of the person to whom it is granted, with his address; (2d) the location of the stand; (3d) the date when the same expires; (4th) the amount of space said stand may occupy, and in the case of bootblack stands (5th) the number of chairs which may be used on such stand; such permit shall be attached to and displayed upon all such stands at all times so as to be plainly visible, and all permits hereafter granted must be renewed on or before July 1 in each year.

Also, that subdivision 5th of section 1 of said ordinance be amended so as to read as follows, viz.:

5th. An annual license fee shall be charged on granting the permit by the Mayor for such stands, as follows: fruit stands and soda-water stands, ten dollars each; movable stands or stands for the sale of newspapers, five dollars each; stationary booths or stands for the sale of newspapers and periodicals, ten dollars each; bootblack stands, three dollars for each chair thereof; such license fees, when so paid, shall be deposited to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt.

No bootblack stand shall consist of more than three chairs; nor shall any person or persons have, receive or hold more than one permit for any stand, booth or bootblack stand, nor shall such permit be assignable or transferable to any person or persons whomsoever, and no such permit shall be granted to any person who is not a citizen of the State of New York.

Alderman Goodwin moved that the ordinance be amended by striking out the word "ten" before the word "dollars" in the fourth line of section 5, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five."

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said amendment. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goodwin, Hackett, Kennefick, Lantry, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Parker, Robinson, Schilling, Tait, and Wund—17.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Goetz, Goodman, Hall, Marshall, Olcott, Randall, School, Ware, Wines, and Woodward—11.

Alderman Goodwin moved, as a further amendment, that the word "five" be stricken out from the third line of section 5 and the word "two" be inserted in lieu thereof.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said amendment. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goodman, Hackett, Kennefick,

Lantry, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Parker, Robinson, Schilling, Tait, Woodward, and Wund—18.

Negative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Goetz, Goodman, Hall, Marshall, Olcott, Randall, School, Ware, and Wines—11.

Alderman Muh moved, as a further amendment, that the word "three" be stricken out in front of the word "dollars" in fourth line of section 5 and the word "five" be inserted in lieu thereof.

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

The Vice-President then put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt said ordinance as amended. Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President and Alderman Randall voting in the negative.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By Alderman Goetz—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the U. S. Grant Republican Club to parade through the streets of the city bounded by Broadway, Canal street, the Bowery, Division street, Norfolk street, Clinton street, Avenue B and Eighth street, on the evening of Wednesday, October 28, 1896, under the direction of the Chief of Police.

Resolved, further, That the ordinance relating to the discharge of fireworks in the City of New York be and the same is hereby suspended in the territory above mentioned for the evening of Wednesday, October 28, 1896.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to I. Awerbach and Company to drive an advertising wagon through the streets of the city bounded by Catharine street, the Bowery, Fifth street and the East river, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Chief of Police; such permission to continue only on week-days from October 24 to November 21, 1896.

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

By Alderman Goodman—

Resolved, That the respective heads of Departments and of the Bureaus, of the City Government, who have occasion to grant and issue licenses or permits of any kind or character, be and they are hereby respectfully requested to have printed on the blank forms which are used as such licenses or permits, the full text of city ordinance or ordinances under which the privileges granted respectively are authorized; and the penalties for violation thereof are fixed and determined.

Resolved, That copy hereof be transmitted to all of the City Departments and to the Board of City Record; the latter being requested to aid in carrying out the intention of this resolution.

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

By the same—

Whereas, The adoption of the new ordinance relating to hucksters, venders, hawkers, etc., requires harmony of action between the Clerk's Department of this Board and the Office of the Mayor's Marshal; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Law Department be and it is hereby instructed to examine into the details thereof, and to recommend such legislation as may seem necessary.

Resolved, further, That the said Committee on Law Department is requested to confer with the Mayor's Marshal and such others as may seem advisable, with a view of providing for a ready enforcement of the said ordinance, and recommending the adoption of such resolutions, etc., as may appear essential for the thorough work contemplated by the said ordinance.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By the same—

Whereas, The new ordinance relating to hucksters, venders, hawkers, etc., will entail the necessity of additional room facilities for the Mayor's Marshal; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Works be and is hereby instructed to examine the various rooms in the basement of City Hall available for the uses of the Mayor's Marshal, and recommend to this Board such legislation as the exigencies demand or necessities require.

Which was referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

By the same—

Resolved, That the ordinance relating to the prohibition of fireworks within the limits of this city be suspended as far as it relates to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Third and Park avenues, on the night of Wednesday, October 21, inst., for the purpose of allowing the 16 to 1 Club to use fireworks on said evening in the locality mentioned.

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

By Alderman Goodwin—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he hereby is respectfully requested to pave with asphalt the carriageway of Twenty-seventh street, from Seventh to Thirteenth avenue.

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

By Alderman Hackett—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Gansevoort Freezing and Cold Storage Company to lay a track or switch on the east side of West street, extending from Horatio street to Gansevoort street, as shown upon the accompanying diagram, provided the said Gansevoort Freezing Company shall lay a rail the pattern of which is acceptable to the Commissioner of Public Works and a pavement equally satisfactory to said Commissioner, and keep the same in proper repair, the work to be done at its own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By Alderman Hall—

Whereas, There are now pending before this Board three different applications for permission to lay gas-mains through this city for the purpose of supplying fuel gas thereto; and

Whereas, It is the belief of this Board that the general use of gas for heating, household-fuel and manufacturing, especially in the densely populated portions of the city, is very desirable; and

Whereas, The employment of gas for such purposes has passed beyond the experimental stage, and is in successful use in various municipalities of Europe, and to a lesser extent in this country, and has proved more healthful, economical and cleanly than the fuel now in general use; and

Whereas, The granting by this Board to any one corporation of the right to tear up the streets and lay pipes would be practically the granting of an exclusive privilege or monopoly to such corporation, as this Board would not tolerate repeated excavations and destruction of the pavements by rival corporations; and

Whereas, The three pending applications promise different rates of compensation to the City, and offer to furnish gas to consumers upon different terms and at different prices; now, therefore

Resolved, That said three applications and the report of the Committee on Lamps and Gas be referred to a joint committee, consisting of the members of the Committee on Streets and the Committee on Lamps and Gas, and that such committee be requested to consider, in addition to the conditions set forth in the report above referred to:

First—Whether it should not be made a condition of the grant that the fuel gas to be furnished shall contain not less than three hundred and fifty heat units, or some other minimum figure to be suggested by said committee; otherwise the consumer would have no guarantee as to the heat value of his gas.

Second—To consider whether the public interests would not be best subserved by a requirement that the operating company shall pay to the City, as compensation for the franchise, a percentage of its gross receipts, as in the case of street railway franchises, rather than a fee to be measured by the length of the trench opened.

Third—To consider whether the public interests would not be best subserved by granting the franchise for a limited number of years rather than in perpetuity.

Fourth—To consider whether the public interests would not be best subserved by having a form of proposed franchise drafted by said committee, containing proper conditions and limitations, and that such franchise be exposed at public auction and granted to the bidder agreeing to pay the largest percentage of gross receipts into the City Treasury, thereby placing all applicants for such franchise upon an equality, and securing to the City the highest possible return for the grant.

On motion of Alderman Noonan, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By Alderman Kennefick—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Patrick J. Lyons Association to discharge fireworks while parading from Desbrosses and Hudson street to Battery place, to Washington street, to Desbrosses street, to Hudson street, to Thirteenth street, to Fourth avenue, to Fourteenth street, to Tammany Hall, and return by way of Third avenue, Bowery, Houston street, Macdougall street, to Spring street, to Hudson street, to place of beginning; such permission to continue only for Friday, October 23, 1896.

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

By Alderman Murphy—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John P. Schurenger to erect, place and keep a storm-door in front of his premises, No. 194 Third avenue, provided such storm-door shall not exceed the dimensions prescribed by law, viz., ten feet high, two feet wider than the doorway, and not to exceed six feet from the house-line, the work to be done at his own expense

under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

At this point the Vice-President took the chair.

By Alderman Marshall—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles Lindner to erect a wooden post with an iron base on the sidewalk, near the curb, the dimensions of said post not to exceed seven inches square at the base, with an iron rail not to exceed four inches by one and one-half inches extending from the said post to the house front of his premises on Third street, west of First avenue, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By Alderman O'Brien—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John M. Sheehan Association to place and keep transparencies on the following lamp-posts: Northwest corner Seventy-ninth street and First avenue, southeast corner Sixty-seventh street and Third avenue, northwest corner Fifty-fifth street and Third avenue and Forty-second street and Second avenue, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only for two weeks from date of approval by his Honor the Mayor.

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

By Alderman Olcott—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to set aside the room on the southeast basement corner of the Brown-stone Building in the City Hall Park as offices for the use of the Mayor's Marshal and to furnish and fit up the same to the satisfaction of said Marshal.

Which was referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

(G. O. 1124.)

By the same—

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and West Seventy-eighth street be fenced in with a tight board fence, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By the same—

Whereas, By section 79 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, the aggregate amount to be paid to the clerks and officers of the Board of Aldermen, including the Clerk, shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars in any one year; and

Whereas, The aggregate amount now appropriated for salaries for clerks and officers of said Board, including that of the Clerk of the Board, does not exceed twenty-three thousand three hundred dollars; and

Whereas, The constantly-increasing business of the office of the Clerk of the Common Council requires the services of a Stenographer and Typewriter; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby respectfully requested to add to the appropriation for "Clerks, etc., of the Board of Aldermen" for 1897, the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars, to be expended for the annual salary of a Stenographer and Typewriter in said office, and that the Clerk of this Board be authorized and empowered to appoint a Stenographer and Typewriter in his office at a salary of one thousand two hundred dollars per annum, who shall be a Confidential Clerk to the President of said Board and to the Clerk of the Common Council.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Parker—

Resolved, That so much of G. O. 980 as is contained in the application of E. J. Schatz to erect, keep and maintain a stand for the sale of soda-water in front of the premises Nos. 10 and 12 East Ninety-sixth street, be and the same is hereby adopted.

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

On motion, so much of G. O. 980 as remains undisposed of, was again laid over.

By Alderman Randall—

Resolved, That the names of the various streets, avenues, roads, public squares or places in the Twenty-fourth Ward as named in the official map of the Twenty-fourth Ward, filed by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be and the same are hereby declared their proper or legal names; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Street Improvements shall erect at each intersecting street or avenue through the ward, proper sign posts, or use the present unused lamp-posts or electric-light poles, where necessary, for the purpose of placing thereon the proper name of the intersecting streets, etc.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Street Improvements shall give proper numbers to the various houses, where not already done, and also change such numbers where necessary.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That the Commission for Lighting the City be and they are hereby respectfully requested to light Pelham avenue, from Third avenue to Southern Boulevard, with electricity.

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

(G. O. 1125.)

By the same—

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Crotona (or Franklin) avenue, from Lebanon street to Samuel street, as provided by section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 1126.)

By the same—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, between Katonah avenue and Bronx River road, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman School—

Resolved, That the Commission for Lighting the City be and is hereby requested to cause Birch street (One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street), from Wolf street to Marcher avenue, to be lighted by electric-lamps.

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

(G. O. 1127.)

By the same—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in Intervale avenue, between Westchester avenue and Freeman street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Ware—

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be requested to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance restricting traffic on Fifth avenue, introduced September 29, 1896, and that the public be invited to attend.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That the resolution granting permission to Bowyer to keep awning in front of No. 57 West Twenty-third street, which was adopted by the Board of Aldermen October 6, 1896, and approved by the Mayor October 9, 1896, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "Twenty-third," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Twenty-first."

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

(G. O. 1128.)

By Alderman Woodward—

Resolved, That the vacant lots in the triangle square bounded by Eighth avenue, St. Nicholas avenue and One Hundred and Twentieth street be fenced in with a tight board fence where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By the same—

Resolved, That the ordinance relating to the discharge of fireworks in the City of New York be and the same is hereby suspended in the vicinity of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and Fifth avenue for the evening of October 22, 1896.

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

By Alderman Parker—

Resolved, That so much of General Order No. 980 as is contained in the application of the following-named persons to keep stands within the stoop-line at the location set opposite their names for the sale of fruit, soda-water, newspapers or periodicals be and the same is hereby adopted: Vincenzo Ruggiero, No. 1717 First avenue. G. A. Mensinger, No. 1905 Second avenue.

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

On motion, so much of General Order No. 980 as remains undisposed of was again laid over.

By the President—

Resolved, That J. Charles Weschle, of No. 440 East Eighty-sixth street, be and he hereby is appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Burke—

Resolved, That Ernest D. Fleetham, of No. 35 Broadway, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Campbell—

Resolved, That J. Philip Berg, of No. 114 Nassau street, be and he hereby is appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Clancy—

Resolved, That Mark J. Katz, of No. 191 Broome street, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Goodwin—

Resolved, That Edward Woodward, of No. 203 West Twenty-third street, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Goetz—

Resolved, That Julius Kaiser, of No. 88 Allen street, be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Kennefick—

Resolved, That Joseph H. Hayes, of Nos. 50 and 52 Exchange place, be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Muh—

Resolved, That Enoch Vreeland, of Fordham, be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Noonan—

Resolved, That Thomas Codey, of No. 25 Chambers street, be and he hereby is reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman O'Brien—

Resolved, That John C. Lyst, of No. 205 East Eighty-second street, be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Philip M. Goodhart, of No. 136 East One Hundred and Fifteenth street, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Parker—

Resolved, That George C. Mason, of No. 1423 Lexington avenue, New York City, be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Alton Adelbert Saunders, No. 313 West Eighty-second street, be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Woodward—

Resolved, That Joseph B. Weed, of No. 192 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, be and he hereby is reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the Vice-President—

Resolved, That Joseph B. Simpson, of No. 255 West Thirty-fourth street, be and he hereby is appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Kennefick called up G. O. 619, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows: Resolved, That crosswalks of two courses, with a row of new specification stone-blocks between the courses, be laid across One Hundred and Seventeenth street, at its intersection with the easterly and westerly sides of Seventh and St. Nicholas avenues, the materials to be used for said work to be bridge-stone of North river blue stone, of the dimensions and according to the specifications now used in the Department of Public Works, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Vice-President, Aldermen Burke, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tate, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—25.

Alderman Kennefick called up G. O. 928, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows: Resolved, That the vacant lots in front of Nos. 7, 9 and 11 East One Hundred and Ninth street be fenced in with a tight board fence where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Vice-President, Aldermen Burke, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tate, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—26.

Alderman Goetz called up G. O. 841, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That an improved iron drinking-fountain be placed on the northwest corner of Washington avenue and Tremont avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Vice-President, Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tate, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—28.

Alderman Goetz called up G. O. 862, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the carriageway of East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, from Franklin avenue to Boston road, be regulated and paved with granite-block pavement, and that crosswalks be laid at each intersecting and terminating street or avenue, where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Vice-President, Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tate, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—27.

Alderman Noonan called up G. O. 652, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That a crosswalk of two courses of blue stone, with a row of specification paving-blocks between the courses, be laid on Kingsbridge road from a point in front of Grammar School No. 52, near Two Hundred and Eighth street, to the opposite curb, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Vice-President, Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tate, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—27.

Alderman Noonan called up G. O. 1092, being a report of the Committee on Lamps and Gas, as follows:

NEW YORK, October 13, 1896. To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

On May 19, 1896, the following application to lay mains, pipes, etc., in the streets, avenues and highways of this city was received from The Consumers' Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company of New York, and referred to the undersigned, the Committee on Lamps and Gas (see page 198):

"To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

"The petition of The Consumers' Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company of New York respectfully shows—

"First—That said company was duly incorporated on the 15th day of May, 1896, under and pursuant to the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "The Business Corporations Act," and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; that said company is now duly organized and is a valid and existing corporation, and a copy of the certificate of incorporation of said company is hereunto annexed, marked 'A.'

"Second—That said company requests permission to lay its mains and pipes in the streets, avenues and public places in the City of New York, for the purpose of supplying non-illuminating fuel gas to the consumers thereof in said city.

"Third—That the said company stipulates as follows:

"1. That the manufactory or works for the purpose of producing and furnishing fuel gas shall be so constructed as not to be in any way detrimental to the public health or otherwise create a nuisance.

"2. That, as regards purity, the fuel gas shall be free, within limits not injurious to the public health, from ammonia, sulphurated hydrogen and other sulphur and noxious compounds, and shall be of such odor as may in case of leakage make its presence as easily detected as is ordinary illuminating gas.

"3. That the fuel gas shall be supplied to all persons residing or doing business on the line or lines of the mains of said company, who may desire the same for domestic purposes at a rate not to exceed 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, and at reduced rates for manufacturing, industrial and other purposes.

"4. That the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York shall have the right to order the mains or pipes of the company to be extended in or along any of the streets or avenues of the city, provided the said company shall not be compelled to spend, in the laying of such pipes or mains, a yearly sum exceeding ten thousand dollars. The mains or pipes shall be laid so as not to interfere with the public sewers or sewer connections, or with the Croton mains or water connections which are now laid or may hereafter be laid in any of the streets, avenues or public places of the city.

"5. The said company shall be governed by the laws and ordinances of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York and by such general rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Public Works, his successor or successors in office, may prescribe for the laying of pipes and mains and the proper protection and filling of the trenches or excavations, and for the taking up, replacing and repaving of the pavements, and shall also be governed by such general rules and regulations as the Rapid Transit Commissioners may prescribe for the opening of the streets on the lines of the proposed tunnels.

"6. The said company, or its successor, shall commence to supply and distribute fuel gas within two years after the permission of the Board of Aldermen is granted.

"7. The meters of the said company shall be subject to the inspection, rules and regulations prescribed by law for all gas-meters used in the City of New York.

"8. The said company, its successor or successors, shall pay into the City Treasury the sum of twenty cents for each and every lineal foot of trench opened for its mains, such sum to be paid monthly and to be accompanied by a certificate from the Commissioner of Public Works to the effect that the sum paid is in full payment, at such rate, for all trenches for mains opened during the month for which each payment is made.

"9. The said company shall supply fuel gas to the public buildings of the City of New York situated along the line of its mains at not to exceed forty cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

"Dated NEW YORK, May 18, 1896.

"Respectfully submitted, M. M. BELDING, President.

"Attest: ROB. WEBB MORGAN, Secretary."

Accompanying the application was the following certificate of incorporation, to wit:

"CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF CONSUMERS FUEL GAS, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY.
"State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

"We, the undersigned, desiring to form a corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporations Law, all being of full age and two-thirds being citizens of the United States, and a majority being residents of the State of New York, do hereby certify:

"1. The name of the proposed corporation is the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company.

"2. The purposes for which the company is formed are as follows: To manufacture non-illuminating gas for fuel and supply the same to consumers in the City of New York, and to do such other acts of business as are incidental to and necessary for the manufacturing or supplying of the same.

"3. The amount of the capital stock is one million (1,000,000) dollars.

"4. The number of shares of which the capital stock shall consist is ten thousand (10,000) of one hundred (100) dollars each, and the amount of capital with which said corporation will begin business is ten thousand (10,000) dollars.

"5. The location of its principal office is to be in the City, County and State of New York.

"6. Its duration is to be fifty (50) years.

"7. The number of its directors is to be seven.

"8. The names and post-office addresses of the directors for the first year are as follows:

"Douglass R. Satterlee, No. 46 Cedar street, New York City.

"Henry G. Copeland, No. 926 Eighth avenue, New York City.

"William R. Smith, No. 33 East Seventeenth street, New York City.

"Milo M. Belding, No. 455 Broadway, New York City.

"Robert Webb Morgan, No. 89 Liberty street, New York City.

"George P. Johnson, No. 88 Hudson street, New York City.

"George F. Betts, No. 102 Madison avenue, New York City.

"9. The names and post-office addresses of the subscribers, and the number of shares of stock which each agrees to take in the corporation are as follows:

	No. of Shares.
Douglass R. Satterlee, No. 46 Cedar street, New York City.....	50
Henry G. Copeland, No. 926 Eighth avenue, New York City.....	10
William R. Smith, No. 33 East Seventeenth street, New York City.....	10
Milo M. Belding, No. 455 Broadway, New York City.....	10
Robert Webb Morgan, No. 89 Liberty street, New York City.....	10
George P. Johnson, No. 88 Hudson street, New York City.....	10

"In witness whereof, we have made, signed and acknowledged this certificate this 13th day of May, 1896.

"DOUGLASS R. SATTERLEE, MILO M. BELDING, GEORGE P. JOHNSON, WILLIAM R. SMITH, HENRY C. COPELAND, ROBERT WEBB MORGAN."

"State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

"On the 14th day of May, 1896, before me personally came Douglass R. Satterlee, Henry C. Copeland, William R. Smith, Robert Webb Morgan and George P. Johnson, to me personally known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

"J. M. STEWART, Notary Public, Queens Co. Certificate filed in N. Y. Co."

"Form 3. State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

"I, Henry D. Purroy, Clerk of the City and County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for the said city and county, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that J. M. Stewart has filed in the Clerk's office of the County of New York a certified copy of his appointment as Notary Public for the County of Queens, with his autograph signature, and was at the time of taking the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument duly authorized to take the same, and further that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such notary, and verily believe the signature to the said certificate of proof or acknowledgment to be genuine.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court and county the 14th day of May, 1896.

HENRY D. PURROY, Clerk."

"State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

"On this 13th day of May, 1896, before me personally came Milo M. Belding, to me personally known to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and acknowledged that he executed the same.

"M. M. BELDING, JR., Notary Public, N. Y. County, N. Y., No. 46."

"Form 1. State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

"I, Henry D. Purroy, Clerk of the City and County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for the said city and county, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that M. M. Belding, Jr., whose name is subscribed to the certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and thereon written was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for the City and County of New York, dwelling in the said city, commissioned and sworn and duly authorized to take the same.

"And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such notary, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate of proof or acknowledgment is genuine.

"In testimony whereof, I have herewith set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court and county, the 14th day of May, 1896.

HENRY D. PURROY, Clerk."

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

"I have compared the preceding with the original certificate of incorporation of Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company, filed and recorded in this office on the fifteenth day of May, 1896, and do hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

Witness, my hand and the seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this fifteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

[SEAL.]

ANDREW DAVIDSON, Deputy Secretary of State.

No. 325.

"State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

"I, Henry D. Purroy, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said county, do certify that I have compared the preceding with the original certificate of incorporation of the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original.

"Indorsed, filed and recorded May 18, 1896, 11h. 25m.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal this 19th day of May, 1896.

[SEAL.]

HENRY D. PURROY, Clerk."

A petition signed by over seventy prominent business concerns was also presented with the application, worded thus (see Journal, May 19, 1896, p. 199):

"We, the undersigned business men, property-owners and residents of New York City, hereby respectfully petition you to grant the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company permission to lay their mains and supply fuel gas at fifty cents per thousand cubic feet, and earnestly request you to take immediate action, so that we may be enabled to obtain the benefits of fuel gas at the reduced rates at an early day."

On June 2 (see page of Journal 323) a supplementary petition, requesting affirmative action, was referred to us, signed by nearly eight thousand citizens.

The importance of this subject, the advantages offered to the public and the disadvantages of opening streets, etc., are fully appreciated by the Committee.

In view of the vast interests involved and the necessity of giving full consideration thereto, we had a number of public hearings and afforded every opportunity thereat for the presentation of argument pro and con. Only two gentlemen appeared in opposition at the first hearing, and the same two only attended subsequently. These gentlemen claimed to represent no one but themselves, but their knowledge of the subject seemed so thorough, and one of the two being technically informed on the question of gas, its manufacture, its cost, etc., that the Committee could not avoid the impression that the opposition was prompted by some competing corporation. This inference may do injustice, yet we feel it a duty to make mention thereof. The arguments in favor of the application, though presented by interested parties, were, in our opinion, strong, convincing and unanswerable.

Although no opposition other than that mentioned was made at our public hearings, there was considerable criticism—harsh in many instances—against the company who dared ask for privilege to open our streets. The Committee has been ungenerously referred to for manifesting to any degree a disposition to favorably consider the application before it. It is because of all this unfavorable comment that we believe it necessary to present a report full of detail, as is herewith submitted.

Having concluded that the best interests of the general public would be subserved by a favorable report on our part, we next considered the question raised as to the power of the Board of Aldermen to grant the permission asked for. That question having become a matter of public notice, and we having submitted it to the representatives of the petitioners, the following brief was duly prepared and transmitted to us, to wit:

"To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

"The Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company respectfully presents the following points for your consideration in connection with their application for permission to lay gas-mains in the streets of the city.

"FIRST.

"The Power of the Common Council is Ample.

"1. The local administration and government of the city continues in and is to be performed by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty. Section 26, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (Consolidation Act).

"2. The legislative power shall continue to be vested in a Board of Aldermen (section 29, Ibid.).

"3. The Common Council has power to make such ordinances, regulations and resolutions as may be necessary to carry into effect any and all of the powers vested in or conferred upon the corporation (section 85, Ibid.).

"They shall have power to make ordinances 'to regulate the opening of street surfaces, the laying of gas and water mains, etc., etc.' (section 85, sub. 5, Ibid.).

"The foregoing provisions, it is submitted, give to the Board of Aldermen full power to make and pass any ordinance or resolution to permit the operations of the company under such restrictions and conditions as it may impose or may be imposed by the Department of Public Works having immediate charge of the work.

"SECOND.

"This power is in no way Restricted so far as the use of Fuel Gas is Concerned.

"The opening of the streets would be unlawful even with the permission of the Common Council unless the application were made by a majority of the lot-owners, if the purpose was to conduct through the mains any illuminating gas, steam or other fluids except salt water, etc.

"Section 86, subdivision 5.

"THIRD.

"The question to be answered then is, whether fuel gas to be introduced by the Consumers Gas Company is an illuminating gas or is among the other fluids mentioned in the prohibitive part of the section.

"1. That it is not an illuminating gas in the common or popular sense is shown by the fact that on the argument before your Committee the opponents of the measure, as well as the officers of the company, agree in stating that fuel gas has no illuminating power. It contains none of the hydrocarbons necessary to make illuminating gas and which also make the latter expensive. They agree that our gas has no candle power.

"We find in the law books a legal definition of illuminating gas and of what is called candle power.

"The Legislature has defined it to be a gas having an illuminating power of not less than twenty sperm candles of six to the pound. Section 70, chapter 566, Laws of 1890, as amended by chapter 617, Laws of 1892 (Vol. 2, Session Laws 1892, p. 2155).

"Our gas, therefore, is not within the definition of illuminating gas.

"2. It is not among the 'other fluids' because those are defined by chapter 710, Laws of 1893, referring to the Consolidation Act, to mean only 'illuminating gas water when intended for other than hydrostatic or hydraulic purposes, steam and oil.'

"Ours is none of these.

"It is submitted, therefore, that the power of the Board of Aldermen is not restricted in any way so far as the gas proposed to be introduced by our company is concerned.

"JAMES P. CAMPBELL, Counsel for Company, 39 Cortlandt street."

The foregoing "memo. in support of the application" we submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation, together with all papers in our possession, requesting his opinion as to our powers in the premises.

To our inquiry he replied as follows:

"LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, September 3, 1896. To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

"GENTLEMEN—I have to acknowledge the receipt of a request for an opinion, dated the 8th of June, 1896, as to the power of your Body to grant an application of the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company for the right to lay mains and pipes in the city.

"With the request for an opinion was inclosed the certificate of incorporation of the company and a brief by its counsel.

"I have given this matter careful consideration and find it to be a question which is involved in a great deal of doubt. The grant applied for is one of an extraordinary and a very sweeping nature, contemplating as it does the tearing up, at the option of the petitioner, of every street in the city, upon which, as you are aware, a vast amount of money has been expended for paving purposes during the past few years; and unless the Legislature has very clearly imposed upon you the right to grant a franchise of this character, it would manifestly be improper for you to undertake to exercise it.

"An examination of the statute convinces me that it is by no means clear that the Legislature has invested you with power to grant the permission asked for.

"A solution of this question depends upon the construction to be given to subdivision 5 of section 86 of the Consolidation Act.

"This section, as it exists to-day, reads as follows:

"Sec. 86. The common council shall have power to make ordinances, not inconsistent with law and the constitution of this state, and with such penalties as are provided in the last section, in the matters and for the purposes following, in addition to other powers elsewhere especially granted, namely:

"5. To regulate the opening of street surfaces, the laying of gas and water mains, the building and repairing of sewers, and the erecting of gas-lights. Provided, however, it shall not be lawful after the passage of this act for any person or corporation to lay any pipes or mains in or under any of the streets of the city of New York, or to open the pavement of any such streets for the purpose of laying any pipes or mains for conducting therein any illuminating gas or steam or other fluids, excepting salt water, nor shall it be lawful for the common council of said city, or any board or officer of said city, to grant any license or permission to lay any such pipes or mains, or to open the streets or pavements therefor, unless two-thirds in number of the owners of the real estate fronting on that part of the street in which pipes or mains are to be laid, or to which such license or permission relates, who shall also be the owners of two-thirds in extent of the front feet of such part of such street shall have petitioned the common council in favor thereof, in writing, proved or acknowledged in the manner required by law for the proof or acknowledgment of deeds to be recorded, and not then until such person or corporation has actually demonstrated the practical success of the principle involved in developing the enterprise in some other city for at least one year. Nothing in this subdivision shall apply to or shall affect or impair the right to lay such pipes and mains in the streets, avenues, and public places of said city, heretofore conferred or intended to be conferred upon any corporation, by the mayor, the comptroller and the commissioner of public works, acting under and in conformity with the resolution of the common council, adopted and approved in the month of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six; and any and all grants made by such officers under and pursuant to said resolution, prior to April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, are hereby in all respects ratified and confirmed."

"Nothing shall be construed to be a fluid within the meaning of said subdivision except illuminating gas, water when intended for purposes other than hydraulic or hydrostatic purposes, steam and oil. Any resolution or ordinance heretofore passed by the aldermen and approved by the mayor authorizing any person or corporation to lay pipes for the transmission of any other fluid

than as in this section specified is hereby in all respects ratified and confirmed. (As amended by L. 1883, ch. 276, p. 310; L. 1884, ch. 287, p. 348; L. 1885, ch. 530, p. 899; L. 1893, ch. 710, p. 1761).

"The clause in question, subdivision 5, above quoted, as it originally stood, ended before the proviso which was inserted by amending acts, and it therefore read as a grant of power 'to regulate the opening of street surfaces, the laying of gas and water mains, the building and repairing of sewers, and the erecting of gas-lights.'

"The restrictions contained in the proviso, it is conceded, would have made it necessary, even in the case of an application for permission to lay mains for the transmission of a non-illuminating gas, to obtain the consent of property-owners before any franchise could be granted by your Body.

"The counsel for the company applying for the privilege in question, however, insists that the effect of the last paragraph of the subdivision above quoted, defining the signification of fluid within the meaning of said subdivision and making it refer to illuminating gas, to water when intended for purposes other than hydraulic or hydrostatic, and to steam and oil, is to limit the proviso and the restriction which it contains to the fluid specified, and to leave the power of your Body to act upon this question to be determined by the subdivision as it originally stood without the proviso and without any restriction upon any authority which such unamended words may be held to give.

"In this construction of the practical effect of the amendment contained in the last paragraph of the above quoted subdivision, which was added by chapter 710 of the Laws of 1893, I am disposed to concur.

"The question, therefore, left for determination is as to whether or not the words 'to regulate the opening of street surfaces, the laying of gas and water mains, the building and repairing of sewers and the erecting of gas-lights' are broad enough to authorize you to pass a resolution conceding to this company the privilege of opening all the street surfaces in this city for the purpose of laying mains for the conduct of a non-illuminating fuel gas.

"Did the Legislature, when it made the enactment in question, mean by the use of the word gas-mains refer only to what was then generally understood to be illuminating gas, or did it intend that that word should have a signification broad enough to authorize the use of the public streets without compensation by any corporation that might be organized for the purpose of distributing a gas or fluid for fuel, or any other purpose, except that of illumination?

"It does not seem to me to be so clear that it had this purpose in view as to justify you in assuming any authority in the premises.

"In no other part of the State, so far as I am advised, has any local body authority to grant to corporations now organized under any of our general laws the power to lay down pipes for such a purpose, except with the consent of abutting owners. It would seem that the Legislature, had it intended to make the exceptional grant to the local authorities in this city to do what might not be done elsewhere in other cities and towns of the State, would have used words which would have left no doubt that the transmission of a gas or fluid for other than illuminating purposes was contemplated.

"I therefore advise you that the Legislature has not invested you with the power to grant the application which has been made to you, and which is the subject of the communication above referred to.

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

The foregoing official opinion was accompanied by the following copies of briefs, submitted respectively to the Corporation Counsel by the petitioners:

"To the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York:

"The following memorandum is respectfully submitted by the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company with relation to the power of the Common Council of the City of New York to grant permission to lay gas-mains in the streets of the City of New York.

"The Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company propose to furnish to the City of New York an economical means of obtaining heat for all domestic purposes. The illuminating gas now furnished by the gas companies in this city contains 650 heat units per cubic foot; the fuel gas to be supplied by the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company has a minimum of 350 heat units per cubic foot. This company, however, will furnish 1,000 feet of fuel gas for forty cents. The present charge by the illuminating companies is one dollar and twenty-five cents per thousand, so that the people of this city will be able to obtain from the Consumers Company for seventy-five cents an amount of heat units for which they now have to pay to the present gas companies one dollar and twenty-five cents.

"The Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company proposes to pay to the City twenty cents for each foot of gas-mains laid by them. None of the present gas companies pay anything to the City for this privilege, with the exception of the Equitable Gas-light Company, which pays the City twenty cents per foot. The Consolidated Gas Company has over 815 miles of gas-pipes, the New York Mutual 130, the Equitable 153, the Standard 162, and three or four other companies a smaller amount. It will therefore be seen that if this company in the course of time acquires a mileage equal to that of the Consolidated Gas Company and the New York Mutual, it will pay to the City over a million of dollars. This fuel gas has no candle power and no illuminating qualities whatsoever.

"Under subdivision five of section 86, chapter 410 of the Laws of New York, it was provided that the Common Council should have the power to 'regulate the opening of street surfaces, the laying of gas and water mains, the building and repairing of sewers and the erecting of gas-lights.'

"Under this statute the Common Council had absolute right to grant to any individual or corporation such privileges as they saw fit to open the streets for the purpose of laying pipes. It will be noticed that the law was broad and general in its scope.

"The powers of the Common Council, however, were restricted by an amendment to the above-mentioned law passed in 1883 (chapter 276, Laws of 1883). By this amendment the Common Council was prohibited from passing any ordinance granting leave to 'any person or corporation to lay any pipes or mains in or under any of the streets of the City of New York or to open the pavement of any such streets for the purposes of laying any pipes or mains for conducting therein any illuminating gases, steam or other fluids.'

"This section of the Act of 1882, generally known as the Consolidation Act, was further amended in 1884 (chapter 287, Laws of 1884) and in 1885 (chapter 530, Laws of 1885), which amendments, however, did not change the amendment of 1883 respecting the power of the Common Council to grant permission to open streets.

"As the law stood upon the passage of the amendment of 1883, it might be contended that gas, although not illuminating, was under the prohibition contained in said amendment, although before the passage of said amendment of 1883 there can be no doubt but that the Common Council could have granted permission for the laying of pipes for the purpose of conducting such gas.

"The law remained in the same condition until 1893, when a further amendment was passed (Laws of 1893, chapter 710) which limited and qualified the amendment of 1883 hereinbefore set forth. The amendment of 1893 enacted as follows: 'Nothing shall be construed to be a fluid within the meaning of said subdivision except illuminating gas or water when intended for purposes other than hydraulic or hydrostatic purposes, steam and oil.'

"The history of legislation on this question shows that the Common Council in the first instance had unlimited power respecting the management and care of the streets, which said power was, however, limited by the amendment of 1883. If under the amendment of 1883 the Common Council were deprived of the right to grant permission to any person or corporation to lay pipes for non-illuminating fuel gas, this prohibition was removed by the amendment of 1893, which held that nothing should be construed to be a fluid excepting illuminating gas, water or oil.

"As it is conceded that the gas to be supplied by the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company is a non-illuminating fluid, and as non-illuminating gas cannot come under the head of illuminating gas, water or oil, the Common Council have the right, without question, to grant the petition of the said corporation under and by virtue of the Laws of 1882, as amended by the Laws of 1883 and 1893.

Dated July 20, 1896."

"In the matter of the application of the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company for permission to lay gas-mains in the streets of the City of New York.

"SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION.

"To the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York:

"In a former memorandum submitted in the above proceeding it was shown that the granting of permission to the said company by the Common Council would be of great advantage to the citizens of this city, by reason of the reduction in the expense of fuel, and to the City itself because of the amount agreed to be paid by the company for the privilege of opening the streets, which would probably amount to at least a million dollars. It was further shown that the power of the Common Council to grant permission to this company to open the streets for the purpose of laying their pipes to conduct fuel gas was derived from subdivision 5 of section 86, chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, and that by the subsequent amendments that power was restricted by the Legislature and limited and defined by chapter 710 of the Laws of 1893. As this was admitted to be the law, the question then arose as to what powers the Common Council derived from the Act of 1882, which reads as follows:

"The Common Council shall have power to make ordinances not inconsistent with law and the Constitution of this State and with such penalties as are provided in the last section in the matters and for the purposes following: in addition to other powers elsewhere especially granted, namely, to regulate the opening of street surfaces, the laying of gas and water mains, the building and repairing of sewers and the erecting of gas-lights.' This company contends that this act is sufficiently broad to authorize the Common Council to grant permission to lay mains for the purpose of conducting fuel gas. The word 'gas' is used in the statute in its general sense, and includes gases and fluids generally denominated gases.

"If it should be contended that 'gas' as used in said statute simply means illuminating gas, we would have a very extraordinary state of affairs, for the following reason: It is submitted that this enabling act of 1882 is the source of all the powers of the Common Council relative to opening and excavating in the streets. This being so, if every property-owner in the City of New York to-day was to sign a request and duly acknowledge it, as provided for in the statute, granting permission to

open the streets for the purpose of laying pipes for fuel gas, or any other gas but illuminating gas, the Common Council could not grant their request. Under the narrow interpretation of the word gas they would not have the right, under any circumstances, to grant anyone permission to excavate in the streets for any purpose whatsoever, and therefore all pipes now used for steam, etc., were illegally laid. It is ridiculous to suppose that the Legislature in using the word gas without any words of restriction, had in mind only illuminating gas. If it should be argued that the amendment of 1883 conferred additional powers on the Common Council, then there is no further need for discussing the question, as it would immediately appear that the necessity of obtaining permission of the adjacent property-owners was removed by the amendment of 1893. Returning, however, to the original proposition, that all the power of the Common Council was derived from the Act of 1882, the amendments of 1883, 4 and 5 show clearly and unmistakably the purpose and intention of the Legislature relative to the Act of 1882. In the amendment of 1883 the following words are used: 'Provided, however, it shall not be lawful after the passage of this act for any person or corporation to lay any pipe or mains in or under any of the streets of the City of New York, or to open the pavement of any such streets for the purpose of laying pipes or mains for conducting therein any illuminating gas, or steam, or other fluids, etc.'

"If the Legislature, in using the word gas in the Act of 1882, had in mind illuminating gas only, why was it necessary in the amendment of 1883 for them to speak of illuminating gas or steam or other fluids, and what is the significance of the words, 'or other fluids'? It cannot be that the Legislature was so foolish as to use the word gas with the idea that it should only be illuminating gas, and then immediately classify under the word gas, 'illuminating gas, steam and other fluids.'

"If the word gas in the Act of 1882 was used in this restricted sense, the amendment of 1883 is mere nonsense, because it makes provision whereby pipes may be laid to conduct all manner of gas and fluids, when, as a matter of fact, under the construction hereinbefore set forth, there could have been no such power. It is a cardinal rule of law to construe statutes in such a way as to give them, as a whole, the fullest force and meaning compatible with their phraseology; and it would therefore be against all law and precedent to construe parts of a statute in such a way as to nullify other parts of it, when a perfectly reasonable and proper construction can be given to the whole without any discrepancies.

"If the contention is made that as the Act of 1883 was passed after the Act of 1882 the intention of the Legislature of 1882 cannot be inferred from the acts of the Legislature in 1883, it is respectfully submitted that the acts of 1883, 1884 and 1885, heretofore mentioned, re-enacted the Act of 1882. It is necessary, therefore, in construing the word 'gas' in the Act of 1882, as amended in 1883, 1884 and 1885, and finally in 1893, to take it in connection with the latter part of said acts, wherein the various kinds of gases included under the original word 'gas' are set forth with great clearness.

"The conclusion seems to be irresistible that the use of the word 'gas' in the Act of 1882, as amended by the subsequent acts, should be, and must be construed in its general sense, as covering all kinds of gases, because in no other way can the subsequent acts and amendments obtain any validity. The construction should therefore be followed which would not defeat the intention of the Legislature and nullify statutes which have been in active operation for many years.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES K. BEEKMAN, of Counsel.

Dated July 28, 1896."

In addition to the opinion and briefs preceding, the Committee received the following opinions also:

"In the matter of the application of the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company for permission to lay gas-mains in the streets of the City of New York.

"To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

"The following memorandum is respectfully submitted by the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company with relation to the power of the Common Council of the City of New York to grant permission to lay gas-mains in the streets of the City of New York.

"The Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company propose to furnish to the City of New York an economical means of obtaining heat for all domestic purposes. The illuminating gas now furnished by the gas companies in this city contains 650 heat units per cubic foot; the fuel gas to be supplied by the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company has a minimum of 350 heat units per cubic foot. This company, however, will furnish 1,000 feet of fuel gas for forty cents. The present charge by the illuminating companies is one dollar and twenty-five cents per thousand, so that the people of this city will be able to obtain from the Consumers Company for seventy-five cents an amount of heat units for which they now have to pay to the present gas companies one dollar and twenty-five cents.

"The Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company proposes to pay to the City twenty cents for each foot of gas-mains laid by them. None of the present gas companies pay anything to the City for this privilege, with the exception of the Equitable Gas-light Company, which pays the City twenty cents per foot. The Consolidated Gas Company has over 815 miles of gas pipes, the New York Mutual 130, the Equitable 153, the Standard 162, and three or four other companies a smaller amount. It will, therefore, be seen that if this company in the course of time acquires a mileage equal to that of the Consolidated Gas Company and the New York Mutual, it will pay to the City over a million of dollars. This fuel gas has no candle power and no illuminating qualities whatsoever.

"Under subdivision five of section 86, chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882 it was provided that the Common Council should have the power to regulate the opening of street surfaces, the laying of gas and water-mains, the building and repairing of sewers and the erection of gas lights.

"Under this statute the Common Council had absolute right to grant to any individual or corporation such privileges as they saw fit, to open the streets for the purpose of laying pipes. It will be noticed that the law was broad and general in its scope.

"The powers of the Common Council, however, were restricted by an amendment to the above-mentioned law passed in 1883 (chapter 276, Laws of 1883). By this amendment the Common Council was prohibited from passing any ordinance granting leave to 'any person or corporation to lay any pipes or mains in or under any of the streets of the City of New York, or to open the pavement of any such streets for the purposes of laying any pipes or mains for conducting therein any illuminating gases, steam or other fluids.'

"This section of the act of 1882, generally known as the Consolidation Act, was further amended in 1884 (chapter 287, Laws of 1884) and in 1885 (chapter 530, Laws of 1885), which amendments, however, did not change the amendment of 1883 respecting the power of the Common Council to grant permission to open streets.

"As the law stood upon the passage of the amendment of 1883, it might be contended that gas, although not illuminating, was under the prohibition contained in said amendment, although before the passage of said amendment of 1883 there can be no doubt but that the Common Council could have granted permission for the laying of pipes for the purpose of conducting such gas.

"The law remained in the same condition until 1893, when a further amendment was passed (Laws of 1893, chapter 710), which limited and qualified the amendment of 1883 hereinbefore set forth. The amendment of 1893 enacted as follows: 'Nothing shall be construed to be a fluid within the meaning of said subdivision, except illuminating gas or water, when intended for purposes other than hydraulic or hydrostatic purposes, steam and oil.'

"The question therefore arises as to what powers the Common Council derived from the Act of 1882, which reads as follows:

"The Common Council shall have power to make ordinances not inconsistent with law and the constitution of this State and with such penalties as are provided in the last section in the matters and for the purposes following: In addition to other powers elsewhere especially granted, namely, to regulate the opening of street surfaces, the laying of gas and water mains, the building and repairing of sewers and the erecting of gas lights.'

"This Company contends that this act is sufficiently broad to authorize the Common Council to grant permission to lay mains for the purpose of conducting fuel gas. The word 'gas' is used in the statute in its general sense, and includes gases and fluids generally denominated gases.

"If it should be contended that 'gas' as used in said statute simply means illuminating gas, we would have a very extraordinary state of affairs, for the following reason: It is submitted that this enabling act of 1882 is the source of all the powers of the Common Council relative to opening and excavating in the streets. This being so, if every property-owner in the City of New York to-day was to sign a request and duly acknowledge it, as provided for in the statute, granting permission to open the streets for the purpose of laying pipes for fuel gas, or any other gas but illuminating gas, the Common Council could not grant their request. Under the narrow interpretation of the word gas they would not have the right, under any circumstances, to grant anyone permission to excavate in the streets for any purposes whatsoever, and therefore all pipes now used for steam, etc., were illegally laid. It is ridiculous to suppose that the Legislature, in using the word gas without any words of restriction, had in mind only illuminating gas. If it should be argued that the amendment of 1883 conferred additional powers on the Common Council, then there is no further need for discussing the question, as it would immediately appear that the necessity of obtaining permission of the adjacent property-owners was removed by the amendment of 1893. Returning, however, to the original proposition, that all the power of the Common Council was derived from the Act of 1882, the amendments of 1883, 1884 and 1885 show clearly and unmistakably the purpose and intention of the Legislature relative to the Act of 1882. In the amendment of 1883 the following words are used: 'Provided, however, it shall not be lawful after the passage of this act for any person or corporation to lay any pipe or mains in or under any of the streets of the city of New York, or to open the pavement of any such streets for the purpose of laying pipes or mains for conducting therein any illuminating gas, or steam, or other fluids, etc.'

"If the Legislature in using the word gas in the Act of 1882 had in mind illuminating gas only, why was it necessary in the amendment of 1893 for them to speak of illuminating gas or steam or other fluids; and what is the significance of the words, 'or other fluids'? It cannot be that the Legislature was so foolish as to use the word gas with the idea that it should only be

illuminating gas and then immediately classify under the word 'gas' 'illuminating gas, steam and other fluids.'

"If the word gas in the Act of 1882 was used in this restricted sense, the amendment of 1883, is mere nonsense, because it makes provision whereby pipes may be laid to conduct all manner of gas and fluids, when, as a matter of fact, under the construction hereinbefore set forth, there could have been no such power. It is a cardinal rule of law to construe statutes in such a way as to give them, as a whole, the fullest force and meaning compatible with their phraseology; and it would, therefore, be against all law and precedent to construe parts of a statute in such a way as to nullify other parts of it, when a perfectly reasonable and proper construction can be given to the whole without any discrepancies.

"If the contention is made that as the Act of 1883 was passed after the Act of 1882, the intention of the Legislature of 1882 cannot be inferred from the acts of the Legislature in 1883, it is respectfully submitted that the Acts of 1883, 1884 and 1885, heretofore mentioned, re-enacted the Act of 1882. It is necessary, therefore, in construing the word 'gas' in the Act of 1882, as amended in 1883, 1884 and 1885, and finally in 1893 to take it in connection with the latter part of said acts, wherein the various kinds of gases included under the original word 'gas' are set forth with great clearness.

"The conclusion seems to be irresistible that the use of the word gas in the Act of 1882, as amended by the subsequent acts, should be and must be construed in its general sense as covering all kinds of gases, because in no other way can the subsequent acts and amendments obtain any validity. The construction should therefore be followed which would not defeat the intention of the Legislature and nullify statutes which have been in active operation for many years.

"Counsel to the Corporation having been asked for his opinion on this question, on September 3, 1896, submitted a brief to your Honorable Body in which he contended that the power did not exist in the Board of Aldermen to grant the request of your petitioners. In this opinion he admitted that if the Common Council had the power under the Laws of 1882 to grant permission to open the streets without the consent of the adjacent property-owners, for the purpose of laying gas-pipes for fuel purposes, the prohibition laid on the Common Council by the amendment of 1883 was revoked by the amendment contained in chapter 710 of the Laws of 1893. He, therefore, confines himself entirely to the construction of the Act of 1882, and contends that the Legislature, when it made that enactment, did not intend that the expression, 'gas-mains,' should include anything but gas-mains for the purpose of conducting illuminating gas.

"He does not, however, seem to be very sure of his ground, as he used these words: 'It does not seem to me to be so clear that it had this purpose in view as to justify you in assuming any authority in the premises.'

"He lays great stress on the alleged fact that in no other part of the State has any local body authority to grant to corporations now organized under our general laws the power to lay down pipes for such a purpose, except with the consent of the abutting owners.

"This neither seems to be a correct statement of the law nor of the policy of the State. The first general laws allowing the incorporation of gas companies gave them the right to open streets for the purpose of laying their gas-pipes without the consent of the adjacent property-owners, subject, however, to the control of the municipal authorities. Such was the law for a considerable period of time, and it would seem that the law remains in virtually the same condition to-day with the exception of New York City.

"As is well known, every effort has been made to deprive the Board of Aldermen of this city of their natural and rightful powers, and the amendment of 1883 is simply an example of such tendency of the State Legislature, and it would seem that the Corporation Counsel has been influenced in his opinion, not by his forced construction of these various statutes but by an unwillingness to concede to your Honorable Body the authority which is justly yours under the statutes relating to the City of New York, and which authority is vested in every other municipal body within the State.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES K. BEEKMAN, of Counsel."

"Dated September 26, 1896."

"In the matter of the application of The Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company for permission to lay gas-mains in the streets of the City of New York:

"To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

"We are asked to give our opinion as to the power of the Common Council to pass the ordinance granting permission to the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company to lay pipes beneath the streets in New York City. The question turns first upon a construction of two or three sections of the Consolidation Act, and secondly upon a construction of the general powers of the City over the streets.

"I.—Under the Consolidation Act the City has sole power of local administration and government, and the Board of Aldermen, as a Common Council, possesses the legislative power thereof. The Common Council also has the express power to make such ordinances, resolutions and regulations as are necessary to carry into effect any and all of the powers vested in the City, and among its other powers it is, by section 86 of the Consolidation Act, authorized to make ordinances to regulate the opening of street surfaces, the laying of gas and water mains, and the building of sewers.

"In our opinion, it is only necessary to consider here the force of the above provisions, for the reason that the proviso contained in chapter 276 of the Laws of 1883, as to the power of the Board in regard to pipes and mains for illuminating gas, steam and other fluids, was so limited and defined by chapter 710 of the Laws of 1893 that it has no reference to the fuel gas proposed to be furnished by the applicant here—which gas is conceded to have no illuminating power. The opinion rendered by the Corporation Counsel concedes this to be the case, and there is no need of further elaboration about the amendments of 1883 and 1893.

"But the Corporation Counsel seems to be of the opinion that the language of the Consolidation Act above set out, namely, the laying of gas-mains, must be read as though it said the laying of mains for illuminating gas. That construction would convict the Legislature of using language which is meaningless and foolish, and we see no reason for its adoption. The language of the section above cited is broad and plain, and its import is that the Common Council may provide for laying gas-mains, but if they are for illuminating gas certain other conditions must be first complied with. If the word 'gas,' in section 86, meant illuminating gas only, there would be no point in the amendments of 1883 and 1893 speaking of illuminating gas, steam and other fluids, and classifying them under the word 'gas.'

"II.—A consideration of the character and nature of the city's streets, and the control of the City over them, and the ancient and usual incidents thereof, confirms our opinion as to the powers of the Common Council in the premises.

"The title to the streets is in the City, charged with a trust for the benefit and use of all the public. The paramount and primary use of the streets is in the right of passage to and fro over the surface thereof, and the Common Council could grant no rights which substantially interfere with that customary use. But, from the earliest times, municipal authorities have exercised without question the right to use the soil under the surface for other purposes, beneficial to the people, and such power has always been considered as a necessary incident to the municipal control of the streets.

"In Dillon on Municipal Corporation, second edition, section 544, it is said that the power of the municipal authorities over streets is not confined to their use for the sole purpose of travel, but they may be used for many other purposes required by the public convenience; that the uses to which streets in cities may legitimately be put are more numerous than with respect to ordinary highways in the country; that with respect to streets in populous places the public convenience requires more than the mere right to pass over them, and that the true doctrine is that the municipal authorities may, under the usual powers given them, do all acts appropriate or incidental to the beneficial use of the street by the public. Thus it has been held that the municipal authorities may build a reservoir or cistern under a street for the purpose of retaining water (West vs. Bancroft, 32 Vt., 367); that a city may build sewers under the street as an incident to its general authority 'to make and maintain highways' (Cone vs. Hartford, 28 Conn., 363); that the power in a city charter to 'cause the city to be lighted with gas' carries with it by necessary implication the authority to the Common Council to grant the use of the streets to various parties for that purpose (State vs. Cincinnati Gas Co., 18 Ohio Stat., 262); and that the authority in a city charter to make by-laws 'relative to the streets and highways, and relative to public lights,' authorized the City Council to license a gas company to lay down their pipes for that purpose (Norwich Gas Co. vs. Norwich, 25 Conn., 19). Judge Dillon further says (section 551), in this same connection, that the use of the streets for the purpose of laying down water-pipes stands upon the same footing as their use for sewers and gas-pipes, and that where the charter gives the City power to supply or to authorize the supply of water, the Common Council may use or permit a contractor to use the streets for this purpose as a proper and necessary use incident to a street in a public place.

"The New York cases have often laid down the same principle. In the case of Milbau vs. Sharp, 15 Barb., 210, Judge Edwards, in discussing the status of the streets in the City of New York, writes as follows: 'By the Dongan Charter, the then existing streets within the city were expressly granted to the Corporation, together with the power of laying out such streets in future as might be needful and convenient, and the general control of the streets, as such, has always been vested in the Corporation as the protector and manager of the public rights for the common benefit of all. These streets for many years have been used for the construction of sewers, and for the laying of water and gas pipes, and no one has ever seriously questioned the right of the City to authorize their use for such purposes, and no adjoining owner, as far as I am aware, ever pretended to claim compensation for such use. These urban servitudes, as they have been called, are the necessary incidents of a street in a large city, and whether the streets be laid out and opened upon property belonging to the Corporation, or whether they became public streets by dedication, or by grant, or upon compensation being made to the owner of the fee, they have all the incidents attached to them which are necessary to their full enjoyment as streets. It is an elementary principle of the law that where a power, right or thing is granted, either to a natural or an artificial person, all the incidents are granted which are necessary to the enjoyment of the power, right or thing. And whether the Corporation be the owner of the fee of the streets in trust for the public, or whether it be merely the trustee of the streets and highways, as such, irrespective of any title to the soil, it has the power to authorize their

appropriation to all such uses as are conducive to the public good and do not interfere with their complete and unrestricted use as highways, and in doing so, it is not obliged to confine itself to such uses as have already been permitted. As civilization advances new uses may be found expedient. It was upon this principle that the existing railways in this city, and in Albany, and the tunnels in the City of Brooklyn, and in the Village of Whitehall, have been sanctioned.'

"In the case of the People vs. Kerr, in the Court of Appeals (27 N. Y., at page 202), the following language is used in reference to the streets in the City of New York: 'It will be readily seen that the rights which are exercised by the public, in land which has been properly devoted to the purpose of a city street, are far wider. It is in evidence in this case, that the soil of the streets in the City of New York has, for more than half a century, been used for the laying of water-pipes for the supply of the inhabitants under the sanction of the City authorities, first, by the Manhattan Company, a private corporation which derived a profit therefrom, and of late years by the Croton Aqueduct Department. So gas-pipes are laid under the streets through the land over which they run, and lamps are erected in the streets at the pleasure of the City. The construction of sewers is a still more marked evidence of the extent of the appropriation of the lands of individuals to the uses of the public, when dedicated as city streets.'

"In the case of Story vs. The New York Elevated Railroad, 90 N. Y., at page 160, it was said that the public purpose of a street requires the surface of the soil only; that very ancient usage permits the introduction under it of sewers and water-pipes, and that of these things an abutting owner could not complain.

"All these authorities confirm our belief, that, as a question of construction, the Common Council has a lawful right to pass this proposed ordinance. The authority conferred by the city charter upon the Board is in perfect accord with the ancient and customary prerogatives of the City, and it should receive no such forced and narrow construction as is claimed in this case by the learned Corporation Counsel. Municipal corporations possess the powers necessarily incident to, or which may be fairly implied from, those expressly conferred by its charter (Village of Carthage vs. Frederick, 122 N. Y., 268), and in our opinion the corporate authorities (which means here the Common Council and Mayor) have an undoubted right to give permission to lay down pipes beneath the surface of the streets as a means of furnishing the citizens with a supply of fuel gas for their convenience and benefit.

Respectfully submitted, RUSSELL & PERCY, of Counsel."

Each member of the Committee is in receipt of a copy of communication, addressed to the Chairman, as follows:

"NEW YORK, October 1, 1896. Hon. JOSEPH SCHILLING, Chairman of the Committee on Lamps and Gas of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

"DEAR SIR—The Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company is advised by competent counsel that the Board of Aldermen has the right to grant to the company the privilege of opening the streets and laying its fuel gas-mains therein under such regulations and restrictions as may be prescribed by the Board. Relying upon this advice, we wish to say, that in case the Board of Aldermen shall be pleased to grant to the company the privilege of opening the streets and laying the mains in accordance with the company's petition heretofore presented to the Board, it is the intention of the company, should the authority of the Board of Aldermen to grant such privilege be questioned or denied by any person, to carry the contests to the highest courts of the State if necessary. We believe that the courts will hold that the Board has the right to control the streets of the City of New York in such matters, and that it always has been the intention of the Legislature that such control should remain vested in the Board.

"We have the honor to be, very respectfully, yours,

"CONSUMERS FUEL GAS, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY, by D. R. SATTERLEE, Treasurer."

Your Committee has given full weight to its obligation to recognize and be influenced, if not directed, by the opinion of the legal adviser of the city. In doing so, however, we have felt that the importance of the vital question involved would justify us in paying due regard to the opposing views of eminent counsel. That vital question, which involves the rights, powers and prerogatives of the Board of Aldermen, has agitated the minds of all our members, and has occasioned considerable discussion at times, when vast interests were affected.

On April 30, 1895, the Board adopted the following resolution (see page 192):

"Whereas, There seems to exist wide difference of opinion regarding the powers of the Board of Aldermen to grant permission for the use of the streets and sidewalks for private or public uses; and

"Whereas, Many resolutions adopted by the Board granting privileges for the use of streets and sidewalks are returned by his Honor the Mayor, without approval, because they are in conflict with or in violation of existing law; therefore

"Resolved, That the Committee on Law Department be and they are hereby instructed to make a careful and thorough examination of all the laws, statutes, ordinances, etc., which define the powers of or permit the Board of Aldermen to grant privileges for the use of the streets and sidewalks to private use or for public purposes, and to present at an early date a full and comprehensive report on the subject."

Subsequent thereto the question of our powers has been prominently brought before the Board in various ways, and our Journal will show on many of its pages an evident desire to have this mooted question finally and satisfactorily settled by the Courts. That opportunity seems now to present itself. We would under no consideration advocate or favor any action on the part of this Board that would force an issue in the Courts as to our powers, except as in this case, because we feel that we have the right to grant the application before us, and that the application deserves affirmative action on our part. We earnestly believe this from a careful study of the various opinions presented herewith.

We take this position with due respect to our Corporation Counsel, and largely because he himself admits that, "after giving the matter careful consideration," he "finds it to be a question which is involved in a great deal of doubt."

Our conclusion to report favorably upon the petition of the company to lay mains, pipes, etc., is based on the grounds hereinafter set forth, we realizing the fact that, unless it is established that the Board has the power to grant the said petition, whatever affirmative action may be had becomes null and void; and, on the other hand, if we have the power the city and its citizens will be materially benefited thereby. In arriving at our conclusion, the following points have been taken into full consideration:

- 1st. Will the public receive sufficient benefit to justify permission to tear up our streets?
- 2d. Is the price per 1,000 cubic feet sufficiently low to allow a new company to lay mains and compete against other gas corporations?
- 3d. If the public will be benefited, is there ample compensation offered to the City for the great privilege to be accorded to the company, notwithstanding the advantages to the people?
- 4th. Are the conditions mentioned in the application ample for the protection of all interests, and should not special restrictions be insisted on?
- 5th. What effect on our action should the two applications have for like privileges recently received from other companies, and to what extent ought those applications stay proceedings in this matter?

As to Query No. 1, we feel that the benefits accruing to our people by an opportunity to secure the great advantages of gas for fuel, heat and power, are of sufficient potency to warrant our conclusion.

Aside from the convenience, the cleanliness, etc., is the great boon of low price. Our streets belong to the people, and the people are willing, beyond all doubt, to suffer some inconvenience by the tearing up of streets, for the benefits to be ultimately derived therefrom. Our streets are continuously being opened for various causes, and to object to an additional cause, where special and important advantages to all the people—and especially the poorer classes—are offered, seems to us unwarranted. The extent of this work can be regulated so that traffic be not retarded, or injurious effects of any kind be not felt beyond a very minimized degree.

As to the second point, we feel that the rate is so far below the price of gas now used for fuel heat and power as to justify the competition created. We remember the act of the Legislature (which became necessary) that forced gas companies to reduce their prices to \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet, and we ought not now be influenced by any statement which promises reduction, after others have entered the field, because anyone comes forward with an offer to lower the figure which has for years remained unalterably high. If competition will force prices down, then by all means let us have it.

The third query is one which is difficult to answer. We believe the privilege to open our streets for the purpose of private gain to any corporation is so very valuable that the City should demand and receive adequate compensation. How to reach an equitable and just decision on that point is a difficult problem. We have considered it in all its phases, and feel that our exactions are not too severe, yet ample under all circumstances.

Fourth—The conditions mentioned in the application are, in our opinion, insufficient, and we have accordingly provided stipulations and restrictions which this Board ought exact and the Company should readily acquiesce in.

To the last question we answer that our duty lies clearly in the direction of favoring the first petitioner. We see no reason whatever for a stay of proceedings. It would be decidedly unjust to allow any company to rob the first applicant of its rights because of loss of time in reporting on its petition. The Committee have been unable to report on account of unavoidable delay on the part of the Counsel to the Corporation to furnish the opinion asked for. These two new corporations have sprung into existence evidently for the purpose of taking advantage of the enterprise, business judgments, etc., evinced by the first applicant, and it may not be entirely amiss to suggest that probably some existing gas corporation or corporations are endeavoring to stem the tide of competition against them. It has been noticed in the public press recently that a consolidation of all the various gas companies in this city is contemplated, and the power of such combination to oppose new enterprises can be readily appreciated.

We offer the following:

Resolved, That the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat and Power Company of New York, duly incorporated on the 15th day of May, 1896, under and pursuant to the act of the Legislature

of the State of New York, entitled "The Business Corporations Act," and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto be and the same is hereby granted permission to lay its mains and pipes in the streets, avenues and public places in the City of New York for the purpose of supplying non-illuminating fuel gas to the consumers thereof in said city.

Resolved, That the permission to lay mains and pipes as aforesaid is granted by the Commonality of the City of New York on the following conditions and stipulations, to wit:

1st. That the manufactory or works for the purpose of producing and furnishing fuel gas shall be constructed, erected and maintained so as not to be in any way detrimental to the public health or otherwise create a nuisance, and the construction, erection and maintenance thereof shall be under the direction of the Health Department as well as the Building Department of the city.

2d. That as regards purity, the fuel gas shall be free within limits not injurious to the public health from ammonia, sulphureted hydrogen and other sulphur and noxious compounds, and shall be of such odor as may, in case of leakage, make its presence as easily detected as is ordinary illuminating gas; subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Health may direct.

3d. That the fuel gas shall be supplied to all persons residing or doing business on the line or lines of the mains of said Company, who may desire the same for domestic purposes, at a rate not to exceed forty (40) cents per 1,000 cubic feet, and at reduced rates for manufacturing, industrial and other purposes.

4th. That the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York shall have the right to order the mains and pipes of the Company to be extended in or along any of the streets, avenues or highways of the city; provided, the said company shall not be compelled to expend in the laying of such mains or pipes a yearly sum exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

The mains and pipes shall be laid so as not to interfere with the public sewers or sewer connections, or with the Croton mains or water connections which are now laid in any of the streets, avenues or public places of the city; the said mains and pipes when laid, to be so laid under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, or the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, according to the jurisdiction of the respective Commissioners.

5th. The said company shall be governed by the laws and ordinances of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York and by such general rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, respectively, their successor or successors in office, may prescribe for the laying of the mains and pipes and the proper protection and filling of the trenches or excavations and for the taking up, replacing and repaving of the pavements, and shall also be governed by such general rules and regulations as the Rapid Transit Commissioners may prescribe for the opening of the streets on the lines of the proposed tunnels.

6th. The said company or its successor shall commence to supply and distribute fuel gas within one year after permission of the Board of Aldermen is granted and the said grant has been pronounced by proper authorities valid and in full force and effect.

7th. The meters of the said company shall be subject to the inspection, rules and regulations prescribed by law for all gas-meters used in the City of New York.

8th. The said company, its successor or successors, shall pay into the City Treasury the sum of twenty cents for each and every lineal foot of trench opened for its mains; such sum to be paid monthly and to be accompanied by a certificate from the Commissioner of Public Works or the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, or their successor or successors, to the effect that the sum paid is in full payment, at such rate, for all trenches for mains opened during the month for which each payment is made.

9th. For a faithful discharge of every duty and obligation the said company shall, ere proceeding with its work to lay mains or pipes, execute and deliver a bond with satisfactory sureties, to the Commonality of the City of New York; the said bond to be in amount such as the Comptroller may designate and in all other respects subject to the approval of the said Comptroller.

10th. The said company or its successors shall not and is not permitted to consolidate with any other company or corporation for a period of at least ten years.

11th. The said company or its successors shall supply fuel gas to the public buildings of the City of New York situated along the line of its mains at not to exceed twenty-five (25) cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

JOSEPH SCHILLING, ELIAS GOODMAN, JOSEPH T. HACKETT, ANDREW A. NOONAN, JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Committee on Lamps and Gas.

Alderman Goodman moved that action on the report and resolution be temporarily postponed. The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Vice-President, Aldermen Goodman, Hackett, Hall, Olcott, Robinson, Ware, and Woodward—8.

Negative—Aldermen Burke, Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodwin, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Parker, Randall, Schilling, School, Tait, Wines, and Wund—20.

Alderman Noonan moved that the whole matter be postponed until Tuesday, October 27, 1896, at 2.30 P.M., and that the Committee on Lamps and Gas report on the amended petition of the New York Fuel Gas Company by that time.

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

Alderman Clancy called up G. O. 868, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the carriageway of One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street, from Eleventh avenue to Kingsbridge road, be paved with granite-block pavement on concrete foundation and crosswalks be laid at each intersecting and terminating street or avenue, where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Vice-President, Aldermen Campbell, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Lantry, Marshall, Murphy, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—25.

Alderman Clancy called up G. O. 688, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the carriageway of One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, from the westerly side of Audubon avenue to the easterly side of Wadsworth avenue, in the Twelfth Ward, be regulated and graded, the curb-stones set, the sidewalks flagged a space four feet in width through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Vice-President, Aldermen Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Kennefick, Marshall, Muh, Murphy, Noonan, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—25.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Goetz moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

And the Vice-President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday, October 27, 1896, at 2 o'clock P.M.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 23D AND 24TH WARDS.

October 17, 1896. To the Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—In compliance with section 51 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the office of Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending October 15, 1896:

Permits Issued—For sewer connections, 21; for sewer repairs, 4; for Croton connections, 54; for Croton repairs, 6; for placing building material, 13; for crossing sidewalk with team, 3; for miscellaneous purposes, 27; total, 128.

Public Moneys Received—For sewer connections, \$210; for restoring pavements, \$62; total, \$272.

Plans and Specifications Approved—Paving One Hundred and Forty-first street, from Willis to Brook avenue; sewer in Pond place, from One Hundred and Ninety-eighth to One Hundred and Ninety-seventh street; sewer in Tremont avenue, from Third avenue to summit east; sewer in Southern Boulevard, from Home to Jennings street.

Laboring Force Employed during the Week—Foremen, 20; Assistant Foremen, 19; Engineers of Steam Rollers, 4; Sewer Laborers, 31; Laborers, 506; Stableman, 1; Toolmen, 10; Truckmen, 2; Oilers, 4; Sweepers, 3; Sounders, 10; Carriers, 11; Teams, 85; Carpenters, 3; Pavers, 6; Pruners, 2; Blacksmiths' Helpers, 4; Machinists, 2; Stokers, 2; Cleaners, 4; total, 729.

Total amount of requisitions drawn upon the Comptroller during the week, \$76,430.65.

Respectfully, LOUIS F. HAFFEN, Commissioner.

BOARD OF ARMORY COMMISSIONERS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, October 14, 1896.

A meeting of the Armory Board was held this day, at the office of the Mayor, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present—The Mayor, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, the Commissioner of Public Works and Colonel Seward.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Marsh, representing the Comptroller, appeared, and the following bids were opened: For furniture, opera chairs, pump, tools, painting, etc., for the Ninth Regiment Armory, as advertised:

W. F. Barnes, No. 200 Canal street, \$10,997; F. W. McNeal, No. 80 Reade street, \$9,738.68; E. C. Swain, No. 317 Pearl street, \$16,549.50.

The bid of E. C. Swain, being informal, was not entertained.

For gas and electrical fixtures, iron railings, etc., for the Ninth Regiment Armory, as advertised:

The Mitchell-Vance Company, corner Twenty-fourth street and Tenth avenue, \$13,997.50; Vance Electric Company, No. 136 Liberty street, \$10,981.

The bid of the Mitchell-Vance Company, being informal, was not entertained.

The bids were referred to the Secretary for tabulation and report.

On motion, adjourned. E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

County Affairs. Lamps and Gas.

Streets.

COUNTY AFFAIRS—The Committee on County Affairs will hold a meeting on Monday, October 26, 1896, at 1.30 o'clock P.M., in Room 13, City Hall.

STREETS—The Committee on Streets will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 5, 1896, at 2 o'clock P.M., in Room 16, City Hall, "to consider ordinance to regulate traffic on Fifth avenue, from Twenty-fifth to Fifty-ninth street."

LAMPS AND GAS—The Committee on Lamps and Gas will hold a public meeting on Monday, October 26, 1896, at 2 o'clock P.M., in Room 16, City Hall, "to consider application for franchise by the Metropolitan Fuel Gas Company."

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.

Aqueduct 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.

Clerk of Common Council—No. 8 City Hall, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Department of Public Works—No. 150 Nassau street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Department of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—No. 2622 Third avenue, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.; Saturdays, 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.

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

City Paymaster—Stewart Building, 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—Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway.

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

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. 148 East Twentieth street, 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.

Department of Docks—Battery, Pier A, North river, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Department of Taxes and Assessments—Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.; Saturdays, 12 M.

Board of Electrical Control—No. 1262 Broadway.

Department of Street Cleaning—No. 32 Chambers street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Civil Service Board—Criminal Court Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Board of Estimate and Apportionment—Stewart Building.

Board of Assessors—Office, 27 Chambers street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Sheriff's Office—Nos. 6 and 7 New County Court-house, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Register's Office—East side City Hall Park, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Commissioner of Jurors—Room 127, Stewart Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

County Clerk's Office—Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

District Attorney's Office—New Criminal Court Building, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The City Record Office—No. 2 City Hall, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., except Saturdays, 9 A.M. to 12 M.

Governor's Room—City Hall, open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.; Saturdays, 10 to 12 A.M.

Coroner's Office—New Criminal Court Building, open constantly. Edward F. Reynolds, Clerk.

Surrogate's Court—New County Court-house, 10.30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Appellate Division, Supreme Court—Court-house, No. 111 Fifth avenue, corner Eighteenth street. Court opens at 1 P.M.

Supreme Court—County Court-house, 10.30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Criminal Division, Supreme Court—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, opens at 10.30 A.M.

Court of General Sessions—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Court opens at 11 o'clock A.M.; adjourns 4 P.M. Clerk's Office, 10 A.M. till 4 P.M.

City Court—City Hall. General Term, Room No. 20. Trial Term, Part I, Room No. 20; Part II, Room No. 21; Part III, Room No. 15; Part IV, Room No. 11. Special Term Chambers will be held in Room No. 19.

10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Clerk's Office, Room No. 10, City Hall, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Court of Special Sessions—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Opens daily, except Saturday, at 10 A.M. Clerk's office hours daily, except Saturday from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M.; Saturdays, 9 A.M. until 12 M.

District Civil Courts—First District—Southwest corner of Centre and Chambers streets. Clerk's office open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Second District—Corner of Grand and Centre streets. Clerk's Office open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Third District—Southwest corner Sixth avenue and West Tenth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Fourth District—No. 30 First street. Court opens 9 A.M. daily. Fifth District—No. 154 Clinton street. Sixth District—Northwest corner Twenty-third street and Second avenue. Court opens 9 A.M.

daily. Seventh District—No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. Court opens 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays). Eighth District—Northwest corner of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue. Court opens 9 A.M. Trial days: Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Return days: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Ninth District—No. 170 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays). Tenth District—Corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Eleventh District—No. 919 Eighth avenue. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Twelfth District—Westchester, New York City. Open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Thirteenth District—Corner Columbus avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted), from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

City Magistrate's Courts—Office of Secretary, Fifth District Police Court, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Fourth avenue. First District—Tomb, Centre street. Second District—Jefferson Market. Third District—No. 60 Essex street. Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue. Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-first street, southeast corner of Sylvan place. Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, No. 220 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, June 22, 1896.

NOTICE TO OWNERS, ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS HAS established a branch office at junction of Third and Courtlandt avenues, where all plans for the erection or alteration of buildings above the Harlem river may be submitted and filed.

STEVENSON CONSTABLE, Superintendent Buildings.

DAMAGE COMM.—23-24 WARDS.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 537 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act providing for ascertaining and paying the amount of damages to lands and buildings suffered by reason of changes of grade of streets or avenues, made pursuant to chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887, providing for the depression of railroad tracks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in the City of New York, or otherwise," and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, notice is hereby given, that public meetings of the Commissioners, appointed pursuant to said acts, will be held at Room 58, Schermerhorn Building, No. 96 Broadway, in the City of New York, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, at 2 o'clock P.M., until further notice.

Dated New York, October 30, 1895.

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

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

STREET CLEANING DEPT.

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

GEORGE E. WARING, JR., Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, 1896.

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

JOHN F. HARRIOT, Property Clerk.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, ROOM 209, STEWART BUILDING, No. 280 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, October 15, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR PROPOSALS FOR DOING THE WORK and furnishing the materials called for in the approved forms of contract now on file in the office of the Aqueduct Commissioners, for excavating a tunnel and constructing a masonry drain, at Jerome Park Reservoir, near Sedgwick avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, will be received at this office until Wednesday, November 4, 1896, at 3 o'clock P.M., and they will be publicly opened by the Aqueduct Commissioners as soon thereafter as possible, and the award of the contract for doing said work and furnishing said materials will be made by said Commissioners as soon thereafter as practicable.

Blank forms of said approved contract, and the specifications thereof, and bids or proposals and proper envelopes for their inclosure, form of bonds, and all other information, can be obtained at the above office of the Aqueduct Commissioners on application to the Secretary.

By order of the Aqueduct Commissioners. JAMES C. DUANE, President. EDWARD L. ALLEN, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NEW YORK, October 20, 1896.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING this Department with the articles below specified, 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 10.30 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, November 4, 1896, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read:

500,000 pounds best, long, prime Timothy Hay. 125,000 pounds best, long, clean Rye Straw. 5,000 bags No. 2 clean, white Oats, clipped. 1,500 bags fresh, clean, sweet Bran.

Sec'd—To be delivered at the various houses of the Department south of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, at such times and in such quantities as may be required. The articles to be inspected and weighed at the several places of delivery by an Inspector in the presence of the officer or other employee in charge. The weighing to be upon beam 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, and showing locations of place of delivery, 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 must write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

The award of the contracts 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, and to accept the lowest proposal, as may be 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; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders 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 in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York before the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250) Dollars. 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 and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

JAMES R. SHEFFIELD, O. H. LA GRANGE,
THOMAS STURGIS, Commissioners.

CITY CIVIL SERVICE BOARDS.

NEW CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, NEW YORK, September 29, 1896.

EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

October 23, 10 A. M. BUILDING INSPECTORS.

October 23, 10 A. M. IRON AND STEEL INSPECTORS.

October 30, 10 A. M. SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Candidates must have degree of M. D. and show diplomas to Board of Examiners on day of examination.

Notice is hereby given that no applications shall be received excepting from residents of the State of New York.

S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

NEW YORK, March 10, 1896.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE REGISTRATION days in the Labor Bureau will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and that examinations will take place on those days at 2 P. M.

S. WILLIAM BRISCOE, Secretary.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

List 4316, No. 1. Paving Thirtieth avenue, from Eighteenth to Twenty-third streets, with granite blocks and laying crosswalks so far as the same is within the limits of lots of ground (land under water).

List 5145, No. 2. Paving Columbus avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-sixth to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, with granite blocks and laying crosswalks.

List 5151, No. 3. Paving One Hundred and Second street, between Central Park, West, and Manhattan avenue, with asphalt.

List 5219, No. 4. Paving One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Boulevard, with granite blocks and laying crosswalks.

List 5266, No. 5. Paving One Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Twelfth avenue and Boulevard, with granite blocks.

List 5276, No. 6. Paving Pleasant avenue, from One Hundred and Fourteenth to One Hundred and Fifteenth street, with asphalt.

List 5277, No. 7. Paving One Hundred and Twentieth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Boulevard, with asphalt.

The limits embraced by such assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Thirtieth avenue, from about 100

feet south of Eighteenth street to Twenty-third street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 2. Both sides of Columbus avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-sixth to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 3. Both sides of One Hundred and Second street, from Central Park, West, to Manhattan avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 4. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Boulevard, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 5. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from Twelfth avenue to the Boulevard, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 6. Both sides of Pleasant avenue, from One Hundred and Fourteenth street to a point about 100 feet north of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 7. Both sides of One Hundred and Twentieth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Boulevard, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 27 Chambers street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, for confirmation on the 21st day of November, 1896.

THOMAS J. RUSH, Chairman; PATRICK M. HAVERTY, JOHN W. JACOBUS, EDWARD McCUE, Board of Assessors.

NEW YORK, October 20, 1896.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

TO CONTRACTORS. (No. 552.)
PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE PIER AND APPURTENANCES AT THE FOOT OF WEST TWELFTH STREET, ON THE NORTH RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR REMOVAL OF THE PIER at the foot of West Twelfth street, on the North river, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, on Pier "A," foot of Battery place, North river, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M. of

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

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

The bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

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

Labor of removing the existing pier and dumping board covering an area of about 7,588 square feet, including about 115 lineal feet of sewer.

N. B.—Bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become a part of every estimate received:

1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not at any time after the submission of an estimate dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract. No extra compensation, beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed at the price therefor to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The work to be done under the contract is to be commenced within five days from the date of the receipt of a notice from the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks that the work may be begun, and the entire work is to be fully completed on or before the expiration of three weeks after said date, and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at One Hundred Dollars per day.

All the old material taken from the structures to be removed under the contract will become the property of the contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such material when considering the prices for which they will do the work under the contract.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the work to be done, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which price the bids will be tested. This price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including any claim that may arise through delay from any cause in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimates for doing this work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested the estimate shall distinctly state the fact; also that the estimate is made without any consultation, connection or agreement with, and the amount thereof has not been disclosed to any other person or persons making an estimate for the same purpose, and is not higher than the lowest regular market price for the same kind of labor or material, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no combination or pool exists of which the bidder is a member or in which he is directly or indirectly interested, or of which he has knowledge, either personal or otherwise, to bid a certain price, or not less than a certain price, for said labor or material, or to keep others from bidding thereon; and also that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof or Clerk therein, or any other officer or employee of the Corporation of the City of New York, or any of its departments, is directly or indirectly interested in this estimate, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof, and has not been given, offered or promised, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary or other consideration by the bidder or anyone in his behalf with a view to influencing his action or judgment in this or any other transaction heretofore had with this Department, which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party 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 to by all the parties interested.

Each estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation of the City of New York any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled upon its completion and that which said Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work to be done, 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 will be subject to approval by the Comptroller of the City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited 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 informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

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

THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ALL THE ESTIMATES IS RESERVED IF DEEMED FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Bidders are requested, in making their bids or estimates, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated NEW YORK, October 1, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS. (No. 551.)
PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE PIERS AT THE FOOT OF JANE AND HORATIO STREETS, ON THE NORTH RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR REMOVAL OF THE PIERS at the foot of Jane and Horatio streets, on the North river, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, on Pier "A," foot of Battery place, North river, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M. of

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

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

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

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

Labor of removing the existing piers, covering an area of about 15,561 square feet.

N. B.—Bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become a part of every estimate received:

1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not at any time after the submission of an estimate dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract. No extra compensation beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed at the price therefor, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The work to be done under the contract is to be commenced within five days from the date of the receipt of a notice from the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks that the work may be begun, and the entire work is to be fully completed on or before the expiration of four weeks after said date, and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment thereof has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at One Hundred Dollars per day.

All the old material taken from the structures to be removed under the contract will become the property of the contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such material when considering the prices for which they will do the work under the contract.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the work to be done, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which price the bids will be tested. This price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including any claim that may arise through delay from any cause in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimate for doing this work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect, and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested the estimate shall distinctly state the fact; also that the estimate is made without any consultation, connection or agreement with, and the amount thereof has not been disclosed to any other person or persons making an estimate for the same purpose, and is not higher than the lowest regular market price for the same kind of labor or material, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no combination or pool exists of which the bidder is a member or in which he is directly or indirectly interested, or of which he has knowledge, either personal or otherwise, to bid a certain price, or not less than a certain price, for said labor or material, or to keep others from bidding thereon; and also that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof or Clerk therein, or any other officer or employee of the Corporation of the City of New York, or any of its departments, is directly or indirectly interested in this estimate, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof, and has not been given, offered or promised, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary or other consideration by the bidder or anyone in his behalf with a view to influencing his action or judgment in this or any other transaction heretofore had with this Department, which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party 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 to by all the parties interested.

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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 will be subject to approval by the Comptroller of the City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited 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 informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

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

THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ALL THE ESTIMATES IS RESERVED IF DEEMED FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Bidders are requested, in making their bids or estimates, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated NEW YORK, October 1, 1896.

so interested the estimate shall distinctly state the fact; also that the estimate is made without any consultation, connection or agreement with, and the amount thereof has not been disclosed to any other person or persons making an estimate for the same purpose, and is not higher than the lowest regular market price for the same kind of labor or material, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no combination or pool exists of which the bidder is a member, or in which he is directly or indirectly interested, or of which he has knowledge, either personal or otherwise, to bid a certain price or not less than a certain price for said labor or material, or to keep others from bidding thereon, and also that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or any other officer or employee of the Corporation of the City of New York, or any of its departments, is directly or indirectly interested in this estimate, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof, and has not been given, offered or promised, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary or other consideration by the bidder or anyone in his behalf with a view to influencing his action or judgment in this or any other transaction heretofore had with this Department, which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party 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 to by all the parties interested.

Each estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation of the City of New York any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled upon its completion and that which said Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work to be done, 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 the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered will be subject to approval by the Comptroller of the City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited 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 informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

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EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated NEW YORK, October 1, 1896.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, PIER "A," NEW YORK, October 15, 1896.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS WILL SELL at public auction, on the premises, to the highest bidder, on the 28th day of October, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., by Woodrow & Lewis, Auctioneers, all the buildings and parts of buildings hereinafter described.

All the existing structures in the following territory, namely, commencing at the northeast corner of West Eleventh street and Thirteenth avenue, running thence easterly along the northerly side of West Eleventh street 166.55 feet; thence northerly, or the easterly, 93.6 feet; thence westerly, or thereabouts, 135.39 feet to Thirteenth avenue; thence southerly along the easterly side of Thirteenth avenue 96.58 feet to the place of beginning. The premises in question being the buildings formerly occupied by the E. M. Van Tassel Elevating Company and E. M. Van Tassel as a grain elevator and storage warehouse, being the two buildings, respectively six stories and five stories in height, together with all the contents of said buildings, except such articles of personal property as may be therein.

Upon application to the Board of Docks, permission will be granted intending purchasers to examine the buildings and their contents.

TERMS OF SALE: Twenty-five per cent. of the purchase-money must be paid in cash at the time and place of sale, the balance of the purchase-money to be paid to Woodrow & Lewis, at their office, No. 94 Pearl street, before 12 o'clock M., on the 29th day of October, 1896; and the removal of all buildings, parts of buildings, sheds, planking, and all other material must be made by the purchaser, who must commence the said removal within five days after the said sale and continue the same diligently until the same is completed. The above-mentioned buildings, materials, etc., must be entirely removed from said premises within forty days from the date of the sale, and if the purchaser or purchasers fail to commence the said removal, as specified, and to diligently prosecute the same, as above set forth, then the Department of Docks may and will complete the said removal and charge the expense of the same to said purchaser, who shall sign the present terms of sale and agree to be bound thereby.

EDWARD C. O'BRIEN, EDWIN EINSTEIN, JOHN MONKS, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 23D AND 24TH WARDS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS, NEW YORK, October 14, 1896.

AUCTION SALE.

THE COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS will sell at Public Auction, by James McCauley, Auctioneer, Buildings and parts of Buildings, Fences, etc., now standing within the lines of—

1. East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Third avenue to Esplanade street.
2. Public place at Mott avenue, East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, Railroad avenue, East.
3. East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Harlem river to a point 493.22 feet west of Alexander avenue.
4. East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from Railroad avenue, East, to Elton avenue, and from St. Ann's avenue to Prospect avenue.
5. Wales avenue, from Southern Boulevard to St. Joseph's street.
6. St. Joseph's street, from Robbins avenue to Whitlock avenue.
7. East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, from Austin place to Southern Boulevard.
8. Bryant street, from L. S. Samuel property to Woodruff street.
9. Woodruff street, from Longfellow street to Boston road.
10. East One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, from Boston road to Bronx river.
11. Jennings street, from West Farms road to Stebbins avenue.
12. Home street, from Intervale avenue to Westchester avenue.
13. Stebbins avenue, from Boston road to Dawson street.
14. Prospect avenue, from Westchester avenue to Boston road.
15. Crotona Park, South, from Prospect avenue to Fulton avenue.
16. Fulton avenue, from Spring place to the Twenty-third Ward line.
17. Brook avenue, from Webster avenue to Wendover avenue.
18. Lind avenue, from Aqueduct avenue to Wolf street.
19. Inwood avenue, from Cromwell avenue to Featherbed lane.
20. Tremont avenue, from the New York and Harlem Railroad to transverse road under the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.
21. East One Hundred and Ninety-fifth street, from Webster avenue to Marion avenue.
22. Webster avenue, from Moshulu Parkway to Bronx river road.

Thursday, October 29, 1896, at 10 o'clock A.M., and the following day if necessary.
The sale will begin with, and in front of, premises numbered one on the catalogue.
TERMS OF SALE.
The purchase-moneys to be paid in bankable funds at the time of sale. The purchasers will be required to remove their property on or before the expiration of thirty days from the date of sale. Purchasers to be liable for any and all damages by reason of the occupancy or removal of said buildings, etc.
For further information and for catalogues apply at the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, No. 2622 Third avenue.
By order of the Commissioner.
JOSEPH P. HENNESSY, Secretary.

October 14, 1896

TO CONTRACTORS.
SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR EACH OF the following-mentioned works, with the title of the work and name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work, as in the advertisement, will be received by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at his office, No. 2622 Third avenue, corner of One Hundred and Forty-first street, until 11 o'clock A.M., on Monday, October 26, 1896, at which time and hour they will be publicly opened:
No. 1. FOR REGULATING AND GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS AND PLACING FENCES IN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOURTH STREET, from Mott avenue to River avenue.
No. 2. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS IN DECATUR AVENUE, from Kingsbridge road to Brookline street.
No. 3. FOR REGULATING AND GRADING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING THE SIDEWALKS, LAYING CROSSWALKS AND PLACING FENCES, WHERE NECESSARY, IN ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH STREET, from Third avenue to Webster avenue.

The Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards reserves the right to reject all bids received for any particular work if he deems it for the best interests of the City.
Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at this office.
LOUIS F. HAFEN, Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
PROPOSALS FOR \$16,046,590.70 OF THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. GOLD BONDS AND STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS AND OTHERS HOLDING TRUST FUNDS ARE AUTHORIZED, BY AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE PASSED MARCH 14, 1889, TO INVEST IN THESE BONDS AND STOCK.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF New York, at his office, No. 280 Broadway, in the City of New York until **MONDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1896,** at 2 o'clock P.M., when they will be publicly opened in the presence of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, or such of them as shall attend, as provided by law, for the whole or a part of the following-described Coupon or Registered Bonds and Stock of the City of New York, bearing interest at three and one-half per cent. per annum, to wit:

AMOUNT.	TITLE.	AUTHORITY.	PRINCIPAL PAYABLE.	INTEREST PAYABLE.
\$400,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for constructing a bridge over the Harlem river at Third avenue.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 473, Laws of 1892; chapter 716, Laws of 1896, and resolutions, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 10, 1893, and May 27, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1917	May 1 and Nov. 1
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23, 1896.			
1,925,141 37	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, known as "School-house Bonds."	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 88, Laws of 1895, and resolutions, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 25, June 30, July 10, August 18 and September 28, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1915	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23 and October 7, 1896.			
102,849 33	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, Sanitary Improvement, School-house Bonds.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 432, Laws of 1893, and resolutions, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 9, June 25, July 10 and August 18, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1916	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23, 1896.			
158,600 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for new grounds and buildings for the College of the City of New York.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 168, Laws of 1895; chapter 608, Laws of 1896, and resolutions, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, December 23, 1895, and February 20, May 19 and June 25, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1915	"
	This Stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23, 1896.			
85,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for the payment of awards, costs, charges and expenses certified by the Change of Grade Commission.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 537, Laws of 1893; chapter 567, Laws of 1894, and resolutions, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 25 and September 28, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1911	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23 and October 7, 1896.			

No. 4. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE CARRIAGEWAY OF AND LAYING CROSSWALKS IN EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST STREET, from Gerard avenue to Jerome avenue.
No. 5. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE CARRIAGEWAY OF AND LAYING CROSSWALKS IN ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND STREET, from Third avenue to Brook avenue.
No. 6. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE CARRIAGEWAY OF AND LAYING CROSSWALKS IN LOCUST AVENUE, from One Hundred and Thirty-second street to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.
No. 7. FOR CONSTRUCTING A SEWER AND APPURTENANCES IN BARRY STREET, from Longwood avenue to Lafayette avenue, AND IN LAFAYETTE AVENUE, from Barry street to Manida street.
Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact. That it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. 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 in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.
Each bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.
The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety, in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.
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The Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards reserves the right to reject all bids received for any particular work if he deems it for the best interests of the City.
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LOUIS F. HAFEN, Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

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AMOUNT.	TITLE.	AUTHORITY.	PRINCIPAL PAYABLE.	INTEREST PAYABLE.
\$600,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for Re-paving Streets and Avenues.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, chapter 475, Laws of 1895, and resolution, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, October 6, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1917	May 1 and Nov. 1
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted October 7, 1896.			
300,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for the construction of the New East River Bridge.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 789, Laws of 1895, and resolution, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, September 28, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1918	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted October 7, 1896.			
250,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for the construction and equipment of the West Wing of the American Museum of Natural History.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 235, Laws of 1895, and resolution, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 25, 1895.	Nov. 1, 1917	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted June 28, 1895.			
175,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for the Improvement of Public Parks, Parkways and Drives in the City of New York.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 194, Laws of 1896, and resolutions, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, May 27, June 9, June 30, July 2, July 10 and September 28, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1918	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23 and October 7, 1896.			
100,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for Re-paving Roads, Streets and Avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 112, Laws of 1895, and resolution, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, May 19, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1917	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23, 1896.			
1,000,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, known as "Dock Bonds."	Sections 132, 134 and 143, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1927	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23, 1896.			
7,000,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for the Redemption of Bonds and Stock maturing in the year 1895.	Sections 132, 134 and 204, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and resolution, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, December 30, 1895.	Nov. 1, 1922	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 23, 1896.			
1,200,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, for the payment of State Taxes for the Support of the Insane.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 3, Laws of 1895, and resolution, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, July 2, 1896.	Nov. 1, 1916	"
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation under the authority of chapter 3, Laws of 1896.			
2,750,000 00	Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, known as Additional Water Stock of the City of New York.	Sections 132 and 134, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882; chapter 490, Laws of 1883, and resolutions of the Aqueduct Commission, April 22, August 5 and September 30, 1896.	Oct. 1, 1915	Apr. 1 and Oct. 1
	This stock is Exempt from Taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted September 3, 1893.			

The aforesaid resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, exempting said Bonds and Stock from local taxation, were adopted, pursuant to the authority of an ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor October 2, 1880, and section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.
THE PRINCIPAL OF AND THE INTEREST ON THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED BONDS AND STOCK ARE PAYABLE IN GOLD COIN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OF THE PRESENT STANDARD OF WEIGHT AND FINENESS, AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

CONDITIONS.
Section 146 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 provides that "the Comptroller, with the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, shall determine what, if any, part of said proposals shall be accepted, and upon the payment into the City Treasury of the amounts due by the persons whose bids are accepted, respectively, certificates therefor shall be issued to them, as authorized by law;" and provided, also, "that no proposals for Bonds or Stock shall be accepted for less than the par value of the same."
Those persons whose bids are accepted will be required to deposit with the City Chamberlain the amount of stock awarded to them at its par value, together with the premium thereon, within three days after notice of such acceptance. In the event of failure to make such deposit the Comptroller shall have the option of awarding said stock to the next highest bidder, or of readvertising said stock for sale, and the bidders thus failing to make such deposit shall be liable to the City of New York for the loss, if any, thus sustained.
The proposals should be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Proposals for Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," and then inclosed in a second envelope, addressed to the Comptroller of the City of New York.
ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.
CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, October 9, 1896.

PETER F. MEYER, AUCTIONEER.
SALE OF LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY.
THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW York will sell at public auction to the highest bidder of yearly rental, at his office, in the Stewart Building, No. 280 Broadway, at noon, on Friday, the 23d day of October, 1896, a lease, for the term of nine years and six months, from November 1, 1896, of the following property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York: Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Twelfth avenue distant 52 feet southerly from the southwesterly corner of One Hundred and Thirty-second street and Twelfth avenue; running thence northwesterly 83 feet to the easterly line of the roadway of the Hudson River Railroad at a point distant 15 feet southerly from the southerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-second street; thence southerly along the line of the roadway of said railroad 186 feet to the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-first street; thence easterly along the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-first street 87 feet and 7 inches to the northwesterly corner of Twelfth avenue and said street; thence northerly along the westerly side of Twelfth avenue 17 feet and 1 inch; thence northwesterly 39 feet and 3 inches; thence northerly 58 feet and 6 inches; thence southeasterly 28 feet and 11 inches to the westerly side of Twelfth avenue; thence northerly along the westerly side of Twelfth avenue 68 feet and 5 inches to the point or place of beginning, together with the building thereon erected, on the following:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.
The rental shall be paid quarterly in advance, and the highest bidder will be required to pay the Auctioneer's fee and one quarter's rent at the time and place of sale. The upset price or yearly rental thereof is fixed at the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100) and the lessee shall covenant that immediately after the execution of the lease he will erect a substantial building on the said premises at an expenditure of not less than Five Thousand Dollars, which shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller of the City of New York both as to the nature and character of the building to be erected and the amount expended thereon, the said building and all improvements erected on the said premises to revert to and become the property of the City on the expiration of the term or sooner termination of the lease.
The amount paid at the time of sale shall be forfeited if the successful bidder does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale, and the Comptroller is authorized, in his discretion, to resell the premises bid off by any person failing to comply with this condition of the sale, and the persons so failing to comply shall be liable for any deficiency or loss that may result to the City from such resale.
No person will be received as lessee or surety who

is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation, and no bid will be accepted from 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, as provided by law.
The lease will contain the usual covenants and conditions and all repairs shall be made at the expense of the lessee, who shall also pay Croton water rents.
The lessee will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarterly and the fulfillment of the covenants of the lease.
The Comptroller shall have the right to reject any bid.
By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund,
ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.
CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, October 10, 1896.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, NO. 57 CHAMBERS STREET (STEWART BUILDING), NEW YORK, October 1, 1896.
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Assessment Rolls of Real Estate, Personal Property and Bank Stock in the City and County of New York, for the year 1896, and the warrants for the collection of taxes, have been delivered to the undersigned, and that all the taxes on said assessment rolls are now due and payable at this office.
In case of payment on or before the 1st day of November next, the person so paying shall be entitled to the benefits mentioned in section 842 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, viz.: a reduction of interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum between the day of such payment and the 1st day of December next.
DAVID E. AUSTEN, Receiver of Taxes.

NOTICE OF THE REDEMPTION OF NEW YORK CITY BONDS AND STOCK.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE HOLDERS of the New York City Stock and Bonds herein-after described, that in accordance with the terms of issue I will redeem said Stock and Bonds on the 2d day of November, 1896, at my office in the Stewart Building No. 280 Broadway, New York City, and that on that day said Stock and Bonds will cease to bear interest, viz.:
FIVE PER CENT. CONSOLIDATED STOCK, CITY IMPROVEMENT STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, issued in pursuance of chapter 320, Laws of 1879, and chapter 322, Laws of 1871, redeemable after November 1, 1896, and payable May 1, 1926.
FIVE PER CENT. CONSOLIDATED STOCK, NEW YORK BRIDGE BONDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, issued in pursuance of chapter 322, Laws

of 1871, and chapter 300, Laws of 1875, redeemable after November 1, 1896, and payable May 1, 1900.

SIX PER CENT. CONSOLIDATED STOCK
"E" OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, issued in pursuance of chapter 325, Laws of 1871, and chapter 604, Laws of 1874, redeemable after November 1, 1896, and payable May 1, 1900.

FIVE PER CENT. CONSOLIDATED STOCK
"F" OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, issued in pursuance of chapter 322, Laws of 1871, and chapter 565, Laws of 1865, redeemable after November 1, 1896, and payable May 1, 1900.

ASHEBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.
CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, September 28, 1896.

PETER F. MEYER, AUCTIONEER.
CORPORATION SALE OF REAL ESTATE.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, will offer for sale, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of November, 1896, at noon, at the Comptroller's Office, No. 280 Broadway, New York City, all the right, title and interest of the City of New York in and to a certain interior lot of land described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the low water mark of the Harlem river, as the same existed on the 20th day of July, 1801, intersected a line drawn parallel to One Hundred and Thirtieth street and distant 24 feet 11 inches southerly therefrom, and running thence southeasterly along said low water mark to the point of intersection of said mark with another line drawn parallel to One Hundred and Thirtieth street and distant 49 feet 11 inches southerly therefrom; thence easterly along said last-mentioned parallel line until it intersects a line drawn parallel with Third avenue and distant 105 feet easterly therefrom; thence northerly along said last-mentioned line to the point where it is intersected by the southerly line of the approach to the Third Avenue Bridge; thence northwesterly along said southerly line of the approach to the Third Avenue Bridge to its intersection with a line drawn parallel with One Hundred and Thirtieth street and distant twenty-four feet eleven inches therefrom; thence westerly along the last-mentioned line to the point or place of beginning, shown on a map submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 30, 1896, signed "C. W., June 18th, '96."

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:
The highest bidder will be required to pay in cash at the time of the sale the whole of the purchase-money and the expenses of such sale and of the conveyance.

The Comptroller may, at his option, resell the property struck off to the highest bidder who shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale, and the party who fails to comply therewith will be held liable for any deficiency resulting from such resale.

The right to reject any bid is reserved.
The map of the property may be seen upon application at the Comptroller's Office, Stewart Building, No. 280 Broadway.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under a resolution adopted September 23, 1896.
ASHEBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, September 26, 1896.

INTEREST ON CITY BONDS AND STOCKS.

THE INTEREST DUE NOVEMBER 1, 1896, ON the Registered Bonds and Stocks of the City and County of New York will be paid on that day by the Comptroller at the office of the City Chamberlain, Room 27, Stewart Building, corner of Broadway and Chambers street.

The Transfer Books will be closed from September 30 to November 1, 1896.

The interest due November 1, 1896, on the Coupon Bonds and Stocks of the City of New York, will be paid on that day by the State Trust Company, No. 100 Broadway.

ASHEBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller
CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, September 15, 1896.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

NEW YORK, October 13, 1896.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE following mentioned work, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received by the Department of Public Parks, at its office, the Arsenal, Central Park, until 2 o'clock P. M. Monday, October 26, 1896.

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WALKS, GRANITE STEPS AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE GROUNDS SURROUNDING THE TOMB OF GENERAL U. S. GRANT, RIVERSIDE PARK, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The Engineer's estimate of the work to be done, and by which the bids will be tested, is as follows:

- 425 cubic yards earth excavation.
- 7,375 cubic yards filling, in place.
- 3,075 cubic yards mold or topsoil, in place.
- 55,000 square feet sod, furnished and laid.
- 450 cubic yards dry rubble masonry in foundations.
- 615 cubic yards rubble masonry in cement mortar in foundations.
- 444 square feet granite platforms.
- 1,475 linear feet granite steps.
- 1,715 linear feet granite coping, straight and curved, furnished and set.
- 33 granite posts, furnished and set.
- 11 walk-basins, complete.
- 1 surface-basin, complete.
- 450 linear feet 8-inch stoneware drain pipe.
- 200 linear feet 6-inch stoneware drain-pipe.
- 53,600 square feet walk pavement of concrete and mortar of Portland cement, including rubble-stone foundation.

The work to be commenced within ten days after the execution of the contract and to be fully completed in accordance with the terms of this agreement on or before the fifteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract, or any part thereof, may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the completion thereof has expired, are fixed at Fifty Dollars per day.

The amount of security required is Eighteen thousand Dollars.

Each bidder must submit with his proposal a property labeled sample of the granite he proposes to supply. The sample to be six by six by six inches, one face to show natural fracture, and the others different grades of cutting.

The estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of the said Department at the place and hour last above mentioned and read.

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; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they

will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above-mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety; the adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

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

N. B.—The prices must be written in the estimate and also stated in figures, and all estimates will be considered as informal which do not contain bids for all items for which bids are herein called or which contain bids for items for which bids are not herewith called for. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate. No bid will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The Department of Public Parks reserves the right to reject any or all the bids received in response to this advertisement if it should deem it for the interests of the City so to do, and to readvertise until satisfactory bids or proposals shall be received, but the contract when awarded will be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Blank forms for proposals, and forms of contract which the successful bidder will be required to execute, and information relative thereto, can be had at the office of the Department, Arsenal, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, Central Park.

S. V. R. CRUGER, SAMUEL McMILLAN, WILLIAM A. STILES, SMITH ELY, Commissioners of Public Parks.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY, HUDSON, CLARKSON AND LEROY STREETS.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: NOTICE IS hereby given that title to this property has been acquired by the City of New York, and that it is to be laid out as a public park. Persons desirous of removing any remains therein interred will, upon application to this Department, be given permits to make such removals until November 15, 1896. After that date work upon the park will be started, the remains of the dead will not be disturbed, but the gravesites will be buried. By order of the Department of Public Parks.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.
THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, September 10, 1896.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, October 20, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS:

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at No. 150 Nassau street, corner of Spruce street, in the Chief Clerk's Office, Room No. 1704-7, until 12 o'clock M. on Monday, November 2, 1896. The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department in the basement at No. 150 Nassau street, at the hour above-mentioned.

NO. 1. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT BLOCK PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF NINETY-THIRD STREET, between West End avenue and Riverside Drive.

NO. 2. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT BLOCK PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF NINETY-EIGHTH STREET, from the Boulevard to West End avenue.

NO. 3. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT BLOCK PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF NINETY-NINTH STREET, from Park to Madison avenue.

NO. 4. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH STREET, from Lenox to St. Nicholas avenue.

NO. 5. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF CONVENT AVENUE, from the south side of One Hundred and Forty-ninth street to the north side of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, at its intersection with St. Nicholas avenue.

NO. 6. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF THIRTIETH STREET, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue, so far as the same is not within the limits of grants of land under water.

NO. 7. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF THIRTIETH STREET, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue, so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water.

NO. 8. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE OR SYENITE BLOCK PAVEMENT, WITH CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF FORTY-SEVENTH STREET, from the end of the present pavement to the bulkhead-line on the Hudson river, so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water.

NO. 9. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE OR SYENITE BLOCK PAVEMENT, WITH CONCRETE FOUNDATION, THE CARRIAGEWAY OF FIFTY-THIRD STREET, at the intersection of Avenue A.

NO. 10. FOR ALTERATION, IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION TO SEWER IN WALL STREET, between Pearl and William streets, WITH NEW CONNECTION AT PEARL STREET.

NO. 11. FOR ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO SEWER IN PEARL STREET, between Burling Slip and Fulton street.

NO. 12. FOR ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO SEWER IN FORTY-SEVENTH STREET, between Eighth avenue and Broadway.

NO. 13. FOR SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH STREET, between Hudson river and Boulevard.

NO. 14. FOR SEWER IN NAEGLE AVENUE, between Dyckman street and Kingsbridge road.

NO. 15. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT, ON THE PRESENT PAVEMENT, SO MUCH OF THE CARRIAGEWAY OF MADISON AVENUE, from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, North, to the bridge over the Harlem river as lies between the outer rails of the railroad tracks.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the 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 in the work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

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

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

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

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at the Water Purveyor's office in the basement and in Room No. 1701.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, October 10, 1896.

NOTICE
TO MANUFACTURERS OF HYDRANTS, GATE-VALVES AND OTHER SUPPLIES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PLEASED TO receive illustrations and literature explanatory of the above-mentioned articles, from which a selection will be made, that may be exhibited at the Twenty-fourth street Corporation Yard November 10, 1896, the object being to ascertain the state of the art relative to such contrivances with a view to improving the city service.

Manufacturers of articles selected for exhibition must bear all expenses and have representative at the exhibition to explain exhibits. Only articles selected will be allowed to be exhibited, and the Department reserves the right to reject any or all exhibited.

The Mayor, the Board of Underwriters and Engineers of City Departments, the Press and prominent citizens will be invited to inspect the same, and experienced judges will be appointed to examine and report upon the merits.

All communications relative to exhibition to be addressed to the undersigned.

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, October 2, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at No. 150 Nassau street, corner of Spruce street, in the Chief Clerk's Office, Room No. 1704-7, until 12 o'clock M. on Tuesday, October 27, 1896. The bids will be publicly opened by the head of the Department in the basement at No. 150 Nassau street at the hour above-mentioned.

NO. 1. FOR BUILDING A RESERVOIR AND DAM AT BYRAM POND, A CHANNEL-WAY TO CONVEY THE WATERS OF STONY BROOK INTO THIS RESERVOIR, AND IMPROVING THE CHANNEL OF BYRAM RIVER IN THE TOWNS OF NORTH CASTLE AND BEDFORD, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK.

NO. 2. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ARCHWAYS AND ROADWAY UNDER THE OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT ON THE LINE OF BURNSIDE AVENUE, TWENTY-FOURTH WARD, NEW YORK CITY.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the 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 in the work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

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

the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

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

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

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained in Room No. 1715.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, August 6, 1896.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE charge for vault permits is fixed at the rate of \$2 per square foot, under and pursuant to ordinance of the Common Council relating thereto.

HOWARD PAYSON WILDS, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS, BUILDERS, FLAGGERS AND OTHERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE practice of placing concrete or other friable curbs on the streets of this city is in contravention of chapter 6, Article 7, section 105, Revised Ordinances of 1880, which reads: "All curbs-stones * * * shall be of the best hard blue or gray granite." And this Department will find it necessary to prosecute to the full penalty imposed by law persons setting or making such curbs, whether they have broken up or removed the curbs-stones provided by the City or not.

Further notice is given that this Department will in no case entertain claims or damages to concrete or other artificial sidewalks that are caused by repair or setting of hydrants, or by other work which the City does for the general good.

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

DEPT. OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES, No. 65 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, October 15, 1896.

TO CONTRACTORS.

MATERIALS AND WORK REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE STEAMER "THOMAS S. BRENNAN."

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE aforesaid work and materials, in accordance with the specifications and plans, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities, No. 65 Third avenue, in the City of New York, until Tuesday, October 27, 1896, until 10 o'clock A. M. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Certain Repairs and Alterations to Steamer 'Thomas S. Brennan,'" and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

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

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

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

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500) 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 to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

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

contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be included 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 be retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract. The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office, No. 66 Third avenue, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of their provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities will insist upon their absolute enforcement in every particular.

SILAS C. CROFT, President; JOHN P. FAURE and JAMES R. O'BRIEN, Commissioners, Department of Public Charities.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening AQUEDUCT AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Lind avenue to Kingsbridge road, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of August, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 29th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 16th day of November, 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, October 22, 1896.
W. G. ROSS, GEO. CARLTON COMSTOCK,
GEO. L. NICHOLS, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening FREEMAN STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from the Southern Boulevard to Westchester avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 29th day of September, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 30th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 12th day of November, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, October 19, 1896.
CLIFFORD W. HARTRIDGE, JOHN TORNEY,
WM. J. BROWNE, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening ANDREWS AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Eighty-first street (formerly University avenue) to Fordham road, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 29th day of September, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 30th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 12th day of November, 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, October 19, 1896.
CHARLES H. RUSSELL, JOSEPH E. McMAHON,
JOSEPH KAUFMANN, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of New York, on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, by the Counsel to the Corporation of said city, relative to acquiring title to certain lands on the southerly side of EAST TWELFTH STREET, between University place and Fifth avenue, in the Fifteenth Ward of said city, duly selected by said Board as a site for building for the use of the Fire Department of said city, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 151 of the Laws of 1894.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS of Appraisal in the above-entitled matter, appointed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 151 of the Laws of 1894, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, lessee or 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 of the loss and damage to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons interested in the lands or premises affected by this proceeding, or having any interest therein, and have filed a true report or transcript of such estimate in the office of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days for the inspection of whomsoever it may concern.

Second—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, October 17, 1896, file their objections to such estimate, in writing, with us, at our office, Room No. 158, on the eighth floor of No. 29 Broadway, in said city, as provided by section 4 of chapter 151 of the Laws of 1888 as amended by chapter 35 of the Laws of 1890, which said acts are, by chapter 151 of the Laws of 1894, made applicable to this proceeding, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear the parties so objecting, at our said office, on the 29th day of October, 1896, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, 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 13th day of November, 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, October 16, 1896.
JOHN H. JUDGE, WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE,
MICHAEL COLEMAN, Commissioners.
FRANK D. ARTHUR, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, 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 Eighth 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, will be in attendance at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on the 30th of October, 1896, at 3 o'clock P. M., to hear any person or persons who may consider themselves aggrieved by our estimate or assessment (an abstract of which has been heretofore filed by us for and during the space of forty days in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, No. 31 Chambers street), in opposition to the same; that our said abstract of estimate and assessment may be hereafter inspected at our said office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor; that it is our intention to present our report for confirmation to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, Part III., 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 5th day of November, 1896, at the opening of Court on that day, to which day the motion to confirm the same will be adjourned, 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, October 15, 1896.
DANIEL LORD, JR., Chairman; JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Mott avenue to River avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 29th day of September, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 30th day of September, 1896; and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 11th day of November, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, October 17, 1896.
WM. C. REDDY, WM. M. BLAKE, CHARLES P. LAITING, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to KINGSBRIDGE ROAD (although not yet named by proper authority), from Webster avenue to the Harlem river, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 29th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Kingsbridge road, from Webster avenue to the Harlem river, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

PARCEL "A."
Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Marion avenue distant 574.18 feet northeasterly from the intersection of the eastern line of Marion avenue with the northern line of East One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street.

1st. Thence northeasterly along the eastern line of Marion avenue for 112.69 feet.

2d. Thence easterly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn northerly from the northern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 30 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds to the west with the northern prolongation of the preceding course and whose radius is 515 feet, for 60.14 feet.

3d. Thence easterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 174.69 feet to the western line of Decatur avenue.

4th. Thence southeasterly along the southern line of Decatur avenue for 60.01 feet to the eastern line of Decatur avenue.

5th. Thence northeasterly along the eastern line of Decatur avenue for 0.93 feet.

6th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 84 degrees 43 minutes 59 seconds to the right for 57.60 feet to the western line of Webster avenue.

7th. Thence southwesterly along the western line of Webster avenue for 100.10 feet.

8th. Thence westerly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle whose centre lies in the southern prolongation of the preceding course and whose radius is 180 feet, for 153.60 feet to a point of reverse curve.

9th. Thence westerly, on the arc of a circle whose radius is 615 feet, for 175.03 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."
Beginning at a point in the western line of Marion avenue distant 516.22 feet northeasterly from the intersection of the western line of Kingsbridge road with the northern line of East One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street.

1st. Thence northeasterly along the western line of Marion avenue for 108.23 feet.

2d. Thence westerly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn northerly from the northern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 24 degrees 41 minutes 45 seconds to the west with the northern prolongation of said course and whose radius is 515 feet, for 149.58 feet to a point of compound curve.

3d. Thence northeasterly, on the arc of a circle whose radius is 261.45 feet, for 285.27 feet.

4th. Thence northerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 554.50 feet.

5th. Thence northerly deflecting 22 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds to the right for 342.60 feet to the southern line of the eastern approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at Kingsbridge road.

6th. Thence westerly along the southern line of the eastern approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at Kingsbridge road for 100 feet.

7th. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees 25 minutes 32 seconds to the left for 363.34 feet.

8th. Thence southerly deflecting 22 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds to the left for 662.27 feet.

9th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 27 degrees 45 minutes 10 seconds to the left for 127.01 feet.

10th. Thence easterly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn northerly from the eastern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 95 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds to the north from its eastern prolongation and whose radius is 361.45 feet, for 184.68 feet to a point of compound curve.

11th. Thence easterly, on the arc of a circle of 615 feet radius, for 133.35 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."
Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Jerome avenue distant 734.18 feet northerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Jerome avenue with the northern line of East One Hundred and Ninety-second street.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Jerome avenue for 100 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 260 feet.

3d. Thence easterly deflecting 25 minutes 10 seconds to the right for 60 feet.

4th. Thence easterly deflecting 2 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds to the right for 151.05 feet to the western line of approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at Kingsbridge road.

5th. Thence southerly along the western line of the western approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at Kingsbridge road for 100 feet.

6th. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees 1 minute 16 seconds to the right for 145.87 feet.

7th. Thence westerly deflecting 2 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds to the left for 60 feet.

8th. Thence westerly for 260 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "D."
Beginning at a point in the western line of Jerome avenue distant 1,571.85 feet northerly from the intersection of the western line of Jerome avenue with the northern line of Fordham road.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Jerome avenue for 105.20 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 108 degrees 5 minutes 39 seconds to the left for 274.71 feet.

3d. Thence westerly deflecting 5 degrees 14 minutes 6 seconds to the right for 690.58 feet to the eastern line of Aqueduct avenue.

4th. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Aqueduct avenue for 159.47 feet.

5th. Thence northeasterly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 70.57 feet, for 95.23 feet.

6th. Thence easterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 61.50 feet.

7th. Thence easterly deflecting 0 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds to the left for 51.26 feet.

8th. Thence easterly for 242.20 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "E."
Beginning at the intersection of the northern and western lines of Aqueduct avenue.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Aqueduct avenue for 141.81 feet.

2d. Thence northwesterly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle tangent to the preceding course whose radius is 32.63 feet, for 57.13 feet to a point of reverse curve.

3d. Thence westerly, on the arc of a circle whose radius is 1,520 feet, for 684.28 feet to the eastern line of Sedgwick avenue.

4th. Thence northeasterly along the eastern line of Sedgwick avenue for 80 feet.

5th. Thence northerly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 75 feet radius, for 122.39 feet along the eastern line of Sedgwick avenue.

6th. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Sedgwick avenue, curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 980 feet radius, for 17.64 feet to a point of reverse curve.

7th. Thence southerly, on the arc of a circle of 74.01 feet radius, tangent to the preceding course, for 119.44 feet to a point of compound curve.

8th. Thence easterly on the arc of a circle of 1,420 feet radius for 677.42 feet.

9th. Thence easterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 19.37 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "F."
Beginning at a point in the western line of Sedgwick avenue distant 37.38 feet westerly from the point of compound curvature between two curves of 80 feet radius and 25 feet radius respectively.

1st. Thence easterly along the western line of Sedgwick avenue, curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 80 feet radius, for 37.78 feet to a point of compound curvature.

2d. Thence westerly, on the arc of a circle of 25 feet radius, for 5.85 feet to a point of compound curvature.

3d. Thence westerly, on the arc of a circle of 658.17 feet radius, for 31.64 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "G."
Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Bailey avenue at the southern extremity of the curve of 75.68 feet radius.

1st. Thence southwesterly along the eastern line of Bailey avenue for 60 feet.

2d. Thence westerly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 12 feet radius, for 24.39 feet along the eastern line of Bailey avenue.

3d. Thence southwesterly along the eastern line of Bailey avenue for 44.86 feet.

4th. Thence easterly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 12 feet radius, tangent to the preceding course, for 21.76 feet.

5th. Thence easterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 266.25 feet.

6th. Thence southerly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 105 feet radius, tangent to the preceding course, for 105.60 feet.

7th. Thence southerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 190.35 feet.

8th. Thence southerly deflecting 0 degrees 8 minutes 20 seconds to the left for 486.66 feet.

9th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 31 degrees 16 minutes 42 seconds to the left for 70.50 feet.

10th. Thence southeasterly deflecting 2 degrees 39 minutes 38 seconds to the left for 101.05 feet to the western line of Sedgwick avenue.

11th. Thence northerly along the western line of Sedgwick avenue, curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 4.5 feet radius, for 106.16 feet.

12th. Thence easterly along the western line of Sedgwick avenue for 21.73 feet.

13th. Thence northwesterly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 658.17 feet radius whose radius

drawn northerly from the eastern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 50 degrees 21 minutes 22 seconds to the north with the eastern prolongation of said course, for 29.47 feet.

14th. Thence northerly westerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 75 feet.

15th. Thence northerly westerly deflecting 10 degrees 45 minutes 2 seconds to the right for 65.15 feet.

16th. Thence northerly deflecting 23 degrees 21 minutes 18 seconds to the right for 44.13 feet.

17th. Thence northerly deflecting 0 degrees 8 minutes 20 seconds to the right for 100.73 feet.

18th. Thence northerly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 205 feet radius, and tangent to the preceding course, for 206.18 feet.

19th. Thence northerly westerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 244.91 feet.

20th. Thence northerly westerly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 75.60 feet radius, and tangent to the preceding course, for 16.60 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "H."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Bailey avenue at the southern extremity of the curve of 35.137 feet radius.

1st. Thence southwesterly along the western line of Bailey avenue for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southerly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 25 feet radius, for 41.59 feet along the western line of Bailey avenue.

3d. Thence southwesterly along the western line of Bailey avenue for 40.17 feet.

4th. Thence northerly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 25 feet radius, and tangent to the preceding course, for 41.59 feet.

5th. Thence westerly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 465.30 feet.

6th. Thence northerly deflecting 97 degrees 54 minutes 24 seconds to the right for 100.96 feet.

7th. Thence easterly for 455.22 feet to the point of beginning.

Kings ridge road is designated as a street of the first class and is shown on sections 16, 17, 20 and 21 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed as follows: Section 16 in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards on November 18, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 18, 1895, in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 20, 1895; section 17 in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards on December 27, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on December 29, 1895, in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 28, 1895; section 20 in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards on December 16, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on December 17, 1895, in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 18, 1895; section 21 in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards on December 16, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on December 17, 1895, in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 18, 1895.

Dated New York, October 17, 1896.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

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 Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at a Special Term thereof, Part I, 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 29th day of October, 1896, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.

Dated New York, October 13, 1896.
ANDREW S. HAMERLY, JR., BENNO LEWIN-SON, ALFRED B. MACLAY, 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 Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to TRAVERS STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Webster avenue to Jerome avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first class street or road.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at a Special Term thereof, Part I, 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 29th day of October, 1896, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.

Dated New York, October 12, 1896.
GEO. CHAPPELL, WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE, GEO. H. FOSTER, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening GRAND VIEW PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street to East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 20th day of September, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 30th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining

and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 10th day of November, 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York.

Dated New York, October 16, 1896.
FLOYD M. LORD, GEO. W. THYM, JOHN D. C. IRELAND, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening MORRIS AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from east side of the New York and Harlem Railroad to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of August, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 29th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 9th day of November, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York.

Dated New York, October 15, 1896.
EUGENE DURNIN, JULIUS M. MAYER, LORENZO S. PALMER, Commissioners.
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening CRANE STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Robbins avenue to Timpon place, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 29th day of September, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 30th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining

and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 9th day of November, 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and

allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York.

Dated New York, October 15, 1896.
MICHAEL MCCORMICK, FLOYD M. LORD, JOHN J. HART, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THIRD STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Third avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, from Third avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Third avenue distant 2,177.91 feet southerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Third avenue with the southern line of Tremont avenue.

1st. Thence southerly along the easterly line of Third avenue for 50.24 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 95 degrees 36 minutes 9 seconds to the left for 203.55 feet.

3d. Thence northerly deflecting 90 degrees 0 minutes 59 seconds to the left for 50 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 198.63 feet to the point of beginning.

East One Hundred and Seventy-third street is designated as a street of the first class and is shown on section 10 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on June 10, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on June 14, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 15, 1895.

Dated New York, October 15, 1896.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to CLARKE PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, 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.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Clarke place, from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Jerome avenue distant 80.40 feet northerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Gerard avenue with the eastern line of Jerome avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Jerome avenue for 60.02 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 88 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds to the right for 1,005.65 feet to the western line of the lands to be acquired for the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 99 degrees 42 minutes 45 seconds to the right along the western line of the lands to be acquired for the Grand Boulevard and Concourse for 60.87 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 997.08 feet to the point of beginning.

Clarke place is designated as a street of the first class and is shown on section 9 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on October 31, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 2, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 2, 1895.

Dated New York, October 15, 1896.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to MCCLELLAN STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to Morris 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.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as McClellan street, from Jerome avenue to Morris avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Jerome avenue distant 805.14 feet northerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Jerome avenue with the northern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Jerome avenue for 60.25 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 84 degrees 45 minutes 8 seconds to the right for 500.15 feet to the western line of River avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the western line of River avenue for 60 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 505.66 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of River avenue distant 810.05 feet northerly from the intersection of the eastern line of River avenue with the northern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of River avenue for 60 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 230 feet to the western line of Gerard avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the western line of Gerard avenue for 60 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 230 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Gerard avenue distant 813.02 feet northerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Gerard avenue with the northern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Gerard avenue for 60 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 200 feet to the western line of Walton avenue.

3d. Thence southerly along the western line of Walton avenue for 60 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 200 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "D."

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Walton avenue distant 815.62 feet northerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Walton avenue with the northern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Walton avenue for 60 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 1,554.91 feet.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 60 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 1,554.91 feet to the point of beginning.

McClellan street is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on Section 9 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on October 31, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 2, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 2, 1895.

Dated New York, October 15, 1896.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to MARCY PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, 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.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Marcy place, from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Jerome avenue distant 330.14 feet northerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Gerard avenue with the eastern line of Jerome avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Jerome avenue for 60.02 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 88 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds to the right for 1,041.34 feet to the western line of the lands to be acquired for the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 99 degrees 42 minutes 45 seconds to the right along the western line of the lands to be acquired for the Grand Boulevard and Concourse for 60.87 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 1,032.77 feet to the point of beginning.

Marcy place is designated as a street of the first class and is shown on section 9 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on October 31, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 2, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 2, 1895.

Dated New York, October 15, 1896.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to TUDOR PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Walton avenue to the Concourse, 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.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I, thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Tudor place, from Walton avenue to the Concourse, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Walton avenue distant 244 feet southerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Walton avenue and the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, as legally opened.

1st. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Walton avenue for 60 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 399.40 feet to the western line of the lands to be acquired for the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

3d. Thence northerly along the western line of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, and curving to the right on the arc of a circle whose radius is drawn easterly from the extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 11 degrees 9 minutes 22 seconds to the south with the eastern prolongation of said course and whose radius is 4,682 feet for 61.24 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 347.73 feet to the point of beginning.

Tudor place is designated as a street of the first class and is shown on section 9 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on October 31, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 2, 1895,

and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 2, 1895.

Dated NEW YORK, October 15, 1896.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to ELLIOT PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Elliot place, from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, being the following-described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Jerome avenue distant 591.25 feet northerly from the intersection of the eastern line of Gerard avenue with the eastern line of Jerome avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Jerome avenue for 60.02 feet.

2d. Thence easterly by deflecting 83 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds to the right for 1,058.43 feet to the western line of the land to be acquired for the Concourse.

3d. Thence southerly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn westerly from the eastern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 5 degrees 6 minutes 55 seconds to the north with said course and whose radius is 3,718 feet for 60.30 feet, along the western line of the lands to be acquired for the Concourse.

4th. Thence westerly for 1,054.18 feet to the point of beginning.

Elliot place is designated as a street of the first class, and is shown on section 9 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on October 31, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on November 2, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on November 2, 1895.

Dated NEW YORK, October 15, 1896.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening BATHGATE AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Wendover avenue to East One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of August, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 29th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 9th day of November, 1896, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, October 15, 1896.
I. H. KLEIN, LOUIS EICKWORT, WILLIAM G. DAVIES, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to FULTON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from the Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH cases made and provided, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at Part I. thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the use of the public, to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of a certain street or avenue known as Fulton avenue, from the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Ward line to East One Hundred and

Seventy-fifth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, being the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

Beginning at the southwestern corner of Crotona Park.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Crotona Park for 3267.31 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 102 degrees 57 minutes 13 seconds to the left for 61.57 feet.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 77 degrees 2 minutes 47 seconds to the left for 2,065.51 feet.

4th. Thence southerly deflecting 4 degrees 0 minutes 38 seconds to the right for 295.60 feet.

5th. Thence easterly for 80.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Fulton avenue is designated as a street of the first class and is shown on section 10 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, filed in the office of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York on June 10, 1895, in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on June 14, 1895, and in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York on June 15, 1895.

Dated NEW YORK, October 15, 1896.
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row, New York City.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST EIGHTY-THIRD STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), between East End avenue and the East river, in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 12th day of November, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 12th day of November, 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 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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the said city, there to remain until the 13th day of November, 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 Eighty-third and East Eighty-fourth streets; on the south by the middle line of the blocks between East Eighty-third and East Eighty-second streets; on the east by the bulkhead-line, East river, and on the west by the easterly side of Avenue A; 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 14th day of December, 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, September 30, 1896.
EUGENE VAN SCHAIK, Chairman; HUGH H. MOORE, EDWARD D. O'BRIEN, Commissioners.
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening DEPOT STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), at Bedford Park, east of Webster avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of August, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 29th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 6th day of November, 1896, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, October 13, 1896.
WILLIAM H. WILLIS, JOHN H. VOSS, EMANUEL PERLS, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening

EDGEWATER ROAD (although not yet named by proper authority), from Westchester avenue to West Farms road, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 11th day of November, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 11th day of November, 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 Openings in the Law Department of the City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the said city, there to remain until the 12th day of November, 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 southerly side of Boston road and the southerly side of Tremont avenue; on the south by the northerly side of Mohawk avenue; on the east by the Bronx river; on the west by the middle line of the blocks between West Farms road and Lillian place and by the middle line of the blocks between Boone street and Longfellow street from the southerly side of Boston road to the middle line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Seventy-second street and Jennings street; thence along the middle line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Seventy-second street and Jennings street to the easterly side of Hoe street; thence along the easterly side of Hoe street to the middle line of the blocks between Jennings street and Freeman street; thence along the middle line of the blocks between Jennings street and Freeman street to the middle line of the blocks between Westchester avenue and West Farms road; thence along the middle line of the blocks between Westchester avenue and West Farms road to the easterly side of Hoe street; thence along the easterly side of Hoe street to a line drawn parallel to Guttenberg street distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof; thence along the said line drawn parallel to Guttenberg street distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof to the middle line of the blocks between Longfellow street and Whitlock avenue; thence along the middle line of the blocks between Longfellow street and Whitlock avenue to the middle line of the blocks between Whittier street and Longfellow street; thence along the middle line of the blocks between Whittier street and Longfellow street to the northerly side of Mohawk street or southerly boundary of area of assessment; 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 14th day of December, 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, September 30, 1896.
J. C. O'CONNOR, FLOYD M. LORD, A. LATHEN SMITH, Commissioners.
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, 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 CLINTON AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Boston road and East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to Crotona Park, 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.

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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 11th day of November, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 11th day of November, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the said city, there to remain until the 12th day of November, 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 southerly boundary of Crotona Park; on the south by a line drawn parallel to East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof and the said southerly lines produced; on the east by a line drawn parallel to Broadway and distant about 120 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof from the northerly side of Crotona Park, South, to a line drawn parallel to Boston road and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; thence by a line drawn parallel to Boston road and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof to a line drawn parallel to Union avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; thence by a line drawn parallel to Union avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof to a line drawn parallel to East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof; thence by a line drawn parallel to East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof to the middle line of the blocks between Tinton avenue and Union avenue; thence by the middle line of the blocks between Tinton avenue and Union avenue to the southerly boundary of the area of assessment; on the west by a line drawn parallel to Franklin avenue and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof from the northerly side of Crotona Park, South, to the easterly side of Third avenue; thence along the easterly side of Third avenue to the prolongation of the southerly boundary of the area of assessment; 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 11th day of December, 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, September 30, 1896.
CHARLES D. BURRILL, BOUDINOT KEITH, Commissioners.
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening BAINBRIDGE AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Kingsbridge road to Southern Boulevard, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 21st day of August, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 29th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 5th day of November, 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated NEW YORK, October 12, 1896.
EDWARD S. KAUFMAN, HUGH G. KELLY, OBEID. H. SANDERSON, Commissioners.
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, 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 SEVENTY-SECOND STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from the Southern Boulevard to the Bronx river, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., 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 4th day of November, 1896, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.

Dated NEW YORK, October 19, 1896.
JAMES R. TORRANCE, I. J. CARLETON, JR., THEODORE WESTON, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening EAST EIGHTY-FOURTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), between East End avenue and the East river, in the Nineteenth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., 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 2d day of November, 1896, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.

Dated NEW YORK, October 12, 1896.
GEO. E. MOTT, RUFUS B. COWING, JR. DAVID MITCHELL, Commissioners.
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Clerk.

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

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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 9th day of November, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 9th day

of November, 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 Openings in the Law Department of the City of New York, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the said city, there to remain until the 10th day of November, 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 southerly side of East One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street, from the easterly side of Bainbridge avenue to the easterly side of Vanderbilt avenue, West; thence southerly along the easterly side of Vanderbilt avenue, West, to the prolongation of the middle line of the block between East One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street and East One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street; thence by the middle line of the block between East One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street and East One Hundred and Eighty-sixth street and said middle line produced to Bassford avenue, and thence by a line drawn parallel to Third avenue and distant easterly 100 feet from the easterly side thereof to the northerly side of Hoffman street; on the south by the northerly side of Samuel street produced, from the easterly side of Tiebout avenue to the easterly side of Vanderbilt avenue, West; thence northerly along the easterly side of Vanderbilt avenue, West, to the prolongation of a line drawn parallel to East One Hundred and Eighty-third street and distant about 702 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof, and thence by a line drawn parallel to East One Hundred and Eighty-third street and distant about 702 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof to a line drawn parallel to Third avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof; on the east by a line drawn parallel to Third avenue and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof, and on the west by the easterly sides of Tiebout avenue and Bainbridge avenue; 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 10th day of December, 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, September 30, 1896.

WALTER J. BURKE, JEREMIAH PANGBURN, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening LORING PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from University avenue to Hampden street, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 10th day of November, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 10th day of November, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the said city, there to remain until the 11th day of November, 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 southerly side of Fordham road; on the south by the northerly side of Burnside avenue; on the east by the westerly side of Andrews avenue, from the southerly side of Fordham road to a line drawn parallel to University avenue and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof; thence by a line drawn parallel to Loring place and distant 100 feet easterly from the easterly side thereof to the northerly side of Sedgwick avenue, from the southerly side of Fordham road to a line drawn parallel to University avenue and distant 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof; thence by a line drawn parallel to Loring place and distant 100 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof to the northerly side of Burnside avenue; 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 10th day of December, 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, September 30, 1896.
WM. J. AMEND, Chairman; ARTHUR C. BUTTS, 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 the northerly side of FIFTY-FOURTH STREET, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, in the Twenty-second Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888 and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in Part I. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 30th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, on the northerly side of Fifty-fourth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, in the Twenty-second Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used to and for the purposes specified

in said chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, said property having been duly selected and approved by the Board of Education as a site for school purposes under and in pursuance of the provisions of said chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, being the following described lot, piece or parcel of land, namely:

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

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Fifty-fourth street distant 300 feet westerly from the intersection of the westerly line of Sixth avenue with the northerly line of Fifty-fourth street; running thence northerly, parallel with Sixth avenue, 100 feet and 5 inches to the centre line of the block; thence westerly along said centre line of the block 25 feet to the easterly line of the present site of Grammar School No. 69; thence southerly, parallel with Sixth avenue and along said easterly line of the present site of Grammar School No. 69, 100 feet and 5 inches to the northerly line of Fifty-fourth street; thence easterly along said northerly line of Fifty-fourth street 25 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, October 6, 1896.

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

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands at the southwest corner of RIVINGTON AND SUFFOLK STREETS, in the Thirteenth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888 and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in Part I. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 30th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

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

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

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly line of Rivington street with the westerly line of Suffolk street; running thence southerly along said westerly line of Suffolk street 200 feet and 8 inches; thence westerly, parallel with Rivington street, 100 feet; thence northerly, parallel with Suffolk street, 200 feet and 8 inches to the southerly line of Rivington street; thence easterly along said southerly line of Rivington street 100 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, October 6, 1896.

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

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

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in Part I. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 30th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

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

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

Beginning at a point in the westerly line of Lewis street distant 100 feet northerly from the intersection of the northerly line of Rivington street with the westerly line of Lewis street, which point is also the intersection of the northerly line of the present site of Grammar School No. 83 with the westerly line of Lewis street; running thence westerly, parallel with Rivington street and along the northerly line of the present site of Grammar School No. 83, 100 feet to the easterly line of said site of Grammar School No. 83; thence northerly, parallel with Lewis street and along said easterly line of the present site of Grammar School No. 83, 25 feet; thence easterly, nearly parallel with Rivington street, 100 feet to the westerly line of Lewis street, at a point distant 25 feet and 3 inches northerly from the place of beginning; thence southerly along said westerly line of Lewis street 25 feet and 3 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, October 6, 1896.

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

In the matter of the application of the Board of Education, by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands in the block bounded by FORTY-NINTH AND FIFTIETH STREETS, NINTH AND TENTH AVENUES, in the Twenty-second Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888 and the various statutes amendatory thereof.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held in Part I. thereof, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 30th day of October, 1896, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate in the above-entitled matter.

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The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title by The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to certain lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, in the block bounded by Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets, Ninth and Tenth avenues, in the Twenty-second Ward of said city, in fee simple absolute, the same to be converted, appropriated and used to and for the purposes specified in said chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and the various statutes amendatory thereof, being the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land, namely:

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

Beginning at a point in the centre line of the block between Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets, which point is distant easterly 275 feet from the easterly line of Tenth avenue; running thence easterly along said centre line of the block and along the rear of the present site of Grammar School No. 84, 100 feet; thence southerly, parallel with Tenth avenue, 20 feet; thence westerly, parallel with the centre line of the block, 100 feet; thence northerly, parallel with Tenth avenue, 20 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New York, October 6, 1896.

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

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening BARRY STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), from Longwood avenue to Lafayette avenue, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 9th day of November, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 9th day of November, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 4 o'clock P. M.

Second—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our damage 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, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the said city, there to remain until the 10th day of November, 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.: Between Barretto street on the north and Ely street on the south and the middle line of the blocks between Barry street and Spofford street on the east and Garrison avenue on the west; 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 December, 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, September 25, 1896.

HARWOOD R. POOL, Chairman; LAWRENCE GODKIN, JOHN G. H. MEYERS, 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 Tenth Avenue (although not yet named by proper authority), between the lines of Academy street and Kingsbridge road, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections, in writing, duly verified, to us, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in said city, on or before the 16th day of November, 1896, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 16th day of November, 1896, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 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 Department of Public Works of the City of New York, No. 150 Nassau street, in the said city, there to remain until the 17th day of November, 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 bulkhead-line Harlem river; on the south by the northerly side of Academy street; on the east by the westerly side of Ninth avenue, from the bulkhead-line Harlem river to the middle line of the block between Two Hundred and Tenth street and Two Hundred and Eleventh street, and thence by the middle line of the blocks between Ninth avenue and Tenth avenue to the northerly side of Academy street, and on the west by a line drawn parallel to Kingsbridge road and distant about 200 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof from the bulkhead-line Harlem river to the southerly side of Two Hundred and Fourteenth street produced; thence by the easterly side of Kingsbridge road to the northerly side of Two Hundred and Twelfth street; thence by a line drawn parallel to Tenth avenue and distant about 500 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof to a line drawn parallel to Two Hundred and Eleventh street and distant about 100 feet southerly from the southerly side thereof, and thence by a line drawn parallel to Tenth avenue and distant about 250 feet westerly from the westerly side thereof to the northerly side of Academy street; 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 16th day of December, 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, September 28, 1896.
THOS. C. T. CRAIN, Chairman; SAMUEL W. MILBANK, WILLIAM T. GRAY, 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 ORCHARD, HESTER and LUDLOW STREETS, in the Tenth 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 37 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 37 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 we have completed our estimate of the loss and damage to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons interested in the lands or premises affected by this proceeding, or having any interest therein, and have filed a true report or transcript of such estimate in the office of the Board of Education for the inspection of whomsoever it may concern.

Second—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, October 14, 1896, file their objections to such estimate, 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 29th day of October, 1896, at 10 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 19th day of November, 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, October 13, 1896.
THEODORE E. SMITH, ROBERT M. BULL, WILLIAM H. MCCARTHY, Commissioners.
JOSEPH M. SCHENCK, 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 PROSPECT AVENUE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Crotona Park, South, to Boston road, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards in the City of the New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at a Special Term thereof, Part I., 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 26th day of October, 1896, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, there to remain for and during the space of ten days, as required by law.

Dated New York, October 7, 1896.
EUGENE A. PHILBIN, C. A. HELFER, JULIAN B. SHOPE, Commissioners.
HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments required for the purpose of opening LORING PLACE (although not yet named by proper authority), from Hampden street to Fordham road, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE, THE undersigned, were appointed by an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date the 1st day of August, 1896, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of making a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the loss and damage, if any, or of the benefit and advantage, if any, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises required for the purpose by and in consequence of opening the above-mentioned street or avenue, the same being particularly set forth and described in the petition of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and also in the notice of the application for the said order thereto attached, filed herein in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 29th day of September, 1896, and a just and equitable estimate and assessment of the value of the benefit and advantage of said street or avenue so to be opened or laid out and formed, to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled to or interested in the said respective lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises not required for the purpose of opening, laying out and forming the same, but benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and defining the extent and boundaries of the respective tracts or parcels of land to be taken or to be assessed therefor, and of performing the trusts and duties required of us by chapter 16, title 5, of the act entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," passed July 1, 1882, and the acts or parts of acts in addition thereto or amendatory thereof.

All parties and persons interested in the real estate taken or to be taken for the purpose of opening the said street or avenue, or affected thereby, and having any claim or demand on account thereof, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, to us, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, at our office, Nos. 90 and 92 West Broadway, ninth floor, in the City of New York, with such affidavits or other proofs as the said owners or claimants may desire, within twenty days after the date of this notice.

And we, the said Commissioners, will be in attendance at our said office on the 6th day of November, 1896, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to hear the said parties and persons in relation thereto, and at such time and place, and at such further or other time and place as we may appoint, we will hear such owners in relation thereto and examine the proofs of such claimant or claimants, or such additional proofs and allegations as may then be offered by such owner, or on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Dated New York, October 13, 1896.
ABRAHAM KLING, WM. S. KEILEY, JNO. P. KELLY, Commissioners.
JOHN P. DUNN, Clerk.

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